

Locals dance at Degnan Center

The Degnan Ballet Center's Annual Young Dancers' Repertory Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, at Wilkes University's Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts.

Opening the performances will be "the Little Mermaid," a children's ballet with original choreography by Peter and Kristin Degnan set to the score of the Walt Disney film classic.

Heading the cast will be Katharine Marianacci of Dallas in the lead role of Ariel and Julie Degnan of Harveys Lake as Ursula.

Also included in the supporting roles will be Samantha Condo, Joy Nave, Grace Schaub, Sara Stec, Amy Williams, and Emily Williams, all of Dallas; Delaney Harrison and Markayla Harrison, of Trucksville; and Mary Sharon Ciaccia, of Harveys Lake.

For ticket reservations, call 287-5802 or 639-1303. Tickets will also be available at the Dart Center box office prior to each performance.



Preparing for the Degnan Ballet Center's annual Young Dancers' Repertory Performances are, from left, seated, Mia Carlson and Katharine Marianacci, of Dallas. Standing, Julie Degnan, of Harveys Lake, and Cally Richardson.

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

New school will cost \$42 million

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Members of the Dallas School Board approved bids totaling \$37.25 million for the new high school construction project Monday evening.

The cost of an athletic track, architect fees and other expenses will bring the final cost of the project to about \$42.75 million.

School board members examined project alternates and eliminated some of them, saving the district almost \$785,000.

One such alternate was a courtyard amphitheater. Five board members were opposed to it, dropping the amphitheater from the project. Superintendent Frank Galicki responded by saying the courtyard was a student-driven concept that was well re-

ceived by the current student body.

Board member Gary Mathers suggested eliminating the construction of a new athletic track to save \$343,500. Board president Karen Kyle said adding the track now will cost less because the heavy equipment needed for it will already be on site.

Mathers requested a separate resolution for the track from the construction project. The resolution for the track passed with Mathers as the only board member voting no.

Several other alternates denied include an enhanced security system of 50 additional cameras, terrazzo floors in corridors, new baseball dugouts and common daylighting controls.

Some alternates the board decided to keep are a metal detector

and X-ray machine, a greenhouse, two air-conditioning chillers and a maintenance building mezzanine.

Last Monday, the board voted 5-4 Monday to table a motion to use a Project Labor Agreement in the high school construction project. The board approved the table, which meant the PLA issue had to appear on the agenda of the next board meeting, which was held last night.

Because the bidding process was already completed and bids were awarded, board member Russ Bigus, who made the motion last week to use a PLA, made a new motion to rescind the previous motion.

The new high school is scheduled to open for the 2011-12

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A.M. Pugh Associates sponsors second annual 'Community Service Essay Contest' for area youth

A.M. Pugh Associates is holding its second annual "Community Service Essay Contest." Anyone 18 years of age and under as of December 31, 2008 is eligible.

There will be three top awards. The first-place winner will receive \$500, second-place will re-

ceive \$400 and third-place will receive \$300.

Each winner will be able to keep half of their winnings and will be required to pay the other half forward by August 9.

Each entrant must write an essay of 500 words or less. The es-

say should include an explanation of the community service the entrant has performed or is currently involved with. It must also include names and contact numbers for verification of the entrant's community service. Essays must also include how

the entrant will pay forward half of their winnings.

Photos of the pay it forward project must be submitted to A.M. Pugh by August 15, along with the total the winner donated.

Winners will be announced at

the A.M. Pugh Benefit Horse Show for Community Cares For Kids at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 21.

Essays must include the entrant's name, date of birth, address and phone number.

All entrants must agree to al-

low A.M. Pugh Associates to publish their essay and contact any references in their essay.

Essays must be sent to A.M. Pugh Attn: Brenda at PO Box 405, Dallas, PA. 18612 by June 5, 2009.



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