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Lanie Mullins, playing the title role in Progress Village Middle Magnet School's production of "Annie," works with Shadow as Annie's dog, Sandy, during a dress rehearsal last month at Blake High School in Tampa.

No hard knocks for this Annie

Bloomingtondale Senior High School teamed up with Progress Village Middle Magnet School of the Arts to stage a full-scale version of the Broadway classic "Annie"

See story, page 10.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"About the time we can make the ends meet, somebody moves the ends."

Herbert Hoover

Fundraiser aimed at helping those who cannot afford classes

The Showcase All-Stars will be putting on a free night of music on the patio at Music Showcase, 402 Oakfield Drive, Brandon, on Saturday, June 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In an effort to raise money for music scholarships, the Showcase All-Stars, a group of teachers at Music Showcase led by vocal and drum teacher Walter Chism, will perform. Raffle tickets will be sold and donations will be requested for music scholarships for children who want to take music lessons that can't

afford them. The group also wants their first "Party On The Patio" to show off their talents and inspire young musicians to keep practicing so they can enjoy music their whole life.

The public is invited to bring their lawn chair to the outdoor concert and folks can dance and sing along to the music. Food and drinks will be sold.

For more information about this event, call (813) 685-5998, or email debbie@musicshowcaseonline.com.

Beauty and the Beast at The Barn Theatre

Join us for Beauty and the Beast being put on by Foundation Christian Academy and the Florida Academy of the Performing Arts. The Showcase Players will perform the musical in June at The Barn Theatre at Winthrop in Riverview.

The musical will be pre-

sented at The Barn Theatre at Winthrop, 11349 Bloomingdale Ave., Riverview. Show dates and times are Friday, June 8 at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, June 10 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m., Friday, June 15 at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 16 at 2

p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 17 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.faopa.org, Music Showcase at 402 Oakfield Drive in Brandon, or at the door. Advanced ticket pricing online is \$10 for adults or \$8 for youths (12 and under)/senior (55 and over)/military.

Bloomington Buzz

How do you plan to beat the heat?

By SUSAN GREEN

With the next few months promising to be a scorcher, we went to Toppers Creamery, 2212 Bloomingdale Ave., to ask this month's question: How do you plan to beat the heat this summer?

Mark Hensley of Riverview, with daughter Jillian, 4: "Today it's ice cream and the park."

Tony Berrios of Brandon, with granddaughter Ava Papile, 2, of Bloomingdale: "I'm going to go to Puerto Rico for a couple of weeks to see my mom. We also have a pool at home."



Tony Berrios of Brandon, with granddaughter Ava Papile, 2, of Bloomingdale



Mark Hensley of Riverview, with daughter Jillian, 4.

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Annual Football Jamboree held

By KIM WALLACE

Football is starting up for the fall season. Bloomingdale, Brandon and Newsome high schools, played each other in halves Thursday, May 24 jamboree held at Brandon High School.

Bloomingdale vs. Brandon ended 0-3 during their contest, Bloomingdale vs. Newsome was 0-6 during their contest. It was Brandon vs. Newsome 14-15 in last contest. Brandon went in with 2 wins and Newsome 1 win. These teams are in full swing of spring training and the entire Bloomingdale neighborhood looks forward to see what will happen this year.



Bloomingdale vs. Newsome during the jamboree at Brandon High School on May 24.



Bloomingdale vs. Brandon during the jamboree at Brandon High School on May 24.

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BSHS goes to the prom

By KIM WALLACE

This year's Prom Court for Bloomingdale Senior High School: Michael Butler, Cassidy Erickson, Jack-



This year's court.

son Kelley, Megan Guerra, Robert Rivers, Allie McFee, Demetrius Sykes and Bethany Wallace. This

year's queen was Megan Guerra and king was Robert Rivers! Congratulations to this year's court.



KIM WALLACE

Megan Guerra was this year's prom queen, while Robert Rivers was crowned the prom king.

Aquali Salon and Spa prom it up for BSHS

Hannah McArty owner of Aquali Salon and Spa located on Erindale Drive in Valrico, was excited and ready for Prom this year with the Bloomingdale girls! Hannah McArty enjoyed being able to offer special deals for girls that came in for makeup, hair, pedicures and manicures to get ready for a night these girls would remember forever.



Jayde Crognale gets ready for the pro with help from Brandi Hobby, hair stylist.



KIM WALLACE

Hannah McArty, the owner of Aquali Salon and Spa, helps get Bethany Wallace ready for a night to remember.



Ty Carter gets her makeup done by Michelle Stall.

Baseball signing at BSHS

By KIM WALLACE

Austin Wilson, a senior at Bloomingdale Senior High School, has signed with Eastern Michigan University, the home of the Eagles, in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Austin has played baseball since age 5, and for four years played as the starting centerfielder for the Bloomingdale Bulls. As a Brandon Blazer – one of the area's first travel teams – he not only won many titles but went to Cooperstown and won the championship. He played for several quality travel teams since his freshman year including FTB's Team Clabpat, Chet Lemons Juice, Tampa Bay Warriors and Team Extreme. He also played for Team Tampa. Austin has won several



KIM WALLACE

Austin Wilson of Bloomingdale signing academic and baseball scholarship with Eastern Michigan University with parents Brian and Shelly Wilson and two brothers, Cody and Trey Wilson

tournaments including USA Baseball's Labor Day Cup, the Steinbrenner Classics and Perfect Games Memorial Day tournament. Austin has accomplished a lot in his years of playing baseball and plans to continue his career at East Michigan University on a baseball and academic scholarship. Congratulations to Austin!



KIM WALLACE

Leah Pemberton with parents Jeffery and Sandra Oglesby and Assistant Principal of Athletics Danielle Shotwell and Principal Mark West as she signs her softball scholarship to Florida Southern College.

Softball Signing at Bloomingdale High

By KIM WALLACE

Leah Pemberton, a senior at Bloomingdale Senior High School, signed to play softball with the Moccasins (or Mocs) of Florida Southern College in Lakeland. She will be starting school in the fall. Leah said she is excited about starting a new chapter in her life, meeting new people and showing softball talents at her new school.

Leah started playing softball when she was 5 years old. She has played four years with Bloomingdale. She was a starter and played shortstop for the Bulls and served as team captain her senior year. While on the Bulls, the team won two western conference titles and a national championship. Leah will be moving to Lakeland



KIM WALLACE

Leah Pemberton with her parents, Sandra and Jeffery Oglesby as well as sister Lydia Pemberton. Not pictured are her sisters Lauren and Lyndsey Pemberton.

in August where she will start her new career. She wants to thank her parents, coaches and most importantly her sisters and God.

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Cimino Elementary 'National School of Character Winners'

By KIM WALLACE

Cimino is celebrating being chosen as the National School of Character.

Cimino Elementary School is the first school in Hillsborough County to be named a National School of Character explained Daryl Saunders, director of Project Respect Grant for the school system, along with former teacher Amber Norris now district resource teacher for the Project Respect Program.

Cimino is one of 60 Hillsborough County elementary schools involved in the character education grant, known as Project RESPECT, which encompasses 11 principles of character education that not only teach character traits to students but involves the faculty, parents and community.

Twice before, in 2009-10 and 2011-12, Cimino was named a State School of

Character. Schools named as State Schools of Character are eligible to apply for the national award.

Mrs. Debbie Minichbauer was part of the team of Cimino faculty members who filled out the lengthy application for the national honor. That was followed in April by a visit from the Project RESPECT selection committee. Mrs. Debbie Minichbauer is excited to receive this award, she stated that the students should be recognized for following the 11 principles of character because they work so hard in following and teaching each other to respect their school. Mrs. Minichbauer said that they have a positive climate which contributes to our students' success in both academics and how they act.

"The State and National Schools of Character program is not a competition—but rather an opportuni-



KIM WALLACE

Ethan Carde, fifth grade, Madeleine Morin, third grade, Kylie Kuhn, fourth grade, Chase Morin, fourth grade, and Nicholas Klaeren, fourth grade, with guidance counselor Debbie Minichbauer of Cimino sitting around character crayons their parents helped paint on the sidewalk to help guide and remind students how to act.

The 11 Principles of Character

1. The school community promotes core ethical and performance values as the foundation of good character.
2. The school defines "character" comprehensively to include thinking, feeling, and doing.
3. The school uses a comprehensive, intentional, and proactive approach to character development.
4. The school creates a caring community.
5. The school provides students with opportunities for moral action.
6. The school offers a meaningful and challenging academic curriculum that respects all learners, develops their character, and helps them to succeed.
7. The school fosters students' self-motivation.
8. The school staff is an ethical learning community that shares responsibility for character education and adheres to the same core values that guide the students.
9. The school fosters shared leadership and long-range support of the character education initiative.
10. The school engages families and community members as partners in the character-building effort.
11. The school regularly assesses its culture and climate, the functioning of its staff as character educators, and the extent to which its students manifest good character.

ty to receive feedback as well as recognition for growth and excellence in the area of character development," said Daryl Saunders. "Schools gain insights into what high-quality character education looks like in schools, helping them to improve and strengthen their own programs."

As part of the program, schools have the opportunity to reflect on their practices and programs and assess their level of implementation against a recognized standard of excellence, explained Daryl Saunders. The schools then receive guidance, feedback and recognition at no cost—other than their time.

For Cimino the surprise announcement was the perfect way to cap off the school's year-long 10-year anniversary celebration as well as Teacher Appreciation Week.

In February, the Character Education Partnership named 22 public schools, three private schools, one charter school, and two school districts as National Finalists in the 2012 National Schools of Character program.

"These schools are using character education to shape cultures that encourage high student achievement, mutual respect and integrity among students, staff, and faculty," said CEP President Mark Hyatt. "The results show that character education really works to transform schools into learning communities for all stakeholders."

Schools recognized as Schools of Character are asked to help other schools transform their school cultures. Describing the program as a path to school improvement through high-quality char-



Cimino Elementary displays their pride in their achievements.

acter education, CEP has offered the National Schools of Character program to elementary, middle and high schools since 1998.

The 28 national finalists were selected from an applicant pool of 126 schools and districts across the United States based on the quality of their written ap-

plications. They represent 15 states and Puerto Rico, with Missouri having the highest number at six.

Then the winners were named this week.

Cimino and the other winners will be honored at the 19th National Forum on Character Education, to be held Nov. 1-3 in Washington, D.C.



An Evening of Jewish Music

Recently Kolot Shalom, the adult singing group of Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon, sponsored An Evening of Jewish Music. Nine members, along with invited performers, highlighted liturgical Jewish music as well as music associated with Jewish composers and artists from the Broadway

stage. The evening was preceded by a potluck dinner sponsored by the chavurot. A reception followed the performance.

These members of the choir in the picture (left to right) are Milton Newman, Jay Vogel, Janice Perel-

man, Sandra Santucci, Lauren Weisman, Steven Slavkin, Dave Friedman, and Brian Slater. Not in the picture are director/pianist Joan Frankel and guest performers Adam Weinstein, Jeff Newman, Suzanne Jones, Kevin Frye and Jamie Karr.

Maley awarded scholarship



Lauren Maley was awarded a scholarship from the Bailey Family Foundation.

Lauren Maley, a senior at Bloomingdale High School, was recently awarded a \$20,000 scholarship from the Bailey Family Foundation. She will attend the University of South Florida Tampa campus in the fall to study neonatal nursing. Lauren is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Maley of Valrico.

Fifth Third Bank has special offers

A Staff Report

When Fifth Third Bank opened its Valrico branch at 3402 Lithia-Pinecrest Road in 2005, times were good for Bloomingdale and the rest of Florida.

Fast forward to 2012, and the economy is sputtering its way back from a near-death experience that had widespread impact on people who live and work in the bank's service area.

"We obviously had some people who lost their jobs or had something [happen] that damaged their credit," said Gina Butler, a membership advisory specialist at Fifth Third.

That's why the bank is offering free financial literacy advice as a community outreach program to employees of local businesses or nonprofit organizations, said Butler and Fifth Third financial center manager Cathy LaVigne.

The programs include credit monitoring and repair, protection against identity theft and retirement planning.

"We do this at no charge," LaVigne said. "We don't just go out and tell about Fifth Third services. That's not what this is about. This is financial literacy, plain and simple."

In addition, the bank is offering Bloomingdale Homeowners Association members \$53 to open a premium checking account with direct deposit through the month of June. Members who open a new premium checking account also will receive 10 free withdrawals a month from non-Fifth Third ATM machines anywhere in the U.S.

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Bloomington pastor revives the circuit rider tradition

“For wherever two or more
are gathered in my name,
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the midst of them.”
— Matthew 18:20

By **SUSAN GREEN**

Nowhere is it written that one must have a church building to have a church.

Kim Uchimura, a 25-year resident of Bloomington East and former associate pastor at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, reflected on that idea about a year ago, when she began thinking about a church that would meet in people's homes instead of a formal sanctuary.

Not everyone wants to sit in a pew and listen to a preacher Sunday mornings, she said, adding that some people want the freedom to ask questions and make comments as part of the service.

She had been asked to lead a new United Methodist Church planned for Valrico, but the dollars didn't materialize as hoped. So Uchimura suggested to church leaders that she start a different kind of church, called The Well: A United Methodist House Church Community.

As pastor, she would visit and lead worship for each small flock as it met during the week in a member's home. The venue lends itself to smaller gatherings and a service generally conducted as people sit facing one another in a circle. Uchimura said the program is tailored largely to the tastes of the people who have come together.

“I'll be more like an old-fashioned circuit rider,” Uchimura said, referring to a Methodist brand of horseback-riding preacher common in Hillsborough County during the 1800s.

“I'll visit them, but I want them to be the driving force.”

In a climate of declining church attendance across the nation, the house church is an idea being introduced in a few other states. The Well is the first of its kind for the United Methodists in Florida, Uchimura said. The church draws its name from a Bible reference to Jesus preaching at a well in Samaria, far from the tra-



SUSAN GREEN

Since the dollars didn't materialize to start a new church, Kim Uchimura suggested a different path — bringing the church to followers' homes.

ditional worship center in Jerusalem.

“We know there are people that for whatever reason have left the church,” Uchimura said. “We know the bureaucracy of religion is what they're reacting against.”

Since January, a group of about eight people in their 30s and 40s have been meeting on Wednesday evenings in a home in River Hills. More recently, a group of about 10 young adults started worshipping together on Monday evenings in a home in Copper Ridge.

The worship programs differ between the two groups, Uchimura said. For example, one service includes about twice as much Christian contemporary music as the other.

The idea of accommodating varying beliefs and worship styles comes naturally to Uchimura, who grew up in Oklahoma attending church with her father. Her mother, Uchimura explained, was a Christian but did not like to go to church.

Later, Uchimura met the man she would marry when the two were stu-

dents at Northwestern University in Chicago. Her husband, Gregory, is a Buddhist, Uchimura said. After the couple's first child was born in 1986, they started looking around for a church that would foster a good religious education for their offspring. In 1989, Uchimura joined First United Methodist Church in Brandon.

In the late 1990s, she began studying to become an ordained minister, a goal she attained in 2005. She served as an associate pastor for six years at St.

Andrews before leaving in July 2011 to start planning the Valrico church.

Uchimura said she hopes to add more house churches and build up the congregation, but she doesn't know if it will ever meet inside a church sanctuary. She said that will depend on what the membership wants.

“The church itself is made up of people.”

For information about The Well, call Uchimura at (813) 400-3667 or email kchimura@flumc.org. The pastor also writes a blog at revuch.wordpress.com.

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At the May Sheriff's Bloomingtondale Area Community Council (BACC) we were fortunate to have two special visitors, Cpl. Dawn Reisinger from Property Crimes Investigations and Dep. Robert Duffy who patrols the Bloomingtondale area. Both have been very active in helping reduce crime in our area and in keeping our residents safer and more secure.

I briefed members on several recent incidents that our residents need to be aware of. These included:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REDUCES CRIME

Crime in our area is down again. This is due to our continued aggressive actions to catch criminals and keep them locked up in jail as long as possible. Another key factor that has helped reduce crime in our area is the personal involvement of members of the community. Residents who notice suspicious activity in their neighborhoods have called the Sheriff's Dispatch and reported the activity. Deputies have responded and in many cases are able to arrest the criminals. Also, the continued outstanding work by the Sheriff's Citizen's Patrol has increased the patrol coverage of our community while also allowing deputies to handle emergencies.

Distraction Thieves - SENIORS BEWARE

These are professional thieves who find their victims in our grocery stores, discount stores and malls as well as park-



Curtis Warren

ing lots of local businesses and banks; anywhere our residents would normally feel safe. Our senior citizens are their best targets since they can be more trusting and are less of a threat. These thieves mainly target women with handbags with wallets in them, especially large open handbags. These thieves operate in teams. While one thief distracts the victim with a simple question, diverting their attention, the other thief will quickly take the victim's wallet or other valuables. These thieves will also approach victims in parking lots and pull the same scheme with their accomplice taking their handbag.

We want to keep all of our seniors safe and protect their property. Remember, your handbags and wallets contain a lot of critical items - credit cards, driver's license and other IDs, as well as personal information criminals can use. DO NOT just leave them on the seats in your vehicles or in your shopping cart. Treat them like your life depended on them because they do. Be very aware of strangers and very careful when you shop.

SCHOOL IS OUT, TALK TO YOUR KIDS

It will not take long for kids to get bored and commit what we call "boredom crimes," such as vandalism and stealing on a dare. Teens will also be driving more.

Parents, take the time to sit down with your kids and work out a plan

for the summer. Set some very specific rules. Some kids will be busy with lots of activities. Some will be latchkey kids, left at home alone. Make sure you know where they are at all times and who they are with. Ensure that they know the consequences of getting into trouble and especially if it is something that will give them a criminal record. You're also helping to keep them safe. Be sure that your teens that drive know the rules and obey the rules. We want them to enjoy their summer vacations and not end up in trouble or injured in an accident.

With school out, many families will be taking vacations. We want all of you to have a safe and enjoyable vacation. To help you do this we ask that you insure that you secure your home and properly prepare it before you leave. You can complete a "Vacation Security Watch" form at the Bloomingtondale Community Station on Erindale Drive. A security check will be completed on your home while you are away.

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE - GET READY NOW

June marks the beginning of the 2012 Hurricane season. The first tropical storm already formed in mid-May. The weather throughout our nation leading up to this date has been tragic and destructive. Thousands of people are still recovering and will be for months and years to come.

Now is the time to prepare your family, your home and your busi-

nesses. Hillsborough County Emergency Management has an outstanding website with lots of great information to help you prepare for the storms, for evacuations and for the recovery.

Go to www.hillsboroughcounty.org/emergency to access critical information on disaster preparations.

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'Hoop It Up' Kickoff Party

starts the Summer Tournament

The NFL Yet Center, The City of Tampa's Parks and Recreation Department and The H.O.P.E. Center have teamed up to put on a summer league basketball tournament for Tampa Bay area youth. The tournament committee announced yesterday that the "Hoop It Up" Kick Off Party will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 19 at The YET Center, located at 3310 E. Lake Ave., Tampa. Tournament participants, Tampa Bay business leaders, and city officials will come together to celebrate the commencement of the summer series over food, beverages and festivities. The party will be a great opportunity for participants to meet and begin preparing for the summer games.

Vanguard Attorneys, a personal injury law firm serving the Tampa Bay community, is proud to be the presenting sponsor of the "Hoop It Up" Summer League Basketball Tournament.

"We are honored to be a part of such a positive program that is geared toward local residents," says Frank Marsalisi, Managing Attorney of Vanguard Attorneys, the tournament's title sponsor. "Hoop It Up will provide a great outlet for local residents to engage in constructive activity during summer break."

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Artistic talent blossoms here and blooms beyond

By SUSAN GREEN

Two teachers with roots in Bloomingdale teamed up this year to help students from Progress Village Middle Magnet School of the Arts stage a full-scale version of the musical play "Annie."

Tyler Leavitt, a Bloomingdale High School graduate and Progress Village drama teacher, directed the production and designed the sets for the show. Kristen Franzen, who lived in Bloomingdale while attending Brandon High School, was musical director for the play. She is also the chorus director at Progress Village.

The teachers said this year's musical, an annual spring tradition, had nearly 100 cast members and 30 additional students working on costumes and performing backstage duties. The production also included an elaborate series of set changes. It was one of the most challenging the school has staged, the teachers said.

"Every year we try to do something new and different, bigger and better," Leavitt said. The play ran May 4 and 5 at Blake High School in Tampa.

Progress Village is a magnet school among the Hillsborough County district's public school choices. It specializes in arts programs, including drama, band, orchestra, vocal

music, dance, costume design and visual arts and draws students from throughout eastern Hillsborough, including Bloomingdale.

Though many middle schools choose to do a "junior," or abbreviated, version of Broadway productions, Progress Village chose to stage the play as it originally was produced. Leavitt said cuts to songs and dialog can make it difficult for students to comprehend the true meaning of a dramatic work.

"We had the resources and the students to do the full version, so we felt it was better to give the students the whole sense of the play," he said.

He and Franzen noted that "Annie" marked two firsts: tap dancing and the use of a live animal, a dog named Shadow, as Annie's dog, Sandy.

The plot follows the adventures of an 11-year-old orphan named Annie, who is plucked from an orphanage to spend time at the opulent home of billionaire Daddy Warbucks and ends up finding a new family. The play is set during the Great Depression.

"Perhaps one of the most interesting qualities of this year's show ... was its connection to our current economic trends," Franzen said. "Some of these students know firsthand about job loss and relocation. They have had to find hope in a hopeless situation. It was surprising to me how much they could relate to it."

Other teachers who col-



SUSAN GREEN

Larjie Mullins, playing the title role in Progress Village Middle Magnet School's production of "Annie," works with Shadow as Annie's dog, Sandy, during a dress rehearsal last month at Blake High School in Tampa.

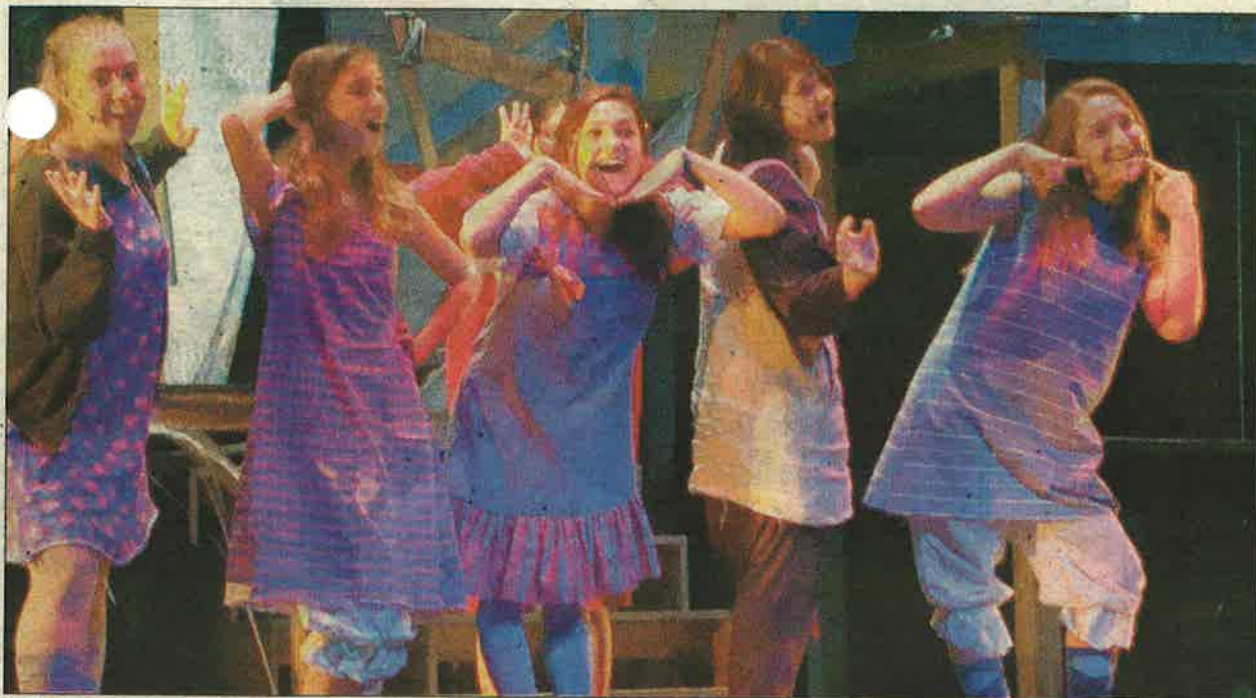


Tyler Leavitt, drama teacher at Progress Village Middle Magnet School of the Arts, gives direction to students Jacob Dankerl and Savannah Brown, left, during a dress rehearsal last month at Blake High School in Tampa.



Lillian Kraack, left; Alex Council, center; and Hayley Ellison sing "Easy Street" during Progress Village Middle Magnet School's production of "Annie" last month at Blake High School in Tampa.

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Left to right: Melanie Couturier, Rebecca Schanmier, Darienne Bartsh, Rachel Fishbough, and Megan Bolick, as orphans, sing "You're never fully dressed without a smile" during a Progress Village Middle Magnet School rehearsal of the play "Annie."

laborated on the production included Meredith Scribner, lead arts teacher; Angel Borths, assistant director; Deborah Scourtes, costume design; Paula Oliveira and Megan Jackson,

choreography; Steve Kraack, sets, lights and sound; Gerald Barron, set construction; and William Talenti, art director. Robert Chisholm, Progress Village band director, opened

the show with a live musical performance by selected band students.

Leavitt moved to Bloomington with his parents in 1986 and developed an interest in drama

while attending Bloomington High. He also was a member of the high school's show choir, Ambassadors.

After graduating from Brigham Young University,



Students Jacob Dankerl, left, as Daddy Warbucks; Savannah Brown as Grace; and Lanie Mullins as Orphan Annie.

where he met the woman he would marry, he and his wife, Amy, moved back to Bloomington in 2001. He has been a drama teacher at Progress Village since 2004.

The couple were expecting their sixth child at the end of May. Their other children range in age from 2 to 10. The Leavitts operate a community theater program for children called Tampa Bay Family Theater. Its next session will begin June 12. For information, call (813) 924-

1368.

Franzen lives in Apollo Beach with her husband, Garrett, and a daughter, Nora. She plans to conduct a musical theater camp July 9 to 22 for middle school students at South Shore United Methodist Church in Riverview. The program includes trips to Disney World and instruction that will culminate in a production of "Alice in Wonderland." For information, email camp@southshoreumc.com.



Jacob Dankerl as Daddy Warbucks, left, and Lanie Mullins as the orphan Annie.

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BSHS students return to UCF programming competition

By KIM MILLER

Bloomingtondale Senior High School students, Ian Ludden, Cormac McCarthy, and Sam Miller, competed in a computer programming competition at the University of Central Florida on May 4. Ian and Cormac had taken the AP computer science course, and Sam took the honors computers science III course, offered on Florida Virtual School. Mrs. Knotts, a guidance counselor at Bloomingtondale entered and sponsored them in the competition. There were 48 teams, consisting of one-to-three members, representing 17 schools, from around Florida. These young men set up practice times, at one of the student's homes, and without the coaching from a teacher or an adult, finished ninth.

The winning team split \$38,000 in scholarship money to UCF with the second and third place teams. Also, along with the money, the first place team each received Kindle Fires, three terabyte hard drive, trophy, and bragging rights. Although, Bloomingtondale finished ninth, they received a gift for longest time between entries into the competition (21 years).

These boys need to be congratulated on their efforts and their top 10 finish!



Bloomingtondale High School students, Ian Ludden (11), Cormac McCarthy (12), and Sam Miller(10), competed in a computer programming competition at the University of Central Florida on May 4.

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