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Dance Institute Performance a Big Success

Dear Editor,

Recently, I attended the National Dance Institute performance at the Western New Mexico University Fine Arts Center Theatre.

What a great performance by approximately 150 young dancers, who will be friends for the rest of their lives. We need that in our world today. The three-week preparation produced a truly wonderful production which I label as “Dancing with the Stars.”

NDI is so important in the lives of these young participants. It really improves their lives academically as well as socially.

I salute all the performers. You young people make me swell with pride. I know that you are an inspiration to the even younger children that were in attendance in that jampacked audience.

The parents should be commended because they encouraged them to participate. I know you care about the dancers’ success in life. In days where war, hatred, child abuse, drugs, et cetera, abound, it is satisfying to see young people enjoying their talents by performing on stage.

I want to praise the teachers that prepared these young dancers for the performance. The teachers in our educational system are overloaded with work. They perform their teaching duties, with all the struggles that this entails, and still find time to help prepare for this wonderful event.

And, NDI is wonderful for bringing this opportunity to the Grant County area. I know that you feel the satisfaction of having molded the lives of children for brighter and better members in our society.

We also need to acknowledge the sponsors of the event. I know that it gives you a great sense of fulfillment to know that because of your financial success, you can contribute to the success of those just beginning in life.

Finally, it was great to see the tremendous number of people who came out to watch. I could feel the excitement and pride that filled the Fine Arts Center Theatre.

These dancers learned a valuable lesson – never give up. They may have missed a step or cue, but they kept on going. I know if they use that lesson wisely throughout their lives, they will surely be successful.

For those of you who saw the performance, lucky you. For those of you who were unable to attend, watch for the next one. You will really cherish the experience, participate in something worthwhile, and share in the pride and love that is exemplified.

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