



Left to right: Haley Neisser, Lauren Ewell, Tamar Guthertz, Alex Modic, Lara Spiekermann, Anwyn Cook, Alexa Dube, Margaret Given, Alana Mahon, Jonathon Andy Davis.

ABT Stages Spring Dance Gala

By Kelly Knox

On May 17 and 18, dancers from Albemarle Ballet Theater entertained the community with their Spring Gala of Dance, featuring original ballet, modern, and jazz pieces, as well as the whimsical story ballet *Little Red Riding Hood*.

In *Concerto in Bianco e Nero*, the advanced class focused on the relationship between music and movement. With original choreography by Dinah Gray, this ballet work highlighted the dancers' musicality and ability to dance as a corps and solo. *Behind Her Eyes* was a thought-provoking modern piece, which explored the inner psy-

chology of a young girl, while *Rhythm Reborn* was a crowd-pleasing jazz work with infectious music and innovative choreography.

The performance concluded with the classic fairy tale *Little Red Riding Hood* brought to life by the talented dancers of all levels at the school. Anna Rol and Lara Spiekermann starred as Little Red while Haley Neisser, Claire Turner, and Tamar Guthertz as the Duck, Cat, and Firefly, respectively, added character and comedy to the ballet. The performance proved an enormous success as this local studio continues to grow and enhance the quality of arts in Crozet year after year.

Starr Hill Brewery's Stout Wins World Beer Cup Medal

Starr Hill Brewing Company's Dark Starr Stout was awarded a silver medal at the World Beer Cup competition in San Diego April 19. Crozet-based Starr Hill Brewery is a 10,000 barrel microbrewery which recently signed a distribution deal with Anheuser-Busch Company.

The global beer competition reviewed 2,930 entries in 91 categories. Entries came from 646 breweries in 58 countries. An international panel of 122 judges awarded gold, silver and bronze medals to recognize the most outstanding beer being brewed in the world today. Dark Starr Stout won in the Dry Irish Stout category. It has also won gold, silver and bronze medals at the Great American Beer Festival.

Workshop to Study Uses for Old Crozet School

Albemarle County will host meetings over three days, June 19-21, to gather public comment on how the old Crozet Elementary School, built in 1924 and most recently used as the home of the Crossroads Waldorf School, should be used in the future. The first meeting, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Western Albemarle High School's cafeteria, will be a "work session" to collect ideas. Architects will be available in the cafeteria the next day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for drop-in discussions and sketching and documenting concepts. On Saturday, June 21, there will be a wrap-up presentation from 3 to 3:30 p.m. and citizens will be encouraged to state their preferences among the alternatives.