School district's talent shines at Broadway Best spectacular

BY BENITA BROWN SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Beta Lambda Chapter, hosted an evening of entertainment on Saturday, Jan. 11, in Stuart, Va., represented high schools.

Participants sang songs, played drums, cheered, danced and stepped in hopes of winning the night's prizes. The three categories - Eleementary School, and the second place winner went to the Hall-Woodward Cheer Team comprised of students from Hall-Woodward Elementary School.

The festivities also included a featured dance



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at Parkland High School. The 9th annual Broadway Best Spectacular, titled "Winston-Salem Showstoppers," was hosted by Dr. Beth Day Hairston. Dr. Hairston serves as chair of the Department of Education and associate professor of Special Education at Winston-Salem State University.

Winston-Salem Showstoppers featured the talent of a number of students from the Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County School system. The event remained true to promoting the highest ideals of the teaching profession: fostering sisterhood and supporting young people in the schools.

Elementary schools represented were the Downtown School, Hall-Woodward and Konnoak. Winston-Salem Prep represented middle schools. Carver, Paisley, West and special guest school, Patrick County High School mentary, Middle and High - offered monetary prizes of \$30 for first place and \$20 for second place.

The three judges, Renee Andrews, Todd Corley and Julie Hunter, tallied votes and decided on winners. The first place winner in the High School category was awarded to Joel Hurt from West Forsyth High School and the second place winner went to Tiara Williams from Carver High School. The first place winner in the Middle School category was awarded to Zaren Sadler from the Downtown Middle School and the second place winner went to Jakayla Conrad, Jihad Conrad and Alex Goodwin of T & C Productions, students from Winston-Salem Preparatory School. The first place winner in the Elementary School category was awarded to the Hall-Woodward Jet Steppers, from Hall-Woodward El-

number from Mitchell Wimbush, Beta Lambda KUDOS (Youth) from Patrick County High School in Stuart, Va. Also included were Patrick Sadler, Dean of Students and a music teacher from Kimberley Park Elementary School, and his son Zaren Sadler. Rounding out the featured selection was a number from Devonte Wells, teacher at Carver High School and Mineral Springs Middle School and the group, The Artists' Circle (TAC). All three acts were well received with much audience appreciation.

As the program ended, students and educators took to the stage to participate in the classic Soul Train line.

The night was filled with love, laughter, and talent galore. According to the president of the organization, Donna Mickens, a grand time was had by all.

Jim Shaw's ACE Academy offers aviation-related summer camps for middle and high school students

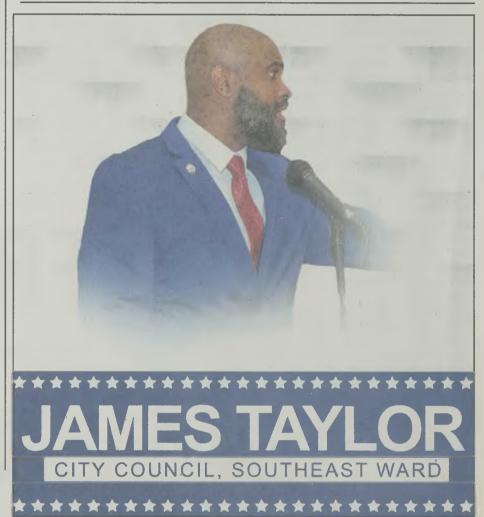
Operating as a nonprofit, the goal of Jim Shaw's ACE Academy summer camp program is to expose kids to aviation and related career opportunities within the industry. Shaw feels that through the ACE Academy, he can open the eyes of youth to the many lucrative jobs available in aviation, such as mechanics, air traffic administration, control operations, engineers and pilot. This exposure could potentially motivate youth to better prepare academically for their future.

The camp provides hands-on experience and opportunities for students to envision themselves in these careers. Students participate in weeklong activities, including helicopter and airplane flights, and get to hear from special guest speakers in the aviation industry.

The cost of the weeklong summer camp is \$130, which includes meals, materials, and field trips. The first summer camp informational session will be held on Feb. 1 at North State Aviation, 4001 N. Liberty Street. Registration begins 8 a.m. and includes complimentary beverages and breakfast sandwiches. There will be a brief presentation of the program's initiatives, along with time for questions. Afterward, potential students will participate in drone flying.

Shaw also hosts a golf tournament each spring to raise funds for at-risk youth to allow them to attend the camp under the scholarship program of ACE Academy. This year's event will be May 20 at Maple Chase Country Club.

For more information, contact Jim Shaw's ACE Academy at 336-306-8145 or visit our web site at www.shawaceacademy. com. You can also follow them on Facebook and Instagram.





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