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Community Calendar

Father and son basketball event

A father and son 2-on-2 basketball tournament will be held on Saturday, June 20 at the Anderson Recreation Center (formerly Reynolds Park). The event starts at 9 a.m. after an 8 a.m. continental breakfast. There will be four age divisions for youngsters from 8 to 15. The cost is \$5 per team, and prizes will be awarded. State Rep. Larry Womble will be the guest speaker. To register, call Bryant McCorkle at 336-650-7684 or LaShun Huntley at 336-703-3183.

DSS monthly meeting

The monthly board meeting of the Forsyth County Department of Social Services will take place on Wednesday, June 24 at 8 a.m. in the 5th floor conference room of the DSS headquarters, 741 N. Highland Ave. The meeting is open to the public.

Hip hop dance workshop

Positive Image Performing Arts, 722 North Liberty St., will hold a Community Hip Hop Dance Audition and Workshop on Monday, June 22, starting at 6 p.m. For \$3, attendees can learn all of the latest moves and audition for one of the studio's traveling competitive and award-winning hip hop teams. There will be workshops for beginners (for ages 6-11 starting at 6 p.m.); intermediate (starting at 6:45 for ages 11-16); and elite (starting at 7:30 p.m. and for ages 11-18). Call 336-917-3005 for more information.

Free IT professionals program

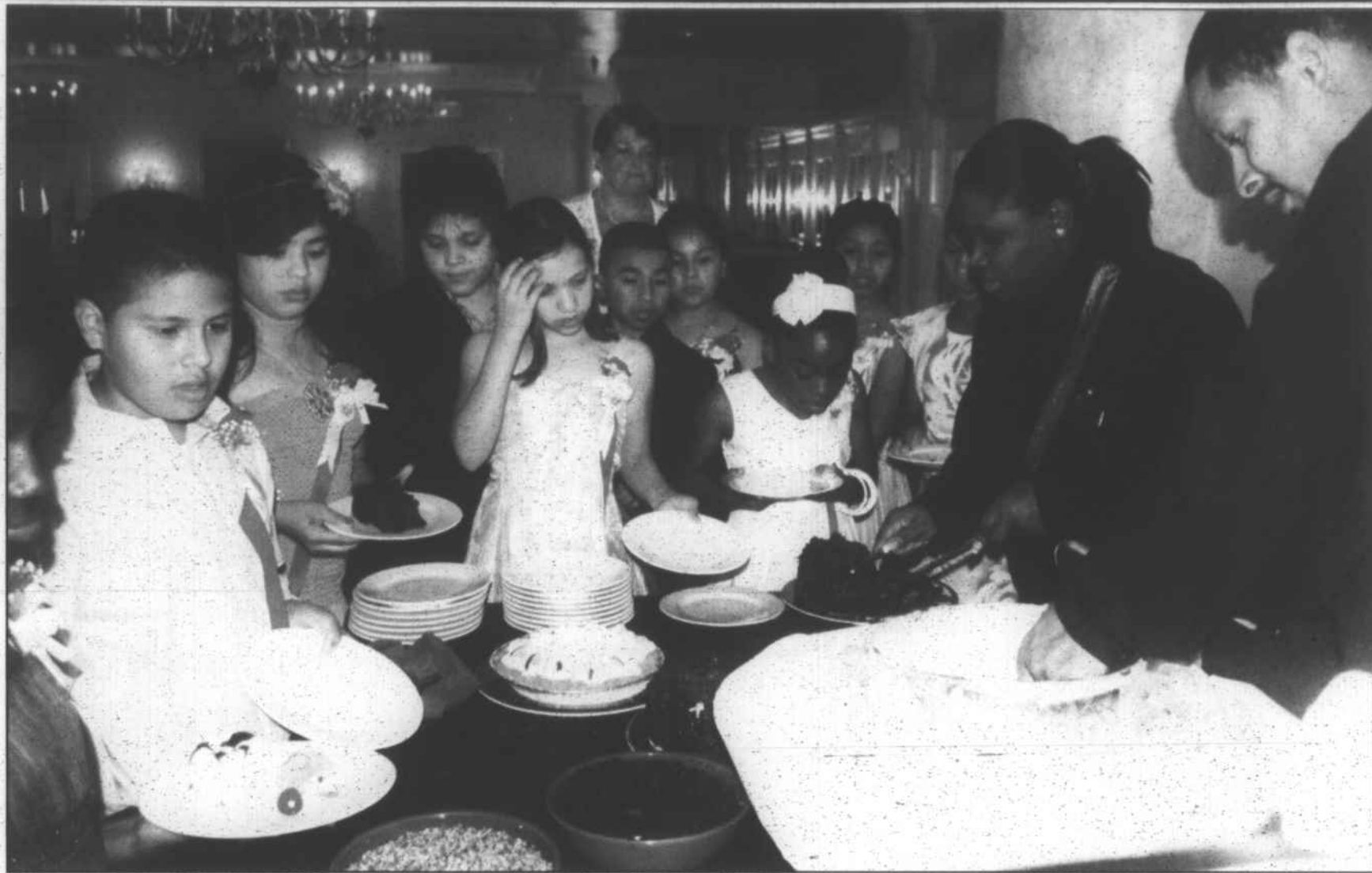
The Lewisville Library will host "Job Coaching for IT Professionals" on Thursday June 25 from Noon to 2 p.m. in the library's auditorium. The event will offer job coaching and career advice for IT professionals. The unemployed or underemployed IT (information technology) professional will benefit from this free program. The library is located at 6490 Shallowford Road. Call 336-703-2940 for more information.

'Color Purple' in Charlotte

A bus trip to see the play, "The Color Purple" in Charlotte on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 2 p.m. is being planned. The trip is \$103.25 per person and includes transportation, a ticket to the show, a snack and a stop at Concord Mills. For more information, call 336-785-4272 or e-mail evelsndrs@aol.com.

Trip to WSSU game in NYC

A trip is being planned to the WSSU/Morgan State game at New York's Giants Stadium. The Urban League Football Classic will be on Sept. 19. Trip-goers will spend three days, two nights in NYC. Call 336-749-1192 or 336-722-9668 or e-mail triadtravelers-group@gmail.com for more information.



Students surround the dessert table.

Photos by Layla Farmer

Fine Dining

Students celebrate completion of elementary school in style

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

Ashley IB Magnet School fifth-graders ended their elementary school years in style last week with a swanky formal affair at a city hot spot.

After taking part in a special etiquette session, the kids dressed to the nines for a luncheon held in their honor at the Piedmont Club, which overlooks the city from its perch atop the BB&T high-rise downtown.



Rev. Richard Gray

The luncheon has been a tradition at Ashley since Principal Brenda Butler took the helm 10 years ago. In addition to being a nice outing, participating in the event provides an opportunity for growth, Butler said.

"It's so exciting to expose the children to this," she commented. "There are so many worlds that they haven't yet explored."

The program, which also is a middle school send-off for the students, always inspires an array of emotions for Butler, who has had some of the children since pre-kindergarten.

"It's bittersweet; it's sad to see them go," she admitted. "It's like a mother bird letting her children fly. Hopefully, you've nurtured them, given them what they need for the next step. You don't want to let them go, but you have to."

Girls wore fancy dresses, while boys donned shirts and ties for the meal, which included a chicken concoction and every child's fantasy — a dessert table overrun with cakes and other sweets.

Fifth-grader Erin Howard said she had never experienced anything quite like the luncheon. She marveled at the posh surroundings as she munched on her meal.

"This is amazing. I really like the food and the build-

See Ashley on B6



Janiya Parrott, Diana Canales and Justice Nails



Students Michael Moore, Dandre Murphy, Diamonte Hunter, Jordan Albright and Isaiah Pearson.



April Gamble with David Hall



Savanna Mayhan, Tyrell Boyd and Sylena Lester.

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