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Children attending the Italian culture camp performed ethnic songs and dance for parents at the conclusion of the one-week session July 14.



Six-year-old Andrea Christa shows her mother Kathy that she knows how to count numbers in Italian.



Audrey Powers helps Matthew Corsetti place a bow on his shirt in preparation for his afternoon performance.

## Celebrating Italian culture

Casa Italiana's Italian Language and Culture Day Camp took place July 10-14 on the campus of Nazareth College of Rochester in Pittsford. Children ages 5-8 were introduced to Italian culture through music, food and learning games. The camp is taught by Judy Mazziotti, an Italian teacher at the Montessori School in Buffalo. A similar one-week program, for children ages 9-12, will be held at Nazareth July 24-28.

### Ryder Cup ticket raffle to benefit parish youth group

ROCHESTER — The St. Thomas More Parish youth group is sponsoring a raffle for a ticket to the sold-out Ryder Cup golf competition, scheduled for Sept. 22-24 at Oak Hill Country Club in Pittsford. The Ryder Cup ticket also includes ad-

mission for practice rounds being held Sept. 19-21. Two hundred raffle tickets are being sold at \$10 each through youth-group members. The winner will be announced Aug. 27.

Proceeds from the raffle will be used to help send young St. Thomas More parishioners to the National Catholic Youth Convention in Minnesota this November.

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## Extra Credit!

• A number of students from western Monroe County earned high finishes in a recent essay contest sponsored by Catholic Daughters of America Court #931, based at Brockport's Church of the Nativity.

In Division I (grades 4-6) Stephanie Henry, Rachel Legere and Jacque Symonds placed first, second and third, respectively. They recently completed fifth grade at School of the Nativity. In Division II (grades 7-9), the top three places were won by Jenny Burke, Julie Szymanowicz and Barbara Hodder, all eighth graders at St. John the Evangelist School, Spencerport. In Division III (grades 10-12), Brockport High School students Janne Abrams and Elizabeth Martin were the top two finishers.

• Seven students at Holy Cross Church, Rochester also earned high finishes in a recent Catholic Daughters of America education contest. They are:

Genevieve DiPaola, Elissa Nyerges and Stacy Colombo, first place; Michael McCarthy and Anthony Marasco, second; and Jennifer Oster and Courtney Moriarty, third.

In addition, Holy Cross third-grader Allison Sharp was selected as a grand-prize winner in a bicycle safety coloring and essay contest sponsored by the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the Monroe County Office of Traffic Safety.

• The sixth-grade class at St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester (Humboldt Street) recently participated in a mock trial in Rochester City Court.

The event was facilitated by Family Court Judge Frank Geraci.

• Mary Grace Knauf, 13, a parishioner of St. Louis Church, Pittsford, placed first as a solo vocalist in the Regency Talent Competition held in April at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

Mary Grace, a Brighton resident, was also a featured singer at the KATS (Kids Adjusting Through Support) fundraising dinner in May at Rochester's Hyatt Regency Hotel.

At St. Louis Church, Mary Grace serves as cantor and also sings at weddings and funerals.

• Five Aquinas Institute students were spring winners in a Monroe County "Envirothon" competition.

"Envirothon" tests students' knowledge of various environmental topics. The AQ team of Tina Watts, Tina Kukielka, Kristine Oddo, Liz Hudzinsky and Jessica Sliger received the highest competitive score in the Soils division.

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