

Bowling tourney aids transplant patient

By Teri Bense
staff writer

Livonia's Woodland Lanes is hosting a special night Saturday for bowlers willing to spare a few dollars for the "A Liver for Glynda" fund-drive.

All proceeds will be directed for a transplant operation for Glynda Chamie, the critically ill Livonia woman. Her sister, Suzanne Portman of Comstock Street, is spearheading the drive which totaled some \$5,000 as of early this week.

"It's not anywhere near what we need, but it shows that people care," said Portman Monday. The estimated medical costs of the operation could reach \$250,000.

Woodland Lanes manager Mike Smart said the fund-raiser, a Nine-pin, No-tap tournament, begins 11:15 p.m. Saturday at a cost of \$20 per couple. The entire amount will be donated to the fund-drive.

Smart said they plan to raise \$1,600.

A small prize list includes five monetary awards ranging from \$30-\$50 plus free entries to the lanes regular Saturday night no-tap tournaments. There will also be a \$50-\$50 raffle with tickets costing three for \$1. The winner, contingent on whether she/he can throw a spare, wins half the pot, Smart said.

THE BOWLING alley is located at 33775 Plymouth. Reservations can be made by calling 322-4815.

The bulk of the collected funds so far have come from canister collections and individual donations. Last weekend, a hair-cutting fund-raiser Sunday raised approximately \$200 at the Hair Hut in Garden City.

Canisters have been placed at more than 25 business sites in primarily the city of Livonia, though Portman said two have even been placed at family or friends' businesses in Hillsdale and Chicago, Ill.

"There's even one at (Livonia) City Hall. They said they usually don't do

that, but they accepted it," Portman said.

Early this week the governing board of the Livonia Jaycees was expected to take action on whether they would formally get behind the fund-drive and offer volunteer workers to canvass the city door-to-door. Portman has already taken out a solicitors license from the city.

CHAMIE, 46, was severely injured in a car accident while returning home one night from her job at a Michigan Automobile Association (AAA) branch in Ann Arbor two years ago. Since then, she was diagnosed as having a liver disorder called primary sclerosing cholangitis. Her sister says the transplant is needed to save Chamie's life. Once a donor is available, she will be taken to Pittsburgh's Presbyterian University Hospital for the operation.

"She has a million to one shot and I'm going to try to give it to her," Portman said.

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Scott Wallas

Scott Wallas, 13, delivers the Farmington Observer to readers in the Ramblewood subdivision.

An eighth-grade student at O.E. Dunckel Middle School, Scott's favorite subjects are history, science, math, speech and drama. He is also a member of the Nardin Park Methodist Church Group.

Scott is the son of Lynn and Marilyn Wallas, and has one sister, Heather. Scott's hobbies include photography, playing Dungeons and Dragons, archery, drawing, piano, voice and forensics.

Scott says the favorite part of his newspaper route is all the friendly people he has met. His plans for the future include going to college to become a doctor.

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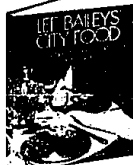
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Singer joined Michigan Bell in 1980 as a manager in the media relations department in Detroit. He is a former researcher and editor of the Action Line column at the Detroit Free Press. A graduate of St. Ambrose High School in Detroit, Singer received a bachelor's degree in Journalism from Wayne State University.

He and his wife, Jinny, and their 4-year-old daughter, Katie, live in Livonia.

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