

# Floating along



**MOUNT AIRY** – When the Honor the Past – Strengthen the Future Committee held its annual Black History Month Parade, The Order of the Eastern Star – The Sisters of Granite City, Chapter 677, O.E.S. – P.H.A. had a float. Members of Granite City Lodge 828 also were riding on the float, which members of both organizations decorated. The parade was held on Feb. 23.

The chapter was organized in June 2000. The chapter meets the first Saturday of each month.



Students at Hill Middle School performed the "Egyptian Scene" of Ruth Denise Roberts' play "Reflections of Our History: An African American Experience."



Left to right: Seventh graders Crystal Gray, Jaymea Ziglar, Raina Douthit, Dejae Moses and Alex Latta visit the Business Expo at the Downtown Middle School.

## Schools

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Roberts said, "I began to explore ways to stimulate their minds to make their history come alive."

The finished product is a five-act drama with these scenes: "Egyptian Scene," "Slavery Scene," "Civil Rights Movement," "The Present," and "The Church Scene." Queen and Willette Nash of the Cultural Infusion Program of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System have been instrumental in providing resources for the production.

University House is one of three components of the Hill theme. The other two are House of Knowledge and House of Jazz. University House students experience Paideia Instruction within a college preparatory curriculum featuring rigorous course work, creative writing, foreign language, accelerated math, and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID).

School held a Business Expo last week. The teachers who assisted the sixth-graders in this venture included Danny Hartley, Shantay Stocks, Susan Neumann and Carrie Ellis. The core curriculum for the sixth grade is based on the theme "Mining the Community," and it has a different focus for each quarter. For the third quarter, the students dealt with entrepreneurship. For the Business Expo, students were divided into teams and each team created a team business by writing a business plan and preparing a marketing strategy, advertising campaign, and accounting balance sheets.

Businesses included Soul Food Cafe, House of Stage Arts, Candy Express, Beads Galore, Take a Break Cafe, Snagger Tooth, Snack Attack, TKMO Bake 'n' Sweets, The Sweet House, DC's Cookie Shop, Food Brothers, Gifts 4 Life, Scrumptious Smoothies, Candy Girls, Slushy Express, Majic Paint, Lil Kids Candy Co., and Cup Pies.

Students at the Downtown

Middle School follow the N.C. Standard Course of Study for math, language arts, and technology. They have daily music/band, physical education, and Spanish. The eighth-graders have choral music/band, dance/physical education and Spanish. The theme for seventh grade is "At Home and Abroad," and for the eighth-graders, the theme is "The World of Work in North Carolina."

New countywide magnet programs will be available for the 2002-2003 school year at Ashley and J.D. Diggs elementary schools, and Hill and Paisley middle schools. J.D. Diggs and Hill will offer the most extensive arts programs in the school system, including violin and dance lessons for students. Ashley and Paisley will develop the school system's first International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This program is a course of study based on international standards, and it has been used in more than 700 schools and in 90 countries.

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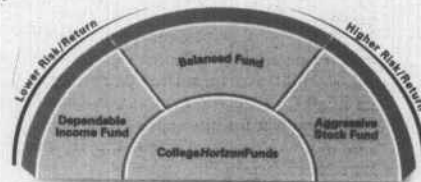
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