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## Property part of grant proposal

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DANVILLE — It's been almost three years since word started spreading about Crosspoint Human Services' planned renovation of the apartment building at 324 Oak St. More than 100 residents

signed a petition against the project. Concerns stemmed from Renaissance Danville trying to reduce the number of apartments in houses that were built as single-family dwellings. There also were concerns about tenants with criminal backgrounds being allowed.

But the property is again coming into the spotlight, as Crosspoint Human Services, East Central Illinois Community Action Agency and Habitat for Humanity of Danville officials wait on a housing grant. They have applied for about \$2.5 million in Neighborhood Stabiliza-

tion Program funding through the Illinois Department of Human Services to rehabilitate or construct 17 rental housing units and four Habitat homes, east and west of the downtown area. All housing would be handicapped accessible, including for seniors, persons with disabilities and work-

ing families. All sites have not yet been determined. One site, however, would be the apartment building on Oak Street across from fire station No. 1 on Seminary Street. Crosspoint executive director Thom Pollock said of the housing units: four houses will be owner-occupied Habitat homes, there

will be six rental homes offered through the ECI-CAA, one rental home through Crosspoint and then 10 rental units inside 324 Oak St. Homes could be built on vacant land where the city has demolished dilapidated structures.

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## GRAND OLD FLAGS

### Support

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Danville Rotary Club members Bob Bookwalter, left, and Amy Hoose place American flags Friday along Vermilion Street. The club placed 1,500 flags as part of the annual Rotary Memorial Way fundraiser to support the Vermilion County War Museum.



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## Cutbacks don't hinder program

### Municipal band ready for season

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DANVILLE — The Danville Municipal Band has had a rough start to its season this year with an almost \$10,000 city funding cut. But donations and sponsorships will provide for a regular season so concertgoers can still enjoy fun evenings of music for free. "We are seeking sponsorships, donations and gifts for the municipal band," said Mayor Scott Eisenhauer. Donations can be sent to city hall, 17 W. Main St., to be put into a dedicated fund for the band. "The mayor has assured us funding

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PRAYERS

## Motorcyclists to gather for memorial ride

Staff Report

DANVILLE — Motorcyclists will gather Monday to honor fallen riders, raise funds for a monument and raise awareness of motorcycle safety. The memorial ride will start at 1 p.m. at Temple Plaza, Vermilion and North streets. Registration will be between 9 a.m. and noon. The riders will travel to Sunset Memorial Park, where they will say a prayer for those who have died in motorcycle accidents. At least 100 bikes are expected. The riders then will return to Temple Plaza, where there will be food, a live band and educational materials. There also will be a drawing for a \$250 gift card from Gutteridge Harley-Davidson. Non-bikers are invited to stop by the event and learn more about motorcycle safety. The ride is being sponsored by Help Educate Yourself Riders, a new group that wants to educate everyone on motorcycle safety and awareness. "We're hoping everyone comes by," said Angela Bates, who founded the group along with her husband Eddie Bates II. "There will be lots of information for motorcyclists and car drivers."

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SCHOLASTIC WINNERS

## North Ridge team bowls over competitors

### Crash courses, practice pay off

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DANVILLE — Some North Ridge Middle School over-achievers collected big honors this month, when the Scholastic Bowl team competed as one of the youngest groups at the state competition. "The kids didn't think we'd get out of sectionals," said Lori Woods, a seventh-grade math and science teacher and Scholastic Bowl coach. Several members reflected this week on the hard work that included intense study sessions and practice rounds that led to their success. On April 20 the team won a regional championship against other Vermilion County middle schools. They also won section-



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North Ridge Middle School Scholastic Bowl members front row, left to right, Pooja Patel, Luke Robinson, and Amy Shah, back row, left to right, Marissa McMillan, Arthi Krishna, Katie Koebrich, and Neha Patel pose with the plaques won in area competitions. Pooja Patel, Amy Shah, Arthi Krishna, Katie Koebrich and eighth-grader Luke Robinson competed against kids who were a year

older at the state competition, at Heartland Community College in Normal. The students admitted some questions stumped them, such as some of the earth science and some geography questions, Robinson said. The kids studied in crash courses at 7:30 a.m. inside Woods' classroom in preparation for the matches. The team practiced a minimum of three hours a week. Team members also study at home. Robinson, the team's captain, might be called their most valuable player, and his smarts show. He recently found out that he's in the top 5 percent of gifted students in his age group who took the ACT exam early. He'll attend the Illinois Math and Science Academy. All 13 students on the team have to work together and keep their grades up, Woods said. Their skills must

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