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Davis Tillman will emcee United Way of the Ouachita's "We've Got Talent"

United Way's "We've Got Talent!"

March 31 is the date to mark in your calendar for witnessing the very best talent among young people in our region. That Friday night, at Jessieville Performing Arts Center, the winners from each of the area school's talent shows will compete to win scholarship money for their high schools. This will be the 4th year that the United Way of the Ouachitas will host this exciting event. The brainchild of legendary racing announcer Terry Wallace, "We've Got Talent" showcases vocalists, dancers, instrumentalists, and performing groups while enabling them to win prizes.

First place garners \$1500, second place \$1000, and third place \$500 in scholarship funds that go to the school the winning performers represent. They each win an individual trophy, while a large traveling trophy moves from winning school to winning school. Lake Hamilton has won these honors the past two years in a row!

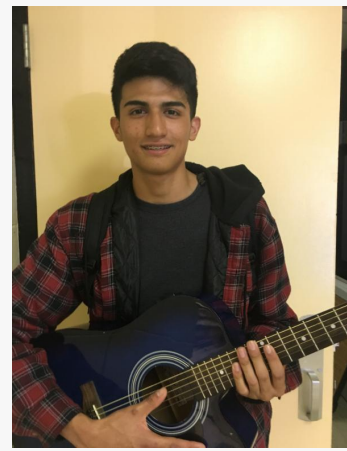
Episode 5 of The Hero Effect coming to OWN

Saturday March 11 on the Oprah Winfrey Network, United Way will feature the work of "Raising Readers in Story County".

"Carolyn Jons, founder of Raising Readers in Story County and our episode's hero, has a passion for helping low-wage families gain access to books. That passion translated volunteering into the creation of Raising Readers. Raising Readers now has 35 locations in Story County, offering Littlest Libraries, reading corners in waiting rooms, a carnival that brings story books alive for kids, and more."

Davis Tillman, who majored in theater at Georgetown University, is the local impresario who will preside over the event as Master of Ceremonies. A distinguished panel of five judges – Amy Bramlett, Cliff Coleman, Paul Graves, Marsalis Weatherspoon, and Tiffany Thornton – will determine who has "got" the most talent that night. The Youngbloods, representing Blues in the Schools, will provide entertainment while the judges undertake their deliberations.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and free to students will be available at the door but also may be purchased online. Sponsors of the event include Entergy, the Morris Foundation, Diamond Lakes Federal Credit Union, Ike Eisenhower's State Farm Insurance Agency, 61 Celsius, MedExpress, and Wheeler Printing.



Josue Ibarra will be representing Hot Springs High School in the March 31st event, "We've Got Talent" at the Jessieville Performing Arts Center.



President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting on domestic and international human trafficking, Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington. Photo Credit: AP

United Way Represented at White House Meeting on Human Trafficking

On Thursday February 23, United Way Worldwide President and CEO Brian Gallagher attended a listening session at the White House with President Trump and White House officials on anti-human trafficking efforts. During the meeting, President Trump assured attendees that he was "prepared to bring the full force and weight of our government...to solve this horrific problem." Brian Gallagher was positioned to let President Trump and White House Office know of United Way's commitment to help scale a comprehensive approach to ending human trafficking that addresses prevention, persecution and protects and supports survivors.

United Way of the Ouachitas actively participates in

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, March 31, 7 pm:
"We've Got Talent" at Jessieville Arts Center

Thursday, April 6, all day
Online campaign for local non-profits Arkansas Gives

Thursday, April 13, 5 pm
United Way of the Ouachitas sponsors "Village Values" at Woodlands in Hot Springs Village

Thursday, April 28 7:30
United Way Day of Caring Kick-Off Breakfast

Thursday, July 27 11:30
United Way Pacesetter Luncheon

Friday/Sat August 4 & 5
United Way's "Stuff the Bus" at area WalMarts

Wednesday, August 16
United Way's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament, Balboa Golf Club, Hot Springs Village

the Hot Springs Human Trafficking Task Force.



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