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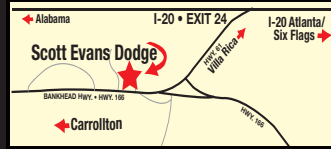
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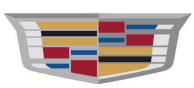
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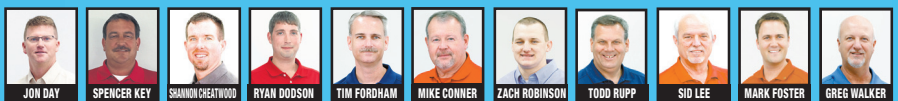


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# R.K. Redding Construction Celebrates 25th Anniversary



By: Geoff Parker

When Randall Redding, owner of R.K. Redding Construction Company decides to take a few days off, he is not concerned about leaving the office. “I stay connected all the time in case someone has a question but we have such a professional, talented employee base, I know that the company will be in the same shape when I return to the office,” said Randall Redding.

RKR was established in 1991 initially with Randall Redding and a former partner. Tony and Debbie Lovvern joined the company as additional partners until 1996 when the Lovverns left to form their own organization. “We are still a private business. Our first contract was with a grocery store in Tallapoosa which was a major job for a new business. From there we were fortunate enough to land an assignment with Big B Drugstores, part of the Bruno’s supermarket chain. We ended up building 36

drugstores in Tennessee, Alabama, Florida and Georgia over a period of five years,” Redding said.

“We also built a 12 story condominium structure in Orange Beach, Alabama (Nautilus Condominiums) with elevators to each floor considering that there was only one unit per floor. These condos were upscale and the project took us a little over a year to complete. Considering that RKR was only in business five years prior to this



contract, our team was outstanding and we would have received an award if we were members of the Associated General Contractors of America. In addition, RKR completed another condominium contract in Orange Beach, Harbor Cove,” added Redding.

Redding is a firm believer in customer relations. His parents operated several restaurants and young Redding had the opportunity to visualize how to treat clients so they would return time and time again because of the quality and service. He has utilized this mantra with RKR. “I am grateful that people have allowed us to build their structures and to believe in this company. We have worked hard to earn their respect. With the many referrals from our clients, we have achieved long term relationships with school boards, universities, churches among other accounts,” Redding stated.

“In Douglas County, RKR constructed a competition gym for Alexander High School where teams from different divisions come to compete for state championships,” Steven Hill, RKR Vice-President of Marketing and Employee Services, stated. “We also built the First Baptist Church in Douglasville and the Church at Chapel Hill,” Hill added. Hill has been involved in West Georgia Habitat for Humanity. “When I told Redding about the house in Bremen that volunteers were going to build, he (Redding) pulled out all the stops for RKR to use their resources to help with the construction. I did not ask him for anything and it turned out that this house was eventually erected with the lowest budget in West Georgia Habitat history,” stated Hill. RKR also renovated the former Higgins General Hospital in Bremen when Tanner Health System assumed control over

the facility, The West Georgia Technical College Allied health Services Building in Newnan and additions/renovation to Paulding County High School.

RKR’s activities in West Georgia have resulted in \$807,018,974 gross revenue which, according to some economists, can result in a Multiplier Effect. This economic theory indicates that as more revenue is poured into the local economy, more workers will spend additional money thus creating a demand for local services, like automobiles, housing, restaurants and other purchases.

In Carroll County, RKR has also been active over the years. “At West Georgia University, we were contracted to build the new Book Store and over a 10-year period helped the university add buildings for the Greek Village. One of our most prestigious projects was being selected to build the Georgia Department of Veterans Services Trinka Veterans Clinic in Carrollton,” Richard Lusk, RKR Executive Vice-President/COO and Chief Estimator, said. Lusk has been with the company for 23 years, joining RKR a week before graduating with a Construction Management Degree from Georgia Institute of Technology. “In slow times, we tried to keep our employees on the payroll. Redding has always been devoted to helping the employees and their families,” added Lusk. Additional Carroll County projects involved Roopville Baptist Church and the last expansion of Tanner Health System.

RKR has received innumerable awards (11 from 2008-20015) from the prestigious Associated General Contractors of America: Paulding County School Cluster, University of West Georgia Greek Village, Georgia Tech Boggs Nuclear Radiation Lab Reno-

vation, Trink Davis Veterans Village, and Rockmart Middle School are just a few of the projects that have garnered First Place Honors. The company has also earned accolades from Georgia Trend Magazine, Atlanta Business Chronicle, and Inc. Magazine. Redding was President of AGC Georgia from 2014-15, President of UWG’s Foundation Board, and served on the Tanner Foundation Board and Mt. Paran Church Board.

Unlike most companies, RKR tithes to many non-profit organizations in Georgia like Alice’s House, Young Life, Pregnancy Resource Center, Tanner medical Foundation, West Georgia Habitat for Humanity, Paulding Education foundation, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Construction Technology Program at Spalding High School. “Tithing is very important to our company. Giving back to the communities that we serve, especially our home town Bremen, Georgia, is part of our mission statement, added Redding.

On April 21, 2016, The City of Bremen and Haralson County Chamber of Commerce paid homage to Redding and R.K. Redding Construction Company. Other West Georgia Chambers of Commerce were also in attendance to show their appreciation for RKR’s contributions to education programs and non-profit organizations over the years. The company received a Proclamation and Official Announcement for RKR Day in Haralson County. “RKR has recently been asked to serve as the Construction Manager on a very important Georgia project involving an entertainment facility,” stated Redding. R.K.Redding Construction Company continues to be a community-based organization in West Georgia but they also remain a force in the Southeast. ■

# Local R.K. Redding Construction Past Projects



*University of West Georgia Bookstore*



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# Trinka Davis Veterans Village



By: Geoff Parker

On the Atlanta VA Medical Center's web site, there's a picture of the Trinka Davis Veterans Village in Carrollton. I was surprised to find nothing else except links to other centers, and so forth. This contemporary facility for our veterans is, simply, an extraordinary environment with an amazing story attached to it.

Around the time that World War Two was finally ending, Davis's father, Poncet Davis, obtained Textile Sales Company in Bowden, Georgia. Trinka Davis attained

the facility when Mr. Davis died in 1975. At various times, Trinka Davis's advisors continually attempted to persuade her to dispose of or sell the Textile assets but she was not inclined to follow those suggestions. This was most unusual considering since 1998, Davis resided in the Waldorf-Astoria Towers in Manhattan.

Trinka Davis was a world traveler, well-educated and a part of the high society in New York. But she came to enjoy her monthly meetings in Bowden and eventually made friends with many Carroll County people. She even selected a lo-

cal citizen, Kirk Dortch, to become the President of Textile Sales. In 1978, the plant was destroyed in a fire and, again, her guides told her to abandon the cause. Davis was originally from the South and her loyalty to the families and employees outweighed any economic calamity. The new plant became Trintex complete with the annual Christmas shindig. Davis and Dortch created another subsidiary, Intertex World Resources, which became an international synthetic rubber brokerage business (one of the biggest commerce subsidiaries of its kind).



“She fell in love with the South, especially with the communities in Carroll County. She wanted to make sure that the families associated with the plant did not lose their jobs and she also had this love for veterans,” Daniel Jackson, President & CEO of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, said. “As she was preparing her estate, her specific instructions for the money allocated to Carroll County included a clause that the endowment would be set aside for something important, significant and special on behalf of the veterans of Carroll County,” added Jackson.

In July, 2004, Davis sold the manufacturing plant to Carlisle Companies but the Intertex entity remained intact and Davis became the CEO. True to her method of operation, Davis made sure that principal employees would absorb the brokerage section of Trintex when she died which occurred suddenly in August of 2006.

Davis’s wishes were followed explicitly by her estate attorneys in Birmingham. Initially, the estate was not sure who to contact about the benefaction. Some individuals had heard rumors about a possible grant or gift but no one was prepared for what occurred later. The law firm discovered that Carroll County had a foundation and contacted Kim Jones, President of Community Foundation of West

Georgia.

“When I received the phone call from Davis’s foundation, they said that there was some money that was set aside by Trinka Davis for the veterans of Carroll County and I thought that maybe now we could purchase, at least, a van for our veterans,” Jones said. “We never were supplied with any other details. We immediately gathered people associated with veteran affairs and told them we were not sure of the gift amount but what are the needs of the veterans in Carroll County. The answer was transportation and access to medical assistance. Most of the veterans had to go to The VA Clinic in Decatur, a long drive and an older facility,” Jones added.

“When we met with their trustees and advisors, we pitched them with the need of our veterans and they stated that they were interested in something bigger,” said Jones. So Jones contacted the VA in Atlanta and asked them if they would come to a meeting with the benefactors. “This was a fact finding meeting because nobody had a clue about the amount of the gift at all. When they stated that what was really on the table for consideration was a stand-alone clinic, we noted that would be expensive; they were certain it could be handled. Minutes later, we were informed that the amount of money that was dedicated for the veterans of Carroll County was \$17 Million Dollars. There was silence in the room,” added Jones.

It was decided that Trinka’s representatives and the VA should seek a site that would meet the parameters of the Department of Veterans Affairs. “The Davis Foundation would purchase the land, build the facility and hand the keys over to the government. The odd thing was it took the VA six months to approve the deal—they had never come across a situation like this in the entire history of the Veterans Affairs Department,” Jones said.





The only stipulation of the estate was the VA would take ownership of the clinic and staff the facility. When a VA clinic is considered, the region, state or city approaches the government for the financial assistance. The Trinka Davis Veterans Village was funded by an outside organization and no government money was involved in the transaction.

“On August 12, 2012, the facility was formally donated to the Veterans Administration,” said Gary Bruton, Administrator of the Trinka Davis Veterans Village. The

village is unique because it has a Community Living Center where 39-42 veterans actually reside in their own private living quarters separate from the center itself. They even have their own chef. “The Living Center is 56 miles from the Atlanta VA Medical Center and there are only three or four locations in the country that provide living facilities for veterans,” Bruton added. There are four homes that provide residences for the veterans who actually name each home as Liberty, Patriot and Freedom. “The residences are in one building and a multi-specialty center is in

the other building that provides primary care, mental health and significant high volume specialties,” Bruton stated.

The Veterans have responded positively. When the facility opened their doors, there was a tremendous response to having medical assistance in West Georgia, including several World War Two Veterans. “This is a 911 complex which means we have a 24/7/365 village equipped with medical personnel that can handle most problems. If not, ambulances and a hospital are nearby. Since the 13-acre parcel has additional space, the VA is considering adding another parking deck and an ambulatory structure which will heighten our resources immensely,” said Bruton. “More Veterans from Alabama and other counties can now obtain medical help at less cost, not having to make a 110 mile round trip and a much longer wait somewhere else,” added Bruton.

The benefits from the village include an educational factor. “We have a School of Nursing Training site whereby Nursing Students come The University of West Georgia, Dental Hygiene students from West Georgia Technical College, and even Medical Students from Morehouse,” Bruton stated. “The jobs that were created for local people was another positive point. There are 220 employees at the village,” stated Bruton. In addition, The Veterans have the option of Home Based Primary Care Services, and two Depart-



ment of Veterans Services' counselors have offices at the village.

"We were respectful and mindful of the guidelines from the Trinka Davis estate and foundation regarding a Green environment," Bruton noted. "The Trinka Davis Veterans Village—there is nothing like it in the country as regards VA Centers construction," added Bruton. The Veterans Village is LEED Certified which means that it is a building with a mark of quality and achievement in green building, which, again, was one of Trinka Davis's mandates in creating a medical center for the Carroll County Veterans. The LEED credentials are the most widely used green building rating system in the world.

The LEED certification provides independent verification of a building allowing for the design, construction, operations, and maintenance of resource efficient, high-performing, healthy, and cost-effective buildings. RKR Construction in Bremen was the lead contractor for the center and utilized earth tones, and different types of building materials keeping with the green environment mandate.

Richard Lusk is the Chief Executive Officer at RKR and was the Pre-Construction Manager and Executive Oversight Official for the village concept. "We drilled 409 feet down in the earth in the front and put in 75 wells and utilized the natural heat that the earth produces (Geothermal) It is like a heat pump for heating and cooling the facility. It removes the heat from the building automatically," said Lusk.

This is part of the story behind the Trinka Davis Veterans Village in Carrollton. It's also a tale of a Southern-born individual who was a sincere humanitarian whose heart went out to our soldiers at a time when it was considered politically incorrect to raise one's hand for our freedom warriors. It is truly a wonderful novella that was an early Christmas Present to the citizens of Carroll County, especially our Veterans and the city of Bowdon. The story is not over yet. ■



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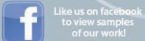
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*Wynonna and the Big Noise coming to Mill Town  
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# **Mill Town Music Hall Celebrates Fifth Anniversary**

By: Geoff Parker

It was late November, 2011 when Steven Hill, Vice-President of Marketing and Employee Services at RKR Construction Company, was trying to get some work done when the CEO of RKR, Randall Redding, sauntered into Hill's office. Redding had a vision. He told Hill about the nearby shopping center where the local Ingles store used to be located. The conversation continued with Redding stating that he was thinking about put-

ting a music venue in the former Ingles store, and that he would like Hill to put it together. "I think that I probably turned white a bit and said something like I don't know anything about concert halls," Hill stated. "Randall did not stay in my office much longer but simply uttered 'let's figure how to get it done.' Music has always been a part of who Randall is," added Hill.

"My vision has always been to create a place where people can bring their children and enjoy a safe, friendly, family-

oriented, venue without any liquor, no parking fees and great food. Our volunteers and employees are devoted to providing the best assistance and service to our patrons. There aren't any facilities nearby that give customers the opportunity to witness world class entertainment at a price no other area venue can offer. I draw upon my family restaurant experience where customer service was number one," Redding stated.

Not only is it a family oriented vision,



the venue is inviting and warm. The welcoming tone of the facility is translated through the warmth of the staff, as well as, the interior design. "My wife and co-partner at Mill Town, Tena, has a gift. She makes all of the decisions about the interior design and my team at RKR works with us to address the construction needs," Redding added.

Still, the venue needed marketing to drive attendance. Fortunately, Hill was acquainted with Public Relations executive Amy Parrish, who had experience with music clients. "I remember Stephen calling me and I went to his office and met with Randall as well. The place had no logo and no business plan. I was taken back somewhat when Redding said that he wanted the grand opening in late January about eight weeks later," Parrish said. "Redding said that God told him to do this and was ready to get moving," added Parrish. "So we dove in head-first and focused on developing the brand, the positioning, reaching out to artists for future performances, arranging radio partnerships with folks like Graddick Communications, and more. It has been an amazing partnership," added Parrish.

Vocalist Jimmy Pearson of Carrollton's renowned Southern Gospel group, The Diplomats, was also involved in Mill Town's in-



### **The Bellamy Brothers coming to Mill Town March 11, 2017**

ception. "Early on in 2012, we helped the staff and owners with arranging for other gospel artists to perform at the venue. I even booked the Oak Ridge Boys the first time around to assist Redding in bringing quality entertainment to West Georgia," Pearson said. On February 3, 2012, Mill Town officially opened their venue with the Isaacs.

"We are open to trying different groups but what we have discovered in the last few years that we are more of a Branson or Grand Ole Opry style venue," General Manager Steve Bennett said. "This does not mean that we won't try other artists than country, bluegrass and southern gospel entertainers, but we found our audience prefers a certain genre of music. If it's not working, don't fix it. We have never had any negative feedback from any artist and most groups want to come back to Mill Town Music hall. In fact, so many artists want to return to our venue, we have had to spread the dates out," added Bennett.

"One of the first great memories I had was

the Harold Shedd Tribute on August 23, 2012. We didn't really know what we were doing. This event was huge with security, the artists and media present; we were green but we got through it alright," said Redding. "One of the interesting things was that Toby Keith came into town to honor Shedd and stayed for three nights in his bus behind our building. He had his entire entourage drive in from Minneapolis and Toby flew in his jet to West Georgia Regional airfield. We took Keith to Bilbo's Bar-B-Que and everyone at the restaurant understood who he was and respected his privacy," Redding added.

Most ticketholders are not aware of the time, money and manpower it takes to operate such a concert hall, even though there are only 1000 seats in the building. Kelli Weaver, another veteran from the early days, is responsible for advertising and community outreach. "One of our mission objectives is to bring great entertainment to West Georgia and to give area churches a break by not having to take youth groups and seniors to Atlanta functions, saving money and having op-



### **Mandy Barnett coming to Mill Town January 14, 2017**



*Tanya Tucker coming to Mill Town  
February 18, 2017*



*Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers  
coming to Mill Town February 4, 2017*

tions for church outings,” Weaver said.

There are also the humorous stories of artists forgetting to bring something they needed before their performance. “When Amy Grant was in town, her business manager had just adopted a child and was not here for the show to assist Grant with her cosmetics prior to the concert. I had to take Grant to Walgreen’s to purchase some makeup prior to the concert because she did not have her cosmetics bag,” Parrish stated. “The Walgreens employees were trying to find Discount Vouchers for Grant and they even attempted to enroll her in their Rewards Card program. It turned out that Grant actually had a Rewards Card anyway. I had to call Mill Town to suggest that they keep the opening act on stage for a while longer while Amy applied her new Walgreens makeup,” Parrish said laughingly.

Chief Keith Pesnell (Bremen Police Department) recalls a few stories involving Parrish. “Amy decided to celebrate Redding’s birthday a few years ago. She brought this huge cake on stage while

Randall was talking to the crowd before the show began. Lo and behold, Parrish tripped and she and the entire cake landed on the stage floor. Both Redding and Parrish ended up laughing while the audience also broke out in a boisterous burst of laughter,” said Pesnell. “Another funny incident occurred last year when Rhonda Vincent was waiting to go on stage and one of her shoes got stuck in a floor vent. Parrish and I had to help Vincent retrieve her shoe so she could perform with both shoes,” Pesnell added.

The night of the Shedd Tribute, Chef Josh McCorsley took some food to Toby Keith’s bus to fill up the refrigerator. “I just closed the cooler and Keith comes out of the shower with a towel wrapped around him. It was a strange moment but he loved my food and I gave him enough dinners for the band to take on the road,” said McCorsley. Another tale is when Mel Tillis had to go to Walmart because he left his luggage at the airport. “I did not know that Tillis was putting different clothes on and asking customers how this shirt looked while people were taking pictures. I found out about the incident on Facebook at midnight...great memories for the town of Bremen,” Parrish said.

“If you give the patrons great entertainment and food at a fair price, they will spread the news about Mill Town. My friend, Rhubarb Jones, told me if you will take care of the artists and feed them well, they will come back and they have,” said Redding. “God has really blessed us and continues to do so. My team

is as dedicated to serving the community as Tena and I are,” Redding added.

The venue is in the middle of adding a dining room that will seat 60 people for a variety of uses plus two new bathrooms will soon be installed in addition to acoustic sound baffles which will help reduce any reverberation and airborne noise.

Recently, The Academy of Country Music implied that Mill Town Music Hall will be nominated in the Small Venue Category next season. Tour Busthe star-studded schedule that Mill Town Music Hall has for 2016, the sixth year should be better than the former 12 months. ■



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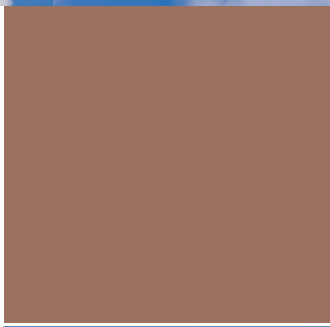
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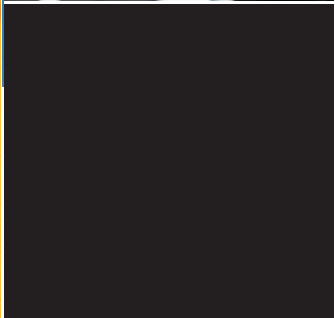
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# The New Breed Of Singer/Songwriters In West Georgia



By: Geoff Parker

In the mid 1970's, Lenny LeBlanc and Pete Carr released a song entitled "Falling," which eventually became one of Billboard Magazine's all-time greatest hit singles. Now, LeBlanc resides in Florence, Alabama, home to several renown songwriters, and nearby Muscle Shoals Sound Studio, now on the U. S. National Register of Historic Places.

LeBlanc, a notable Christian artist, has spent decades refining his music but his overall success did not come easy. "I was fortunate to play bass and sing background vocals on LP's by The Supremes, Amy Grant, Roy Orbison, Hank Williams Jr., and Ricky Skaggs, among others," said LeBlanc. "When I decided to give my life to the Lord and go out on my own, my income went south as well. I did not appreciate the church music of that era, so not only was I changing my music genre, I was more interested in Christian music that I could relate to," added LeBlanc. Today, LeBlanc performs his music around the world and has penned songs for other artists as well.

Over the years, LeBlanc and I have often discussed the plight of current artists, especially budding singer/songwriters. "I still remember when I had to find a way to put food on the table for my family after I changed my direction to Christian music. Luckily, I had another

skill-carpentry-and I still make and sell furniture. Young singers have to concentrate on their craft no matter what, and with the changing methods of receiving royalties today (Spotify, iTunes, Reverbnation, Streaming), you have to be educated and aware of your rights. Both BMI and ASCAP have wonder-

ful songwriter workshops around the country and there is even an ASCAP in Atlanta," LeBlanc stated.

Born in Hawaii, but now living in Douglasville, Keenan Hegarity is a local entertainer who performs at various venues like Dockside Marina in Fairfield

## Keenan Hegarity





*Andrew Weaver standing in front of the Cherokee Country Club*

Plantation, The Alley Cat in Adamson Square, and The Moonlight Grill in Bremen. Last year, he competed in the West Georgia Sing-Off and he was the only contestant that sang his own composition.

Hegarity has been known to jump on tables if the customers are not listening carefully to his music. "I do 60% original tunes and 40% cover songs. I like to involve the people in my show. Sometimes He will shout 'People, of this great earth, I am here to play for you,'" Hegarity said. A funny thing happened at this Dockside gig. "I was telling the customers that I had never had a boat so one person came up to me and convinced me to ride in their watercraft. So when I finished my first session, I took a ride in Tara Lake for 15 minutes or so, maybe longer than I thought, because when we came back to the marina, everyone thought that I skipped out. It was funny and the rest of the evening was terrific," added Hegarity. Keenan has a powerful voice and knows his way around clubs and outdoor venues. One can always

have a good time with Hegarity at the helm.

Hunter Flanagan hails from Bowdon and has also been a contestant in the Sing-Off the last two years. He placed in each category, one year #1 and the next in second place. He is one of the younger musicians locally on his way to more recognition. He's been building a fan base by playing at Six Flags and several spots in Nashville. He received a stipend from the Country Music Association to visit Nashville during the recent CMA Fan fest, the biggest Country Music Event during the year. Flanagan also received a free studio session. "I was so excited to be able to perform at places like Whiskey Bent Saloon, Blue Bird Café and the Commodore Grill," said Flanagan. "Disney also flew me to Orlando with my mother and father to do two commercials," Flanagan added.

Flanagan is also an actor by having small parts in "Creed" and "The Fifth Wave." He plays the Ukulele, guitar and drums. This is an artist that writes good



*Hunter Flanagan holding a keepsake picture from when he performed at Tootsies on Music Row in Nashville, TN*

songs and has played at the National Peanut Festival in Savannah and the Cherry Blossom Celebration in Macon. Among his tunes is a wonderful tribute to Flanagan's 24-year-old brother who had a wreck on a four wheeler but is doing much better these days. Considering that Flanagan is only 15 years old, he has had some amazing success already.

Caleb Hutchinson lives in Dallas, GA and had the pleasure of playing for millions of people on "The Voice." "It was so cool. The best thing was I had the chance to talk with Blake Shelton and Adam Levine. I hope to return to California after I complete my EP later this year," Hutchinson said. Caleb has opened for several entertainers at Mill Town Music Hall and he received a standing ovation on June 18th when he was the opening act for T. Graham Brown and Jimmy Fortune. There was a big difference in his stature and poise on stage from several years ago when he was part of the West GA Sing-Off.

Hutchinson is thinking of a dual enrollment at college after his senior year in high school next year. Another teenager, he has been appearing at local venues and even travelled to Jasper to perform at The Fainting Goat Café, part of the renowned Fainting Goat Winery. At John A's in Nashville, Caleb went on stage to cover for the Blues Band that was supposed to be entertaining the crowd and this was when he was only 16 years old. His gruff bass vocals lend himself to Country music perfectly but he also likes to sing Gospel music in church.

Bremen's Ivey Redding has just graduated from high school and is on her way to the much heralded Belmont College in Nashville. Known for their renowned Music Business Program, Redding is looking forward to studying Songwriting and Vocal Performance. "I am excited about having the opportunity to learn more about songwriting and vocals. When I was in Colorado recently, the mountains and beautiful scenery coaxed me to write more songs," said Redding.

The break must have been worthwhile because Redding's latest CD, *So It Goes*, is nothing short of outstanding. Produced by Nashville's Scott Cash,

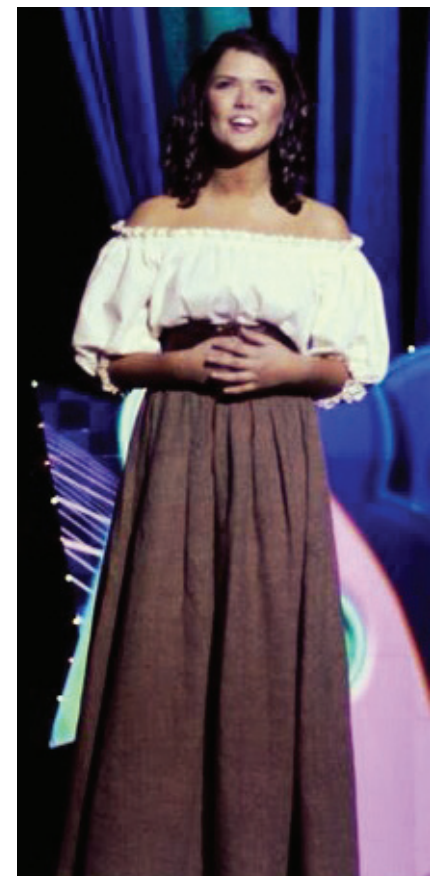
winner of many Dove Awards, the music is light, and supports the softness of Redding's vocals. "So it Goes," the title tune, expands Redding's vocal ability by including her ability to change octaves cleanly and without any straining. "Rope" has a great melody backed by other vocals that harmonize with Redding's signature sound. She also has been the opening act for several Mill Town acts in the past. "It's fun being in the studio with professional musicians and producers but the Belmont experience will give me the chance to increase my songwriting expertise.

Andrew Weaver is only 14 years old and has managed to show his expertise with his new Taylor Guitar and songwriting capability. During Georgia On My Mind Day, he played before a private corporate event at the prestigious Cherokee Country Club. With the money he received from that event and the first place winnings from the Mayfest Teen Idol competition in Carrollton, Weaver was able to purchase his new instrument; not bad for a teenager to be actually receiving payment for playing music.

Weaver is in ninth grade in Bremen and his stage presence and good looks, a *la American Idol*, have helped him with developing a fan base in West Georgia. His Folky-pop sound brings a young crowd for his Tuesday outings at The Moonlight Grill in Bremen. His new tune, "Dominoes," illustrates the songwriting competence that has helped him become a favorite artist in West Georgia and beyond.

Mary Lee Turner from Bremen is an artist with a different stroke. Graduating from high school, she has decided to attend Columbus State University School of Music because of their Performing Arts Program, especially theater and voice. Responding to a question regarding other conservatories, she said "that I might have been able to get into Cincinnati or Boston Conservatory but there are benefits from my choice." You see, Turner is an Opera or Classical singer, quite unusual for our area of budding talent.

Another reason for Turner to enroll at Columbus State is that they have a link



*Mary Lee Turner, an 18 year old girl who sings not only country, but Opera as well!*





## *Mercy Rises, a Christian group from Paulding County*

with the Springer Opera House, one of the most beloved arts facility in the state and well known for their operatic mission including the Georgia Repertory Theater. Turner, because of her vocal skills, can make more contacts via networking with an opera venue a few miles from campus. Lastly, the university also has their own structure near the famous Oxford University in London where Turner can advance her classical training in her junior year.

Most interesting is when Turner puts on her Country outfit and plays at local festivals with a different look and sound. Before you doubt this singer, go online and find Mary Lee Turner's rendition of "O Mio Babbino Caro by Puccini. It would be super to have an artist of her prestige from West Georgia.

In January, 2012, Mercy Rises, a Christian group from Paulding County, was formed. But Renee Clonts and her family had been performing before that particular date. "The name of the band came from the song that I wrote of the same name," Clonts said. "For years, we were helping churches with their music worship but we were always wanting to perform on our own. We play hard and we have fun and if there is one person who connects with our message during a concert, that makes my day," added Clonts.

Mercy Rises has several CD's and several

of their songs have been aired on 89 FM and even powerhouse Christian station, Joy 93 FM. Now another nationally known medium, IHeartRadio, has discovered one of the group's songs to air. Probably the most visible honor for Clonts is her recent duet with Linda Davis, who toured with Reba McEntire, at Mill Town Music Hall. After only one rehearsal, Clonts had a standing ovation when she sang with Davis on the signature song, "Does He Love You." The true power of Clont's vocal styling was very evident that night and it will be exciting to see Mercy Rises success in Christian Music.

Brandon Wylie hails from Tallapoosa but was born and raised in Douglasville. Like other local entertainers, he has his own story and outcome. "My grandfather was inducted into the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame due primarily for his mandolin expertise and my dad, who also plays the Dobro, was a lineman for an electrical power company," said Wylie. "Those are my two loves and I have, luckily, stuck to that my entire life," added Wylie. He works the line during the day and plays music with his band the rest of the time.

With his bass/low tenor vocals, his music is just right for Country music. He plays many lounges and clubs around the region and has even performed for his colleagues. "Since I am a Certified Safety and Training Specialist, I speak

and compete at many Linemen rodeos and conventions around the country and I get to perform for my linemen friends as well," said Wylie. His song, "Highline Lineman," has become so popular that it will be part of the "Life On The Line" movie starring John Travolta and Sharon Stone when the movie obtains a distributor. His music will take him to California and Las Vegas for Linemen functions in the next few months.

These stories are just a few of the many talented artists in West Georgia. Johnny "Mossman" Moss has been assisting talent in the last few years. He arranges festivals and spends his time counselling musicians especially the young ones. All of the musicians I interviewed spoke highly of Moss and his contribution to the growing entertainer base in West Georgia. "I truly enjoy working with all types of artists, especially the teenagers, some of them who are going to be stars in the future. I don't do this for money (some of the shows he arranges are town festivals with no budgets) but even with dates that have some money, I rarely accept any commissions," said Moss. There is a movement in West Georgia of artists who have been somehow aligned with radio stations, national shows, CMA, Disney, movies and more to come. Keep an eye on our region and support the rising singers and songwriters of West Georgia. ■

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## September



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Square,  
Downtown  
Carrollton



## October

### Little Big Jam

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Sept. 29th-Oct. 2nd 325 Daniel Road, Bowdon

### Taste of Villa Rica

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October 8th 10 am - 3 pm  
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### Carrollton Fall Festival And Halloween Extravaganza On The Square

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October 29th 10 am - noon  
Adamson Square

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October 29th 10 am - 2 pm

## November

### Lighting of Adamson Square and Holiday Open House

Join us as we light up Adamson Square with the sights and sounds of the Christmas Season. Bring the kids and have pictures made with Santa. Shops are open until 8:00pm. Come make a memory of joy!  
November 18th  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Downtown Carrollton

## December

### Christmas On Main Street

December 3rd 3:00 - 8:00 PM  
The MILL Amphitheater



### Holiday Wishes Christmas Parade

Come join us for our Holiday Wishes Christmas Parade! Dashing right through downtown Carrollton, come and bring the family for fun, music and lights!  
December 8th 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
Downtown Carrollton

### Gold Nugget Drop

Live entertainment and fireworks.  
December 31st, 10 PM- 12:15 AM  
The Mill Amphitheater in Villa Rica



## September



### Waco Fest

Second Saturday in September in downtown Waco. Features arts & crafts, children's games, entertainment and food.  
September 10th  
Downtown Waco

### Country Fried Pie Festival

Get ready to sample Fried Pies in a Fried Pie Cook-Off. Tickets will be available at the gate. Lots of Fried and not so fried food along with arts and crafts. Tons of musical entertainment up and down Van Wert. New this year: a children's area with Carnival like atmosphere and much, much more.

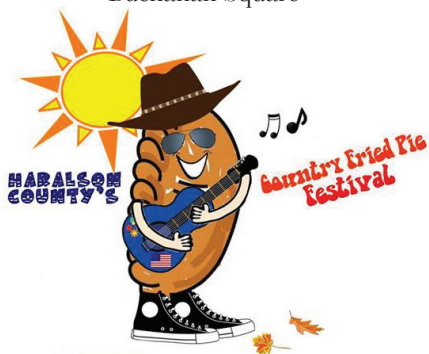
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## October

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October 6th at 7:30  
Mill Town Music Hall

### Hat Robert's Chili Cook Off

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October 22nd 10 AM - 3 PM  
Downtown Tallapoosa



### Bremen Towne Festival

Third Saturday in October in downtown Bremen. Features parade, crafts, games & food.  
9 AM - 4 PM Downtown Bremen

### Bremen Downtown Trick or Treat

Held in downtown Bremen the last Friday in October. Safe and fun trick or treating and costume contest.  
3 pm - 5:30 pm Downtown Bremen



### Great Pumpkin Caper

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## November

### Christmas in Possum Snout

On Thanksgiving Day in downtown Tallapoosa, businesses open at 2 pm for refreshments and shopping to usher in the holiday season.



### Chili Cook Off

Hosted by the Downtown Development Authority  
November 12th at 10 am - 2 pm

### Mother's Finest & Paris Luna at Mill Town Music Hall

For ticket information go to [milltownmusicahall.com](http://milltownmusicahall.com)  
November 19th at 7:30  
Mill Town Music Hall

## December

### Tallapoosa Festival of Lights

Downtown Tallapoosa and Helton -Howland Park  
December 1st - January 1st

### Santa Is Coming To Town

First Friday in December at 6 pm in downtown Bremen. Enjoy the lighting of the tree, pictures with Santa, fun holiday activities and refreshments.

### Lighted Christmas Parade

Annual parade held the second Tuesday in December. This event is located in downtown Tallapoosa and begins at 7 pm.

### Possum Drop

Come to downtown Tallapoosa on New Year's Eve for live entertainment and fireworks display. Meet Spencer the stuffed Possum located in the lighted ball and watch the crowning of the Possum King & Queen!



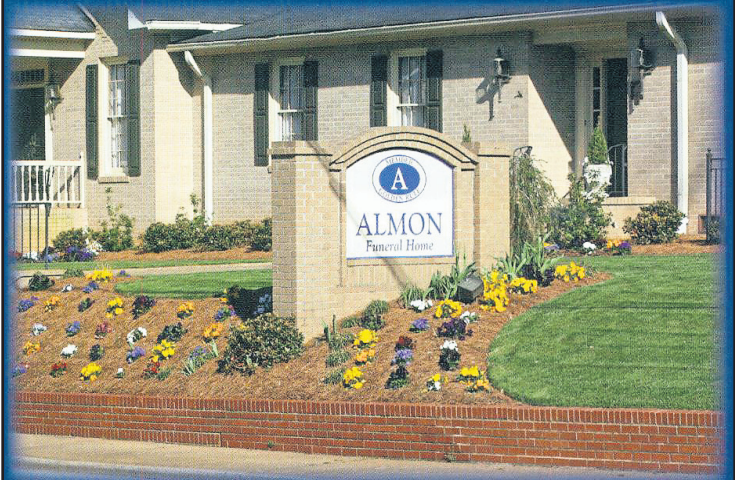


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# MENTORING VILLAGE: ADVANTAGE CARROLL

By: Geoff Parker

Attorney Dick Tisinger (Tisinger Vance PC) always was interested in Mentoring but could not figure out how to make time for assisting students while practicing law. “The first mentee that I was assigned to was a 17-year-old female who was in and out of various foster homes. She had anger management issues and was in the custody of DFAC” said Tisinger. “I made it a point to have regular sessions with her for thirty minutes each week and it was very important that I showed up on time because, in essence, she had no family that she could depend on. Eventually we established a rapport and I would bring a pizza for lunch whenever we met,” added Tisinger.

Tisinger told the mentee “think of me as your grandfather,” and the protégé thought that was great and she even introduced Tisinger as her granddaddy to her friends. During the time that Tisinger spent with the mentee, they discussed career opportunities after high school and what her interests were. Because of his experience with various non-profit opportunities in Carroll County, Tisinger was able to introduce the student to a

representative from West Georgia Technical College.

Tisinger made initial contact with Mentoring Village, a resource, one-stop consortium that is located in the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Since Tisinger was a member of the Chamber/Carroll Tomorrow Workforce Education Task Force, he was part of a movement to provide a judicious use of opportunities among the various associations in Carroll County whose mission included Mentoring students with no families or foster children, underprivileged or with literacy problems.

Mentoring Village was created to supply opportunities for interested volunteers and to match accepted mentors with Mentoring Village’s Partners: 12 For Life, Carroll County Mentoring Program, Carrollton City and Carroll County Communities in Schools, Carrollton Housing Authority Youth Services Program, Legacy Council Mentoring Program and Carrollton Junior High School.

Cathy Robinson is the Program Coordinator for the Mentoring Village. “Every potential mentor has to be vetted. They have to go online and request an extensive background check,” Robinson said. “Then there is a three-hour training program to make sure each mentor will have the skill sets to achieve the required parameters necessary for Mentoring. Then each candidate is matched with one of our partner programs to specific requirements for each organization,” added Robinson. For example, Tisinger was matched with Carroll County Mentoring Program who referred him to KidsPeace in Bowdon. Most of the mentees are high school or junior high students. “We have had excellent success with younger applicants because they can better relate to

teenagers since they were the first child to graduate from high school themselves or to go to college,” Robinson stated.

Robinson recently received a \$3000 grant from the Villa Rica Walmart Store. “This money will allow us to establish a data base where both mentors and mentees can go online and set their goals or see how other Mentoring programs are faring. We need evidence based statistics so we do not overlap our students. For instance, if I discover that a mentee is part of the 12 For Life program and she/he is also listed on the Carroll County Mentoring Program, then we know there is a duplicity problem,” Robinson said. Another value of the database is discovering other mentoring programs in West Georgia.

Recently there was also a unique fund raising event for Mentoring Village at Hobbs Farm. 86 golfers from around the state came to participate in this inaugural day benefit. The difference of this course was that the golfers were Disc Golfers (Freebees). “This seems to be the new rave. There is an Atlanta Disc Club and a Carrollton Disc Club. The Hobbs Farm Club course is the only such structure in West Georgia and the fund raiser was a successful outing with many sponsors which helped us in making money for the Mentoring Village,” noted Robinson.

The non-profit group is excited about the future. They have a Facebook page where there are helpful hints as “How to spend the time with your mentor successfully,” among other benefits. “Nobody bats 1000. If you don’t get into the game. That’s where Cathy comes in. She can help you and pair you with a student that could utilize your experience and knowledge. Now, I am waiting for a new mentee,” said Tisinger. ■



MENTORING  
VILLAGE

# West Georgia Law Firm Changes Name To Miller & Wynn

By: Geoff Parker

Mike Miller and Chris Wynn were childhood friends fighting evil forces in Miller's backyard. Now attorneys, they are combining their resources to form Miller & Wynn, Attorneys at Law, in West Georgia. They even were Best Man at each other's wedding.

Both Miller and Wynn have experience in criminal defense and Wynn's focus is also in family law, civil litigation and juvenile and school tribunals as well. "Chris brings government proficiency to the firm. He was a State Prosecutor, Assistant County Attorney in Douglasville, Assistant Board of Education Attorney, and practiced law at Sherrod & Bernard in addition to his own firm," Miller said. Miller is similarly a Douglas City Councilman.

Chris Wynn's addition to the firm brings an abundance of criminal law experience. "I do a lot of work in Troup County. Currently I have four murder cases; two in Troup County, one in Heard County and one in Carroll County," said Wynn. "I have a contract with the state for approximately 125 cases in juvenile courts. They send me cases that public defenders can't handle, serious felonies as gang related and shootings, mostly all felonies. It's been a very rewarding time because most of these defendants come from broken backgrounds and I attempt, in the process, to change the lives of these teenagers," Wynn added. Wynn enjoys the criminal instances because, otherwise, these under privileged individuals would have no one to be their advocate.

The change in the firm's status has come about because the former partner, Dustin Hightower, was recently appointed by Governor Deal to serve as the Superior Court judge in Coweta Judicial Circuit Court. "Dusty is leaving us with great relationships throughout the state, and because of this we won't miss a beat dur-

ing this transition. Over the past eight years Dusty has specialized in criminal defense and domestic work, while also prosecuting for two local cities, Mount Zion and Buchanan. Chris focused his legal practice in the exact same areas of law, which made him a perfect fit and the ideal person to step into Dusty's shoes," stated Miller.

"Since January of 2012 I have represented House District 68 in the General Assembly, and been a partner at Miller & Hightower. As a State Representative, each year I was in Session in Atlanta from January to the end of March or the beginning of April. Because the legislature only meets 3-4 months out of the year, many legislators have fulltime jobs that they must keep up outside of the legislature. My fulltime job was Miller & Hightower. Although, I can tell you, being a State Representative is really a fulltime job as well," Dustin Hightower said. "However, as a Superior Court Judge I am unable to keep my legislative position. As a Superior Court Judge I am part of the judicial branch of government and paid with state funds, which would make it a conflict for me to also be apart of the Legislative branch government." Hightower added.

The process of formally choosing a Superior Court judgeship is both interesting and, at times, a lengthy process. "During the nomination process anyone can nominate an attorney for a judgeship, a citizen or other attorneys. When I was informed about my nomination, I immediately went to Mike and let him know what I had been told. At this point I did not know how many other attorneys had been nominated. Actually, I heard from several people that there was a very strong field of nominees, and that it was going to be tough to make the cut. The procedure was very intimidating because all the nominated attorneys were interviewed the same



Mike J. Miller



Chris L. Wynn

day in Atlanta at the Georgia Bar building. During the interview there were around 20 members from the Judicial Nominating Commission on one side of a long conference room table asking questions and I was at the other side of the table having to address each question," said Hightower.

"The nominees were scaled down to the short list (four), and each of us had a one-on-one interview with the Governor. After the Governor selected me for this great honor, I had to immediately jump into action because I had pending cases in our law firm. In addition, the Superior Court Judge who initially retired from his position did so in January so the Coweta Judicial Circuit was in need of having this position filled quickly," Hightower stated. "An attorney's name and reputation is extremely important, especially in a small town. I could not leave Mike with this load of clients that were depending on me, and Miller & Hightower to represent them. I contacted each client personally and followed our conversation up with a letter reiterating

the situation and their options," Hightower added. "Almost every client was very understanding, and many expressed true excitement for Dusty and his new position. Further, once it was explained that Chris and I would be handling their case moving forward, the clients knew they were still in good hands, and many clients already knew Chris and were excited to have him handle their case," added Miller.

"In public service your goal is to put others before yourself. Mike Miller, as a Douglasville City Councilman, and I as a State Representative have tried to live our lives and run our firm my putting others before ourselves. I know Mike and Chris will keep that same philosophy moving forward as Miller & Wynn," noted Hightower. Miller & Wynn assists clients regardless of the size or value of the case. They consider themselves advocates for the public to ensure that everyone's rights are protected. Miller & Wynn's slogan is "Your Partners in Your Time of Need." ■

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- Offers 120+ certificate, diploma and associate degree programs
- Operates full-service campuses in Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, Haralson and Troup counties
- 6,500+ students entered the school last fall
- 2nd largest technical school in the state of Georgia

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*West Georgia Tech is one of the fastest-growing two-year colleges in the nation.*

**W**est Georgia Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is proud to be a part of the Carroll County community. Carroll County Area Vocational and Technical Institute – one of West Georgia Tech’s forerunners – was founded in Carrollton in 1968. Throughout its over 45-year history, West Georgia Tech has provided students with degrees, diplomas and certificates that prepare graduates for jobs in a dynamic and demanding global economy.

While West Georgia Tech’s program offerings change frequently to reflect the needs of an ever-changing community, currently more than 120 certificate, diploma, and associate degree programs are offered college-wide. Business Administrative Technology, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology and Commercial Truck Driving are only a few of the many programs offered on the Carroll Campus. Degrees in Engineering and Logistics were recently added to the offerings in Carrollton. The College also operates full-service campuses in Coweta, Douglas, Haralson and Troup counties with additional instructional sites in Heard and Meriwether counties.

The Carroll Campus at 997 South Highway 16 serves as the hub of the College’s Trade and Technology Division as well as offering many courses in core areas that are common among varied programs.

Specifically in Carroll County, West Georgia Tech’s partnership with the University of West Georgia continues to flourish. The College now has three associate degrees that will transfer completely to UWG. WGTC graduates in these areas who meet admission standards can enter UWG as a junior. This is a major step toward seamless education in our community which is a credit to both WGTC and UWG.

Last year, over \$16 million in financial aid was awarded to students at WGTC. Georgia’s HOPE Scholarships and Grants and Federal Pell Grants, as well as several local scholarships, are available. Admissions, fi-

ancial aid and other personnel are available on each campus to make it easy for students to find the help they need. Each campus also offers a full-service bookstore and a library. College-wide, West Georgia Tech has an over 90 percent placement rate for graduates, a testament to the real-world job skills taught to students. Local business and industry leaders are involved in planning and curriculum development, serving on advisory boards in every instructional division.

Golden Knights Athletics add excitement and a collegiate atmosphere to West Georgia Tech. WGTC fields teams in baseball, softball, and men’s and women’s basketball. This year the women’s basketball team finished the NJCAA Division III national tournament in fourth place. Go Golden Knights!

The Carroll Campus consistently ranks among the College’s busiest. Indeed, last year 21.4 percent of the College’s students (1,962) were residents of Carroll County, giving it the highest percentage of any county. College-wide in Academic Year 2015, 9,105 students were enrolled for credit. Including adult education (3,206), community education (1,820) and corporate training (3,141), the total was 17,272

individuals.

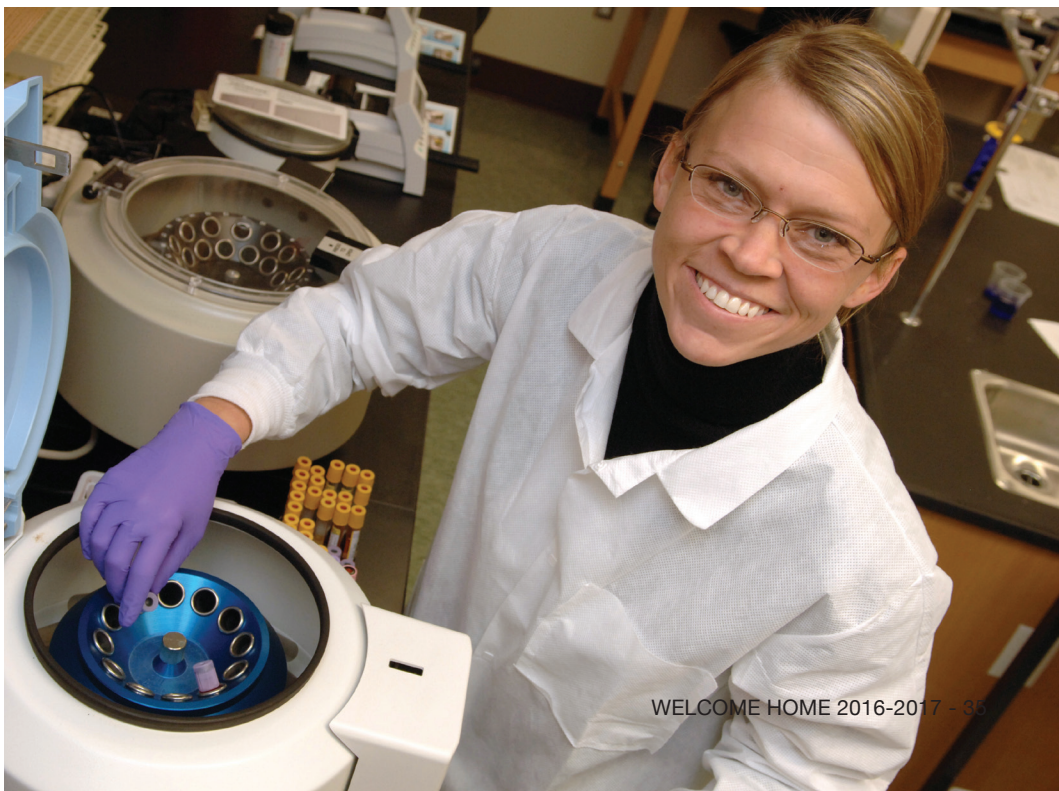
In addition to the Carroll Campus, West Georgia Tech’s administrative headquarters are in Historic Downtown Carrollton at 401 Adamson Square. The Adamson Square location houses the President and vice presidents as well as the Advancement and Economic Development divisions. A unique partnership between the WGTC Foundation and the City of Carrollton made this facility possible.

West Georgia Technical College welcomed over 6,500 students to campuses last fall. A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, West Georgia Tech ranks consistently among the largest of the state’s 23 technical colleges. For more information, visit [www.westgatech.edu](http://www.westgatech.edu).

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Roopville, GA 30170  
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770-836-2734 fax

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95 Otis Street, Temple, GA 30179  
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770-562-0135 fax

**Villa Rica Elementary School**  
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Villa Rica, GA 30180  
770-459-5762  
770-459-2041 fax

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868 Main Street,  
Whitesburg, GA 30185  
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770-459-2097 fax

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Bowdon, GA 30108  
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770-258-4374 fax

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Carrollton, GA 30117  
770-832-6535

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770-830-0997

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Mt. Zion, GA 30150  
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222 Cross Plains Rd  
Carrollton, GA 30116  
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Temple, GA 30179  
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770-562-6002 fax

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Temple, GA 30179  
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770-254-5971 fax

**Temple High School**  
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770-562-1510 fax

**Villa Rica High School**  
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581 GA HWY 120  
Tallapoosa, GA 30176  
770-574-7444  
Fax: 770-574-8932

**Buchanan Primary School**  
271 Van Wert Street  
Buchanan, GA 30113  
770-646-5523  
Fax: 770-646-8309

**Buchanan Elementary School**  
215 College Circle  
Buchanan, GA 30113  
770-646-5140  
Fax: 770-646-8893

**West Haralson Elementary School**  
4552 Highway 100N  
Tallapoosa, GA 30176  
770 574-7060  
Fax: 770 574-7086

**Jones Elementary School**  
206 Lakeview Drive  
Bremen, Georgia 30110  
(770) 537-4352  
Fax: (770) 537-1280

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS

**Haralson County Middle School**  
2633 Georgia Highway 120  
Tallapoosa, GA 30176  
770-646-8600

**Bremen Middle School**  
2440 Crosstown Parkway  
Bremen, Georgia 30110  
(770) 537-4874  
Fax: (770) 537-5043

**Bremen Academy**  
2440 Crosstown Parkway  
Bremen, Ga 30110  
770-537-9340  
Fax: 770-537-1866

## HIGH SCHOOLS

**Haralson County High**  
1655 GA Hwy. 120  
Tallapoosa, GA 30176  
770-574-7647  
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**Bremen High School**  
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*Hollis Hudson, a kindergartner in CES Teacher of the Year Amy Ware's class, concentrates hard to finish his worksheet.*

# Vision, Mission & Guiding Principles

**The Carrollton City School System is one of only 21 city school districts in Georgia – and one of the oldest. Established in 1886, the district's history is rich and broad, with a well-established tradition of excellence that consistently produces high-level educational opportunities, creating a quality public school community that meets the intellectual, physical, social and emotional needs of all students.**

Much of the school system's success can be attributed directly to the stability and high-level leadership of the school board and superintendent's office. Over the years, many board members have served for decades and current chairman, Dr. James C. Pope, elected to his ninth consecutive term in 2015, is the longest-serving member in the board's history. The superintendent's office has been just as steady as Dr. Mark Albertus, named to this post earlier this year, is only the seventh since World War II.

In 2014, Carrollton City Schools successfully petitioned the Georgia

Department of Education to become a charter school system. The resulting union means all Carrollton City schools will have more flexibility to be innovative while at the same time being held to a higher standard of academic performance – a win-win for the Carrollton City School System and the families it serves.

The school system not only serves the children of Carrollton, but others who may enroll as non-resident, tuition-paying students. In fact, roughly a third of the system's enrollment is made up of these students who have opted to become part of the tradition

of excellence the school system has enjoyed for more than a century. To learn more about enrollment criteria, contact the district office at 770-832-9633 or visit the system's district website: [www.carrolltoncityschools.net](http://www.carrolltoncityschools.net).

Among the school system's amenities is a centralized 130-acre campus that houses four schools serving about 5,000 students: Carrollton High School (9-12), Carrollton Junior High (7-8), Carrollton Middle School (4-6) and Carrollton Elementary (PreK-3). A non-traditional program that serves older students, the Carrollton City Schools Performance Learning Center, is

housed on the junior high campus and alternative education services, for students who have been moved for discipline reasons, are held off campus through the Ombudsman program.

Carrollton City Schools also enjoys a seamless connection to the community. Business partnerships, including the 2011-2012 school year launch of the Southwire Engineering Academy at CHS, and parental involvement are at an all-time high.

Local support of a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, also known as SPLOST, continues to be strong and has allowed the system to build some of the best public school facilities in the state. Dedicated in May 2010, the Joshua R. Mabry Center for the Arts is the largest performing arts venue in the county while other recent SPLOST-funded projects include a completed addition at CMS and a renovation and expansion of the CHS gym. In March 2015, Carrollton voters approved, overwhelmingly, to support a bond referendum to construct a replacement for Carrollton High School, which is more than 50 years old. In today's public funding climate, approving a bond is almost unheard of, a testament to the Carrollton community's support for public schools. Following the bond vote, plans were to pay for the bonds through an extension of SPLOST which passed overwhelmingly last November.

Carrollton High School, a Georgia School of Excellence, in recent years has received state and national recognition for its efforts in STEM, an academic focus on science, technology, engineering and math. In 2015, CHS received the designation as an AdvancED STEM certified high school, one of only 18 in the world. One of CHS's robotics teams, for the past nine years, has placed in the Top Ten in international competition each summer. Adding to this rigor to afford students even more educational opportunities, CHS became an International Baccalaureate school effective the 2012-2013 school year. A relationship with Southwire Company

produced the acclaimed Southwire Engineering Academy and other significant business partnerships are under development and collaborations with nearby University of West Georgia and West Georgia Technical College allow students the opportunity to earn college credit before they graduate high school.

Carrollton Junior High School, a Georgia School of Excellence and National Blue Ribbon School, served sixth, seventh and eighth graders through 2012, but during the 2012-2013 school year moved to a seventh and eighth grade only school when it became the physical site of the school system's new Performing Learning Center, a non-traditional school serving primarily high school students. CJHS also boasts a focus on STEM and continues its decades-long tradition of providing strong feeder programs for arts and athletics. In the end, there is a rigorous academic program, validated by high standardized test scores, plus a wide offering of classroom experiences that enhance the overall curriculum.

Carrollton Middle School opened its doors for the first time in the 2005-2006 school year and served fourth and fifth grades before the addition of sixth grade in 2012-2013. CMS already has earned a reputation as a school devoted to the fine arts, with strong music and visual arts programs well in place. Its academic reputation is just as strong; the school was named a Governor's Gold Award school for testing results and continues to be a top performer statewide. Tying in with the school district's focus on STEM K-12, CMS has a STEM lab, science lab, and robotics and science clubs.

Opened in 1992, Carrollton Elementary School provides teachers with instructional tools that bring learning to life. Though one of the largest elementary schools in the state, strong administrative support, along with the opening of its Early Learning Center for prekindergarten and kindergarten students, ensures a smaller school

## **Strong arts focus includes visual arts program as well as award-winning band and chorus**

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atmosphere that is more conducive to learning. The lower elementary grades at CES are not immune to the district's STEM focus, either; CES has been so successful in STEM implementation that the school received state Department of Education STEM certification in 2013, the first K-3 elementary school in the state to receive it.

The Carrollton City Schools philosophy is to encourage students to participate in extracurricular programs to round out their educational experiences. Championship athletic teams, nationally acclaimed band programs, chorus, drama and debate teams, ROV and robotics clubs and other student organizations offer a niche for everyone. In fact, the school system encourages students to be committed to excel in all "three A's" – academics, arts and athletics – all components of a classic, comprehensive education.

The school system provides transportation for students who reside in the city limits. Other systemwide programs include those for children with special needs, learning disabilities, behavior, vision or speech problems, multi-handicapped and hospital/homebound.

For more information about the Carrollton City Schools, contact the superintendent's office at 770-832-9633 or visit the school system online at [carrolltoncityschools.net](http://carrolltoncityschools.net).

## **CHS Highlights**

**David Brooks, principal**  
202 Trojan Drive  
770-834-7726

- International Baccalaureate school
- AdvancED STEM certified high school, one of only 18 in the world
- Posted highest CCRPI scores in county
- State-of-the-art STEM Lab
- Southwire Engineering Academy
- 16 Advanced Placement course offerings that supplement rigorous

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**Championship athletic teams, nationally acclaimed band programs, chorus, drama and debate teams, ROV and robotics clubs and other student organizations offer a niche for everyone.**



**Each graduation is a milestone event, but this year's Carrollton High School commencement also brought with it other significant happenings worth noting: The Class of 2016 was Dr. Mark Albertus' eighth and final class as principal of Carrollton High School before he transitioned fully to be the district's new superintendent; a new tradition was started when graduates walked the halls of all three other Carrollton City schools following graduation practice Friday; and for the first time since 1993, the commencement ceremony was delayed until Saturday morning because of rainy weather.**

**This exceptional class also produced 83 seniors who were awarded \$14.1 million in scholarships - not including the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships awards, which totaled about \$1 million to 209 seniors.**

- college-preparatory focus
- Full-service guidance staff with on-site graduation coach & career specialist
- Industry-certified Career and Technical Education programs
- Advanced study in World Languages
- Renowned arts programs, including award-winning band, dramatic arts, chorus, visual arts & debate
- Media center recognized by the Department of Education as one of the best in the state
- Championship athletic teams in

football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, golf, tennis, gymnastics, cheerleading, swimming & cross-country

- Unmatched training facilities for arts & athletics
- State-of-the-art technology

#### **CJHS Highlights**

Travis Thomaston, principal  
510 Ben Scott Blvd.  
770 832-6535

- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence & Georgia School of Excellence
- State-of-the-art STEM Lab
- Media center recognized by the Department of Education as one of the best in the state
- Strong arts focus, including award-winning visual arts, band and chorus
- Opportunity to earn high school credits through accelerated math & foreign language programs
- Early-intervention graduation coach
- Latest technological tools
- Strong athletic tradition &



- participation
- Numerous clubs and other extracurricular activities

### CMS Highlights

Trent North, principal  
151 Tom Reeve Drive  
770-830-0997

- Named Governor's Gold Award School
- One of the most technologically advanced elementary schools in Georgia
- Well-equipped science, music & art labs
- Strong administrative support at both grade levels ensures consistent focus on goals
- Accelerated math reading programs & enrichment opportunities
- Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) initiatives
- Spacious media center with 12,000 titles
- After-school program available on site

**Exceptional administrative support at all grade levels ensures consistent focus on goals and objectives for student success**

- Active Parent-Teacher-Volunteer Organization
- Numerous opportunities for student involvement through clubs and activities
- Exceptional facility (expanded 2012) features latest in school amenities

### CES Highlights

Karen Wild, principal  
401 Ben Scott Boulevard  
770-832-2120

- Consistently meets state and federal standards for student performance
- Research-based reading & math programs support academic achievement
- One of first elementary schools in state to become STEM certified
- Strong focus on visual arts

- in all grades
- Music education includes extracurricular strings program
- Media center recognized by the Department of Education as one of the best in the state
- Classroom technology enhances learning
- Exceptional administrative support at all grade levels
- State-recognized volunteer program

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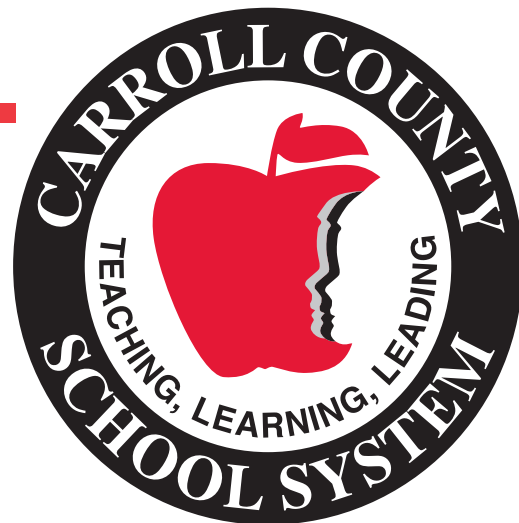
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## A Premier School District

The Carroll County School System offers premier educational opportunities to approximately 14,800 students throughout its twenty-three schools in the county. Community-based schools, state-of-the-art facilities and partnerships with local businesses provide students with the resources they need to excel in academics, athletics and fine arts.

Many Carroll County Schools have received recognition for high performance and outstanding achievements.

- Ithica Elementary School, Providence Elementary School and Roopville Elementary School were named GADOE Highest Performing Schools
- Central Elementary School, Temple Elementary School and Whitesburg Elementary School were named GADOE High Progress Schools
- Bowdon High School and Temple High School were named GADOE Advanced Placement (AP) Challenge Schools
- Central High School, Temple High School and Villa Rica High School were named GADOE AP STEM Schools
- Central High School was named an AP STEM Achievement School by the College Board
- Central High School was named one of America's Most Challenging Schools by The Washington Post
- Temple High School was named a Governor's Office of Student Achievement Greatest Gains Award School
- Carroll County High Schools won ten region championships and qualified 51 teams for state playoffs
- Carroll County High School bands earned four Grand Championships and had the highest scores ever at state Large Group Performances
- Carroll County was awarded a two-year, seven hundred thousand dollar Innovation Grant to further enhance STEM opportunities for students.

In addition, the Carroll County School Board was recently recognized as a Distinguished School Board by the Georgia School Boards Association, and Scott K. Cowart, Superintendent of Carroll County Schools, was named Georgia's Superintendent of the Year and received the Georgia School Superintendent Association's Bill Barr Leadership Award. From the boardroom to the classroom, Carroll County School System is committed to excellence and focused on success for all students.

## Community-Based Schools

The Carroll County School System has school sites that are conveniently located throughout the county. This approach creates a family-oriented atmosphere for students to learn, grow and succeed. Community-based schools also provide opportunities for employees and administrators to be engaged in the community and to foster a close connection with the families they serve.

## State-of-the-Art Facilities

From advanced technology in the classrooms to newly constructed gymnasiums students in the Carroll County School System have access to premier facilities districtwide.

The Carroll County School System is currently engaged in the construction of its second College and Career Academy site to be located next to Villa Rica High School. When the North College and Career Academy campus opens in August 2016 Carroll County will be the only district in Georgia to have two College and Career Academy sites to serve students.

The College and Career Academy is a technical and career-focused charter school serving all five county high schools. The academy offers fifteen different programs of study, four of which are college level programs allowing students to earn concurrent high school and college credit. Performance-based instruction and college level coursework coupled with business partnerships uniquely prepare students for post-secondary education and the expectations of business and industry.



## Teaching ♦ Learning ♦ Leading

We are committed to providing excellence through premier learning environments. State-of-the-art technology, highly-skilled teachers and partnerships with local businesses give Carroll County students unique opportunities to prepare for their future.



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Construction of a 42,582 S.F. Performing Arts Center is also underway to be located behind the Board of Education office and fronting Old Newnan Road. The Performing Arts Center is designed to seat 1,100 people in a modern, technologically advanced setting, and it will be the most acoustically calibrated performance facility of its kind in the west Georgia area.

The Performing Arts Center will provide students with a venue to showcase their talents in music and other fine arts programs. Construction on the Performing Arts Center is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2017.

### **Community Partnerships**

Along with providing community-based schools and state-of-the-art facilities, the Carroll County School System recognizes the importance of integrating community, education and industry. The District partners with the University of West Georgia and West Georgia Technical College to offer dual enrollment programs to high school students seeking post-secondary opportunities as they fulfill graduation requirements. Carroll County students choose from academic and/or career tracks and follow an individualized learning program designed to develop their interests and prepare them for further education.

Additionally, the 12 for Life program, a partnership with the Southwire Company, is an important part of ongoing efforts to prepare students for the workforce. The program provides job experience and academic support in a Southwire manufacturing facility. 12 for Life has received national recognition, and the Carroll County School System was recently awarded a two-year, seven hundred thousand dollar Innovation Grant to further enhance the program in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

### **Teaching, Learning, Leading**

The Carroll County School System is committed to providing excellence in premier learning environments and to develop globally competitive college and career ready graduates. The District takes pride in the impact it has on the citizens of Carroll County and is focused on the long-term success of the students, staff and communities it serves.

For more information about the Carroll County School System, contact the superintendent's office at 770-832-3568, or visit [www.carrollcountyschools.com](http://www.carrollcountyschools.com). ■



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