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Uwharrie BSA creates first girls troop

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Miracle McCauley, Mikayla Williams and Maura Flanagan were already good friends and classmates at East Albemarle Elementary School. But the fifth graders will soon spend more time together as the trio recently

made history in becoming inaugural members of Troop 4082 — the first female Scouts BSA troop not just in Stanly County but in the Uwharrie District, which also encompasses Richmond and Montgomery counties. A crossover ceremony was held Feb. 5 at First Lutheran

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Maura Flanagan, Miracle McCauley and Mikayla Williams are the inaugural members of Troop 4082, the first all-girls troop in Stanly County. (Photo by CHRIS MILLER/staff)

DREAMS OF BROADWAY



In the scene above, Marlena Madison, a featured Apollo singer portrayed by Hannah-Kathryn Wall, realizes Buddy Holly and The Crickets are a white group. "Seeing that back then, people mostly heard their favorite artists on the radio and rarely saw them," Wall said. "This is a big deal, especially because the Apollo is a Black theatre." (Contributed)

Wall tours U.S. in 'Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story'



By Toby Thorpe
for the SNAP
As a 7-year-old in a Uwharrie Players production of "A Christmas Carol," Hannah-Kathryn "HK" Wall first felt the thrill and anticipation of performing in live theater. "I had one line," she recalled, "and I was so excited." Nearly 16 years later, Wall has moved well beyond that first single-line part. In fact, the Albemarle na-

tive has followed her dream of performing from that small community theater appearance to a role in the national tour of "Buddy — The Buddy Holly Story" with GFour Productions. Wall became familiar with the performing arts even before her role in "A Christmas Carol." Her mother, Natasha, was active in the Uwharrie Players, and often brought HK along to the group's pre-performance practices.

"I attended lots of the rehearsals with Mom, and I was just 'wowed' at the effort put in by the cast members," HK recalled. "Seeing the care that was taken, how they would make notes on their scripts, how hard they worked to memorize lines and stage movements ... I was just really amazed. It wasn't long before I told Mom, 'I want to do this!'" Fortunately for HK, there were

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Parent alleges racial slurs used at SSSHS

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Allegations of years of racist verbal abuse from one student to another, including the use of the n-word, were brought to light by a concerned parent during the public comments section of Tuesday night's Stanly County Board of Education meeting.

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Rogers receives Long Leaf Pine award

By Chris Miller
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One of Stanly County's most distinguished residents received quite the surprise Monday afternoon, as Art Rogers, long-time owner of Stanly Knitting Mills in Oak-

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Gray Stone places second in regional competition. See 5A.

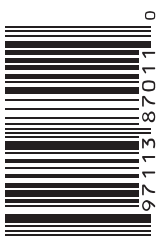
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