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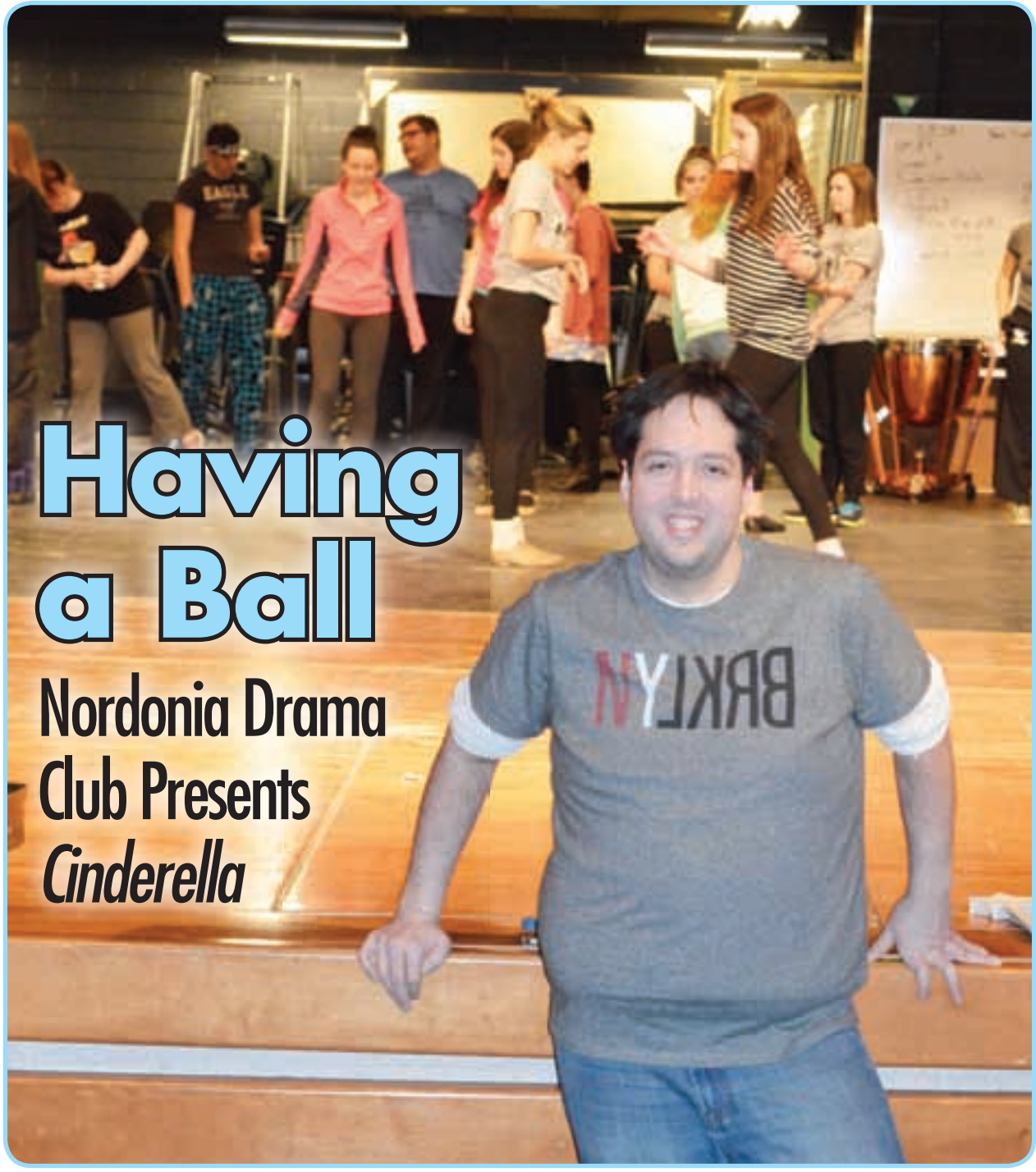

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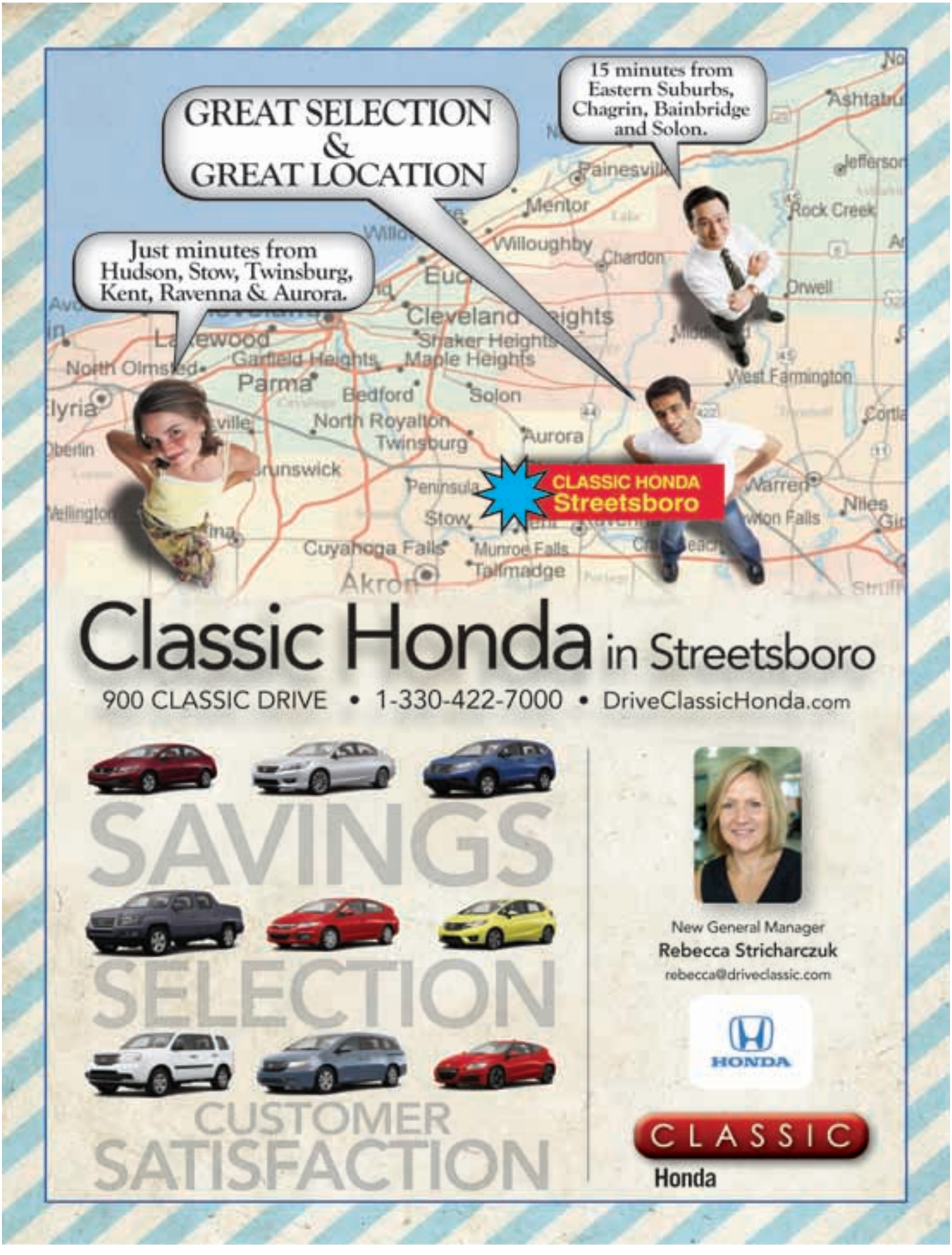
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Father-daughter team competes in half-marathon, raises funds for disabled Central American woman

by Roxanna Coldiron

Dan Boyle, a sixth-grade teacher at Lee Eaton Elementary School, would not let an initial "no" from Walt Disney World stop him and his daughter, Courteney, from participating in the Disney Glass Slipper Challenge half-marathon.

"Disney had these mobility restrictions set up that would have barred Courteney from being in the race," Boyle said. "No wheelchairs."

Courteney, 15, was diagnosed with a rare neurological condition called Moebius syndrome, which affects the cranial nerves and results in near or complete paralysis. Courteney is also on life support and requires an IV in her chest that provides her nutrition needs. Due to her condition, she remains in a wheelchair.

None of these challenges, however, has stopped the father-and-daughter team from competing in 20 races across Northeast Ohio for the past three years.

"My wife and I wanted to give both of our kids, both of whom are in wheelchairs, the world, so we try to do as many fun activities as possible. Running is one of those things," said Boyle. "And Courteney went to Disney World for her Make-A-Wish in 2006 and loves princesses. We wanted to be in the race."

So, Boyle continued to call Disney to find out what he could do to get them to reconsider their stance on a no-wheelchair policy. The company told him to contact the U.S. Track and Field Association to submit a waiver and "they [Disney] would start looking at our case to make a decision if we could move forward."

After several months of talking with Disney, the company approved his request with stipulations regarding safety. "Courteney must wear a helmet, must have lights or reflectors on the wheelchair and must be 'tethered [to her father] at all times,'" the company stipulated as they allowed the father-and-daughter team to register for the Disney Glass Slipper Challenge.

Disney characters Cinderella and Prince Charming welcome Dan (l) and Courteney Boyle to the Magic Kingdom.

Participants could raise money for charity as part of the event. Boyle set up a fundraising campaign on Crowdrise called "Running for Rina."

"Rina is a 20-year-old woman in El Salvador with many of the same physical challenges as my daughter, and we had learned that she was being neglected," Boyle said.

With the help of a family in El Salvador who agreed to take Rina in and care for her and the combined funds raised from the Disney Glass Slipper Challenge, the Boyles provided more than $10,000 for Rina's care.

On an early morning the first day of the race, Courteney wore a Disney princess helmet with attached tiara, a white T-shirt with the words "Roll Like It's Midnight" in glitter script and a sparkly pink and purple tutu. Her wheelchair "became a carriage fit for a princess," her father said, with a string of lights cascading down each side.

"Because of Courteney, other people in wheelchairs can now participate in the event," Boyle said. "And Rina will now have a loving family to take care of her and enough money to ensure that she's safe and her needs are met." ∞

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Charitable organization 'blesses' brides with inexpensive, fashionable dresses

by Kathleen Steele Gaivin

Rockin' Frocks in Northfield Center held its first-ever bridal event Feb. 26-28. At "Blessed by the Dress," brides-to-be could buy their gowns for a fraction of the cost of a retail store.

The not-for-profit boutique sold new gowns for $250 to $500 and gently used bridal gowns for $100 – huge bargains as anyone who has been dress shopping lately can attest. A bride could walk away with a $3,000 bridal gown for $500.

"We had a lot of emotional brides. We had dozens of volunteers," director Linda Imrie said.

"Where else could someone get a wedding gown for those prices? My bride found her dress and a veil for $130," volunteer Mikey Dudley Miroewski said. "The ladies of Rockin' Frocks did a beautiful thing for some very lucky ladies."

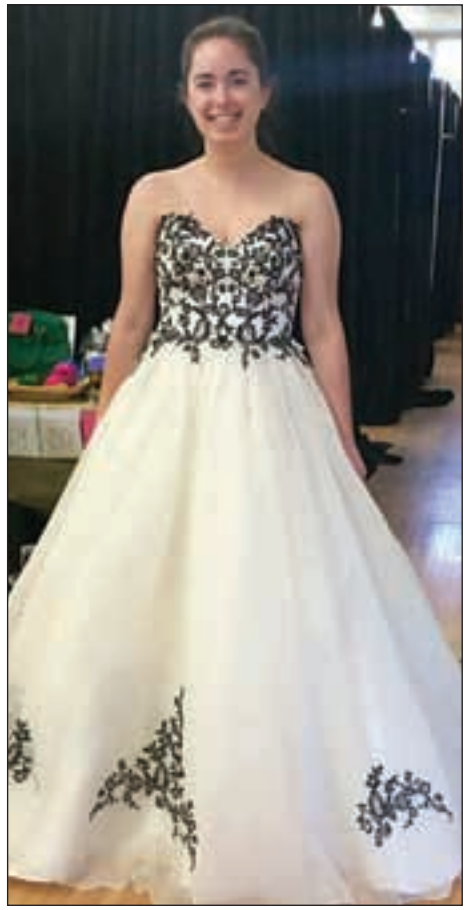
Area businesses stepped up to help the cause. Imrie said Dave's Cosmic Subs and Giant Eagle provided food and gift cards. Other businesses provided raf e prizes "and Studio Eight practically donated the venue."

Rockin' Frocks held the event in memory of 10-year-old Delaney (Lucy) Riley, who died on Sept. 16, 2015.

"We helped a mourning family honor a little girl gone too soon," Imrie said.

Proceeds from the sale will help keep the small boutique operating, covering rent and utilities for the short term so the volunteer-run business can use other money to add to its dress collection in time for prom.

The nonprofit's mission is to provide formal dresses for girls who cannot afford them. The shop is open to all. Those who can pay do so and help with the store's expenses. Those who can't still get to go to homecoming, prom and other formal events without the burden of being unable to afford the necessary formal wear and accessories "because every girl deserves a chance to shine," according to the organization's tag line.



Top: Rockin' Frocks committe (l-r) Linda Imrie, Cherrie Jacofsky and Ceca Sarkissian await brides-to-be looking for the perfect wedding gown. Right: Julia Blanchard models a white gown with black trim at the Blessed by the Dress event.

Unsold bridal gowns are on their way to a similar event in Norwalk, with proceeds coming back to Rockin' Frocks. Imrie said volunteer Whitney Price and her mother took the dresses on to the next sale.

The Rockin' Frocks is run in conjunction with the Emergency Assistance Center. Donations are tax deductible. The store is at 138 E. Aurora Rd. in Northfield Center. For more information, call 216-496-4727. ∞

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Nordonia thespians bring contemporary twist to classic fairy tale

by Laura Straub

It's not the same old song and dance at this year's Nordonia High School spring musical. Although the drama club will be presenting a classic fairy tale, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," the updated Broadway version promises some surprises.

"Coming into this year I wanted to do a classic show because in the last couple of years we did modern shows," said director Chris Simmons. "This show specifically has had about five versions throughout the years and this is the most recent. It's the same story, we all know how it ends, it's just how they get to the ending is a little different."

And, according to Simmons, those small differences will keep the audience on their toes.

"There's a couple of things that happen in the show that might surprise people or throw people off," he said. "The characters are taking control of their own destinies, their own fate."

According to Simmons, the updated version also includes a few new songs, which were well suited to the cast.

"With the talent pool we have, I thought this show would be perfect," he said.

Although the cast and crew, comprised of about 100 students, is teeming with talent, there are still a lot of long hours that go into rehearsals, especially when it comes to choreographing waltzes and ballroom numbers.

"It's a different musical than we've done lately," said junior Sam Fujikawa who plays the prince. "I'm excited for the music, the new style of dance and the costumes."

This version also offers some comedic relief, according to senior Maria Maggard, who plays the evil stepmother.

"I'm definitely excited to throw more comedy and jokes into the role," she said.

But it's not all fun and games. Maggard said that just in the first two months of rehearsals, there has been much hard work and effort, and that the numbers have improved immensely. Simmons said that auditions took place in December, and the cast of about 40 students has been rehearsing five days a week ever since.

"By the time we open in April, it's about 200 hours of rehearsal," the director said.

Members of the Nordonia Drama Club pick up new choreography for the spring musical. Pictured are (l-r): Cameron T urston, Emily Greenwood, Maria Koudelka, Michael Kerosky, Nicky Dietzen, Danielle Bobay, Lizzy Stokes, Hannah Ford, Adree Ley, Sophie D'Aloiso, Anthony Strong and Lexi Majoros. Photos by L. Straub

Another unique component of this version of Cinderella that requires plenty of special preparation and rehearsal time is the costume changes.

"Costumes are the biggest thing in this show," said Simmons. "The older versions of the show only have one dress change. She goes from rags to riches once. This version has four."

Not only are there more costume changes, but they also take place onstage, right before the audience's eyes. So Simmons said he enlisted the help of a professional costumer to help design a fairy godmother dress and a Cinderella dress that magically transform on stage.

Families, fans and friends can see the transformations for themselves April 14 through 17, in the Nordonia High School auditorium. The actors will perform a free preview show for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and senior citizens on Thursday, April 14, at 4 p.m.

"It's their first chance to do a performance for an audience, before they have a paying audience," said Simmons.

The general public can attend the show on Friday, April 15, or Saturday, April 16, at 8 p.m., or see the matinee on Sunday, April 17, at 3 p.m. Admission is $8 for students, $10 for seniors and $12 to the public, with reserved seating available for $15. Tickets can be reserved online and picked up at the door.

"All of the money goes right back into the drama club to pay for the show," Simmons said.

According to the director, the performances usually draw about 500 people per show, but since this year's musical is a well-known, family production, they are expecting even bigger crowds.

Kayleigh Wisniewski (l) and Lexi Majoros learn to waltz.

Cinderella fans that just can't wait for opening night can score a sneak preview of the show at the evil stepmother's tea party at the Nordonia High School cafeteria leading up to the show. Cinderella, her stepmother, stepsisters and the prince will all be in costume and in character interacting with tea party guests as they enjoy tea and snacks.

Find more information about the tea party and the show at nordoniadrama.com. ∞

Trustees Corner

by Trustee David DePasquale

Dear Residents,

As trustee representative to the Sagamore Hills Police Department, most of my interaction with township law enforcement involves the budgeting of the police department. Our expenditures for 2015 were $1,594,000. In 2015, we had 11 full-time officers, including the police chief, and five part-time officers. In 2015, we regionalized dispatch services with the city of Macedonia.

Last year the police department answered 9,894 calls for service. This was 321 less than in 2014. Our officers distributed 6,900 "patrolled your area" cards. This lets taxpayers know that officers are patrolling neighborhoods at night.

The investigations division responded to 245 calls for service. This is nearly a 20 percent decrease from 2014. Of these cases, six remain open, 239 others were closed by restitution, insufficient evidence, non-cooperation from the victim or referral to another agency. Unfortunately, our detectives handled a homicide/suicide this past summer, which is a rare occurrence in Sagamore Hills.

In 2015, the department issued 193 traffic citations, and 309 written warnings for traffic/equipment violations. Misdemeanor citations totaled 43 in 2015. The top three crimes police investigated were 43 thefts, 37 domestic disputes and 17 identity thefts. The total number of arrests for 2015 was 56. The year 2015 will be in the department's history book as the first year our officers wore body cameras.

A major goal was to revamp the entire policy manual. With the aid of Lexipol, America's leading provider of policy management resources for law enforcement organizations, this goal was met. The new manual will allow police officers to receive daily training modules of policies.

The department will replace two police cruisers in 2016 that are approaching 100,000 miles. Updating vehicles is a necessary cost in order to ensure public safety and to keep up with the department's exceptional response time.

In closing out 2015, every police officer attended ongoing education, with more than 60 different opportunities to attend training classes. Chief David Hayes paved the way by obtaining a 3.95 grade point average at the highly acclaimed FBI National Academy.

The chief encourages everyone who sees suspicious behavior to report it. The entire department thanks you for your continued support.

Recently, a citizen inquired if the township is properly staffed with police officers, citing standards such as "one officer per thousand residents," which our staffing meets. According to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), "Ready-made, universally applicable patrol staffing standards do not exist. Ratios, such as officers-per-thousand population, are totally inappropriate as a basis for staffing decisions." Factors such as calls for service, violent crime, and response times are taken into consideration. According to the IACP, another key factor is discretionary patrol time, or the time available for officers to make self-initiated stops, advise a victim on how to prevent the next crime or call property owners, neighbors, or local agencies to report problems or request assistance. Our police department has sufficient staffing levels in order to provide excellent service. We boast an average response time of two minutes to a call for service.

Have a happy Easter/spring break. ∞

Zoning inspector takes on sign violations

by Kathleen Steele Gaivin

Feb. 22 zoning commission meeting

Sagamore Hills Zoning Inspector Mike Friess has quickly acclimated to his new job. He told the zoning commission he has been visiting local businesses and speaking with owners to bring them into compliance with township rules, especially regarding signs.

Signs inside windows advertising sales and highlighting products are permitted. However, the township does not allow businesses to set up clapboards or other types of temporary outdoor signs.

Zoning commission member Dwight Chassar said the township has never had a problem with signs advertising a grand opening when they are there for a week or less. The problem is when they remain indefinitely. Friess said he is looking for definite time limits for signs such as "under new management" and "now enrolling."

So far, business owners have been cooperative. Friess asked if there could be "more teeth" to the rules to keep the township from looking "trashy" if he encounters opposition.

Township attorney Jeff Snell said while the township could take legal action, it would be best for the township to simply remove the sign if the owner doesn't comply, and notify them where to pick it up. Snell said he would provide the zoning inspector with general letters to issue to noncompliant business owners.

Friess also asked the commission to consider whether it is better to leave a sign up for an out-of-business store, such as those in Sagamore Square Shopping Center, or have the property owner remove the lettering, which could create an eyesore drawing attention to vacancies. Snell said Friess should judge each case on a sign-by-sign basis.

The zoning commission voted to change the time of its monthly meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The zoning commission meets on the fourth Monday of the month at the Sagamore Hills Township Town Hall, 11551 Valley View Rd. ∞

Fire departments save condominium from f ery end

by Kathleen Steele Gaivin

The Sagamore Hills-Northfield Center Fire District, with automatic mutual aid from the Northfield Village and Macedonia fire departments, prevented a condominium fire on Canterbury Lane from becoming a total loss, when a 4-year-old boy accidentally knocked over a candle March 1 and caught the home on fire.

According to Chief Frank Risko, firefighters extinguished the first-floor fire within three to five minutes of arriving on the scene. He said there were no injuries. The mother and young son were out of the house and across the street at a neighbor's home when firefighters arrived.

The fire chief said the fire was contained to one corner of the first floor, about eight feet from the entryway. The fire was limited to the first floor, but Risko said there is smoke damage to a bedroom and its contents above where the fire occurred.

According to Risko, the fire caused about $35,000 in structural damage from smoke and fire and another $15,000 in damage to the home's contents.

Fortunately, Risko said, the fire did not spread to the adjoining condominium and a firewall was effective in containing the smoke. ∞

Nordonia treasurer accepts prestigious award

by Lori Gray

Feb. 22 special board meeting

John Coorey, regional liaison for the state auditor's office presented Nordonia Hills City School District Treasurer Karen Obratil with the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction.

"This award is the highest level of recognition our office gives on the basis of financial audits. They should be really proud of the work they've done. This represents about the top 8 percent that get this award. You guys are really the cream of the crop," Coorey said.

According to the award, signed by State Auditor Dave Yost, "This award is presented for excellence in financial reporting for your comprehensive annual report for the fiscal year and in 2015. Your exemplary reporting serves as the standard for clean and accountable government representing the highest level of service to Ohioans."

The district earned the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction. Pictured are Karen Obratil, treasurer; Jennifer Knapp, assistant treasurer; Judy Dodge, accounts payable; Melissa Chase, administrative assistant; and John Coorey, regional liaison for the state auditor's office. Photo by L. Gray

"This award is the highest level of recognition our office gives on the basis of financial audits. They should be really proud of the work they've done..."

John Coorey

State Auditor's Office

"It's a real pleasure to receive this honor. However, I will accept this award on behalf of the entire staff of the school district because without their help in complying with all the rules and regulations that we put forth, we wouldn't be able to achieve such an accomplishment," Obratil said. "Nobody can do this alone. It's a team effort."

Obratil presented tokens of appreciation to key staff members. Jennifer Knapp, assistant treasurer, Judy Dodge, accounts payable, and Melissa Chase, administrative assistant, were in attendance. Amy Strauss, high school bookkeeper, Andrea Rupp, middle school bookkeeper, Bernadette Bedingfield, EMIS coordinator and Roxanna Bennett, payroll, were not at the meeting.

In other business, the school board recognized Nordonia High School senior Michaela Bruno, in absentia, for earning the President's Volunteer Service award, signed by President Barack Obama, for her participation in the Knights Caring for Knights program. Bruno and her family founded the program several years ago to provide weekend meals to Nordonia students who would otherwise go hungry. The school board also honored Bruno's achievement as a state finalist in the nationwide Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Knights Caring for Knights will continue to feed more than 20 families every weekend with new volunteers once Bruno graduates this spring. ∞

One treasurer to serve Brecksville-Broadview Hts, CVCC

by Tess Wolfe

Treasurer Richard Berdine, who came to the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District (BBHCSD) nearly four years ago, also has become treasurer for the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC). At their meetings in February, the boards of each school organization approved contracts with Berdine through July 2018.

Berdine will make a combined salary of $169,000 and work 52 hours a week between the two jobs.

Mark Jantzen, president of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Board of Education, called Berdine an "outstanding individual," and said the arrangement "works for all parties."

Since August 2012, Berdine has been treasurer and chief fiscal officer for BBH schools. Beginning last August, he took on the dual role on a temporary basis. Both boards have specified all duties of the office must be fulfilled regardless of how much time is required.

Last May, the BBH school board approved Berdine's three-year contract as treasurer and CFO, effective Aug. 1, 2015. That contract included a base salary of $130,000.

BBH schools will save about $36,000 annually in salary and benefits with Berdine now working an expected 32 hours weekly for the district. Effective April 1, Berdine's contract with the school district includes a base salary of $104,000, which will increase at the same rate and time as other full-time board administrators, although he will not be eligible for longevity increases for which they are eligible.

Berdine's base salary from CVCC will be $65,000, with 30 four-hour vacation days annually and an expected 20-hour work week.

Each board will pay the full amount of Berdine's employee Medicare tax.

Should either BBHCSD or CVCC terminate their joint agreement, Berdine would return to full-time duties at BBHCSD and receive his full salary, rather than the 80 percent agreed upon in the joint agreement.

Berdine, who earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration from Youngstown State University, worked with Lakewood schools for nearly 15 years as business manager and treasurer. He also has been treasurer for the school districts of Cuyahoga Falls and Sebring. ∞

School systems question state report card results

by Judy Stringer

New assessments – with more difficult content – during the 2014-2015 testing cycle had school administrators across the state holding their breath in anticipation of this year's round of state report cards from the Ohio Department of Education.

Some local administrators let out a sigh of relief when the latest batch of A-F grades was released last month, others emitted sighs of frustration. Nearly all, however, cautioned against drawing any substantive conclusions, citing test inconsistencies and student participation issues.

The eight public school districts in the ScripType readership area brought home A's for satisfying four- and five-graduation targets and meeting nearly all 33 achievement indicators set by the state, but each one saw its performance index numbers fall.

Hudson City Schools lost five points from its 2014-2015 index score, falling from the 13th in the state to 18th. Highland Local School dipped six points, dropping from 39th to 51st. Twinsburg City Schools slumped by 10 points, plummeting from 55th to 160th.

"Performance index scores across the entire state dropped this year," Hudson Superintendent Phil Herman said at a Feb. 29 school board meeting. "Why? This is the first time the common core standards were tested, and they were tested using new tests."

Despite Hudson's dip in state rank, Herman was "proud" of the system's overall performance. Like Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools and Revere and Independence local schools, Hudson's report card includes mostly A's and B's.

"We were pleasantly surprised," said Roger Howard, director of curriculum and instruction at Independence Local Schools. While the district was handed one F – in K-3 literacy – that grade reflects internal reporting errors, Howard said, and is being appealed. Otherwise it earned A's and B's.

Brecksville-Broadview Heights Director of Curriculum and Instruction Maggie Niedzwiecki was also "very pleased." She explained because it is impossible for educators to know if the district is properly aligned with new learning standards until students are tested, high marks suggest the district is on the right track.

District	Performance Index Score	Overall Value-Added	Gifted Value-Added	Lowest 20% Value-Added	Students with Disabilities Value-Added
Independence	106.898	A	A	NR	B
Brecksville-Broadview Heights	105.282	A	B	A	A
Revere	105.060	A	A	B	B
Hudson	104.415	A	A	C	A
North Royalton	102.711	F	F	C	C
Highland	101.246	C	C	F	F
Nordonia Hills	99.084	A	A	C	C
Twinsburg	96.509	F	D	F	F

Ohio Department of Education. NR=Not rated.

Not everyone was as comfortable with the results. Highland and North Royalton City School each had two C's and two F's. Twinsburg had one C, two D's and three F's. Twinsburg is appealing one of those D's, also in the K-3 Literacy component.

Nordonia Hills City Schools Superintendent Joe Clark, whose district earned three C's along with A's and B's, said the recent report card results "really should be taken with a grain of salt." He and fellow administrators point to a number of variables that make the 2014-2015 grades unreliable, if not unfair.

For starters, most of the results – particularly those measuring student progress, where many districts struggled – were derived from the now-abandoned PARCC assessments, which have since been discontinued by the ODE and replaced for this school year.

Adding to the confusion, the ODE strongly encouraged districts to administer the 2014-2015 tests online, according to Twinsburg Superintendent Kathryn Powers, and most local systems complied. Powers told the district board during its March 2 meeting that an examination of questions from one of the online math assessments compared to a paper-and-pencil version suggests the online content was more difficult. Other administrators cited a growing body of evidence that students taking paper-and-pencil tests earned higher scores, not only in Ohio, but in other PARCC testing states.

Then there's the opt-out phenomenon. Parents opted students out of the 2014-2015 assessment in record numbers. Some were frustrated with the amount of time spent on testing and preparing for assessments. Others cited concerns about the quantity of student-level data being collected and how that information might be used.

According to Powers, Twinsburg's Annual Measurable Objectives grade, a measure of academic performance of specific groups of students, such as racial and demographic groups, was lowered from a B to a C because the district did not meet prescribed participation rates. She said 100 students opted out of testing.

To make matters worse, approximately 44 students who opted out are identified as "gifted," which means those students' results were not captured in "value-added" grades that track student growth from one year to the next. The district had the third highest state ranking in progress among its gifted student in the previous round of tests, Power said. Now it has a D.

"How can it be so very different this year?" she asked.

District officials also said progress grades, in particular, are hard to communicate to parents. People tend to see C's as bad, Clark said, but with the value-added component, a C equates to one year's worth of growth.

"A C is great," he said. "Kids attended school for a year and learned a year's worth of material." ∞

March 25

Fish fry

Boy Scout Troop 575 is hosting its annual fish fry from 4:30-7 p.m., Friday, March 25, at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 9451 Brandywine Rd., Northfield. Featuring pub-style fish and premium long-cut French fries, the menu includes baked rotisserie-style tilapia with redskin mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, pizza and more. Cost is $6 to $14 per dinner. Eat in or carry out. Pre-order take-out meals at 216-287-4500. ∞

March 26

Feral cat seminar

One of A Kind Pet Rescue will host a feral cat seminar on Saturday, March 26, at their Adoption Center, 1929 West Market St., Akron, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the only effective and humane way to manage feral cat populations. With TNR, feral cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and returned to their outdoor homes.

Janis Worley, manager of advancement and volunteer programs with One of A Kind will make a presentation on the One of A Kind Pets Spay/Neuter Clinic's TNR policies and available programs. Experienced TNR trapper, Toby Franks of One of A Kind and Frank's Ferals will demonstrate how to help feral cats by implementing a TNR program.

Dan Spehar, district leader for the Humane Society of the United States, will present a study on the success of collaborative efforts in the area of community cat management.

The seminar is open to the public. There is no charge, but donations to the One of A Kind Feral Fund are appreciated. ∞

April 16

Early Childhood Resale Event

The North Royalton Early Childhood PTA will host a resale event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, in the North Royalton High School cafeteria and gymnasium, 14713 Ridge Rd. More than 90 sellers/vendors will be selling gently used baby and children's clothing, toys and more. Admission is $1; early bird admission is available for $5 at 8 a.m. Tables are available for purchase. For more information, email nrchildrenresale@gmail.com or visit nrecpta.com for details. ∞

April 20

Free college survival skills seminar

There will be a seminar for high school seniors and their parents that focuses on college survival skills. The session will be hosted by the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center in partnership with Ohio State University and the Community Awareness and Prevention Association on Wednesday, April 20, from 6:30-9 p.m.

A dean of students will speak about the differences between high school and college, a college police officer will discuss campus safety and the legal aspects of being 18, and a financial planner will discuss how to handle money.

Reserve a seat by registering at: tinyurl.com/CVCC-CSS2016, or by calling Darden Blake at 440-746-8242. Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is located at 8001 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville. ∞

April 20

Greater Cleveland Chili Cook-off

The Autism Society of Greater Cleveland will greet guests at the Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd., Independence, on Wednesday, April 20, for the 11th Annual Greater Cleveland Chili Cook-off for Autism.

More than 40 chefs will compete in professional, amateur and peoples' choice categories. In addition to food, there will be prizes and music from Fox 8 News personality Todd Meany's band, the "Ace Molar Band." Master of ceremonies will be Ed "Flash" Ferenc of Flashpoint Communications, WERE 1490 AM.

Tickets are available for $25 in advance at asgc.org or by mailing checks to ASGC, P.O. Box 41066, Brecksville, 44144. Tickets will be available at the door for $30.

To make a donation, become a participant chef or a sponsor, visit asgc.org, or call Eileen Hawkins, President/CEO, at 216-556-4937 or 216-524-0424, or email support@asgc.org. ∞

April 30

Princess party

Smiles with Style is hosting a Princess Party on Saturday, April 30, from 4-6 p.m., at Vision Hair Design, 3707 Darrow Rd., Stow. Little princesses will be treated to hair styling, manicures, makeup (age appropriate), tiaras and wands. After their makeover, they will have their picture taken by Cutetiful Kids by JamJar photography. Elsa and Anna will also be making a special appearance! Tickets are $30 and can be purchased at tinyurl.com/smileprincess. Smiles with Style, smileswithstyle.org, is a volunteer organization that provides mini-makeovers and superhero dress-up for children who are hospitalized. ∞

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State healthcare workers face charges of abuse, complicity

by Lori Gray

Two employees of Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare, a state-run psychiatric hospital in Sagamore Hills, have been charged in connection with an attack on a patient that occurred on Dec. 21, 2015.

Christopher Edmondson of Streetsboro, age 23, was charged with patient abuse, which is a fourth-degree felony, along with assault, which is a first-degree misdemeanor. His co-worker, Ricky Brooks of Euclid, age 31, was charged with two counts of complicity.

Both men appeared for their arraignment before Judge Kim Hoover in the Stow Municipal Court on Feb. 5. The judge set bond at $5,000 for each. Both Edmondson and Brooks pled not guilty and were released on their own recognizance. A pretrial hearing was held Feb. 11.

According to court records, Edmondson's attorney filed a motion to withdraw as counsel on Feb. 18. There is no attorney on record for Brooks.

Behavioral Healthcare is one of six state-run psychiatric hospitals in Ohio. Because the case is actively pending, Eric R. Wandersleben, director of media relations and outreach of the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services declined to comment. Rather, he provided a statement the agency issued on Feb. 8.

"The staff members were immediately placed on paid administrative leave, pending the outcome of a criminal investigation. Neither employee has had any patient contact since the allegations were levied against them, and could face disciplinary measures up to and including termination, pending the outcome of the criminal and administrative investigations," according to the written statement.

Both Edmondson and Brooks were employed as therapeutic program workers who were engaged in direct care with clients and residents of Northcoast. According to the police report, Edmondson was accused of assaulting a 32-year-old male patient while Brooks looked on, causing a minor injury to the patient. Court records state that both Edmondson and Brooks lied to investigators about the incident. The police investigation lists several witnesses who reported the incident and identify Edmondson as the attacker.

"At the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, we take very seriously our duty to provide a safe environment for both employees and patients within our Regional Psychiatric Hospital system. Our safety and quality care objectives have been and continue to be core tenets of our hospital services strategic plan. All employees receive substantial training in safety and quality patient care. When allegations of serious wrongdoing are reported, each event is reviewed in-depth to determine what further interventions might be made to uphold the highest standards in all of our facilities," Wandersleben wrote in the agency's official statement. ∞

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Replacing Old Carriage Bridge is among 2016 CVNP projects

The National Park Service (NPS) released its fiscal 2015 deferred maintenance statistics, revealing that the $11.9 billion nationwide budget total is $440 million more than the previous year. Cuyahoga Valley National Park's deferred maintenance totals $40 million.

Deferred maintenance is necessary work performed on infrastructure – such as roads and bridges, visitor centers, trails and campgrounds – that has been delayed for more than one year. Aging facilities, increasing use of park facilities and scarce resources contribute to the growing backlog. Bridge replacement and repair represents a significant portion of the deferred maintenance work that will occur in CVNP this year. The projects represent $4.2 million in work. Projects include:

- Old Carriage Trail Bridge replacement. The park will receive $2.2 million in 2016 and 2017 for design and construction of three replacement bridges on the Old Carriage Trail in Sagamore Hills. These bridges have been closed since 2009 because the structural steel deteriorated to the point the bridges were unsafe.
- Hillside Pedestrian Bridge repair. Repair of a pedestrian bridge over the Cuyahoga River in Valley View is underway and will be complete this spring. The bridge connects a boarding station for Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to the Canal Exploration Center. It closed in 2015 because structural steel deteriorated faster than expected. This $515,000 project is funded by the National Park Service's Repair-Rehabilitation Program.
- Brandywine Gorge Trail Bridge repair. This bridge provides safe crossing over Brandywine Creek for hikers on the Brandywine Gorge Trail, which starts at Brandywine Falls in Sagamore Hills. The bridge washed off its foundation during a heavy storm in 2014. The 2016 project entails repairing the existing bridge and placing it on a stronger foundation that will be tied into bedrock. The National Park Service's Repair-Rehabilitation Program is also funding this $86,000 project.
- Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail Bridge repair/replacement.
- Three self-weathering steel bridges on the Towpath Trail that are showing damage will be repaired or replaced. The National Park Service's Repair-Rehabilitation Program is also funding this $681,000 project.
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Board game enthusiasts meet at library

by Laraine L. Heck

Since 2008, the Nordonia Hills Library is one of four libraries in northern Ohio to invite board game enthusiasts to meet every month. On the third Saturday of each month, as many as 40 gamers gather in the library's Flora Fenton Room to play board games of their choosing from 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Most stay the entire time and do not break for lunch, but may eat a packed lunch or snacks. They come from Painesville, Lakewood and elsewhere in the Cleveland area.

The players, sometimes referred to as board game geeks, decide on which game to play together and during the day, switch players and games. They welcome new players and will teach them the ins and outs of more difficult games. Tom and Samantha Allen and Dan Jaworski joined the group for the first time at a recent game time.

Board game enthusiasts come from all over for monthly meetups at the Nordonia Hills Library. Photo by L. Heck

"We are thoroughly enjoying the day," Samantha Allen said.

Painesville resident Chuck DePenti not only plays in groups at meet-ups five nights a week, but also has invented a new board game with his daughter for a school project. DePenti regularly attends Bash Con, a huge friendly gaming event held at the University of Toledo each year.

Scott Zimmerman from Cleveland Heights, summed up his passion for board games, "I like everything about it; playing is competitive, social, keeps your mind sharp, is thought provoking, and inexpensive," he said.

Librarian Patrick Manning, himself a board game enthusiast, said he is pleased with the turnouts. He said it all began years ago when a library patron started playing chess at the library and then teaching chess to others. There were further requests for the game events and the library, located conveniently between Cleveland and Akron, was an ideal place to attract participants.

According to Manning, the largest turnouts are when the cold weather encourages inside activities, but the library offers the game time invitation throughout the year. The game time participants agreed that they are always looking for new players and games. ∞

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The Grapevine

by Kathleen Steele Gaivin

The Nordonia High School wind ensemble and concert band performed at the Ohio Music Educators Association contest at Buchtel High School, Akron, on March 4. According to concert band director **Matt Johnson**, for the first time in many years, both bands earned superior ratings from all four judges.

Andrew Meyers advanced to finalist status in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship competition. Merit scholarships will be awarded from among the finalists this spring.

Walsh Jesuit High School senior **Cory Armstrong** has signed to play football for the University of Cincinnati in the fall.

We offer our deepest condolences to the family of **Rego Giovanetti**. He is survived by his wife, **Judy,** and sons, **John**, **Matteo** and **Marc**.

The following students are Fall 2015 Kent State University graduates: **Andrew Keller**, **Andrew Morilak**, **Ashley Mysza**, **James Smith**, **Kathryn Seleman** and **Robert Lempner**.

The following students have been named to the dean's list: **Jenna Dasher**, University of Findlay; **Rachelle King**, **Shelby Kuchynka**, **Randy Manrique**, **Rachel Thompson**, University of Akron.

We want to hear from you. Share your family's news and school, military and community achievements to us at kgaivin@scriptype.com. ∞

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Visitors of all ages are always welcome for any meeting, and the first meeting is free. Annual dues are $32. Weekly chapter dues are $1. Members learn about nutrition, portion control, food planning, exercise and motivation at weekly meetings. Contact Laurene Neval at 216-832-1106, or huey15@roadrunner.com for more information. ∞

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All are welcome to this free program, Wednesday, April 13, at 7 p.m., at St. Joseph Byzantine Church, 8111 Brecksville Rd. For information, call 440-526-1818. ∞

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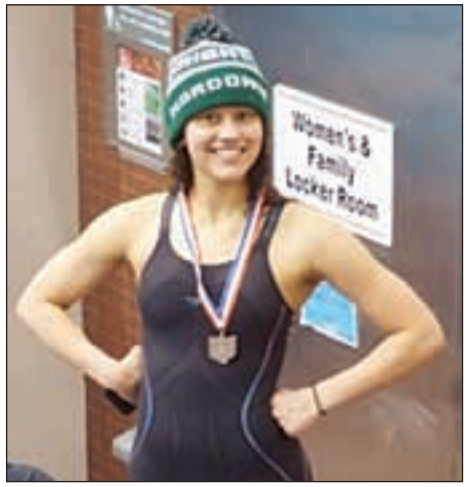
Nordonia swimmer splashes into school record books

by Chad Felton

Nordonia High School's Christina McFarland stands in the school's spotlight, currently holding claim to seven records in swimming: the 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke and the medley relay.

McFarland's head coach, Claudio Costanzo, said those records and others might not hold very long, as Christina is only a sophomore.

"This is the second year I've had the pleasure of coaching Chris," he said. "She is one of the hardest workers we've ever had. For the past season, she gets up as early as 4:30 a.m. to swim with her club team [the USA team Solon Stars] to get a morning workout. She looks very smooth and effortless in the water, swims year round and is pretty dedicated to the sport. Chris is still pretty young but she's making a big name for herself. I think after this season a lot of people will know the name Chris McFarland."



Christina McFarland is rewriting Nordonia's record book.

McFarland said her experience in swimming began at age 7, adding that a team she joined in Sharon, Pa., the Silver Dolphins, sparked her love of the sport.

"Getting older has caused me to train very intensely and consistently, but all my hard work and practice really shows through my times. My true goals are to make certain times for big meets, breaking records is just a bonus that boosts my confidence," the athlete said.

McFarland's specialties are the backstroke and the butterfly, although she said she readily participates in other events and styles.

"I don't mind a little bit of everything, but I really like swimming the 100 fly and the 50 free. My goal going into this season was to make it to states in the 100 backstroke. I recently qualified, so I am very excited," she said.

McFarland finished second in the event at the Ohio High School Athletic Association district meet, making her the first female swimmer in school history to qualify to compete in the state championship.

McFarland said the Olympics are something every athlete dreams of, as she lists Missy Franklin and Michael Phelps as inspirations, adding she would have to work even harder to achieve glory in a similar vein.

"It's down the road, but you have to crawl before you walk, and jog before you run,"

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Police Beat

Information provided by the Sagamore Hills Police Department

Feb. 4 – Police responded to a call regarding disorderly conduct at a West Aurora Road apartment complex. Someone drove a vehicle onto a resident's yard and caused damage.

Feb. 5 – Police received a report that a car window had been broken while parked at a West Aurora Road funeral home and a purse was stolen from the vehicle.

Feb. 5, 6 – Police received reports of three incidents where vehicles were broken into and purses and wallets stolen from Brandywine Ski Resort.

Feb. 7 – A Fleetwood Drive woman notified police that her husband called on the phone and threatened to kill her. Police arrested a 24-year-old Northfield Center man on charges of menacing and domestic violence intimidation.

Feb. 9 – A Meadowview Road resident claimed his property was damaged by a water main repair.

Feb. 10 – A North Gannett Road resident reported identity theft.

Feb. 13 – Police received reports of four incidents where snowboards were allegedly stolen from Brandywine Ski Resort.

Feb. 20 – Police received a report of a snowboard that was allegedly stolen from Brandywine Ski Resort.

Feb. 25 – Police responded to a Seiberling Drive home in reference to lost or stolen property.

Feb. 26 – A Dartmouth Trail juvenile told the police that an older student was harassing him at the bus stop near his home. He further stated that the older child's mother has also confronted him near his home.

Feb. 27 – Police stopped a vehicle on Bishops Way for suspicious activity and found the underage passenger to be in possession of alcohol.

Officers responded to a report regarding a male possibly smoking marijuana in his car at the township park.

Feb. 28 – Police responded to a complaint of a dog at large on Rehwinkle Road and issued a citation to the owner. ∞

Swimmer *continued*

McFarland said.

Costanzo said there is no limit to where McFarland's skill can take her.

"It's early, but I would say she will graduate as Nordonia's most successful swimmer. She is going to be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come. I've seen a lot of great swimmers over the years and I'm just glad this one is on my team," the coach said.

"The most rewarding part of swimming is seeing the time and dedication pay off," McFarland said. "I love my teammates. They are my second family, and their support gives me so much confidence and helps me swim better. It makes me so happy I have so much support." ∞

From the Experts

"What are these bumps on my child's skin?"

By Georgann A. Poulos, M.D.

Georgann A Poulos, M.D.
Board Certified Dermatologist

A common reason for parents to schedule their children to see me is for concerns over "bumps on the skin." After evaluating the skin and ruling out more serious conditions, I frequently diagnose Molluscum Contagiosum in children and young adults. Molluscum Contagiosum is a virus that presents with small, dome-shaped flesh-toned bumps (called papules) on the skin. There can be a few to more than 100 lesions in a given person. Young children are often affected by this condition, and the virus is very easily spread.

Why is it so common in children? Molluscum Contagiosum is often seen in young people mainly because of the popular athletic activities that children enjoy playing such as swimming, wrestling and gymnastics. The virus can be transmitted by direct skin to skin contact and easily spreads by sharing towels and clothing. Swimming pools are a common place where children come in contact with the virus.

Signs and Symptoms

Bumps on the skin often appear shortly after being exposed to the virus. The bumps are usually located on the face, trunk, arms and legs. They are often painless, but may itch and turn red as the immune system fights the virus. The virus can spread by trauma (picking and scratching), and this often results in clusters of bumps in a given area.

Diagnosis and Treatment

Molluscum Contagiosum can take on the appearance of warts and also may mimic certain rashes, which is why an accurate diagnosis by a board certified dermatologist is so important. If the condition is bothersome to the patient, there are several effective creams that can be prescribed as well as in-office procedures, which can be used to remove the virus.

Tips from Dr. Poulos

It is possible to spread this disease to other parts of your body and to other people, so take action by not scratching or picking at the bumps and covering the area with a bandage. It is also important to avoid sharing infected towels, washcloths and clothing.

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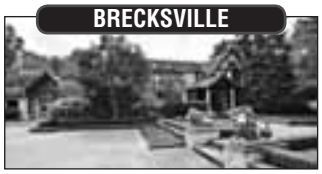

1-OF-A-KIND 4BR/5.1BA LUXURY MANOR
1 owner, exceptional quality/upgrades. Totally updated past 7 yrs. Private 1.64 acres w/views. Travertine flr/foyer, sun rm, state-of-art kit. Frml din/liv rms. Fam rm/cathedral ceil, stone FP. Den & laundry on 1st flr. Master BR on 1st & 2nd floors, both w/FP, heated flr in BA. Basement finished. Paved patios, pool, portico. Barn or 6-car garage, horses allowed. Much more! **$999,000.**

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TOTALLY & PROFESSIONALLY REMODELED
Custm blt by Petros Homes '01. 4BR/4.2BA stone frnt col. Foyer/wrought iron staircase, wd flrs. 2-stry fam rm w/windw wall, FP. Frml din rm/tray ceil. Kitch/marble backsplsh, Wolf oven, more. Hearth rm/FP. 1st flr den, BR/BA, mud rm. MBR/vaulted ceil, wd flr, custm blt-in media cntr, lux BA, walk-in. 5326sf w/fin walkout LL. Too much to list! Private wooded lot. **$829,900.**

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STONE FRONT, BUILT '01 BY PETROS HOMES
Custm blt 4BR/4.1BA. 9' ceilings, Pella windows, sun rm, laundry on 1st. 2-stry foyer/wd flr, custm staircase. Liv rm/crown mldng. 2-stry grt rm/windw wall, FP, blt-in cabs. Din rm/wd flr. Kitch/raised panel cabs, granite, SS appls, wd flr, dinette, vaulted ceil. MBR/lux BA, walk-in. 4474 sf incl. bsmnt/rec rm, more. 3-car side load. 1+ acre private wooded lot. **$699,000.**

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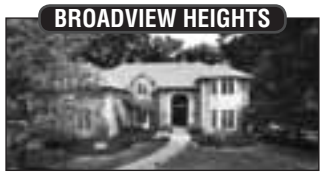
PETROS HOMES 5BR/5.1BA GEORGIAN COL.
Priced below purchase amount of $637,450 in '97 w/many updates. Brick frnt, newer roof & landscapng. Eat-in kitch/newer granite, dbl oven, refrig & dishwasher. 2-story foyer. Family rm/2-story FP, lots of windows, wood flr, bar. 1st & 2nd MBR/glam BA, walk-in closets. Fin. walkout LL/great rm w/FP, kitchen, BA, more. Deck, wooded 4.8 acres. Circular drive. **$597,900.**

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS



UPDATED 4BR/3.1BA BRICK FRONT COL.
$115K+ in updates since 6/13. Extensive crown moldings, wd drs, Pella windws. Foyer/curved staircase is 2story & fam rm/FP, built-ins, wet bar. Kit/custm cabs, granite tops, SS appl's, butler's pantry. Frml liv/din rms, den, sun rm, laundry on 1st. MBR & BA/vault ceil, sit rm, 2 walk-in closets, balcony. Fin walkout LL. Deck, circular driveway, 1 acre. Area amenities. **$469,000.**

STRONGSVILLE

4BR/4.1BA BRICK FRONT COL. BLT 2005
Cherry wd flr/foyer & gourmt kitch. Crown moldng/formal LivRm/bay windw & DinRm w/wainscoting. Andersen windws/drs, many transom windws. FamRm/FP w/custm stone surround & hearth. FLR 1: Den, laundry, half BA. Mstr ste/vault ceil, sit rm, walk-in closet, glamr BA. Newly fin. bsmt w/Great rm, Ba, more. Pro landscapd w/lightng, stamped patio. **$449,900.**

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

HI-EFFICIENCY, 1-OWNER, 4BR/2.1BA COL.
3-side brick, 6-panel wood doors, Brazilian cherry wood flrs, 2-story foyer. Bay window in den w/built-ins, wd flr & in liv rm/crown molding, wd flr, opens to din rm/tray ceil. Eat-in kitch/SS appls, island, desk, 2 pantries, dr to custm patio. Fam rm/cathdrl ceil, stone FP. MBR/vault ceil, BA/shower, Jacuzzi tub, 2 walk-ins. 3+car side-load. Wooded .72 acre lot. **$439,900.**

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

OWNER IS BUILDER, 4BR/4.1BA CAPE COD
Extensive quality throughout; crown moldngs; 9' ceils on 1st flr; liv rm & sun rm w/custm see-through FP. French drs & wd flrs in 1st flr office & frml din rm. Gourm kitch w/raised paneld cabs, granite tops, islnd. Spacious 1st flr mstr ste w/ sit area, glam BA, dbl vanities, jet tub, shwr, lg walk-in. Fin basmnt. Landscaped, courtyrd w/blt-in FP, 3-car side load. **$429,000.**

BAY VILLAGE

UPDATED 5BR/3.1BA 3-SIDE BRICK SPLIT
On private wooded lot, view of creek. Custom built w/lg kit/vaulted ceil, custm cabs, island, newer SS appls, double oven, wood flr, custm wood paneled walls & ceil, opens to hearth rm w/FP. Din rm open to liv rm w/FP. Fam rm w/FP. 1st flr BR/BA. MBR/BA. Fin basement. Sun rm. Deck, 3-car garage w/lg walkout workshop. Roof replaced 2 yrs ago. Walk to lake! **$414,900.**

SEVEN HILLS

3BR/2.1BA QUALITY BUILT IN '06 RANCH
Gorgeous finished walkout 14 block bsmt opens to multi level stamped concrete patio, wooded views. Open flr pln, custm windw coverngs. Foyer/wd flr, wrought iron/wd staircs 2-stry, also fam rm/flr to ceil windws & stone FP. Hearth rm opens to kit/islnd, granite tops, walk-in pantry, SS appls. Dinette/dr to deck w/pergola. MBR/glam BA, 2 walk-ins. **$399,900.**

INDEPENDENCE

3BR/2.1BA SPLIT UPDATED THROUGHOUT
Den/wood flr off foyer. Fam rm/custom FP, built-in shelves. Liv rm/bay window. Kitch/newer custom cabs, granite ctops, appls, ceramic tile flr. All BAs redone. Mstr ste/BA, walk-in closet. Newer flrs thru-out incl. neutral carpet. Newer roof, vinyl siding, electrical panel, furnace, much more. Fin basemnt w/exercise rm or 4th BR, more. Landscpd, deck, custom patio. **$339,000.**

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

3BR/3BA HOME, MANY RECENT UPDATES
Wood flr in foyer & remodeled eat-in kitch '14 w/granite tops, SS appls, custm cabs, island w/gas cook top & see-thru FP to 2-stry great rm. Formal din rm/French drs. 1st flr laundry/mud rm & master suite w/2 walk-in closets, redone BA '15 w/tile flr, granite tops, dbl sinks, tile shower, soak tub/jets. FLR 2: 2BRs, BA, loft. 12 course bsmnt. Deck, wooded 3/4 acre lot. **$319,900.**

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4BR/2.2BA COLONIAL W/MANY UPDATES
Drive & stamped concrete walk '14. Roof '11. Furnace/air cleaner '08. Some Andersen windws replaced & front, back & sliding drs. Newer carpet/BRs. Half BA on 1st redone. 2-story foyer w/wood floor. Eat-in kitchen w/custom cabs, island. Formal liv/din rooms. Family rm/wd beamed ceiling, FP, bar. MBR/BA walk-in. Bsmnt/grt & exercise rms. Large deck, wooded lot. **$275,000.**

BRUNSWICK

3BR/2.1BA COLONIAL BUILT IN 2005
1 owner home is priced below purchase amount & owner added landscaping & newer custom finished basemnt. Dinette area & custom cabs in kitch w/appls, opens to spacious family rm w/custom FP. Formal dining rm. 1st flr laundry. Vaulted ceiling in MBR w/lg walk-in closet, BA. Basmnt has lg great rm w/built-ins, storage area. Wooded cul-de-sac lot. **$184,900.**

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BRICK 2BR/2 FULL BA TOWNHOUSE
Condo has many updates. Living rm has cathedral beamed ceiling & FP w/slider to patio. 17x9' din rm. Kitchen w/ceramic floor, appliances stay. Crawl space for storage near kitchen. Master suite w/BA & walk-in closet. Peaceful, private wooded backyard. Priced below purchase amount in '04 of $121,000. Award-winning school system. Access to Community Center. **$99,900.**

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