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Local churches, agencies hope to see homeless shelter for men in Cullman area



PIXABAY

The Cullman area currently has no homeless shelters for men. A group of local churches and agencies is working to change that.

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CULLMAN COUNTY – In 2016, Cullman County agencies and charities assisted 106 families that were homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. For 2017, more specific numbers were available: 58 homeless families receiving services were identified as homeless, and another 83 were at risk of becoming homeless.

Cullman County currently has two homeless shelters which can care for women, but none for men. The closest men's facilities are located in Decatur and Oneonta.

A group of churches and local agencies coordinated by Cullman's Tom Fillinger hopes to change that by opening a men's shelter in Cullman.

At a December meeting of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce at Rumor's Deli, a discussion about competition for revenue provoked Fillinger to remark, "You know, if churches would work collaboratively instead of competitively--and I'm a church consultant, so I know what I'm talking about--we could accomplish a lot of things."

At that point, another attendant stated the need for a men's shelter in the Cullman area. Then, according to Fillinger:

"Leah (Bolin) piped up and said, 'Tom, would you coordinate that effort?' So that's how I ended up talking to you."

Timing is everything

"And the amazing thing," continued Fillinger, "when I contacted Andy Heis at Desperation (Church), he said, 'Well, Tom, that's a good idea,' but said, 'We tried that three, four years ago, and nobody was interested.' I said, 'Well, Andy, timing is everything in kissing and baseball!' I said, 'There's obviously interest now.'

"Every person that I sent an email to, with one or two exceptions where I didn't get an answer . . . all the churches and all the individuals, The Link (of Cullman County), and the organizations that I called, they all said 'Yeah, we want to be part of that.' So the timing was right."

Planning

The various entities have already gotten together for an informal meeting, and plan to meet again on Feb. 1. Fillinger sat down with The Tribune on Monday to talk about the group and what it hopes to do:

"There were Daystar and First Baptist, Christ Covenant, Desperation, and Crosshaven, were the five churches that were there. The Link had representatives there, and the chamber of commerce had representatives there. There were 11 people at our first meeting, and I think there will be 13 or 14 people at the meeting on Feb. 1.

"And so, where we are now: with five of the largest churches, there certainly should be adequate funding and volunteer personnel to staff the thing. Leah's looking at--there's all kinds of empty buildings in Cullman--so she's looking at a suitable place. I just spoke to Martha Burchell about insurance, because you're going to have to have liability insurance.

"And my intention is that it'll be a very spartan endeavor. In other words, you'll come in at five in the evening, you'll have a place to lay down, a restroom and a shower, and you'll be out of there at seven in the morning.

"So what we will need from the churches: I suggested a couple hundred dollars a month. Others may want, because I've had--since people found out about this--I've had people speak to me that want » PAGE 6

Rachel's Challenge

Vinemont hosting anti-bullying event Wednesday night



Wendy Sack, W.C. Mann
Contributors

VINEMONT – Vinemont High School is fighting bullying and violence head on. On Wednesday, the school will host an event, Rachel's Challenge, and hopes to make a communitywide impact. Rachel's Challenge is based on the life and writings of Rachel Joy Scott, who was the first victim of the Columbine school shootings in 1999.

According to the organization, Rachel's Challenge exists to equip and inspire individuals to replace acts of violence, bullying and negativity with acts of respect, kindness and compassion. Rachel's inspiring story provides a simple, yet powerful example of how small acts of kindness and acceptance motivate us to consider our relationships with the people we come in contact with every day. Rachel's Challenge renews our hope that our life has meaning and purpose. Rachel's story gives us permission to start our own chain reaction of kindness and compassion, which positively affects the climate in our schools and communities.

"This was very life-changing in some of our other schools. I know Fairview did it a few years ago. So this is something we've been wanting to do for a few years; it's just now been able to get going," said Vinemont High School teacher Mandy Redding.

"There's a quote that Rachel's Challenge uses . . . it says, 'I have this theory that, if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same.' So, that's kind of what we're wanting to happen in our schools."

Continued Redding, "One thing that we're excited about is the speaker that's coming is Rachel's uncle . . . His name is Larry Scott. That's a big deal, that he's coming to be the speaker. So that's a family member; not just a speaker, but a family member of Rachel."

More from the organization: "A few weeks after the tragedy, Darrell Scott, Rachel's father, spoke to a Congressional House Judiciary Committee regarding issues of school violence. His speech has become one of the most widely read document on the internet. Shortly afterwards, he founded "Rachel's Challenge," a bullying and violence abatement program. More than two million students annually experience Rachel's Challenge and have the opportunity to accept the challenges, modeled after Rachel's life and writings."

The administration of Vinemont Middle and High School shared, "Here at Vinemont Middle/High School we value our community and seek to reestablish it as a priority for our students and 'for our students.' All the people in this » PAGE 8

PET OF THE WEEK

Help Charley find his forever home

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CULLMAN – Donna Ruttkay of the Cullman County Animal Shelter introduces us to Charley, the featured pet of the week.

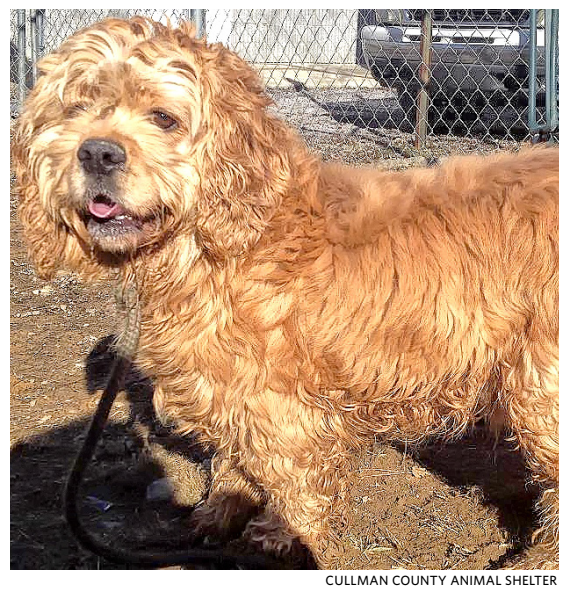
"Sweet Charley is a neutered male cocker spaniel, approximately 5-years-old. He is a cheerful little fellow with a busy stub of a tail. He delights in being around people, loves the sunshine and is excellent on a leash."

Charley's adoption fee is $90, which includes the following: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

A SPECIAL NOTE: Last week's featured pet, Joy, is in a hurry to find a home; her adoption fee has been reduced to just $5! See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/01/19/pet-week-bring-joy-your-home.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter @gmail.com.



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THE ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

Nosey at The Elephant Sanctuary near Nashville

NOSEY IS HOME

Nosey the Elephant now a permanent resident of The Elephant Sanctuary

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LAWRENCE COUNTY – Patricia Bentley of the Cullman Area Animal Welfare Association (CAAWA) informed The Tribune that on Monday afternoon, Lawrence County District Judge Angela Terry granted permanent custody of Nosey the elephant to the county, which in turn gave Nosey to The Elephant Sanctuary near Nashville, where she has been housed since November.

Many area residents remember the visit of Hugo Liebel's Great American/ American Family Circus to Cullman last November. After performances at the Cullman Civic Center were canceled, the circus moved to a nearby shopping center parking lot to offer paid rides on Nosey and other circus animals.

When CAAWA and several local residents began protesting, the circus left town. When the circus stopped in Moulton for vehicle service, authorities there seized Nosey and other animals.

The Liebel family mounted a legal effort to get Nosey back, raising thousands of dollars through a GoFundMe campaign.

Their effort became more difficult after Hugo Liebel and his wife Franciszka Liebel were arrested and formally charged with animal cruelty in December.

On Monday morning, Terry granted permanent custody to Lawrence County. The county, though, has no facility or experience to care for an elephant. Since Nosey had been sheltered at The Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee, southwest of Nashville, county authorities granted the facility permanent custody later in the day.

Nosey officially joins 27 other elephants at the sanctuary, including at least one with whom she once lived as a juvenile in a private Florida collection.

For more information on The Elephant Sanctuary, visit https://www.elephants.com.

Arrest report: Jan. 19-21

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Jan. 19-21. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Anders, Kevin Russell, 32
• failure to appear- liability insurance required

Bailey, Shane Allen, 35
• third-degree burglary

Black, Corley Zane, 28
• failure to appear- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Buckelew, Michael Andrew, 29
• domestic violence- third-degree harassment

Bush, Wanteel Quntee, 37
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Chambers, Jaython Caleb, 22
• third-degree assault

Golden, David Gene, 42
• parole violation/ revocation- unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance

Hale, Donna Lee, 45
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Holmes, Brandon Spencer, 35
• failure to appear- DUI-alcohol and controlled substance

Kitchens, Timothy Justin, 27
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lambert, Michael Lee, 36
• harassment

Laney, Gregory Heath, 35
• failure to appear- DUI-influence of alcohol

Makemson, Olivia Gail, 71
• disorderly conduct

Nixon, David Glenn, 54
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Osborn, James Russell, 28
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Pace, Brian Gene, 42
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Smith, Stephanie Ann, 39
• failure to appear- driver's license not in possession

Stancil, Kaitlin Alexa, 19
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Swafford, Cutessa Graveman, 35
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Watson, Joshua Patrick, 39
• third-degree domestic violence- third-degree criminal mischief

White, Garrell Rayburn, 79
• disorderly conduct

Wilhite, Blake Dewight, 25
• failure to appear- liability insurance required

Eason, Gary J., 23
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Davis, Kim A., 50
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Armstrong, Jessica L., 36
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia

Goodwin, Gary W., 53
• failure to appear- harassment

Taylor, Doris A. 46
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia
• failure to appear- fourth-degree theft by deception

Philyaw, Justin S., 35
• failure to appear- no tag light
• failure to appear- insurance violation

McCormack, Ethan D., 23
• second-degree assault

Lambert, Michael L., 36
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Villa, Joseph S., 46
• failure to appear- switched tag

Jones, Brandi S., 39
• failure to appear- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Laney, Gregory H., 35
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Farley, Mary D., 27
• failure to appear- insurance violation

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

King, Pamela A., 56
• fourth-degree theft of property
• third-degree criminal trespassing

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

Find arrest reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.



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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC-2017-343

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RALPH MITCHELL SR., DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RALPH MITCHELL SR.

TO: BLANCHE LEE MITCHELL, RALPH MITCHELL JR. AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Petition of Julia Ann McCaffrey to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Ralph Mitchell Sr., deceased, has been set for hearing on the 21st day of February, 2018, at 9:00a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
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Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: JAY COLEMAN GLASSCOCK
Case No.: ~~PR~~ PC-2017-339

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 27th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jay Colby Glasscock

Jerry L. Kilgo
O'Neal & Kilgo
Attorney for the Personal Representative
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To: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Hartselle's Challie Johnson crowned 2018 Wallace State Homecoming Queen

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Challie Johnson, a Hartselle native, was named Wallace State Community College's 2018 Homecoming Queen during the annual festivities on Sunday. She was crowned during halftime of the men's basketball game vs. Southern Union.

Johnson, a business management major, maintains leadership roles in a variety of organizations on campus. She is president of Phi Theta Kappa, vice president of Campus Ministries, a SGA senator and the Rotaract Club's service chair. Johnson is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta and Sigma Kappa Delta Honor Societies.

Johnson was escorted by Check Freeman, a sophomore on the men's tennis team and also a Rotaract Club member.

Johnson said being a student at Wallace State has aided in her becoming a more confident person and helping her step outside her comfort zone.

Members rounding out the 2018 Homecoming Court were Lacie Bartlett, of Cullman; Shantanae Desmore, of Fultondale; Emily Dia, of Hayden; and Amanda Hyjek, of Cullman.

Alecia White, Wallace State's coordinator of recruitment and the 2002 WSCC Homecoming Queen, crowned Johnson.

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu.



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Members of the 2018 Homecoming Court included, from left, Lacie Bartlett of Cullman; Shantane Dansmore of Fultondale; Homecoming Queen Challie Johnson of Hartselle; Emily Dia of Hayden and Amanda Hyjek of Cullman.



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Wallace State sophomore Challie Johnson, a Hartselle native, was named the 2018 Homecoming Queen on Sunday.

Put on your dancing shoes!

22nd annual Cullman Jazz Band Big Band Dance Friday, Feb. 2

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CULLMAN – Mark your calendar and put on your dancing shoes! The 22nd annual Cullman Jazz Band Big Band Dance is set for Friday, Feb. 2 from 7-9 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center. This year's theme is "Old Hollywood/Oscar Red Carpet Elegance."

Cullman Band Booster President Mary Hovater said the group is expecting a crowd.

"We expect another big turnout," she said. "Past years have brought in 200-400 participants."

Tickets to the dance are $10 each, and all of that money goes to the Cullman High School Jazz Band, to purchase items such as music, instruments and equipment.

"(Director) Christopher Smith has done a fantastic job with the Jazz Band again. And the kids have worked really hard to make this community event special," said Hovater.

"I love that they are excited to give back to the community in this way. They have been talking about it since the one last year.

"And as soon as this one is over students will be asking, 'When's the Big Band Dance?' I don't know any other place you can go that has a Jazz Band as good and as entertaining as the one from CHS.

"Nor do I know of any that offer a yearly community dance for this many years straight! But like all other parts of the Cullman Band program, from Beginner Band to High School, they are superior!"

The event will also feature door prizes, including one donated from Doug Doggett Jewelers.

Light refreshments and drinks will be served, and dance lessons will be given 30 minutes before the event begins at 7 p.m.

Said Hovater, "I've been a booster for 10 years. This is a bittersweet event for me. My youngest son, Hayden, graduates this year, so this is my last Big Band Dance as a band booster."

At a Glance

What: 22nd annual Cullman Jazz Band Big Band Dance

When and Where: Friday, Feb. 2 from 7-9 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center; dance lessons will be given at 6:30. Admission is $10.

Important: This is not a chaperoned event, so supervision is recommended for children 14 and younger.

City school board meeting notes- Jan. 22

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The Cullman City School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday in Tillman Hall on the Cullman High School campus. The board approved all items on this month's agenda, beginning with the nomination for school board president. Current president Suzanne Harbin was nominated by the board and will serve as president for the rest of the year.

Also approved

- December 19, 2017 minutes
- January 5, 2018 minutes
- December 2017 payroll of $1,952,562.99, invoices paid of$450,115.70, financial statements and bank reconciliations
- Head Start Expenditures and Health/Nutrition/ Disabilities/Enrollment Reports for December 2017
- Permission to surplus/ salvage 604 Dell Latitude E6410 laptops, 472 Apple iPad Minis, 9 inoperable Cisco access points, 2 Dell desktops, 7 dell projectors, 4 NEC projectors, 6 printers, 4 monitors, Elmo document camera, Cisco IP phone, 17 inoperable Smartboards, CNP cash drawer, CNP lunchroom POS, and one box of old 6410 batteries from Technology Department
- Permission for Cullman Middle School Math Team to travel to Six Flags Over Georgia on April 27, 2018 for the Math and Science Day
- Cullman City Schools 2018-2019 school year calendar
- Permission to contract with Jackie Kinney to assist the Federal Programs Coordinator in regulating, monitoring, and maintaining programs beginning Feb. 1, 2018 through Sept.30, 2018
- Permission to contract with Lindsay Brannon to provide NBPTS mentoring beginning Jan. 3, 2018 through June 1, 2019
- Permission to contract with Josh Raney to provide network support and computer technology support and maintenance to satisfy the intern/apprenticeship requirements of Work Based Learning and Cooperative education beginning Jan. 16, 2018 through May 31, 2018
- Permission to contract with Jennifer Sparkman to conduct kindergarten screenings and process new enrollment during the summer of 2018 (Title One Funds/Local School Funds)
- Permission to contract with LeAnn Miller to provide assistance with school office activities including enrolling students for Cullman City Primary School and Head Start during the summer of 2018 (CCPS and Head Start Funds)
- Permission to contract with Sabrina Jackson and Ann Davis to provide routine summer maintenance such as waxing floors and other necessary cleaning duties at Cullman City Primary School (CCPS and Head Start Funds)
- Permission to contract with Jacob Miller to provide maintenance duties at Cullman City Primary School during the summer of 2018 (Head Start Funds)

Leaves of Absence

- Rita Dean, second-grade teacher at East Elementary School, requests catastrophic leave of absence approximately beginning Jan. 29 through Feb. 21, 2018
- Alice Lindsey, requests additional two unpaid leave days for Feb. 5 and Feb. 16, 2018
- Kristen Brown, requests unpaid leave day on Feb. 1, 2018

Employments

- Conditional Employment under the terms of the Child Protection Act of 1999, Act No. 2002-457, and pending certification, as applicable.
- Meaghan Britton, temporary second-grade teacher at East Elementary School (to fill a leave of absence), tentatively beginning January 16, 2018 - February 21, 2018 (Pending ALSDE Certification) (JV 17085)

The school board will meet next on Thursday, Feb. 22 at noon in the central office boardroom.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
T.H.,
A Minor Child, 09/14/2009

CASE NO. JU 2014-339.04

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of T.H. born on or about 09/14/2009 to Santanna Barnett, respond to the Petition by the 27th day of February, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 8th day of January, 2018.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 11 day of Jan., 2018.

Lisa McSwain (GW)
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S.H.,
A Minor Child, 09/14/2009

CASE NO. JU 2014-338.04

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R.H.,
A Minor Child, 06/01/2013

CASE NO. JU 2014-336.02

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The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
M.A.H.,
A Minor Child, 08/14/2003

CASE NO. JU 2014-208.06

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

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Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561. (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 8th day of January, 2018.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
A.M.H.,
A Minor Child, 03/22/2002

CASE NO. JU 2013-183.06

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Missoula Children's Theatre makes it up the beanstalk in spite of winter weather challenges

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W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The cast of "Jack and the Beanstalk" awaits the rise of the curtain on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Cullman Civic Center.

CULLMAN – On Saturday evening, the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), Cullman Parks and Recreation (CP&R), and a cast of 60 Cullman area children and teens put on "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Cullman Civic Center. The two organizations have partnered in Cullman for more than 20 years.

MCT's productions usually include rehearsals from a Monday through Saturday morning with two performances Saturday afternoon and evening.

Due to closings forced by recent winter weather, this cast and crew had less time to rehearse and limited themselves to a single performance Saturday evening, but did so to a nearly packed house.

MCT's director for this event, Morgan Summers, talked to The Tribune about the production and the past week's challenges.

"We came to Cullman to put on 'Jack and the Beanstalk,' and we were working with kids from ages kindergarten through senior in high school, and we cast up to about 60 kids per show," she said.

"This show in particular, we actually had two snow days. So normally, we would work from Monday until Saturday, which is our show now. We only had three days to actually rehearse, and our show is today.

"We were hit by it, but you know what, the kids weren't affected by it at all. They were incredible. We had already given them their scripts, so luckily they were able to go over their lines.

"We have auditions on the same day we start rehearsals, so we got to have a couple of hours of rehearsal.

"So we gave them their scripts, and then Tuesday and Wednesday we were out. There's no rehearsal at all.

"And then on Thursday and Friday we were able to add an extra hour, so they worked hard into the night to work on their parts. It's been a pretty spectacular process."

Summers had high praise for this year's group of kids.

"I'm going to brag about these kids in particular, because it doesn't always go this way. But these kids were able to wrap up all of their blocking (figuring out where to stand, and where and when to move on the stage) so fast. And what's really great about this experience for them is that some of them are homeschooled, so this is their chance to kind of interact with kids, do something out of the house.

"And it's also maybe their only time to be on an actual stage; not everyone gets that, either.

"Sometimes it's in a gym, or even it's been in a classroom before, depending. So that's kind of what's special about this situation in particular.

"And I think the civic center is just loving having more and more kids. We had over 107 kids audition for this show, and we had to turn away a pretty large number. We have 60 (cast members) for this show. They vary, depending on each show.

"So we had 60 for this one, but we always talk about how each show--there's only a specific role meant for each kid. And so, we always want them to come back, because it will never be the same cast.

"Even though it will be the same company, same experience, a completely different show and family. Basically, they form a family at the end of each week, which is really awesome! I like that part!"

MCT described its production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" as "an original adaptation of the classic children's story.

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CAST

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- Jack – Wilkes Pagan
- P.T. Wonder – Tierra Porter (MCT staff)
- Jill – Talia Ponas
- Giant – Gavin Mattison
- Mother – Taylor Simmons
- Milky White the Cow – Ava Ponas

Circus

- Ringmaster – Scarlet Smith

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The Wonder Beans

Rhett Brinson, Lily Copeland, Katie Gann, Clara Hankey, Abby Norris, Lily Grace Pagan, Laina Quick, Lilly Kate Powell, Fiona Smith, Olivia Yeager

Farmers

Peter Bates, Bailee Bradford, Chandler Greer, Campbell Koch, Andrew Smith, Lauren Smith, Macy Smith, Madison Smith, Thomas Stricklin

Merchants

Ashley Adkins, Jessica Ballenger, Carrie Betts, Katie Landreth, Ethan Pagan, Caleb Quick, Arianna Randall, Mary Grace Smith, Levi Stricklin

Staff

- MCT Production Director – Morgan Summers
- Assistant Directors – Mac Bates, Elizabeth Biscatto, Domenico Brunetti, Abbye Thomas
- Accompanist – Emily Smith

The production was sponsored by CP&R and State Farm Insurance agent Shirley Quattlebaum.

MCT employs 120 staffers, most of whom travel outside their headquarters in Montana, according to the company website, to "bring the arts to all 50 states, 5 Canadian Provinces and 16 countries. What more could you want, you ask? We have big dreams. We want to reach the small communities that have few creative outlets or resources for their children. We want to provide access for places that have none. We envision helping our country's children grow into confident, successful citizens using the positive results of our programs. It is our dream to share everything we have learned about developing life skills in children with the world—in Japan, Australia, Africa, Ireland, and other countries. Kids are kids, no matter where they grow up. Children in China, children in small towns, and children with special needs all have something in common: a desire for opportunities to express themselves, learn and have fun doing it. That's where MCT comes in."

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PREP BASKETBALL

County tournament: day 1 recap

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE – Day one of the 2018 Cullman County Basketball Tournament is in the books and featured a packed slate of matchups between young teams inside Tom Drake Coliseum on the campus of Wallace State Community College.

Ninth-Grade Boys Game One: Good Hope (5) 38, Holly Pond (4) 33

Game one for the ninth-grade boys got things started with the Holly Pond Broncos and the Good Hope Raiders. The Raiders dominated the first half, carrying a 25-10 lead into the locker room at the break, but Holly Pond came out swinging in the second half and cut into the Raiders' lead.

Broncos forward Ethan Burnham was a presence around the basket all afternoon, and his 13 points, nine rebounds and three steals went a long way toward getting Holly Pond back into the game. It was not enough however, as Good Hope scored just enough in the second half to keep the surging Broncos at bay. Raiders' guard Michael Owens led the game with 18 points and had three steals. The Raiders advanced to round two and will face off against the first seed Fairview Aggies on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

JV Boys Game One: Hanceville (4) 44, Vinemont (5) 33

The first game of the JV boys bracket was up next and saw the Hanceville Bulldogs take down the Vinemont Eagles. Hanceville was in control for most of the game and led 28-18 at the start of the second half. Hanceville's defense gave Vinemont problems during the second half and the Bulldogs managed to generate seven steals in the game which led to several easy baskets in transition. The Bulldogs' Aiden Dye led the game with four steals and also put up four points on the offensive end. Jordan Hall led the way for Vinemont in a losing effort, finishing with 10 points and five rebounds. The Bulldogs advanced to face top-seeded Holly Pond at 5 p.m. on Monday.

JV Girls Game One: Good Hope (5) 22, Hanceville (4) 18

In the opening game of the JV girls bracket, the Hanceville Lady Bulldogs dropped the Lady Raiders of Good Hope in the lowest scoring contest of the day. The Bulldogs took a 13-8 lead into the locker room at halftime but did not score another basket until the 4:40 mark of the fourth quarter. Good Hope's defense dialed up the pressure in the second half, forcing several of its total eight steals in the game. Not one player reached double-digits in scoring for either team, but Good Hope's Savanna Burney led the game in both scoring and rebounding with nine points and 11 boards. The Lady Raiders will move on to round two to face the top seed in their bracket, the Cold Springs Lady Eagles, on Thursday at 5 p.m.

JV Boys Game Two: Fairview (3) 49, Good Hope (6) 27

In game two of the JV boys bracket, the Fairview Aggies jumped all over the Raiders of Good Hope. Fairview knocked down three shots from beyond the arc and stayed hot for the rest of the game. Fairview guard Dow Nichols led the game with 14 points, and his teammate in the back court, Austin Jackson, was close behind with 11, but it was the Aggies' defense that really gave Good Hope fits. The Aggies pressured the Raiders and came up with nine steals, leading to a lot of quick baskets in transition. Fairview was also strong inside, with forwards Devin Gibson and Kole Robinson each registering two blocks. The Aggies will take on the second-seeded West Point Warriors in round two at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

JV Girls Game Two: West Point (3) 45, Holly Pond (6) 20



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The West Point Lady Warriors and Holly Pond Lady Broncos squared off in Saturday's last JV girls' matchup, and it was all Lady Warriors from the start of the second quarter through the end of the game. The Lady Warriors got great performances from several players on the floor, including Sidney Smith who finished with 11 points, four rebounds and two steals. West Point's Ryleigh Jones led the game in scoring with 13 points, and her teammate Sheridan Bowers got up to 11 points late in the game thanks to her three steals. Holly Pond's Sarah Finley led the Lady Broncos with nine points, but it wasn't enough to hold off the Lady Warriors. West Point will match up with second-seeded Fairview in the semi-final round on Friday at 5 p.m.

JV Boys Game Three: West Point (2) 52, Cold Springs (7) 25

In the final game on Saturday's slate, the West Point Warriors routed the Cold Springs Eagles 52-25 thanks to a stingy performance on defense and long-range shooting. West Point took a big lead early, starting the second quarter with a 15-2 advantage, and the Eagles were never able to get much closer than that. The Warriors' offense was clicking, thanks in large part to guard Kobe Bowers' game-high 18 points and three steals. Bowers' partner in the back court, Tyler White, also had a big night, dropping 13 points and coming up with three steals of his own. Eagles forward Hunter Freeman managed to score eight, but turnovers and missed free throws plagued Cold Springs for all four quarters. The Warriors will take on third-seeded Fairview in the semi-final round on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

The Cullman County Basketball Tournament will take a day off on Sunday, but the action will crank back up Monday night at 5 with a JV boys matchup between Holly Pond and Hanceville.

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to be a part of it. They're volunteering their money, etc. One of the suggestions that came up was, for instance, if we had a person that's retired but had a heart for this, they could be like a part-time superintendent, or whatever you would call them.

"Because you can't have that element of society thrown into a building with no supervision. And we have to have some standards. You know, we want to help people that genuinely want and need help, but we're not going to be a drug haven, you know.

"If you're buzzed up, you're not going to be in there. And so we have to get some policies developed."

The group is looking to respond to three particular issues in its early planning:

- Facility - locating a suitable place in or near Cullman
- Funding - securing the necessary fiscal resources to make the operation a success
- People/Staffing - getting the volunteers needed

Under its longer-term goals, the group hopes that the shelter can become a mechanism to help break the cycle that leads to homelessness by helping men develop life skills, find jobs and locate permanent housing.

FIllinger hopes that the program will be a ministry, not just to shelter men, but to make a positive difference for them in the long run.

"That's why I got involved," he said. "It's an opportunity to change some lives."

The group's next meeting will take place at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce office on Feb. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Fillinger at tomfillinger@cs.com or call 800-472-3764.

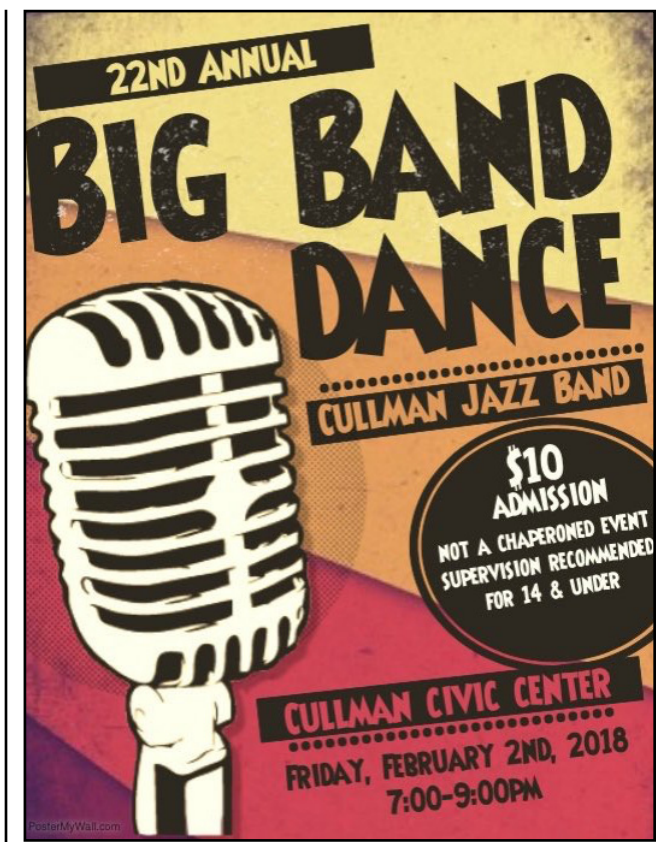
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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 23-25

Helen I. Netherton, 90 of Nesmith Community, entered into rest on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Helen was born on June 29, 1927. Complete obituary and arrangement information will be announced by Nichols Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Gracie Starnes, 83 of Hanceville, will be Tuesday January 23, 2018 beginning at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel; Delbert Freeman and Johnny Crumpton officiating, with interment in Center Hill Cemetery. Family will be receiving friends at the funeral home from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Monday. Mrs. Starnes passed away Sunday January 21, 2018 at Hanceville Nursing & Rehab. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar Gaines & Elsie Lucinda White Boatright; husband, Billy Ray Starnes; son, Randy Starnes; one brother and four sisters. Survivors include two children, Calvin Starnes and Benita (Robbie) Earl; grandson, Michael Starnes; brother, Guy (Dean) Boatright; daughter-in-law, Jenny Starnes; and a host of other family and friends. Pallbearers will be Michael Starnes, Ronald Boatright, Steve Starnes, Jerry LeCroy, Jr., Richard Jesse and Rich Jesse.

Funeral Service for Edith Christine Poole, age 86 of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Albert Dean Estes officiating. Pall Bearers will be her grandsons. Burial will follow at Enon Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Poole passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born July 15, 1931 to Bill and Edith Nails. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Junior Poole, son, Don Chambers, brothers, Junior Nails and Wayne Nails. Survivors include her sons; Paul (Martha) Chambers and Terry (Tina) Poole, daughter in law, Nelda Chambers, brothers; Darrell Nails and Joe Nails, sisters; Shirley McConnell and Nelly Reeves eleven grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Carolyn Aline Peinhardt Johnson, 81, of Cullman, passed away January 20, 2018. Carolyn participated in many parts of the Cullman community. She taught for many years at West Elementary and Sacred Heart in Cullman, as well as at Sea Park Elementary in Florida. She worked at Cullman Internal Medicine and led many CPR classes through the years. She was an active member at St. John's Church, singing in the choir, serving with children's ministries, and participating in the women's guild. Working with her family and many volunteers, Carolyn was a leader of the Peinhardt Living History Farm program. She promoted the educational program through creating curriculum materials and working with school field trips. Carolyn was also a beloved aunt who spent many hours with her nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 12 Noon at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church with Rev. Sidney Johnson and Rev. John Richter officiating. Mrs. Johnson will lie in state at the church for one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Cullman City Cemetery. Carolyn is preceded in death by her parents Carl and Irene Ehrensperger Peinhardt and brother, Larry Peinhardt. She is survived by her husband Bill Johnson; sister Pat Peinhardt; brothers Eddie (Beck) Peinhardt and Bill (Carolyn) Peinhardt; brothers-in-law Sidney (Jean) Johnson and Herbert Johnson; sister-in-law Faye Yates and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Peinhardt Living History Farm Foundation (1605 County Road 810, Logan, AL 35098) or any charity of your choice.

Mr. Clifford "Cliff" Ray Puckett of Cullman passed away on January 16, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center at the age of 77. He was born on July 31, 1940 in West Virginia to William Vance and Tula Mae Scott Puckett. Mr. Puckett served 20 years in the United States Army and worked for 33 years for The Department of Water, Soil and Conservation here in Cullman and surrounding areas. A Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Sacred heart Catholic Church with Father Patrick Egan O.S.B. officiating. Interment will be in The Catholic Cemetery. A rosary will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Survivors are: Wife: Clara Friedrich Puckett, Daughter: Mary Ann Degges, Sons: Clifford Ray (Sabrina) Puckett III, Joseph Vance Puckett, Sisters: Mary Ellen McMillan, Betty Jane Puckett and eight grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Sacred Heart Capital Campaign.

Funeral services for Betty Stone Haynes, 81 of Hanceville, are Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Valley View Cemetery. Visitation on Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. Mrs. Haynes passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cephas Zeke Stone and Ella Lee Emma Smith Stone; her husand, O.D. Haynes and daughter, Rita Horton. She is survived by her children, Brenda Darlene (Bobby) Holt, Betty Jean (Jimmy) Wiseman, Marsha (Ron) Hann and Jimmy Dale (Wilda) Haynes; sister, Evelene Stone Barnett Stewart; brother, Nelson Stone; grandchildren, Tonya (Adam) Thomas, Kim (Jeff) Johnsey, Bobbi (Matthew) Hebert, Jim (Michelle) Wiseman, John (Cindy) Wiseman, Michael Hann, Kaitlin (Granton) Clem, Sarah Hann, Christopher Horton, David Horton, Tiffany Horton, Matthew Haynes, Christian Haynes; great grandchildren, Jordan Mauldin, Dalton Mauldin, Ariel Johnsey, Annsley Johnsey, Aubrie Johnsey, Raegan Hebert, Jacob Wiseman, Jack Wiseman, Joshua Wiseman and Jillian Wiseman; six great great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Funeral services for Ethel Pearl Tuggle, 67 of Vinemont, will be 11 a.m. Thursday, January 25, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel with interment in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery in Fairview. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Tuggle passed away on January 20, 2018 at her residence. She was born February 25, 1950, to parents Earnest and Truedell Lewter Freeman. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Edna Bavar, Doris Wright and brothers, Johnie Freeman and Gerald "Shorty" Freeman. Survivors include her husband, Benny Gene Tuggle; two sons, Randy McClure, David (Kim) Johnson; grandchildren, Seth Johnson, Lexi Johnson, Jordan McKenzie, Hannah McKenzie, Brittany Swords, Tristen McClure, Madison McClure; sister, Carolyn (Allen) Adamson, brother, Ray (Tina) Freeman, Earnest Terrell (Janis) Freeman, Jack (Sue) Freeman, Jimmy (Gail) Freeman, Emitt (Bonnie) Freeman; step-sisters, Edith (Joe) Calvert, Dorthy Peresleny and step brother, Carl Hutson and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Funeral service for Willie Mae Cox, age 67 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Burial will follow at McKinley Methodist Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Cox passed away on Monday, January 22, 2018 at her residence. She was born September 28, 1950 to O.C. and Willie Keller. She is preceded in death by her parents and five siblings. Survivors include her husband, Daniel Boone Cox, daughters; Rebecca Waldrop, Keresa Cox, Shirley Moore, and Jacquelyn Bentley, five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, sisters; Joyce Stanfield and Frances Green, brother, Ray Keller, and a Host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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WSCC SPORTS

Sadler's career-high 32 points leads WSCC women past Southern Union; WSCC men fall in closing seconds

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State women's basketball sophomore Joy Sadler was lethal Sunday in the paint, behind the 3-point arc and at the free-throw line.

It all added up to a career-high 32 points for Sadler and a convincing 70-44 Wallace State victory over Southern Union at Tom Drake Coliseum during homecoming, moving the Lady Lions to 14-6 overall and 2-1 in Alabama Community College Conference action.

Sadler, a Gardendale native, also registered her seventh double-double of the season, adding 10 rebounds to her scoring output.

"Joy Sadler played out of her mind and put the game on her back. Joy is very versatile.

"She can get tough points at the rim and can also step out and hit the elbow jumper or big 3-pointers.

"It's hard to defend a post player who can shoot from any level on the floor," said Wallace State interim head coach Jessica McBrayer. "We needed that from her."

Sadler became the first Wallace State player to surpass the 30-point plateau since Morgan Smith posted 33 points during the 2014-2015 season.

Sadler poured in 24 of the 32 points in the second half, went 8 of 18 from the field and was 13-for-16 at the charity stripe. She added three 3-pointers.

"Winning the game was the most important thing to me. It was exciting to have a game like that and for us to win another conference game," said Sadler, whose previous season high was 26 points.

Wallace State charged out to an 18-7 lead by the end of the first quarter and extended it to 29-14 at the half.

The Lady Lions built as much as a 17-point cushion in the third quarter and controlled a 43-31 cushion at the end of the period.

Southern Union trimmed its deficit to 10 points with a little less than five minutes remaining. Wallace State didn't let the Lady Bison get within single digits, however, closing the game on a dominant 18-2 run.

"We didn't come out as strong as I expected. The main thing is we closed the game strong and had people step up when it mattered most," McBrayer said.

"Jada Golden earned her first start of the year and hit some big shots. Channing Gafford came off the bench and made some big plays defensively."

Golden, a Fairview grad, poured in 15 points for Wallace State behind three 3-pointers.

Sydney Powell added nine for points for the Lady Lions and Marquise Cobbs finished with six points and six rebounds.

For Southern Union, Alecia North led the way with 12 points.

Men's game
Southern Union 71, Wallace State 68

A pair of 3-point attempts to force overtime fell short on Wallace State's final possession, and Southern Union escaped Tom Drake Coliseum with a conference victory on Sunday.

Wallace State nearly capped off an inspiring comeback against the Bison.

The Lions (12-8, 0-4 ACCC) faced a nine-point deficit with 13:40 to go in the game before freshman Mike Johnson heated up from 3-point territory.

Johnson drained four 3-pointers over a three-minute spurt and got the Lions within one point – at 56-55 with 8:42 remaining.

Wallace State grabbed the lead on its next possession on a Dee'Quan Fleming layup. Johnson added a layup with just over five minutes remaining for a 59-56 edge.

Southern Union (8-5, 1-2 ACCC) tied the game at 59-all with 4:48 remaining, but Fleming put Wallace State back up by one point with a free throw at the 4:27 mark.

Ryan Calhoun's jumper reclaimed the edge for the Bison with 3:50 remaining, and the Bison led by as many five points in the final two minutes.

Wallace State still had a chance to tie things in the closing seconds.

Jonathan Andre's layup cut the Lions' deficit to three points with 19.9 seconds left.

Marcus Gilbert's missed free throw for Southern Union gave Wallace State one final chance to force overtime.

Demarkus Lampley narrowly missed the first attempt and Max Clark's shot rimmed out as time expired.

Johnson's 17 points led three Wallace State players in double figures.

Andre finished with 16 points for the Lions and Chris Rollins pitched in with 11. Lampley added eight points.

Brandon Rutledge scored a game-high 20 points for Southern Union. Calhoun added 17 points and Gilbert had 15.

Wallace State's four conference losses have been tough-luck defeats, losing by an average of only 4.2 points. The Lions continue conference action at Bevill State on Thursday.

The Wallace State women travel to Motlow State on Wednesday for a non-conference game.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu.



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Wallace State sophomore guard Marquise Cobbs shoots over a Southern Union defender in their game on Sunday.



WSCC

Wallace State's Max Clark (23) attempts a jumper over Southern Union's Terrell Harris (3) in their conference game on Sunday.

Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts holding Preview Day Jan. 27

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – The Wallace State Community College Fine and Performing Arts program will host its annual Preview Day for current and incoming students interested in learning about scholarships and performance opportunities. The event will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts.

The goal of the event is to help students become more familiar with the department's facilities and faculty.

Tours will be given of the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, and current students will perform to show examples of some of the work they've completed so far this year.

Students will get to speak with faculty about scholarship opportunities, audition requirements and any other questions students may have. Separate breakout sessions will be held for students to learn about specific programs within the Fine and Performing Arts program.

There are six options for students interested in the performing arts at Wallace State Community College: Jazz Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Wallace State Singers, Wallace State Choir and Wallace State Theatre. Students can join one or more of the performance groups. Auditions are required for all, except for Wallace State Choir. Scholarship opportunities also exist for most of the performing arts programs; they also require auditions.

"We are very proud of our performance programs at Wallace State," said Ricky Burks, head of the department. "Students who join our programs become well-rounded individuals and they get many opportunities to perform in front of a wide variety of audiences."

Students do not have to be music majors to join or audition for any of the performing arts programs. They do need to be able to commit their time for classes and/or rehearsals for performances.

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Challenge (from Front)

community deserve students that show empathy and love for one another. We want to use Rachel's Challenge to energize and excite our young people to show kindness and be a light in any dark place they encounter. We want our students to lift up others and be a lighthouse for the lost. Rachel Joy Scott was murdered in cold blood at Columbine High School because of her Christian beliefs. We want to challenge our students to believe in something bigger than themselves. Rachel's Challenge is a program, unlike any other character education program. Rachel's challenge is meant to change our school and our community. We hope to see the effects of this program for many years to come. We want to invite all members of the community Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Vinemont High School Gym to join us in accepting Rachel's challenge."

The Cullman community is invited to the Rachel's Challenge event which will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vinemont High School gymnasium.

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