



MEGAN DAILOR

Ciara Griffin, 5; Megan Gearing, 8; and Sara Gaudieri, 8, practice their steps at the Webster location of the Young School, which has five locations in the Rochester area.

parade for the first time this year, was also a step dancer when she was young. Davis was encouraged by her mother, an Irish immigrant who had moved to the United States.

"She had me do Irish step danc-

ing when I was little, and I knew as soon as I had a girl that she was going to do Irish step dancing," said Davis of Penfield. "It's just passing on the tradition and customs and teaching her about the heritage." □

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one of her favorite days

NORTHEAST NOTES

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Penfield's Bicentennial Gala will showcase many of the town's talented musicians, and the community is invited to attend this elegant event. It will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the historic Daisy Flour Mill, 1880 Blossom Road.

Besides featuring entertainment by the Rod Blumenau "All-Star, All-Penfield" Band, the Penfield High School Show and Jazz Choir and magician Mike Dedee, there will be grazing stations and dancing. Each guest will receive a complimentary bicentennial wine glass as a memento.

Even the setting for this bicentennial celebration has a historic touch because the mill is located along Irondequoit Creek, where the town's namesake, Daniel Penfield, created a milling hot spot in the late 1700s.

For information on purchasing tickets, which are \$50 per person, call (585) 340-8655.

Webster resident Sally Bacchetta describes adoption as "painful, unsettling, joyous and affirming," and she has written a book that helps adopted children and their families cope with this range of emotions.

Bacchetta's recently released book, *What I Want My Adopted Child to Know: An Adoptive Parent's Perspective*, is now available at all major on-line booksellers. This mother of two adopted children interviewed more than 100 adoptive parents and also drew on her own experiences for this insightful book that is described as "a tender, revealing look at adoption from the parent perspective."

Bacchetta, who is an award-winning writer and a sales training consultant, also has a background in psychology and counseling. She draws on her experiences in these areas to shed light on the thoughts of adoptive parents. She said the book aims "to increase the readers' sensitivity to the challenges and joys that are unique to adoptive parenting."

Information is available at www.TheAdoptiveParent.com. Bacchetta also shares her insights on parenting and adoption in her Web blog, www.theadoptiveparent.blogspot.com. □

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News from schools



Sonia Staveski

Read the latest in school news, including the College Notes column, with news about the academic achievements of local students at colleges across the nation.

The school news page also includes a Student Book Review by Sonia Staveski, a fifth-grader at Brooks Hill Elementary School in Fairport.

Sonia reviews *The Witches* by Roald Dahl. **Page 4F.**

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