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Congrats, Barbara Garnett!

In September, Barbara Garnett retired as Tallassee's City Clerk after 25 years of dedicated service. While she will certainly be missed by the Mayor, the City and citizens, Ms. Garnett will be remembered fondly for her years of loyalty. The Alabama Gazette extends many wishes for a wonderful retirement!



City of Tallassee Welcomes New City Clerk!



Whitney Moon was appointed as the City of Tallassee's new City Clerk effective September 1, 2019. As the City Clerk, Ms. Moon is the business manager of City Hall and the election officer for the City. Her responsibilities include, but are not limited to: city treasurer; custodian of public records; personnel, payroll and human resources manager; enforcer of governmental guidelines for City elections, ballot printing, voter registration, and more.

Ms. Moon can be reached through the City's website at www.tallasseeal.gov, via phone at (334) 283-6571, or email: *cityclerk@tallassee-al.gov*.

Please welcome Whitney Moon to the City of Tallassee!

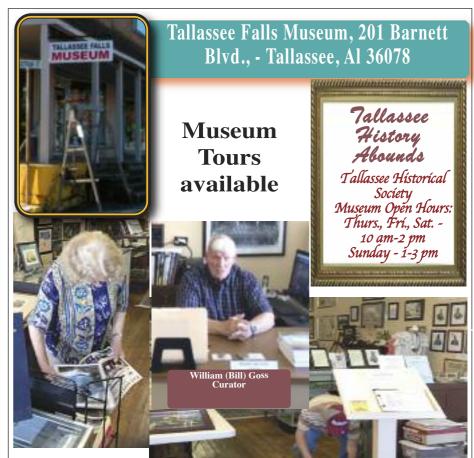




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Police Department

Tallassee

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Chief of Police Matthew E. Higgins 334-283-6586

The mission of the Tallassee Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the city of Tallassee by working cooperatively with the public to prevent crime, enforce the laws, preserve the peace and provide a safe environment.

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Brandon Fomby Youth Pastor First Baptist Church of Tallassee 1279 Friendship Rd, Tallassee, AL 36078 (334) 283-2287

Right Thinking Leads to Right Actions

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around lifeand place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him." – Romans 12:1

As an athlete there is nothing more motivating and powerful that a coach's locker room speech! Whether the sport is football, baseball, softball, basketball or hockey there is something about a coach rallying his/her players to compete at their highest level. In one of the most dramatic upsets in Olympic history, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal

winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York. The Soviet team had captured the previous four Olympic hockey golds, going back to 1964, and had not lost an Olympic hockey game since 1968. This epic, David and Goliath showdown, is referred to as the "Miracle on Ice." Herb Brooks, the coach of this 1980 U.S.A. Olympic hockey team, delivered one of the all-time greatest locker room speeches that inspired and challenged this team to do what the entire world knew was impossible. Coach Brooks told his players, "Great moments are born from great opportunity. You were born to be hockey players. This is your time!" Romans 12 is kind of like Paul's locker room speech for the followers of Christ - here's who you are, here's how we're going to win, here's how we're going to defeat our opponent, here's how we're going to get to the finish line together, and here are the keys to victory! In chapters one through eleven, Paul has devoted tons of time and energy to heavy duty theology and doctrine and he's transitioning here. He says, "In light of what God has done, here's how we should live." To put it another way - we are encouraged to use what we know about God (theology) and turn it into "walkology" - to live out what we believe as followers of Christ. Once we pair our theology with our walkology then we are truly living a life of surrender and worship. Paul goes on to say in verse two, "Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." We must not adopt the patterns of this world with its behavior and customs - they're usually selfish and corrupting - but it has to go beyond the level of behavior and customs - it must sink deep into our heart and our mind - it says "by changing the way your think" (NLT) - RIGHT THINKING LEADS TO RIGHT ACTIONS. Romans 8:5says it like this "Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please God." It's only when the Holy Spirit renews and redirects our minds that we are really transformed and I'd say at a spot that we can truly worship God with our everyday, ordinary life. We have a great opportunity to live for Jesus Christ every day. Let right now be the moment that you decide in your mind that you're giving your everyday, ordinary life - sleeping, eating, going-to-work, going-to-school, and walking around-life – to the glory of God and for the advancement of His Kingdom.

Today's Prayer Guidance

Father, help me to consciously choose to center my life on You today and every day. *Let me be mindful that right thinking leads to right actions.* I want to be controlled by the Holy Spirit today not by my sinful nature. Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit, help me die to self today and live for You. *I give you my all to be used to bring You glory* and to advance Your Kingdom.



For Season Tickets / Sponsorship contact: McCraney-Cottle Arts Council P. O. Box 780551, Tallassee, AL 36078

Mission Statement: The McCraney-Cottle Arts Council was established in 1963 to promote and encourage the development and appreciation of the fine and performing arts in and around the community of Tallassee, Alabama by presenting appearances of visiting artists and by sponsoring local artistic endeavors. It has been a pleasure to serve our community for 55 years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sounds of the Season Thurs, Dec $5 \sim 7 \text{ pm}$ Tallassee High School

Missoula Children's Theater Jan 13-18, 2020 ~ 7 pm Tallassee High School

Holiday selections performed by the McCraney Cottle Singers, the newly formed McCraney Cottle Children's Choir as well as other soloists and ensembles

~ Sleeping Beauty will be performed by local students in grades kindergarten - 12th.



A Community Organization

Meets Thursdays at either 1220 Cafe or Cozumel





November 15 Silent Auction and Dinner ~ 7:00 pm

November 16

Mt. Vernon Harvest Festival ~ 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Vendors, Food, Inflatables, Entertainment and so much more! Join us for a fun day at the theatre!

December 1 LIFT Ministries present The Polar Express ~ 2:00 pm

> December 5 Sounds of the Season $\sim 6:30 - 7:30$ pm

December 9 A Mark Lanier Christmas Homecoming ~ 6:00 - 7:00 pm

December 10 Kingdom Suites Ballet Field Trip ~ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm For more information and ticket availability visit:

P.O. Box 780639 Tallassee, AL 36078

www.mtvernontheatre.net 321 Barnett Blvd, Tallassee, AL 36078

Thank you for your continued support and making the **TALLASSEE QUARTERLY** possible!



Don Bryant, recently chosen as the new president of the Tallassee City Board of Education, is a valuable member of the community through his commitment to the City and its citizens. The Tallassee Quarterly

Don Bryant

wishes to recognize Don for

his contributions over the years to the City and for ensuring the best of Tallassee is highlighted locally and beyond!



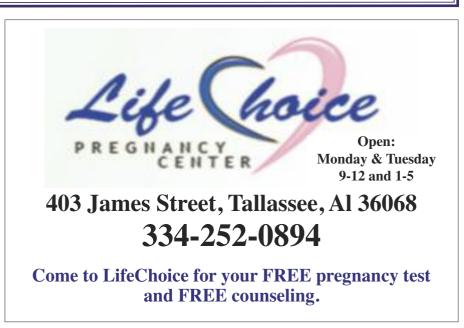
Michael Bird is the music teacher at Tallassee High School. He is an ongoing asset to this publication by sending timely articles and great pictures the of Tallassee students. The Tallassee Quarterly truly appreciates his willingness

Michael Byrd

to highlight the achievements of the their accomplishments students and throughout the years.



Small enough to know ya! 1940 Prospect Road, Dadeville, Al 36853



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Mission:

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.







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New Board of Education Leadership

Tallassee City School Board is not compensated for their service as most school boards are in the state of Alabama. Our board members give of their own time and often attend multiple meetings each month, as well as being required to complete ongoing training requirements.

Wade Shipman Superintendent of Education

Mrs. Ruthanne McCaig has been a board member since 2008 and served as President of Tallassee City's Board of Education for the past three years. During her tenure, the system has seen improvement in state accountability scores, school security, technology implementa-

tion, and STEM programs. The Alabama Association of School Boards (AASB) Member Academy recognizes school board members for their training accomplishments. Level one -25 hours of professional development (PD), level two -50hours of PD, level three -75 hours of PD, or level four -100 hours of PD. Mrs. McCaig has been recognized as a level two member through the AASB Member Academy for the amount of professional learning that she has completed.

During its October Board of Education meeting, the Tallassee City Board of Education chose Mr. Don Bryant as the new president. Mr. Bryant has just

completed his third year as a board member and previously served as vicepresident of the school board. Mr. Bryant has earned a level three recognition by the AASB Member Academy. The board also selected Mr. Rex Ledbetter as vice-president of the board. Mr. Ledbetter has served on the board for the past seven years and is recognized as a level three board member from the AASB Member Academy.

Other board members along with their years of service on the board and AASB Member Academy recognition are as follows:

Ms. Lacey Brewer, three years on the board and a level two AASB Member Academy recognition;

Mrs. Sonja Moore, two years on the board and a level one AASB Member Academy recognition;

Mrs. Sandra Patterson, seven years on the board and a level three AASB Member Academy recognition;

Mrs. Kami Scarborough, three years on the board and a level two AASB Member Academy recognition.

When given the opportunity, please thank our board members for their commitment to the students of Tallassee City Schools.

MORE GREAT HAPPENINGS AT TALLASSEE SCHOOLS!











Matt Coker High School Principal





At Tallassee High School, we begin our announcements each day with our motto: "Tradition, Honor, Family, Success."

Congratulations to MATT COKER of Tallassee High School Voted by the readers of Tallapoosa Publishers newspapers (The Wetumpka Herald, The Eclectic Observer, and The Tallassee Tribune) as BEST PRINCIPAL of 2019 - and we agree!



The Tallassee High School Band earned straight Superior ratings at marching band competitions held in Phenix City on September 28 and Troy on October 5.



Superior ratings, or 1's, are the highest ratings a band can receive. At Phenix City, Tallassee earned Best in Class Drum Major (Samuel Gantt), Best in Class Battery Percussion (Kyle Boatwright, drum captain), Best in Class Pit Percussion (Sinclair Cole, section leader), Best in Class Color Guard (Beth East, color guard captain), and Best in Class Majorettes (Natalie Henderson, head majorette). The band is under the direction of Mr. Robert Glasscock and Ms. Melanie Perry. Other staff members include Jordan Wallace (percussion instructor), Mike Hammonds (music arranger), Vicki Baker (majorette instructor), Jennifer Crain (auxiliaries coordinator), and Michael Bird (announcer).



All-State Insurance "Good Hands" Team of Tallassee High School

Varsity Volleyball Award Belle Haynes

THS Dance Team and School Spirit Award Natalie Davis

The Pride of Tallassee Band Award Thomas Pollard

Varsity Football Award Tavarious "Truck" Griffin



It's hard to believe that nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year are in the books. It's been a great start at Tallassee High School and as we prepare for the next quarter of the school year it's a good time to look back and recognize some of student leaders here at THS! A school year is only as good as the students in the building and we are very fortunate to have some of the finest students around. Jimmy Jones, All-State Insurance company with Kip Lowe, contacted me earlier this year and wanted to recognize some outstanding students in academics, athletics, arts, and school spirit. As I talked to our coaches, band directors, and academic advisors we wanted to ensure our

students would represent our school and community in all facets to include being a good student and performer in their area of expertise but more importantly would be of outstanding character. With that said, the following students are the first quarter nominees of the All-State Insurance "Good Hands" Team of Tallassee High School.

Thank you to All-State Insurance, Jimmy Jones, and Kip Lowe for sponsoring these awards for our students. Go Tigers!

Southside Middle School



Southside **Middle School Principal Micah Cook**



Southside **Middle School Asst. Principal Kevin O'Rear** and Family

Southside Middle School 901 East B Payne Sr Dr., Tallassee, AL 36078 334-283-2151

Tallassee Reads at Southside Middle School!

Tallassee Reads! This is the slogan our school system has bought into the past two years. Here at Southside, social studies teachers will be incorporating textual reading into their classrooms. This semester students are reading small passages related to history content that allows them to gain knowledge of the subject, as well as improve their reading skills. The SMS library is in the process of a positive transformation. Currently, the books are being genrefied for students to easily locate books based on their interests. There have also been books weeded and new books ordered in order to have an updated collection that meets the interests and needs of all students. Mrs. Pugh is also in the process of incorporating new technology and collaborative spaces for learning. We have also used allocated funds to enhance the interior design of the library by adding a brand new desk for students to check out books of their choice. Southside Middle School is dedicated to providing every child an opportunity to strengthen their reading skills to enhance overall academic achievement.



Kevin W. O'Rear Assistant Principal Southside Middle School



Shanikka **Beacher Principal**

Tallassee Elementary School



850 Friendship Road, Tallassee, AL 36078, 334-283-5001

Family Art and Diversity Night at Tallassee Elementary School



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

On Tuesday, October 8th, Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Dark, our parent involvement coordinators, organized an incredible event including reading, art, diversity, and more! The evening began with parents and students receiving an excellent bag of items provided by our PTO including healthy snacks, coupons, and samples of great immunity supports for the upcoming cold and flu season. Next, students and parents enjoyed a great story about being unique. Only One You by Linda Kranz provided everyone with reminders about being kind to everyone, celebrating our differences, and never giving up on your dreams. Mrs. Nicholson



discussed the story with students to bring out the key points. At that time, Mrs. Dark explained the activity ahead. Students painted rocks in their own way that allowed their individualism to shine through their creativity! Students also enjoyed a popsicle treat before ending the evening of fun!

Take a look at these scenes from the evening...



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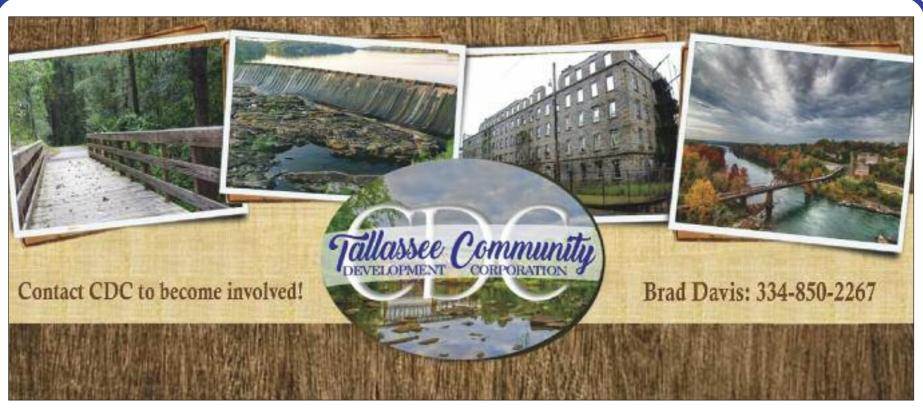
THE ALABAMA GAZETTE HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PUBLISHING THE TALLASSEE QUARTERLY FOR OVER 4 YEARS. It has been a real privilege to look back and see the many accomplishments of the Tallassee City's Board of Education over the last 4 years. This publication has given us the privilege of spotlighting and supporting students, athletes, teachers, staff, and the Tallassee City School Board to promote education in the Tallassee area. Only the continued support of Tallassee businesses have made this possible. Thank you *Tallassee Quarterly* advertisers!

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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, upfront financing, and manpower help with proceeds going to help meet the groups' funding needs.



10 South Ann Avenue Tallassee, AL 36078 Office: 334-283-5151

TALLASSEE CHAMBER EVENTS

Annual Hospital Luncheon – Thursday, December 5, 12 - 1 pm Tallassee Community Hospital; Please RSVP – 283-5151 or *chamber@tallasseechamber.com*

> Holiday Market – Friday, December 6, 4 - 8 pm Veteran's Park across from City Hall

Tallassee Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 7, 10 am

Entry forms are due Monday, December 2 Register online at *www.tallasseechamber.com*

Messiah Sing – Sunday, December 8, 2 - 3 pm Church of the Ephiphany, 2602 Gilmer Avenue, Tallassee For more info: Amanda Borden 205-821-0554 or Jerry Cunningham 334-312-2679

Talisi Historical Society Time Capsule Presentation City Hall Saturday, December 14 (TBA)

> Capital City Classic Show Choir Competition Friday & Saturday, January 24-25, 2020 MPAC Montgomery hosted by The Tallassee High School Music Department