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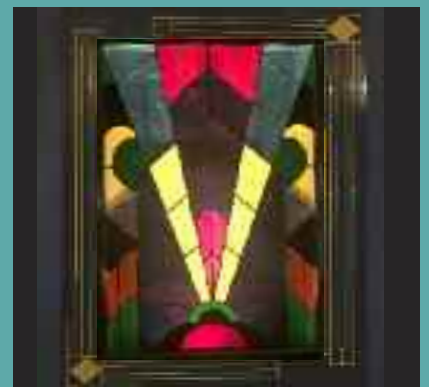
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**May 11-12**

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**June 8-9**

TallasseeNOW (CDC)

**August 11**

Chamber of  
Commerce  
(camp stew only)

**August 24-25**

Scouts

**September 21**

Hospice  
(camp stew only)

**October 5-6**

Tallassee Armory  
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**October 20**

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The Tallassee Community Development Corporation (CDC) makes it possible for groups to raise money for worthwhile projects through its "Tailgate Partners" program. Teaming with local organizations, CDC provides equipment, up-front financing, and manpower help with BBQ's, with proceeds going to help meet the groups' funding needs. CDC's Tailgate Partners have received almost **\$230,000** over the course of the project.

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Council meetings are  
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beginning at  
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are open  
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## IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

### Board of Education Meeting

3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm. at Technology Center

### Tallassee Planning Commission Meeting

1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

### Industrial Development Meeting

1st Tuesday at 6:30 at the IDV office.

### Tallassee Redevelopment Authority Meeting

4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

### Tallassee Library Board Meeting

2nd Monday at the Library

Tallassee Recreation Board Meeting as needed.



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## Mt. Vernon Idol

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**Cody Argo of Reeltown HS won Bryant-Jordan  
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All Class State Achievement Award and the  
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**The event was held Monday, April 9, 2018.**

**Sheraton Birmingham Hotel - Ballroom  
Caden Kilpatrick represented Tallasse at the  
Bryant Jordan Student Athlete Award Banquet.**

Four students were recognized at the Joe Sewell Award Banquet in Elmore County. These students are recognized for Athletics, Academics, Community Service, and Church Service. They were **Madelyn Taylor, Haylee Osborne, Casey Baynes, Theron Shipman.**

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## Get Excited About Chiropractic for Children and Pregnant Women

**By Dr. Caroline Herring**

If you have been curious about how I help babies, children and pregnant women live happier healthier lives through chiropractic care, this article is for you! I bet many of you have heard chiropractors can work wonders for the treatment of back pain, neck pain, headaches and sciatica. However, I bet many of you have not heard there are millions of visits to chiropractors every year all over the World by pregnant women, children and babies for health concerns such as nausea, asthma, allergies, colic, reflux, sleeping problems bed wetting, constipation, fussiness, anxiety, depression and much more!

So how does this work? Let's look at a little background information first! A lot of people think adjusting pregnant women, children and babies is some sort of new natural health-care idea or trend. However, it is not new! The truth is, chiropractors have been adjusting pregnant women, babies and children since 1895 when chiropractic was first made into a regulated healthcare profession in the United States. The reason you may not have heard about this until now is that over the past 10-20 years we have hit an information boom with instant access to unlimited knowledge through the internet! Thanks to





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T.V, radio, social media and many other media outlets, the benefits of chiropractic care are more well-known than ever before! Major news stations have featured it on their programs, and major celebrities and professional athletes have endorsed it!

Chiropractic is now a household word all over the World and if this is new to you, you are now in the know about a treatment that could be life changing for you, your family and your friends! As the profession of chiropractic has grown over the years, so has its branches! While all chiropractors can treat people of all ages and backgrounds, many choose to specialize their care and become experts in serving a certain type of patient. For example, some chiropractors specialize in helping athletes or auto accidents.

Some specialize in helping people with certain disabilities or spinal conditions.

While I love to help all people in need of chiropractic care, I felt that there was an enormous need for a pediatric and pre-natal chiropractor in our area. This is why I have spent the last nine years learning how to safely and effectively adjust pregnant woman, children and babies through courses on pediatric care, learning



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## Chiropractic for Children and Pregnant Women

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from other pediatric chiropractors and of course through treating hundreds of actual cases in my practice. It has definitely become a love and passion of mine to see my patients healthier and happier through the specialty care provided in my practice.

You might be wondering how chiropractic adjustments work for pregnant mothers, children and babies. It is actually quite simple. I check each patient's spine and muscles according to a thorough protocol based on their age and health concerns. I gently check each bone for its position by hand and do gentle adjustments to the spine and muscles by hand. Sometimes, I use a small hand-help adjusting instrument if the area is very small or difficult to adjust by hand. The goal of the adjustment is to realign the bones and take tension off of the spine. When this is done, the spine, muscles and nerves relax and function much better.

For pregnant women, this means a much higher quality of life during pregnancy due to better alignment of the bones, muscles and ligaments in the neck, back and pelvis. We also adjust hands, elbows, shoulders, hips, knees ankles and feet if needed, which pregnant women love! During the adjustment, pregnant women report feeling relaxed and pampered. Many patients undergoing chiropractic care during pregnancy report faster and easier delivery as well. Most pregnant women in my practice love their adjustments so much, they continue adjustments after they give birth to help with the healing process.

I also highly encourage our moms to have their babies checked for spinal misalignments after birth and throughout childhood. Even during a natural birth, a baby's neck or back could become misaligned. However, if there is a C-section, vacuum extraction or forceps delivery, the odds of misalignments

seem to greatly increase. So, how do you know if your baby or child needs an adjustment? If your baby looks or acts uncomfortable for long periods of time, has problems nursing or latching, has excessive gas or tummy bloating, colic, reflux, sleeplessness, difficulty breathing, ear infections, ADHD, asthma or allergies, these are indications of neck or upper back misalignments. If they suffer from constipation, diarrhea or bed wetting, these are signs of low back or pelvic misalignments. We also treat children with autoimmune diseases as well as children with ADHD and autism. Children with developmental or neurological concerns tend to function more highly and display better behavior as a result of chiropractic care. If your child displays any of these symptoms or complains of head, neck or back pain, they need to be checked for spinal misalignment. If your child is injured in a fall or accident, they need to be checked as well. The goal is to prevent children from having many of the debilitating spinal conditions adults have today by finding and fixing problems right away.

Our team at Herring Chiropractic would love to help you and your family! In order to determine each patient's unique needs, I do a consultation and exam, followed by x-rays if needed. Then, I create a detailed plan of action and treatment options, and we go from there. When utilized correctly, pediatric chiropractic care is similar to dentistry. Just like we encourage our kids to brush their teeth regularly and get their teeth checked by a dentist, we should also encourage them to take care of their spine regularly and have it checked by a chiropractor. Our team also teaches our patients how to live an organic lifestyle to help boost the immune system naturally through diet, exercise, avoiding toxins and positive mental attitude. For more, check us out at the Herring Chiropractic Website and Facebook page. Check out the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association at [ICPA4kids.org](http://ICPA4kids.org).



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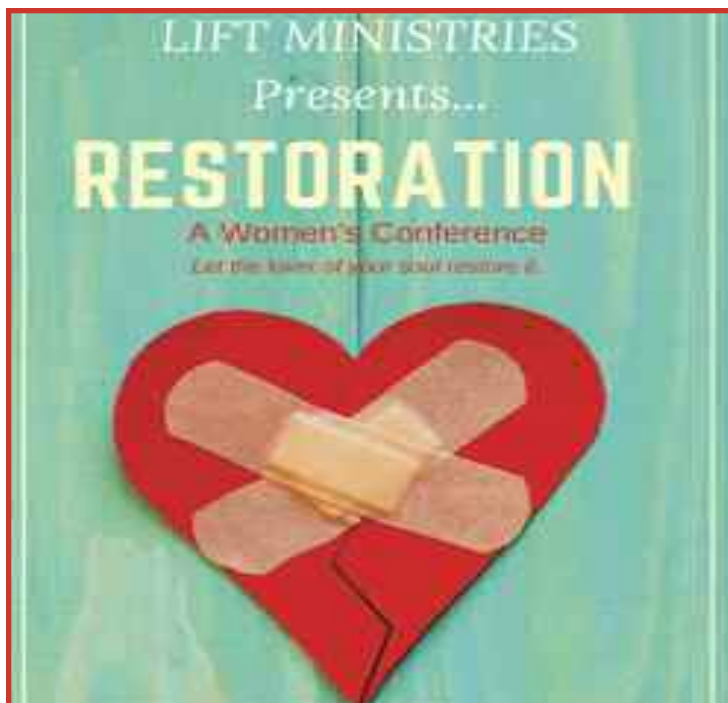
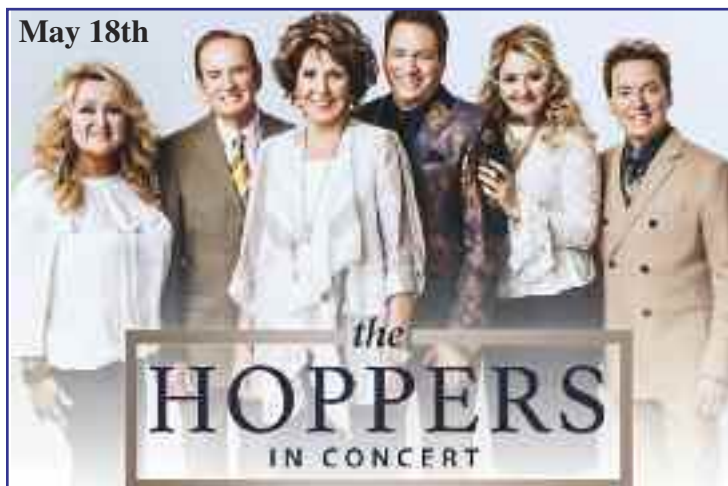


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August 3rd & 4th, 2018

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**May 4 ~ The Firemen's Training**

**May 18 ~ The Hoppers @ 7pm \$20.00**

**May 19 @ 7 pm**

**Central Alabama Youth Wind Symphony- \$5**

**May 26 ~ Bama Breeze Concert 4:00-6:00**

**June 8-9 ~ Tallassee Now! An event hosted by the CDC- Food trucks, River Dan and much more**

**June 8 ~ The Sandlot Movie \$5**

**June 9 ~ Andy Griggs performance \$12**

**June 21 ~ Patriotic Celebration**

**July 9-13 ~ Children's Theatre Workshop**

**August 3 - 4**

**LIFT Ministries Women's Conference - Restoration. 2 day event~ with keynote speaker, Tajaun McCarty among others. Tickets available at [www.liftministriesal.com](http://www.liftministriesal.com)**

**August 11 @ 6:00**

**Old Fashion Gospel Homecoming**

**\$10/ticket at door**

**Discounted group rate with a purchase of 8 or more tickets \$8/ticket**

**August 18**

**Talisi Laugh-In-Town**

**Comedy Show 7:00**

**August 25 @ 7:00 Sean Deitrich**

**For more information and ticket availability visit [www.mtvernontheatre.net](http://www.mtvernontheatre.net)**

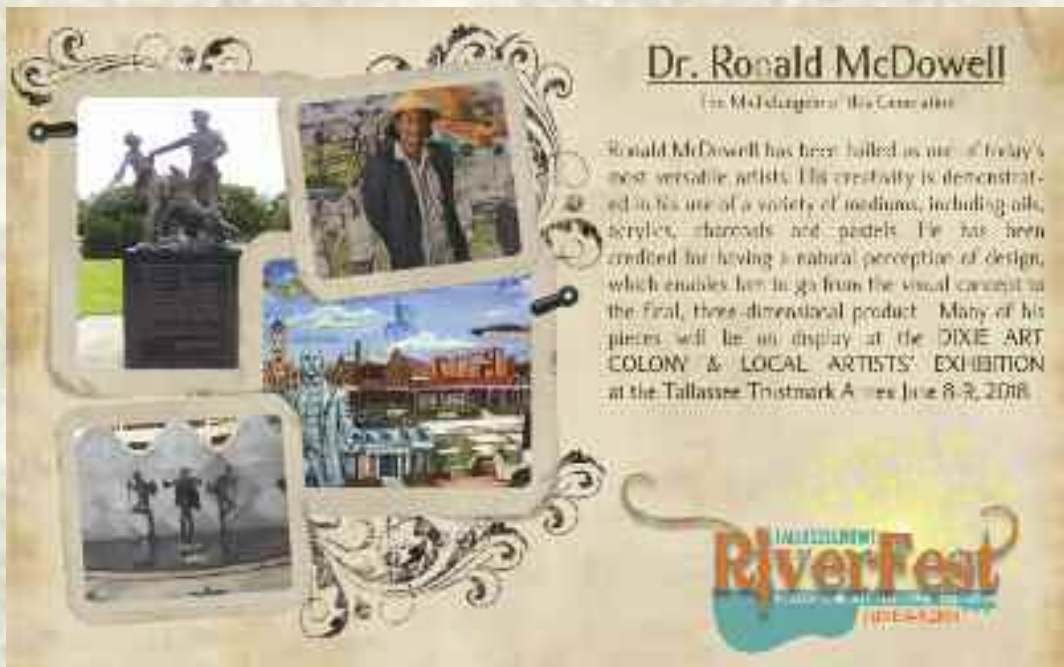


# Art, art, and more art!!

*Art will definitely be the centerpiece at  
TallasseeNOW/Riverfest 2018.*

The **Dixie Art Colony Foundation** will return with works by, and related to, the **Dixie Art Colony** and those who participated in that historic venture. Foundation Director Mark Harris says that 80% of the works will be new, compared to last year's inaugural exhibits.

Renowned artist **Dr. Ronald McDowell** of Tuskegee University will be on hand with an exhibit selected from among his 2,000-plus works.



## Dr. Ronald McDowell

(Dr. McDowell is the Curator)

Ronald McDowell has been hailed as one of today's most versatile artists. His creativity is demonstrated in his use of a variety of mediums, including oils, acrylics, charcoals and pastels. He has been credited for having a natural perception of design, which enables him to go from the visual concept to the final, three-dimensional product. Many of his pieces will be on display at the DIXIE ART COLONY & LOCAL ARTISTS' EXHIBITION at the Tallasse Trustmark Area June 8-9, 2018.

Both the **Elmore County and Bullock County Art Guilds** will bring works by their members, and the **Poarch Band of Creek Indians** will present examples of Native American art.

All these, plus works by local artists, will be on exhibit at **TrustMark Bank** and the historic **Officers' Quarters** on Friday and Saturday, June 8-9.

Works by Tallasse's own **Dovard Taunton** will be on display at the Trophy Room on Saturday.

It is highly likely that this will be the most eclectic and culturally-diverse collection of art and artists anyone in this region has ever had the opportunity to view. And it's all free and open to the public.

A reception will be held Friday, honoring **Kelly Fitzpatrick** and the **Dixie Art Colony**, and a Saturday reception will honor Dr. McDowell.

Times on Friday are from 6:00PM-7:30PM, and Saturday from 10:00AM-2:00PM.

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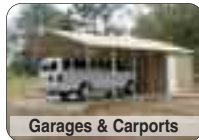
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## *June 8, 2018*

- ❖ *Dixie Art Colony Reception & Local Artists' Exhibition  
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- ❖ *Family Movie Night at The Historic Mt. Vernon  
featuring "The Sandlot" 7pm*

## *June 9, 2018*

- ❖ *Dixie Division Military Vehicle Exhibition 8am-1pm ~ City Hall*
- ❖ *Dixie Art Colony & Local Artists Exhibition  
Trust Mark Annex & Lobby 10am-2pm*
- ❖ *Dovard Taunton Art Exhibition ~ The Trophy Room*
- ❖ *Tailgate Partners BBQ Sale 9am-1pm ~ Bell Park*
- ❖ *"River Dan Band" 5pm-7:30 pm  
Free Admission Mt. Vernon Theatre Courtyard*
- ❖ *"Riverfest Food Truck Festival" Mt. Vernon Theatre 4pm-9pm*
- ❖ *Andy Griggs LIVE in Concert Historic Mt. Vernon Theatre 8:00pm  
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### Moving Forward – Next Steps



**Wade Shipman**  
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The Tallassee City Board of Education has been working on a building plan for Tallassee High School for over a year. To begin with, we are both excited and appreciative that the Tallassee City Council passed a one cent sales tax increase for the City of Tallassee west of the Tallapoosa River. Half of that tax is to be designated to the school system for rebuilding our high school.

The plan moving forward is to re-build Tallassee High School in phases on the same campus. One goal is to be able to keep the look and feel of the original architecture of the buildings while improving the security, safety, and overall facilities. The first stage will see improvements to our parking areas and the building of a fine arts center. We have roughly half of our students that participate in music and band and our current facility is grossly undersized and outdated. Our current auditorium seats approximately 450 students and our student body has about 550 students. Currently, the auditorium will not hold an assembly for their school. We want to be able to upgrade our facilities to meet the needs of our students and the programs in which they participate.

Soon after the first stage is completed, a replacement building will be built to replace the Annex. This building would be home to new science labs, classrooms, and school office spaces. As funding is available, a new main building would be built. It is difficult to know when all phases will be complete. As of now, we do not have all the funding needed to re-build our high school, however we plan to 'restructured' debt in the future to help us fund these next stages. Additional revenue streams like the extra one cent sales tax will help us accomplish our goal sooner rather than later.

We are indeed moving forward in our system, but not just in rebuilding THS. We have goals of expanding dual enrollment offerings and greatly expanding our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) focus. Our plan is to have new STEM labs at Tallassee Elementary School and Southside Middle School next school year. In the past many of our STEM activities like robotics have been offered to our enrichment students. Our new STEM focus will offer these learning opportunities to all students. Eventually this STEM focus will reach Tallassee High School. We are excited about the direction of our schools and look forward to our next steps together.



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***The mission of the Tallassee City School District is to provide a quality education, providing the basis for students to become lifelong learners as well as moral, ethical and compassionate people. A partnership of staff, students, parents and the community will prepare students to become responsible citizens and productive member of the communities in which they live.***



## Choral program hosts State Choral Performance Assessment

The Tallassee High School Choral Department, under the direction of Amanda Anderson and Michael Bird, hosted the State Choral Performance Assessment at First Baptist Church on April 5.

Students from approximately 30 schools came to Tallassee to be adjudicated by a panel of judges on behalf of the Alabama Vocal Association.

Pictured is the THS Concert Chorale, under the direction of Miss Anderson. They received the highest ratings a chorus can get: straight Superior ratings.

This was the final time the State Contest will be held in Tallassee, as Jerry Cunningham retired this year as the President-Elect of Alabama Vocal Association as well as District VI Chairman.



## Bush and Davis visit Tallassee High School Chorus

Veteran choral music educators Gene Davis and James Bush visited Tallassee High School recently to work with the men's choir.

Gene Davis taught at Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery from 1974-2002, and later served as the choral director at Huntingdon College.

"Mrs. Davis is the reason I became a music educator," said Michael Bird, assistant choral and band director for Tallassee City Schools. "She planted that seed when I was in high school. One day, out of nowhere, she pulled me aside and said, 'have you thought about pursuing music education in college?'. Until then, I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do with my life."

Bird said Davis's teaching methods are top-notch. She moves around the room, changes placement of students, and teaches various physical exercises that improve singing skills.

"She's a force of nature, that's for sure," Bird said. "And interestingly, back in 1981, a young Jerry Cunningham did his student teaching internship with Gene Davis at Robert E. Lee," Bird continued. "We owe a great deal of gratitude to Mrs. Davis for her influence on all of us."

THS students were also visited recently by a familiar friend:

James Bush.

Mr. Bush once served as the Glee Club director at THS, and later became an assistant principal and finally Principal. Mr. Bush retired as Principal of Tallassee Elementary School several years ago, but has remained active in the program.

"I don't know if there's a more beautiful male voice in the world than James Bush's God-given instrument," Bird said. "I could listen to him sing from now until the end of time and never get tired of hearing him."

Mr. Bush stopped in to give tips to the young men on how to keep their pitches accurate, even while singing softly. The tendency to sing too loud is common, according to Bird.

"This all started one day at McDonalds. I ran into Mr. Bush and he said, 'why do you let those boys sing so loudly?'. I thought that the students needed to see Mr. Bush as more than someone who does puppets and balloons; they needed to meet him as a vocal coach. I've invited him to return as often as he likes," Bird concluded.

Tallassee High School hosts its annual Spring Show on April 29 at 2:30 p.m. and April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the THS Auditorium. For ticket information, please call administrative assistant Debbie Rogers at 334-283-3689.





**Matt Coker**  
High School  
Principal

# ***Tallassee High School***

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 Blankenship, Zane Shawn Allan  
 Blaylock, Noah Thomas  
 Boatwright, Taylor Joyce  
 Bonner, John Collier  
 Boswell, Kinsley Michelle  
 Bradford, Noah Taylor  
 Brooks, Jeffrey Hunter  
 Brown, Jacob Samuel  
 Burgans, Chelsey Denise  
 Burton, Jacob Lanier  
 Butler, Kelsey Lynn  
 Cartwright, Pashen Davanna  
 Clark, Malorie Elizabeth  
 Coker, Andrew Scott  
 Coker, Jacob Michael  
 Colvin, Amber Nicole  
 Dantro, Anna Claire  
 Diamond, Ashlyn Olivia  
 English, Timothy Jr.  
 Espinoza, Velen Juliana  
 Fergerson, AnDarius Lamar  
 Fergerson, De'Markion Tabais  
 Fields, Laura Elizabeth  
 Franklyn, Nathan Philip  
 Freeman, Jerome Michael  
 Fuller, Sophia Faith  
 Gaston, Mary Katherine  
 Gauntt, Yasmine Janise  
 Gauthier, Levi Jordan  
 Gray, Alexis Nicole  
 Gray, Vanda Jean  
 Gregory, Kelsie Alise  
 Griffith, Madison Brooke  
 Grimes, Terry Allen III  
 Guy, Karmen Michelle  
 Hall, Jada Lashune  
 Halstead, Ethan Albert  
 Harris, Jada Michelle  
 Haynes, Leah Alexis

Haynes, Mary Savannah  
 Hicks, Jakelseya Denise  
 Hollis, Niyah Monae  
 Hooks, Daron Jermaine  
 Hughley, Zankintavius Rishad  
 Hutchinson, Passhonda La'Zana  
 Isbell, Evelyn Marie  
 Jackson, John David Eugene Jr.  
 Jolly, James Wilson IV  
 Jones, Reign Elizabeth  
 Keller, Austin Chase  
 Kelley, Hoyt Cutter  
 Kennebrew, Kaitlin Capri  
 Kent, Richard Parrish  
 Kidd, Dylan Cole  
 Kilpatrick, Caden Alexander  
 Kindrick, Adena Grace  
 King, Leon Christopher  
 Knight, Kendrick Nazerius  
 Langley, Jewel Skye  
 Langley, Robert Hadden  
 Lawrence, Jacob Tyler  
 Ledbetter, James Thomas  
 Lever, Kinsey Marie  
 Love, Khyzic D  
 Mann, Alyson Kristyne  
 McCord, Dylan Lee  
 McDade, Hannah Nicole  
 McKenzie, Jourdan  
 McKenzie, Mikal Rick  
 McMillan, Alexis Renee  
 McRae, Grace Mackenzie  
 Mercado, Jovan Joel  
 Merchant, Tyler Ramon  
 Mobley, Hallie Dimitri  
 Neighbors, Parker Reed  
 Norris, Alexis Jane  
 Ogburn, Ethan Eugene  
 Osborne, Haylee Makenna  
 Pace, Shy'asia Deschelle  
 Patterson, Calen Bliss  
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 Popplewell, Caitlyn Paige

Price, Lenzi Marie  
 Pugh, Ethan Trent  
 Purter, Shakima Deloris  
 Richardson, Quinteria Lashae  
 Roberts, Kamry Altwon  
 Rogers, Mylagia Antonyia Lichyn  
 Schofill, Derek Matthew  
 Self, Jackie Marie  
 Selmon, Diamond Roshell  
 Shipman, Theron Alden  
 Simmons, Alexis Brianna  
 Simmons, Johnathan Gage  
 Skipper, Charlecia Mayonna  
 Skipper, Travon Demar  
 Smith, Kwandajah Chardae  
 Smith, Morgan Hannah  
 Smith, Sarah Claire  
 Snell, Jade Raney  
 Spencer, Jemila Noni  
 Splunge, Myeisha Nicole  
 Steele, Morgan Elizabeth  
 Stewart, Caleb Wallace  
 Stillwell, Elizabeth Grace  
 Stillwell, Emily Faith  
 Stokes, Timia Leann  
 Suggs, Robert Kyle  
 Taylor, Madeline Quin  
 Teel, Coleman Brooks  
 Temple, Erin Elizabeth  
 Thomas, Wyatt Dalton  
 Trout, Christopher Neal  
 Tucker, Kennedy Joslyn  
 Wallace, Jordan Scott  
 Ware, Zachary Jordan  
 Wells, Clarisia Leanne Marie  
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 Yankey, Harlie Elizabeth





## TALLASSEE JAZZFEST

There are many people to thank for the success of JazzFest. Each year, I am blown away by the enthusiasm and support of not only our own community, but people across the state who come to the Tallasse High School Auditorium to hear great high school and college bands.

We are blessed to have Auburn University every year. Their director, Dr. Mike Pendowski, is a Grammy-winning film composer and arranger, and has several degrees in conducting and performance.



Since he landed at Auburn seven years ago, he has been with us ever since. Dr. Pendowski is going to be partnering with us as we launch a Summer Jazz Camp in Tallasse next year,

sponsored by Auburn University but based at Tallasse High School.

Troy University has also been along for the eight years of our festival, having performed at five of the Jazz Fest dates. They were also the featured band at the very first Jazz Fest in 2011.



performance, for example, it was standing room only on the main floor as well as the balcony. The setting was loose and casual, ideal for jazz music on a springtime evening.



I enjoyed the camaraderie of the directors and students the most.

I really appreciated the cooperation of the rest of our department. Our director of bands, Robby Glasscock, allows me to serve as the event coordinator for JazzFest and I love putting it together. Robby is always working so hard behind the scenes to make our band program great. I don't think he gets recognized enough for the great things he has done while he has been at Tallasse. Our students really liked playing on WSFA-TV 12 and WAKA-TV 8, as well.

There would be no jazz festival without Mike Hammonds. Mike is from Tallasse and was a band director in the U.S. Army before coming back home. He currently writes music compositions for the C.L. Barnhouse Company, which publishes band music. He works with our jazz bands at Southside and THS. He has a passion for music education and it is evident in everything he touches.

Amanda Glasscock was our band liaison for this event. She ran back and forth between the warmup and performance areas and made sure everyone was happy and had what they needed. Debbie Rogers made sure that we had all the concessions we would need to sell to the hundreds of students we had on campus. Brent Langley and the Music Boosters were on hand, working hard to please everyone. We also had students serving as stage crew all evening, moving equipment and meeting the demands of each band director.



I also want to recognize my choral colleague Amanda Anderson. She has made a tremendous difference in our program since she came here, and anyone who heard her amazing voice Friday night will probably want her to stay around for a while. She was the featured soloist on the THS Jazz Band's performance of the famous torch song, "Cry Me a River."

It was all made possible by Tommy Lawrence, who operated the sound and lights for the festival. He was upstairs, so nobody could see him, but occasionally he was heard. I am grateful to all of these people for what they did to make Tallasse look good -- here's to the ninth annual JazzFest next year!



# Education

## Southside Middle School



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**Southside  
Middle School  
Principal  
Micah Cook**

### Future SMS Students Tour the Campus

Each spring our counselors at Tallassee Elementary and Southside Middle Schools, **Tenea Stanton** and **Pam Cox**, organize an excellent opportunity for current 4th graders to visit and tour Southside Middle School's campus. Students and their parents are led by 8th graders in the SMS Focus Club around campus. Students visit key locations around the school grounds such as the gym, cafeteria, library, and 5th grade classrooms. Students are able to put faces with names as they tour while, hopefully, removing some of their jitters about transitioning to middle school. Parents are strongly encouraged to accompany their child.



Students split into small groups and were assigned a Focus Group Member to facilitate their tour. The groups met back in the SMS Media Center to participate in a whole group session. **Mr. Cook** addressed the group and welcomed students and parents to the SMS Family. **Mr. O'Rear** discussed dress code and discipline procedures that transition to Class DOJO when the students enter SMS. **Mr. Ryan Dean**, our system's Senior Technician, discussed iPad safety and security as well. It is our hope that students and parents left the tour feeling reassured and excited about moving to Southside Middle School! We cannot wait to see what the future has in store for these rising 5th graders!

### Character in Action Awards

Character in Action is a program sponsored by the Juvenile Court of Elmore County. The program recognizes middle school students of Elmore County who, by their actions, make a positive contribution to their school. The nomination form is submitted by the school counselor to Juvenile Court. Mrs. Cox at Southside



opens the recommendations to all teachers at SMS to submit students who are deserving of the award. Juvenile Court recognizes one student per month from each middle school in Elmore County.

The nominees were invited, along with their parent/guardian, to the Juvenile Court to participate in a ceremony on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Each student received a certificate of achievement, and the school will receive a certificate to place in the student's file. At the ceremony, the students were presented with their awards along with a Character in Action T-shirts. Southside Middle School was well represented at this quarter's ceremony by 5th grader, **Amari Parker**, 6th grader, **Michael Markham**, and 8th grader, **Sarah Thompson**. Each student was highly recommended by their teachers as demonstrating high quality character daily around our school. Southside is so proud of each of these students, and we look forward to what they will achieve in the future!

**Spring 2017**

### Sparkling the Arts



*Southside students participated in a Sparkling the Art competition. Students submitted pieces of art ranging from paintings and photographs to sculptures and drawings. The top ten submissions were selected to move forward in the county-wide competition.*

**Tallasse Quarterly 19**

# Education

## Tallassee Elementary School



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Becher  
Principal**



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**Bruce Dean  
Assistant  
Principal  
and Assistant  
Transportation  
Coordinator**

### Celebrating Our Parents

Tallassee Elementary celebrated parents at their Muffins for Moms and Doughnuts for Dads event. This celebration is a way to thank our parents for instilling in our students the importance of being successful in school. "We recognize parents play a significant role in supporting their child's learning and guiding their child successfully through their academic journey," said Ms. Becher. "With the support of our parents, their child is able to witness their parents value their education," Ms. Becher added.

At this event, parents are provided an opportunity to have breakfast with their child and socialize with other parents. Although students enlighten their parents all about their friends at school, they get to meet their friends' parents. Tallassee Elementary looks forward to having this event each year.



### Community Support

In my short tenure as assistant principal at Tallassee Elementary School, I have been impressed with the school's parental and family engagement activities. The support of the parents and community is overwhelming. During my short time here, our school has hosted several, well attended, family activity nights. The families that attended were engaged in learning activities with their students. The main point of these events was to provide parents/guardians with strategies to support their children's academic development at home. All children that attended were able to take home a book to read with their caregiver.

Another testament to our parent support is the fact that we divide our nine-weeks award ceremonies within the grade level. The turnout of parents, grandparents, and other family members in support of these awards ceremonies overwhelms our setting capacity.

It is refreshing to see family support for the hard work put in by our students and teachers. Tallassee Elementary is fortunate to have the support of the community when it comes too parental and family engagement. We are also fortunate to have the dedicated group of elementary school staff that work hard for our children every day.







If you are interested in being a part of the Arts Council, contact Betty Segrest (283-5713) or Jerry Cunningham (chamber@tallasseechamber.com).

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**Mona Mills at (334) 201-4892.**

The McCraney-Cottle Arts Council has wrapped up another successful season, fulfilling its mission of "bringing the arts to Tallassee." The Fall 2017 presentation of "Three on a String" kicked off the season; as always, this group got rave reviews. This was the third time the group had come to Tallassee, and they were as big a hit as ever. In December, Mr. Jerry Cunningham assembled a community group for another stellar Christmas program, this one in the high school auditorium. And the season was capped with an evening of amazing piano virtuosity as Ms. Leslye Ames and Dr. Cynthia MacCrae presented a Four-Hand Concert at First United Methodist Church.

Plans are under way for the upcoming season, starting with the Council's again sponsoring the arts portion of the annual TallasseeNOW weekend in June. In cooperation with the Dixie Art Colony (DAC) and the Elmore County and Bullock County Art Guilds, McCraney-Cottle will organize the display of works by Kelly Fitzpatrick and other DAC artists, and by Dovard Taunton. In addition, local artists will have the opportunity to display their works, and to enter them in an adjudicated contest.

In the fall, the Council will host an afternoon concert by local churches' Praise Bands, and in December, the Council will again sponsor a seasonal program.

January of 2019, the eagerly-awaited Missoula Children's Theatre will return. The spring presentation has yet to be finalized at this time.

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Water Aerobics will be held at the City Pool beginning in May. More details on that to come.

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**Tammy Merrett, Programs Coordinator**  
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The Tallassee Recreation Center is open from 8:00 am - 6:30 pm Monday thru Thursday and from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm on Friday. Membership to use the basketball court per year is \$15. Membership to use the cardio and weight rooms is \$75 per year / \$65 for Seniors.

For information on these programs or any other questions, please give us a call at 334-283-4726, or go to our website [www.tallasseerecreation.com](http://www.tallasseerecreation.com). You can also find us on Facebook under Tallassee Recreation.



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## The "Roots" of The Christian's Life

*"And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself." -Ephesians 3:17-19 (TLB)*

Near Mpumalanga, South Africa, are the marvelous and mysterious Echo Caves. These caves were rediscovered in the last century and turned into a tourist site. The Echo Caves are home to a truly remarkable ecosystem. One of the more amazing things found there is the wild fig tree. As far as plant life goes, these fig trees appear to be normal run-of-the-mill fruit bushes. I mean who doesn't like fig newtons? I digress...but what makes these fig trees so famous is the unseen: their roots. Researchers and spelunking scientists have followed the roots of these trees deep into Echo Caves — 400 feet deep, to be precise — the deepest known root system in the world! In

comparison, the California redwood averages a height of 379 feet! To put this analogy on the bottom shelf, 400 feet of a wild fig tree's root system is just under the length one and a half football fields! Oh what a beautiful picture of a life that has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus, recreated into someone that can become more and more like Jesus Christ, and reconciled to the all-loving, all-knowing, all-powerful God of the universe! The beauty lies in the overwhelming truth that as a child of God we can experience and know the love of God through Jesus Christ by the power and work of the Holy Spirit within our lives! We, being finite creatures, must realize that we cannot completely know the ways of God but we can fully know and experience His love for us. The "roots" of the Christian's life can dig deep into the source of life which is God's relentless love displayed by His Son and the power of His Spirit dwelling within us. Take a moment and let that truth sink in. **YOU are loved by God. YOU are empowered by God.** And as our roots go deeper and deeper into this source of life through the feasting upon God's word, memorization, meditation, prayer, worship, obedience to the Holy Spirit's guidance, and the giving of ourselves through our time, talents, and treasures we, much like the wild fig trees at the Echo Caves, produce a fruit that does not wither, rot, and dry up but instead it lasts and is useful in God's Kingdom. We cannot get to the bottom of God's love since we "will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it." How do we experience God's love? We experience this love vertically, so let us stop and be overwhelmed at God's great love for us (*Ephesians 2:1-2*) and rest in God's forgiveness towards us (*Ephesians 4:32*) so "at last we will be filled up with God himself."



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As women I can almost guarantee you that for the majority of us our biggest deal is our appearance. Our fear is that we aren't

pretty enough and we aren't good enough and when someone compliments us, well we worry it's out of malice and mockery. The devil feeds us these untruths. Satan whispers these lies. Don't listen to them. As a community of women and a community of believers let's take time each day to build each other up, rather than secretly hope others have a blemish more noticeable than ours. Remind your bestie she's beautiful. Remind your daughter of her worth. Tell yourself you are good enough. Listen to The Lord as He affirms that you are valuable. For The Lord would much rather your beauty come from within, and be an overflow of who He is IN you, rather than what you look like in the mirror. So instead of taking five extra minutes to curl your hair, simply read His Word. Allow Him to speak life into you and in turn speak those truths to others. Wouldn't you rather please God than the rest of the world? The world doesn't hold your eternity, He does.

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