



An eye for bugs: Rachel Thomas is one of the many Farmington-area seniors who witnessed the caterpillar-to-butterfly transformation.

On the fly

Seniors see butterflies through metamorphosis

From their humble beginnings to their flight to freedom, butterflies were the subject of interest to some Farmington Hills seniors.

Members of Senex, a program for wheelchair-bound seniors who meet at the Farmington Hills Activities Center, began with a butterfly kit and made sure some caterpillars were fed this year before they went into

their chrysalis stage before emerging as beautiful butterflies. The seniors released the painted lady butterflies June 27 in the afternoon.

"It was a nice day to release them," said Farmington Hills Naturalist Joe Derek. "They released them in the afternoon, when it's warmer. So they are more likely to fly. And they did."

Derek said the painted ladies

are one of the most "laid back" types of butterfly.

"If a butterfly were to land on you, it would most likely be this type," he said. "People don't bother them that much."

Derek said the butterflies were released where there are plenty of flowers. Assistant recreation director Eric Wurmlinger helped the seniors get the kits and release the butterflies.



What caterpillars become: Eric Wurmlinger got the caterpillars by calling 1-800-LIVE-BUG.

Flutists invited to perform in 'Hifalutin' Zonjic show

Attention flutists. Grab your instruments and music stands and showcase your talent as Warner/Reprise recording artist Alexander Zonjic and Friends invites you to participate in "Hifalutin Thursday," July 13, at the 31st annual Farmington Founders Festival.

The event is open to flutists of any age who can read music. The "concert" will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Showmobile in downtown Farmington, and will serve kickoff that will run through Saturday, July 15, at the festival. A solo concert by Zonjic will follow.

"It's a great chance to participate with an acclaimed artist who encourages the art and encourages young people to pursue their talents," said festival entertainment

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chairman Eric Johnston. "It's going to be a lot of fun, and we hope that we can expect a large turnout."

Three pieces of music will be performed, including "The Gallway Piper" and "Allegro" by Haydn, and one that has yet to be confirmed. According to Zonjic, the music was chosen based on its familiarity to flutists.

"The last thing we wanted to do was intimidate those who perhaps haven't played for very long," Johnston said. "These pieces will be lighthearted and familiar and hopefully will be the catalyst to bringing a lot of flutists out. I'm definitely looking forward to it."

"Although the pieces will be simple, we encourage flutists of

every level of skill to come out," said Johnston. "It's a great opportunity to play with an accomplished musician, and an exciting chance to challenge yourself."

Zonjic, who is returning to the festival for the fourth year, has just released his sixth album "Passion," and is working on a Christmas album. He will also perform at the festival at 8:30 p.m. July 14 and 15. Festival performances are free.

There is no deadline to register. Pick up sheet music free at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, 33000 Thomas St. and show up at 7 p.m. on July 13 at the Showmobile with a music stand. Call the chamber at 474-3440 for more information.

More in school aid voted for fast-growth districts

High-growth school districts would get supplemental state dollars under a House amendment to next year's school aid bill.

"I've been working on this for some months," said state Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake. "I hope the Senate keeps it in the bill and the governor signs it."

The change, sponsored by Rep. Bill Bobler, R-Hesperia, was first rejected by the House April 5 but later adopted 56-45 after Dobb rounded up votes.

A line in House Bill 4456 provides up to \$5 million for school districts which show big enrollment growth between October and February of a school year. "Every school district absorbs the cost

of the first 1 percent of growth," Dobb said.

But for districts whose growth is greater than 60 pupils or 1 percent, the state will pay a supplement of 25 percent of the basic per-pupil "foundation" grant.

For example, suppose a district had 10,000 pupils in October. By February its enrollment has grown to 10,150. It must absorb the cost of the first 1 percent (100 pupils) but will get a supplement for the extra 50. That supplement is one-fourth of the foundation grant.

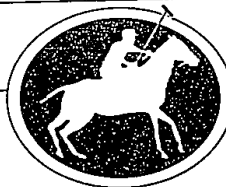
If you add up all the school districts eligible for supplemental grants, however, the total is \$7.5 million, Dobb explained. But the line item has a cap of \$5 million. So the grants must be reduced proportionately.

Here are House Fiscal Agency estimates of the additional aid local school districts might obtain if they grow as expected in fiscal 1995-1996:

- West Bloomfield, Oakland County — \$95,460 for 83 pupils.
- Walled Lake, Oakland County — \$437,596 for 378 pupils.
- Farmington, Oakland County — \$118,070 for 103 pupils.
- Livonia, Wayne County — \$50,368 for 44 pupils.
- South Radford, Wayne County — \$52,878 for 48 pupils.

Yes: Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; Jan Dolan, R-Farmington.

No: Lynn Bankes, R-Radford; Rileen DeHart, D-Westland; Tom Kelly, D-Wayne; James Ryan, R-Radford; Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.



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