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### Waveland golf group looks for ladies to hit links

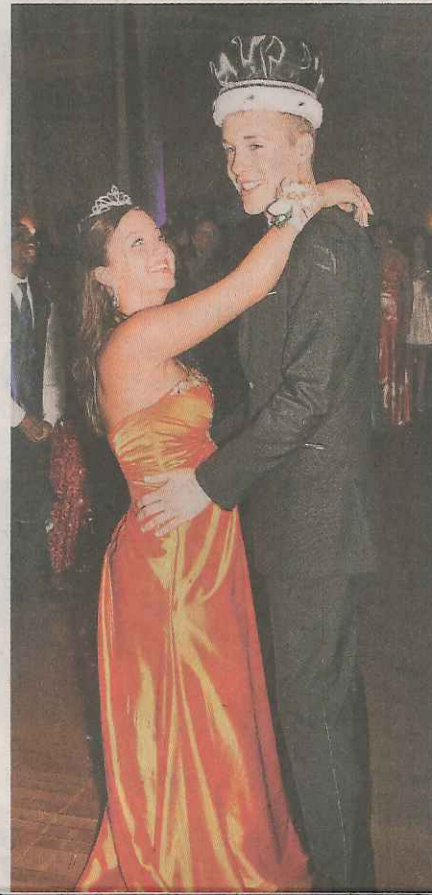
Founded more than 50 years ago, the Women's Golf Association holds socials, plays the historic course each Wednesday.

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The members of the Waveland Women's Golf Association value the history of the group,



East seniors Yasmin Bibian, 17, and Ryan Garay, 18, arrive at the East High School prom Saturday night at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Des Moines. LEE NAVIN/PHOTOS FOR THE REGISTER



Right: East High prom queen Hanna Hoskins, 17, dances with king Aaron Herman, 18, Saturday night.

## PROM ★ EAST ★ HIGH SCHOOL 2013



Left: East senior Jasmine Chak, 18, and Grand View sophomore (East High class of 2011) Dorian Ballentine, 20, attend the prom in the Grand Banquet Hall at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

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“We’re just trying to help some guys out.” — SHAWN HUNT, president of Recovery in Action

# Recovery in Action moves to new Highland Park home

Once opposed by residents, the facility has proven to be a good neighbor, says association president.

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Residents in a group home for men recovering from alcohol and drug addictions spent the weekend moving to a new location — just next door from where they lived in the Highland Park neighborhood.

Recovery in Action, which operates three group homes for recovering addicts in Des Moines, moved from a rental house at 3315 Fourth St. to one at 3312 Fourth St., following approval by the city’s Zoning Board of Adjustment, which discussed the matter at its April 24 meeting.

The group made the move for a home that is nicer and better maintained, said Shawn Hunt, president of Recovery in Action.

The organization houses newly sober residents for three months up to one year, and it has operated a group home in the neighborhood since 2009, when neighbors initially opposed its move into the area. Some neighbors said at that time they feared the residents would cre-

ate problems there.

This time, it appears sentiment has changed.

Hunt said misconceptions about the program may exist, mostly because it isn’t widely known.

“If people don’t know who we are, they might think the worst,” he said. “We want to be looked upon as being a house where people are doing something good with their lives. They are active in their recov-

ery. We want to be part of the neighborhood. Those guys are changing their lives.”

Hunt said that he met with the Highland Park Neighborhood Association recently to discuss the group’s mission. He said at the meeting he tried to change some misconceptions about the group home.

“We’re just trying to help some guys out,” Hunt said.

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about the responses to suffering that have been discussed throughout the year. The speakers are Bradley Herling, associate professor

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### Honors

Steven Irlbeck of Coe College and Tyler Reedy of Iowa State University were inducted into the honor society of Phi Kappa

Kali Shannon of Windsor Heights and the following Des Moines students were named presidential scholars at AIB College of Business: Amy Corbett, Chris Durr, Daniela Estrada,

Well Done features news of academic achievements submitted by parents or school officials, scouting awards, and school and military reunions. Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday to run the following week.

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"We're providing a roof over their head. The whole idea is having that synergy of having eight guys living together, actively involved in their recovery. That group dynamic is really important."

Hunt said the organiza-

tion is a self-supporting, grassroots group that operates on a tight budget. No one involved is salaried, he said. A "house man," or a recovering addict who has been sober about a year, lives with the residents and provides support.

Hunt said everyone who serves on the board of the organization has recovered from addiction. Each person involved in

Recovery in Action, he said, takes on a responsibility to help those new to the program.

"It's our duty to pass that knowledge along to the new guy," he said. "They're new to sobriety. That's a huge miracle."

Amos Hill, an attorney representing Recovery in Action, said residents in the program have offered to help clean up the neighborhood, and do yard

work for other neighbors, if needed.

"These are folks who are looking to make a positive impact, not only in their own lives but in the lives of their co-residents and their community," Hill said.

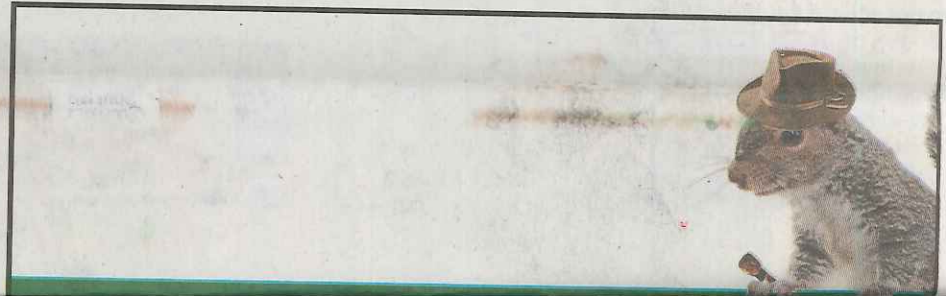
Trudy McCormick, president of the Highland Park Neighborhood Association, said most residents are in favor of Recovery in Action's pres-

ence in the neighborhood.

"Sentiment has been very positive," she said. "There have been no problems with them. They have proven themselves to be wonderful neighbors."

City planner Bert Drost, who presented the report to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, noted that police reports for the last 12 months showed no calls to that property.

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