

# *Tallassee Quarterly*

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*Winter 2018*

*Snowfall of January 16 - 17, 2018*

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*Happy New Year  
2019*



## 2018 BBQ EVENTS

### 2018 - 19 Executive Officers

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## 2019 SCHEDULED EVENTS

~ Annual daddy daughter dance  
February

~ Talisi Riverfest  
June

~ Summer concert series  
in Bell Park June

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This calendar year, our Tailgate BBQ events have benefitted the following groups. Partnering with CDC, they have sold over \$65,000 worth of BBQ, for a total profit of over \$30,000 for those organizations.

Tallassee High School Prom Committee  
Reeltown Volunteer Fire Department  
Wall Street Community Improvement  
Organization  
Reeltown High School Cheerleaders  
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Tallassee Community Outreach  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
Tallassee High School Softball  
Reeltown High School Band  
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## TALLASSEE CHAMBER EVENTS

**Tallassee Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 1 10:00 am**

Entry forms are due Monday, November 26

You may register online [www.tallasseechamber.com](http://www.tallasseechamber.com)

**Chamber Chat – Monday, December 3 5:30-6:30**

House of Seven Gables

Carolers will be entertaining and refreshments will be provided  
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**Annual Hospital Luncheon – Thursday, December 6 11:45am**

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Please RSVP by December 3 – 283-5151 or  
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**Tallassee Chamber of Commerce Banquet**  
**Thursday, February 7, 2019**







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## TALLASSEE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

**Council meetings are held on the**  
**2nd and 4th TUESDAYS**  
**beginning at 6 p.m. at City Hall.**  
**Work session at 5:00 p.m.**  
**All meetings are open to the public.**



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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 Redevelopment Authority Meeting**  
4th Tuesday at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

**Tallassee Planning Commission Meeting**  
1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

**Tallassee Library Board Meeting**  
2nd Monday at the Library

**Industrial Development Meeting**  
1st Tuesday at 6:30 at the IDV office.

**Tallassee Recreation Board Meeting as needed.**

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*The McCraney-Cottle Arts Council will once again bring the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) to town in January. This is a great opportunity for students K-12 to take part in a professionally-directed production---learning and presenting the play, all in one week. It is a perennial favorite of the students and families alike.*

*Auditions for this year's production (The Pied Piper) will be held at 3:30 Monday afternoon, January 14, in the Tallassee High School auditorium. Rehearsals will be at 3:30 each afternoon that week, and the performance will be at 5:00PM, Saturday, January 19, all in the THS auditorium.*

*MCT personnel will also be conducting workshops for students in the schools during the week.*

*Watch local media for details on workshop times and how to purchase tickets for the Saturday performance.*



## Upcoming Events

**LIFT Ministries Presents....**  
**The Polar Express**  
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**The Grinch Ballet**  
December 6 at 10:00 am  
field trips and general admission available \$8

**Tacky Sweater Party**  
December 8 at 7pm  
Christmas Vacation Movie. \$7  
Prize given for tackiest sweater \$2 to enter contest

**Friends of Tuckabatchee Presents**  
**The Magic of Christmas**  
a live performance  
December 15 @ 7:00  
December 16th @ 2:00

**The Miracles in Concert**  
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**LIFT Ministries hosts Radical Relationships**  
Jan 12, 2019  
A conference for men and women.  
4:00- 9:00pm

**Heartlinks Women's Conference**  
February 22, 2019  
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Janeese Spencer, Special Guest Speaker  
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This family-friendly lip-synch event is a major fundraiser for the Tallassee Music Boosters, produced and directed by Ms. Pat Merrett. Watch for details in the coming months.

## 22nd Annual Fabulous Follies

Admission \$5.00 (6 and under FREE)

**Friday & Saturday**  
**March 1st & 2nd**

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## Class of 2019 Homecoming



*Ivory Russell, Kennede White, Emma Coyle, Miriam Bird, Iayana Parker and Madison Grice*



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# Thanksgiving in December

December is upon us. Christmas is coming soon. You’ll probably be extra busy and feel some extra stress as you try to get everything done. Maybe I’m only telling on myself, but it could be true about you, too.

May I suggest a way to make December better by reminding us of something we thought about last month? Remember the fourth Thursday of November? That’s right. It was Thanksgiving. I love Thanksgiving Day. Since I was a pudgy little boy, it’s been one of my favorite holidays. I have sweet memories of Thanksgivings past.

But I also think everyday should be like Thanksgiving, as much as possible. I know our families can’t get together all that often. Most of us can’t afford to eat every day like we tend to do that day. But that spirit of gratitude should not be confined to a day. We shouldn’t lose our thankful hearts when we turn the calendar to December.

I like that little three word sentence at the end of Colossians 3:15: "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." And be thankful. It's imperative, not optional. It points us to attitudes and behaviors that glorify God, bless the people around us and improve our own disposition. I certainly have room for improvement in all three areas. "And be thankful." It's added onto what's already in the verse.

Let’s think about thanksgiving as an additive (something put with what’s already there) for December and every other month. Thanksgiving needs to be something added to our routines, our relationships and our requests year-round.

Let's think about our busy routines. We might use our crowded schedule as an excuse to hurry past being thankful to God and one another for the blessings and gifts we receive in a day. But whatever the agenda, we will do better when we add some thanksgiving to the day. If we're in too big a hurry to acknowledge kindnesses shown us with genuine thanks, we need to slow down. Do what the day's list demands, "and be thankful."

Holidays put extra stress on relationships. Shouldn't your relationships use some added heartfelt expressions of gratitude from you? Paul knew it was important to express thanks for the people in his life. He told the Philippians, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you” (Philippians 1:3). How many husbands and wives, parents and children and even co-workers fail to give and receive thanks for each other’s efforts? When you say "thanks" out loud, it blesses the ones you tell and it speaks to your own heart, too. "And be thankful."

Making requests to our heavenly Father is a high privilege of being His child. We should never be too busy to pray, asking God's blessings. And when we pray, we ought to grow beyond recitation and listing our requests to genuine, worshipful thanksgiving. Remember, thanksgiving is the appropriate accompaniment to requests: "in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). God is exalted and we are humbled when we acknowledge and give thanks to him. Fight anxiety by exercising your privilege. Ask in faith, "and be thankful."

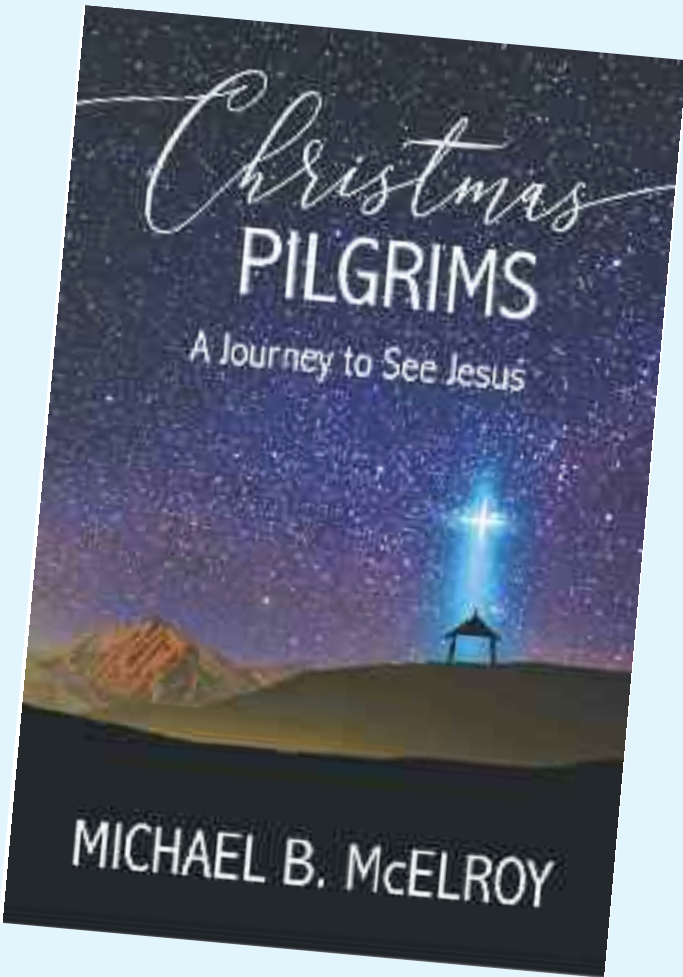
Some additives are not helpful. A whole industry produces and markets all-natural foods without additives. But thanksgiving is one of the good additives. So, let’s enjoy these active days, cherish our relationships, say our prayers, "and be thankful."



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## Christmas Pilgrims—A Journey to See Jesus

by Tallassee’s Mike McElroy  
Christmas Pilgrims is a collection of stories based on the people and events in the Bible narratives of Jesus’ birth. It’s an ideal devotional for the busy days before Christmas, or any other time you need to refresh your sense of wonder. Mike is also the author of The Abiding Companion—A Friendly Guide for Your Journey Through the New Testament. Christmas Pilgrims and The Abiding Companion are available locally from the author by email ([ChristmasPilgrims@gmail.com](mailto:ChristmasPilgrims@gmail.com)) or from [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).



## Seasonal Reasoning: Manna From Heaven

Provision. Verb. supply with food, drink, or equipment, especially for a journey.  
**Exodus 16:2-5** *In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 3 The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”*

Traditionally today we are thankful, a bit sentimental and gracious for the meal and family before us. Sometimes though our thankfulness becomes ungratefulness so quickly we don’t even see the wreckage the way. I think one of the greatest instances in the Bible of ungratefulness came from the mighty trek to the Promised Land.

The end of the year is quickly approaching and with the new year brings new seasons. New journeys down unexpected paths with new provisions made. The Israelites needed provisions. As the labored through their journey, the groaning started. The reminiscing of times past became the object of their focus. The memory of what used to be. In reality the Israelites should’ve been happy they were fleeing from the past. They were fleeing from death.

You see the Israelites, as we do even as we enter a season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, grumbled. They couldn’t see the blessings because they were too focused on the past. They were too focused on the provisions that had once been laid out before them, the tastiness of the meat, the splendor of the enslavement. Wait! Yes, I said it. They must’ve gotten their memories entangled with their current situation and not their past. Who wishes back enslavement when you’ve tasted freedom? Enslavement was easy for them though, they knew their role and the provisions were provided to them.

The Lord heard their complaints just as He hears us still, groaning and moaning and in a state of ungratefulness, yet He still brings provisions even when we don’t deserve it. My prayer today is that you wouldn’t do as the Israelites did, don’t go out gathering provisions because you don’t have faith in the Lord enough that He will provide it day in and day out. He has given you what you need. Rest on the days He commands. Be thankful for what you have. Be thankful for what He has given you. Take more from the day than just the physical provision, thank Him for the lesson the Israelites gave us. Thank Him for the food before you and that even though you gathered it and prepared it in the same somewhat manner as the Israelites did, you don’t have to grumble over it. Sometimes the things we get so tired of tasting, the same job, the same family prob-

lems, the same poverty are the things that in the end sustain us for a greater future. He has given and will continue to give you every provision you need. Do not look back reminiscing of the past that once held you in chains, look upward expectant of what the future will bring. What He will so graciously give you.



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## Community Christmas

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## 18,654,977 And Counting



**Wade Shipman**  
*Superintendent  
of Education*

That’s right 18,654,977 words being read... and counting. That is the total number of words read through the Accelerated Reader program at Southside Middle School according to Media Specialist Angie Miller. Those are the numbers for just Southside and AR, however there is much more reading going on in all of our schools. This is part of a district effort begun by Curriculum Director, Tessie Williams and a group of educator s wanting to promote a love of reading. April Powell, Katie Jackson, Jennifer Miller, Angel Miller, Heather Earnest, Laura Lott, and Courtney Branch met with Ms. Williams numerous times and through those meetings, their goal was to find a way to promote reading in our schools and community. Last year Tallassee’s Leadership group read the book, “The Book Whisperer,” further inspiring Ms. Williams and this group. The ‘Tallassee Reads’ idea was initiated at the beginning of this school year and has been successful in encouraging everyone of all ages to read for enjoyment. We hope that this initiative continues to flourish and as a result our students develop a lifetime love for reading.

A second initiative is ‘Attendance Matters.’ Our country is fighting an epidemic of chronic student absenteeism. Chronic absenteeism represents students who miss 15 days or more in a school year. It is now a criteria included

on our state report card. Our emphasis has been to encourage all students to be in school. In most cases, there is an adult that is directly responsible for their child getting to school and on time. We want to provide you with the best education possible for your children. It is nearly impossible to do if they are chronically absent. Please do your part in helping us having a great school year.

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## Tallassee High School

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### Tallassee High School Presented GUYS AND DOLLS for four performances November 13-14-15

The story of “Guys and Dolls” comes from the pen of Damon Runyon, whose short stories Blood Pressure and The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown inspired the writing of this musical. Songwriter Frank Loesser came up with the songs, while Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows wrote the book.

The characters are living in the Times Square area of New York City in the 1920s-1930s period. They represent an underworld known only unto themselves – gangsters, gamblers, street preachers, and nightclub dancers.

Nathan Detroit, who was played by John Burgess in our production, runs a floating crap game in every nook and cranny of New York City, it seems; his fiancée of 14 years, Miss Adelaide, was played by Grace Coker. Adelaide is the main attraction at the Hot Box Club, where she dances every night. Adelaide is so desperate to get Nathan to go straight that she has told her mother that she’s been married to Nathan for 12 years, and that they have six children.

Sarah Brown is a minister at the Save-a-Soul Mission, a storefront church. She was played by Mallory Nichols in our version. Sarah is tightly wound and has a zealous devotion to her missionary work, trying to eliminate the gambling and drinking going on around her. Sky Masterson, who was played in our production by Trace Bush, is a smooth talker and the most successful gambler in the play. Sky bets Nathan he can convince Sarah to go on a date with him – and succeeds, in that the rogue gambler actually falls for the buttoned-down preacher!

You’ve heard the songs your whole life – “Luck Be A Lady,” “Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat,” “A Bushel and a Peck” – and they were all heard in the THS production.

Along with our four main leads, there were around 70 other students who worked tirelessly on the musical over the past few weeks alongside participation in band, cross country, cheerleading, dance team, football, and everything else that has been going on along with their academic classes. They painted, built, and moved; they learned lines and choreography to go with the songs they had to memorize.





# Southside Middle School



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Kevin O'Rear and Family**

## World Day and Veterans Day Programs

As the end of the semester approaches I wanted to take time to recognize the part of Southside Middle School that is by far the most important; our students. Students and teachers have been extremely busy representing our schools in various activities, and we are proud of their achievements. Recently our students have participated in World Day, Veterans Day program, volleyball, football, cheerleading, dance team, robotics, reading celebration, and many other clubs and activities. These programs and activities only portray a portion of the excellent character and pride instilled in our students. We are extremely proud and honored to have such a wonderful group of kids who dedicate their time



*World Day*



*Reading Celebration*



*Dance Team*

and efforts to their peers and their school. The 2018 SMS football team, coached by Adam Clayton, Josh Taylor and Jacob Gibson, had one of the better seasons in the last decade. The team, led by 23 eighth graders, went 6-0 on the season defeating Dadeville, Holtville, and Eclectic twice. We are extremely proud of our students achievements throughout this semester and look forward to celebrating many more this school year!



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## Artists in the Making

Students at Tallassee Elementary School explore a wide variety of art mediums and artists from all over the world as well as create their own artistic ideas and artwork. Students can integrate and retain what they are learning in all areas when they have opportunities to create relevant artifacts. For example, when studying geometric shapes, students illustrated various architecture that contained geometric shapes. In the content area of science, students made models of a flower to better understand each of its parts. Throughout the year, students have the opportunity to attend afterschool art sessions with Mrs. Battles. In these make and take sessions, students complete specific art projects geared toward their grade level. For example, fourth grade created a chalk pastel mandala. A mandala design was drawn with pencil on a 12X12 black piece of paper. The pencil design was traced with liquid glue and then given time to dry. Students used chalk pastels to color inside the mandala designs. It was a lovely project that they were able to take home with them that day.



## S.T.E.M. at Tallassee Elementary School

Tallassee Elementary School is providing students with an educational opportunity through its new Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) lab. Students are immersed in engineering design skills, coding and computer programming, circuitry and power circuit basics, and robotics. Under the guidance of Mrs. Moore, students are learning the design thinking approach to where they are understanding the problem, creating a solution, and testing their theory. While in the STEM lab, students are engineers building structures that require determination and persistence. On occasions, students create circuits that power multiple objects at the same time. When students develop their student driven project, they have a great sense of accomplishment.





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