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Cruisin' with the Symphony



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Nissan North America and the Canton Chamber of Commerce will host Cruisin' with the Symphony on the Square May 14. A day of activities culminates with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra performing from 7 - 8 p.m. During the day, there will be a Kids Zone from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., music provided by local choirs, schools, and churches, and a merchant Sipin' Symphony contest.

The Nissan Gospel Choir will perform and sing the national anthem with the Symphony. The 17-member choir is the only choir at any automotive manufacturing facility.

A Corn Hole Tournament for all ages will be held from 1-5 p.m. There will be free popcorn throughout the day, and vendors will include Bumpers Drive-in and Jack's Italian Ice Cream.

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NISSAN donates \$250,000



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Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson attended the check presentation at Nissan Canton on April 7, when Nissan donated \$250,000 to six local Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) initiatives at each school to inspire and develop talent. The colleges and universities that received donations include: Jackson State University, Tougaloo College, Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley

State University, Coahoma Community College and Rust College.

Nissan Canton has given a total of \$12.3 million in charitable contributions over the years. Nissan has invested more than \$1 million in local HBCUs – half of which supports STEM-specific curriculum. In March, 2013, Nissan donated two robots to Alcorn State University's Advanced Technology Program, which gave students first-hand experience with the kind of technology used in manufacturing facilities.

With its 2015 HBCU donation, Tougaloo College was able to purchase a

nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer and make improvements to two STEM laboratories, and Mississippi Valley State University purchased high-tech software and equipment to prepare their students for success in STEM careers.

In addition to HBCUs, Nissan's donations have also supported the local Canton and Jackson communities more broadly. Recently, Nissan Canton donated \$500,000 to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to support ongoing construction efforts and future exhibits at the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

Reunion of Canton HS Class of 1966

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The CHS Class of 1966 will hold its fiftieth class reunion on May 13-14. An informal gathering will be at the home of Mike and Carole Armstrong on Friday night. On Saturday morning at 11 a.m., there will be a short memorial service for those who have passed at First United Methodist Church in Canton. It will be led by Angie Schultz Hammond.

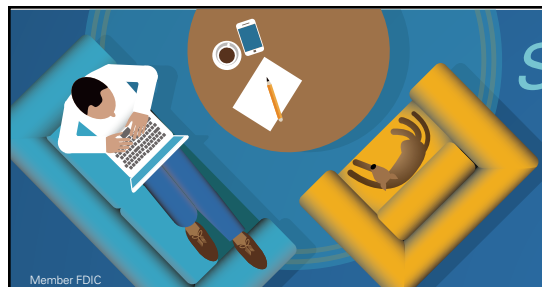
The group will gather at 6 p.m. on

Saturday night at The Sacred Heart Parish Center in Canton for visiting and conversation. Cost will be \$25.00 per person each for Friday and Saturday nights.

For more information, contact: Deborah Anderson, 601-201-8716 or readba@att.net; Jennie Edgar Hillman, 601-573-1361 or jenniehillman@comcast.net; or Carole Armstrong, 601-856-5268 or carolearms@bellsouth.net.

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CPSD names Warfield teacher of the year



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Marsha Warfield, Teacher of the Year for Canton Public Schools, was recently surprised with flowers and other goodies. Pictured (l to r) are Assistant Principal Dr. Wanda Merritt, Warfield, Superintendent Cassandra Williams and Principal Michael Ellis.

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The Canton Public School District Board of Trustees honored Warfield and “Teachers of the Year” from each school at its April 12 School Board meeting.

CPSD selected Mrs. Marsha Warfield as CPSD’s 2015-16 “Teacher of the Year” and Huey Porter Middle School’s “Teacher of the Year.” Warfield is a sixth grade social studies teacher.

“Warfield’s dedication and commitment to excellence resulted in her receiving this distinguished honor given to those

who exhibit the highest standard of service in the field of education. She is a model teacher and one in whom we have great pride,” said Superintendent Cassandra Williams.

A native of Canton, Warfield is a 1999 graduate of CPSD. She is a sum cum laude graduate of Jackson State University, where she obtained a Bachelor’s of Science and Masters of Art degrees in Early Childhood Education. She later earned her doctorate in Early Childhood Education at Jackson State University.

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From the Mayor's desk

By Guest Columnist Arnel Bolden,
Mayor of Canton

The fabric of our great city of Canton is a mix of colorful heritages, ethnicities, cultures and religions. Without a doubt, diversity and inclusion



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is one of our greatest strengths. Our historic Courthouse serves as an ever-present reminder of our rich history and of generations of our forefathers fighting a battle for justice, equality, and the freedoms guaranteed to us by the Constitution of our United States.

It's our glorious past that continues to serve as an attraction for thousands of annual tourists seeking a glimpse into our history. Likewise, new residents looking for a city filled with established neighborhoods, a quaint, yet modern downtown, and a warm a welcoming attitude from its residents and business community.

If we want Canton to maintain its status as a first-class city that attracts

talented people from all over the world and from different sociocultural classes to live, shop, and conduct business in our city, then we must continue to identify bonds that unite us so we can move forward together.

A vibrant, welcoming community attracts the kind of industries and talent our city needs in order to survive and thrive. Our hospitality is why the film industry has long recognized Canton as an ideal place in which to create highly-acclaimed films. Our Canton Flea Market continues to grow and attract quality vendors and visitors from around the country.

I also receive calls daily from businesses and industries seeking information about Canton with an eye toward future partnerships with, and development in, the city.

With these important factors in mind, the City of Canton values all people, regardless of their race, religion, or sexual orientation. We will continue to welcome all who seek to become a resident of, or conduct business in, our great city.

Looking back on our history as a city of great Southern hospitality, I believe it's a mindset that is woven into the fabric of our community, and one that we can all be proud of. Join me as I continue to build a better Canton.

Agape Educational ribbon cutting



Photo special to The Canton News

Director Margaret Chapman (in white) is shown at the Agape Educational & Learning Center's ribbon cutting surrounded by Canton Chamber board members, Mayor Arnel Bolden, city representatives and guests.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Margaret Chapman, who worked as an RN in St. Louis for 25 years, felt a calling to leave nursing and move to Canton to open a child care center. Her father's family, the Griffins, are from Camden, so she "loved the country, but came because she was sent to this place because there was a need and she could make a difference."

Chapman opened Agape Educational Center on Dinkins Street in June, 2005, but needed to grow, so she purchased the old Holy Child Jesus School. The end of March, there was a ribbon cutting for the expanded Agape Educational & Learning Center in the renovated 14,000 sq. ft. building.

As president and executive director, she said that the goal of Agape Educational Center is "to offer the best early childhood learning experience, that will equip them socially, developmentally and academically to be successful for the rest of their lives. Our goal is to support children's desire to be lifelong learners."

"I have a passion for children and caring for adults and a ministry to love the kids with a Godly love," said Chapman. "It takes everyone working together. Parents, kids, teachers and ministers."

The Agape certified director

is India Myers, plus they have certified teachers with assistants. All teachers maintain CPR and first aid certification and attain a minimum of 20 hours continuing education a year, according to Chapman. Ed Hightower is the music teacher.

Agape is a participant in the Mississippi State Quality Stars Program, Excel by 5, Early Years Network and Computer Tots. The center is also a Four Star QRS Center, and they are part of the PBS "Between the Lions" reading program. The curriculum used is ABEKA.

For more information, contact Agape at 601-859-8868.

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The 17-member Nissan Gospel Choir will be singing the National Anthem with the Symphony at the Cruisin' event. Pam Confer is the director. The choir is the only choir at any automotive manufacturing facility.

Cruzin' with the Symphony

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Merchants will provide their best non-alcoholic drink for the Sipin' Symphony contest. Visitors will vote for the best drink after tasting each store's creation.

Military vehicles will be on view in observance of Armed Forces Day. Nissan vehicles as well as antique cars will also be on hand.

Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy music on the Historic Canton Square.

Trustmark to host Diabetes Health Fair

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Canton's main branch of Trustmark will host a Diabetes Health Fair on Friday, May 20 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 3319 South Liberty Street.

There will be free screenings for glucose, blood pressure, and BMI (body mass index) for the first 300 visitors. The event is sponsored by St. Dominic Hospital and Trustmark.

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MadCAAP: Canton Has a Real Friend

By Sarah Johnson

The poor and needy have a friend in Canton, Mississippi's MadCAAP (Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty), a nonprofit organization servicing all of Madison County. Since 1985, it has been in Canton. In its current facilities, at 181 Watford Parkway Drive, it has provided food, clothing, garden-fresh goods, household items, school supplies, and training for those in need.

Catholic Nun and a former Director, Sister Grace Mary McGuire was very instrumental in the start of MadCAAP, uniting a group of neighborhood women to discuss issues they faced. This initial group was called The Mother's Club. One day, seeing a "shotgun house," Sister McGuire inquired about it for the group, then purchased it at an unbelievably low price. Their first tasks were building houses – then they decided it was better to repair houses. Still later, they worked again with women/children in the community, offering much-needed items.

MadCAAP, located near the WinJob Center, also offers training classes to help its clients obtain a GED, according

to Olivia Harrell, President of the Board, also a Canton alderwoman. It has the goals of helping people out of poverty and providing opportunities for the community to share with their donations of finance, material goods, or time. The 12-member Board of Directors requires clients be at or below poverty threshold by Federal standards (see chart), and have an Identity Card.

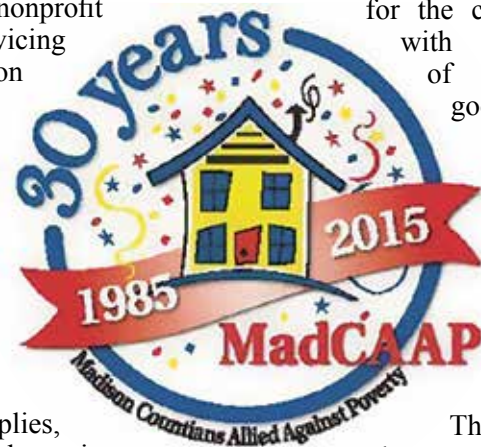
Those who seek to become clients should come in person Monday or Wednesday at 1 pm. Those wishing to donate or volunteer time should come in person on those days around 9 am. MadCAAP currently has about four or five paid employees and looks to branch into other communities in the future.

"Nissan Canton's partnership with MadCAAP allows to impact the Canton and Madison County communities where they need us most," said Pam Confer, Nissan Director of Community and Public Relations. "Beyond our employees' volunteerism efforts, we are proud to have increased our giving this year to expand and improve the multicultural reading and computer literacy lab at their facility."

To donate: <http://www.madcaap.org> or mail to: P.O. Box 217, Canton, MS 39046

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Ruth Morgan offers the latest in high tech dentistry

By Susie A. Wolfe



Dentistry is Ruth Morgan's passion. She said she has been taking care of "my people in my town" for more than 30 years.

Upon entering Dr. Ruth Morgan's dental office on East Peace Street, there are a few things that are atypical. First, there may be no one in the waiting room, there are a number of operator rooms for only one dentist, and there are a number of pieces of high-tech/laboratory equipment used daily.

Dr. Morgan doesn't keep her patients waiting if they had an appointment. There are a number of rooms that patients are put into that get them in the system of care for whatever meets their need. Her staff of five, including her husband as office manager, and a registered hygienist, are service-oriented to make the most of everyone's time. Morgan is also committed to giving each patient the best of care, which includes having the latest in technology.



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Ruth and Jessie share their love of horseback riding and fox hunting, and they are members of the Chula Homa Foxhunting Club in Canton. Jessie also plans to work with Ruth Morgan DDS, PA when she graduates in 2017.

From New Orleans originally, her mother's family, the Wohners, are from Canton. Morgan came to cousin John Noble's wedding in town, and met her future husband Bobby. They live on family land on Morgan Road, where they raise seven dogs, three horses, three cats and four Dexter cows. They have three children, John, who works for the City of Ridgeland; Jake, who works for Helena Chemical in Collierville, Tennessee;



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and Jessie, a third year dental student at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

Her daughter plans to work with Ruth Morgan DDS, PA when she graduates in 2017. She and Jessie also share their love of horseback riding and fox hunting, and they are members of the Chula Homa Foxhunting Club in Canton.

A graduate of the LSU School of

Dentistry, Morgan said she considered becoming a veterinarian, but found her passion in dentistry.

"I love what I do," said Morgan. "This is what I am."

Morgan offers the regular dental services of crowns and bridgework, bonding, fillings, tooth extractions, root canals, bonding, sealants, cosmetic dentistry and teeth whitening. She also offers

specialized services in dental implants, oral cancer screenings, professional teeth cleanings and orthodontics.

Morgan demonstrated some of the high-tech equipment that she utilizes to help customers. One is the CEREC 3D CAD-CAM for same day crowns that makes solid porcelain esthetic crowns and bridges; the Planmeca promax 3D cone beam is for x-raying for implant planning, orthodontics and checking for pathology in both jaws; the CAVO Diagnodent is a light laser that detects cavities under the enamel; and the GEMINI Diode laser is for tissue surgeries for esthetic and gum procedures. She also has an in office lab for some denture and partial repairs and to make orthodontic retainers. They also offer several different options for bleaching.

Ruth Morgan DDS, PA also has an up-to-date web page, www.ruthmorgandds.com, where patients can use the dental library to research dental problems and treatments available, make appointments and view the "smile gallery" to see successful results.

"I don't see myself retiring," said Morgan. "I want to always do the work that I love."



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Do you have a heart problem?

By Rev. David Lowery, Pastor Canton First United Methodist Church

In the mid 80s, there was a movie with James Garner and Sally Field called Murphy's Romance. Toward the beginning of the movie, Sally Field's character is walking down main street of a small town putting flyers on car windshields when James Garner's character comes out of his shop and says, "don't cover up my causes." He had stickers all across the front windshield of his car expressing his stance on several issues. None of us want our "causes" covered up or ignored. Unfortunately, today, our causes have taken precedent over our ability to see each other as God intended. When challenged by a certain lawyer about what is the greatest commandment,



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Jesus responded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:35-40)

When it comes to our "causes," we need to remember that people also matter. We have a heart problem in this country right now. Our hearts are not yielded to the one who created us all. I just finished a series of sermons on "Spiritual Warfare." The bottom line is that opposing forces are charged with or commissioned to create confusion. We live in a time where this confusion has manifested itself through our "causes." Allen Keyes put it best several years ago when he said, "You can't legislate morality." Lives are changed when the hearts of people are yielded.

I grew up in North Jackson and lived in Clinton through high school. I'm a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and received a Master of Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary. I've been in ministry in the United Methodist Church for 23 years.

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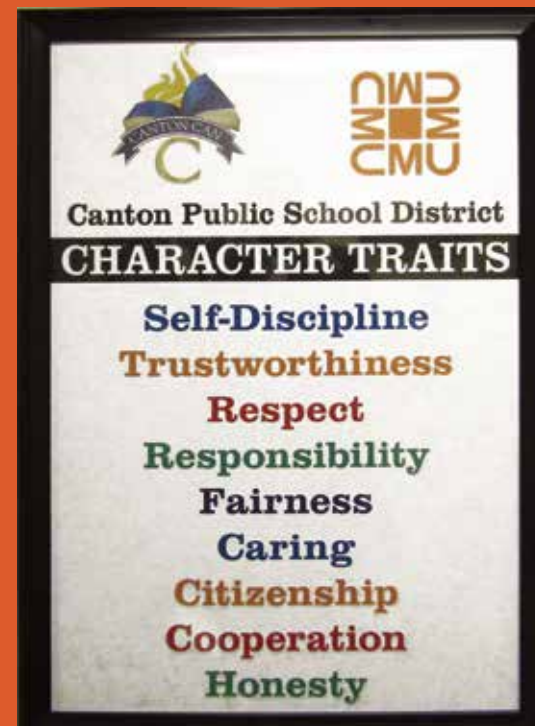
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Take steps to prevent scald burns in children

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Merit Health Central, located on I-20 in Jackson, is home to the Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstruction Center, the state's only designated burn center by the Mississippi State Department of Health and the Mississippi Trauma Care System, and staff at the facility are passionate about providing prevention advice to area residents, especially to parents.

Dr. William Lineaweaver, chief of surgery at Merit Health Central and medical director of the Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstructive Center, said, "Children have thinner skin than adults, so they are much more susceptible to the types of injuries we call 'scalds.'"

Seventy-five percent of scalds occur in children and are caused by something wet, such as hot water, very hot liquids or steam.

"There are so many simple household items that can present scald dangers for children," said Lineaweaver, "so we want to make sure parents are educated on ways to prevent them."

"If a scald occurs, parents may

think it is appropriate to apply ice to the injury, but actually, applying ice can cause further damage," said Dr. Lineaweaver. "I would advise parents to cool the scald for about twenty minutes with cool or lukewarm water, such as water from a faucet."

"Scalds can occur so easily. If a child takes something out of the microwave that's too hot or turns on a faucet without a parent checking the temperature first, the child can be susceptible to this type of burn injury," said Dr. Lineaweaver.

Parents can make their homes safer by employing the following strategies:

- Always test the water before it touches a child.
- Set the home's hot water heater no higher than 120 degrees.
- Create a three-foot "safe zone" around appliances in the kitchen.
- Never leave any unattended items on the stovetop, and make sure all handles are out of the reach of children.
- Never drink or carry hot liquids while carrying or holding a child.
- Keep all hot items away from the sides of the table.

• Remember, items heated in the microwave can be exceptionally hot and cause internal burns.

• Try to avoid using tablecloths, which could allow a child to pull hot liquids off a table.

• Use back burners, and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove, so children cannot pull them down.

Call us at 877-863-9595 if you need to be seen by one of our burn surgeons or if you have any questions regarding burn care, said Dr. Lineaweaver. And, of course, call 9-1-1 should you have an emergency.

Warfield Teacher of the year

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Her educational philosophy is simple, but a direct reflection of the obstacles that she has had to overcome in her educational endeavor. Warfield believes in constant reminders that no matter what obstacle you may face in life, good, bad or ugly, it's never too late to start over. She strongly believes that she can and will do all things to fulfill the perfect will that God has for her.

Warfield's goal is to motivate, not just her students, but any child that she comes in contact with. She is currently working to develop and implement a mentoring program for teen girls. She has worked

effortlessly to promote the value of education, not only to her own children, but to other children in her community as well.

Warfield is married to Everett Warfield and they have four children, Markenya, Ardajha, Markenzy and Kenyata. She is a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church where she assists with various youth programs.

2016 Teachers of the Year

Judy Packard

McNeal Elementary

LynDondra Wells-Newsome

Canton Elementary

Natascha Beals-Bradley

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Goodloe Elementary

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Goodloe Elementary Third Nine Weeks Honor Roll



Kindergarten

Superintendent List (All A's)

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Principal List (A's and B's)

Darianna Adams, Karly Agustin-Salvado, British Brooks, Jason Brown, Alysia Clanton, Jeremiah Cross, Coryanna Davis, Danari Davis, Brianna Diamond, Tionna Dortch, Jaylin Green, Malachi Harden, Jeremy Harris, Kimberly Hernandez, Jazmine Holiday, Ayden Johnson, Brice Johnson, Arianna Jones, Jih'yon Kincaid, Bryan Lopez, Violet Luckett, Da'jon Montgomery, Jadyn Myers, Jarmarian Nichols, Antoine Pierce, Lamar Robinson, Keymarhi Rosado, Jerry Sims, Keniya Sims, Kayleigh Slaughter, Laverius Slaughter, Markenzy Small, Kaleb Smith, Jena Townsend, Tyjuan Truss, Jemie Villegas, Jakayla Washington, Keonta Watts, Titus Watts, Amaya Williams

1st Grade

Superintendent List (All A's)

Journee Brown, Nelly Rosales Cardona

Principal List (A's and B's)

Kimberly Agustin, Demarian Anderson, Ashely Arenas, Cody Brooks, Hernando Brown, Taylor Brown, Markenya Calendar, Mckenzie Calendar, Donovan Cardona, Jasmian Davis, Zaqari Dawson, Ashton Garrett, Jacion Gee, X'zayvion George, Jaquarius Goss, Lailan Hamlin, Aliyah Handy, Aubrey Johnson, Elijah Levy, Caleb Lucious, Alexandria Luckett, Kaleb Luckett, Mariyah Matlock, Justin Mcmorris, Delbrico Nicholson, Caden Perry, Malachi Porter, Amarea Reyes, Myunna Ross, Jaden Ruffin, Shanika Rush, Jazmin Santos, Amaron Small, Isaiah Smith, Quincy Smith, Malisha Stanford, Aniya Stevenson, De'montre Strange, Demonta Tompkins, Jayden Trotter, Kamiah Webb, Jaylah Williams, Khloe Willis

2nd Grade

Superintendent List (All A's)

Morghen Thompson

Principal List (A's and B's)

Jaylen Guyton, Brooklyn Cole, Chester Coleman, Markeira Douglas, Kala Evans, Kenthravious Francis, Keambriah Goines, Chrishawn Grant, Victoria Hughes, Jaden Luckett, Jerami Mcmorris, Cody Morgan, Rickianna Ollie, Kinsley Pierce, Jalan Sanders

3rd Grade

Superintendent List (All A's)

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| WEDNESDAY | Wear Blue Day |
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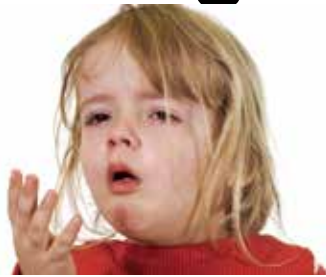
Recognizing allergies and asthma in children

By Vibha Vig, M.D.
Sunshine Children's Clinic

Asthma and allergies are problems faced by children all year round. A check off list for smoke and dust precautions and regular checkups with the physician can be life saving for asthmatics.

We have all by now heard about the many bad effects of passive smoke. Children, especially, are prone to developing wheezing, coughing, sneezing and other allergy-like symptoms if adults smoke around them. Ear infections and bronchitis are also more common in children from families of smokers. So it is important for smokers to consider the side effect of their smoking not only on themselves, but also on their children. The best situation is when adults can quit smoking, but during this process they need to go outside to smoke, like in the garage, or on the porch; smoking in another room in the same house is of no use. Also, remember never to smoke in the car when riding with the kids.

Other sources of smoke in the house, like a wood burning stove, a fireplace or incense sticks, should be



avoided in a family with an asthmatic.

Dust is a big culprit in our environment that causes irritation of airways and thus leads to asthma exacerbations. All items that collect dust in the house should be replaced.

Carpets should be replaced with blinds, which can be kept clean with a wet cloth.

Fabric upholstery on the furniture should be replaced with vinyl or leather, which can be wet dusted often.

Large fluffy pillows and stuffed toys gather a lot of dust and are best kept out of the bedroom.

Furry pets like dogs and cats can cause allergy symptoms not only by the nature of their hair, but also by shedding animal dander on the furniture and carpets, which can take months to get rid of.

If these changes are not possible all over the house, they should at least be carried out in the room of the person

with asthma. This is the room in which they spend 8-10 hours every night and at least some part of the day.

Most people with asthma are allergic to dust mites. These are microscopic bugs that thrive on shed human skin. They are commonly found in mattresses, pillows and beddings. Large vinyl cases for covering mattresses, box springs and pillows, are available in standard sizes in most department stores. These are zippered covers that completely enclose the bed, so that dust mites have no access to the airway of the asthmatic. The bed sheets, pillow covers, blankets, comforters, etc. need to be washed in hot water frequently.

Regular changing of air filters on the air conditioning units keeps most of the dust and pollen out.

Pollen count is heaviest in the early morning hours, so a person with grass or tree pollen allergy should stay indoors during these hours. The best time to be outside is right after rainfall, as the rain helps to settle down the dust and pollen.

Routine checkups with the regular physician serve a dual purpose. A doctor can evaluate the patient's baseline lung function and then, on follow up visits, can assess any signs of

impending or active asthma problems. A doctor is also a good source for education regarding the disease. He/she can advise the patient about the disease, the precipitating factors, avoidance measures, signs of danger and adequate use of medication. There are several controller medications for asthma that, if used regularly, can prevent asthma attacks, and there are others that are used during an asthma attack as rescue medications.

Flu shots during the late fall and early winter, are a must for asthmatics, because flu can precipitate or worsen asthma.

Using only one pharmacy which is equipped with a computer tracking system can be a life saver, as medications for asthma can interfere with antibiotics, allergy and blood pressure medicines. Wearing an armband displaying a diagnosis of asthma and the medications taken is a wise precaution.

Do not take asthma lightly. If well treated, it does not interfere with the patient's lifestyle—as we know, a lot of our track and water Olympic athletes are asthmatics. But, if neglected, asthma has been known to take many precious lives.



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In His Steps is making a difference in Canton Lives



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Carolyn Bacon is standing by artwork done by some of the IHS's children.

By Susie A. Wolfe

In His Steps Ministries, Inc. (IHS) on North Liberty Street is a 21-year-old Canton Christian non-profit that helps at-risk children, juvenile offenders and their families in Central Mississippi. It is operated by Rev. Jasper Bacon and his wife Carolyn.

Recently, IHS had a groundbreaking ceremony for an open air pavilion to

be completed, weather pending, in two months.

In 1994, IHS began with Rev. Bacon working with incarcerated boys at the local detention centers. Over the years, IHS has ministered to boys from up to 12 counties, and provided follow-up. IHS also provides counseling and mentoring to the parents of incarcerated youth.

In 2002, IHS added the SPASE (spiritual, physical, academic, social, emotional)

Afterschool

Program to its

outreach. It employs

a holistic strategy

of ministering to

the whole child

"before he gets into

trouble." Children

are first inducted

into the program in

the second grade

and remain until they

graduate high

school.

Vincent King, 17, is a tutor and mentor

in the SPASE program. He is an eleventh

grader at Canton High School, where he

plays center on the football team. King was a participant in the program, and now enjoys working with the younger kids.

"The kids are like my little cousins," said King. "We can see the change in the students as we help them grow and mature. I especially like to watch their



Photo taken by The Canton News

Vincent King, CPSD eleventh grader on the right, is shown tutoring in the after school program.

faces light up when they get it in math or reading."

Peggy Rives is a retired dental hygienist who volunteers four to six hours a week. She got involved with IHS from

her church, Holy Trinity Anglican. She helps the students with reading and also tries to educate the students on good dental health.

George Henderson is a retired state trooper who has volunteered for 15 years. Originally from Camden, Henderson wants to "show the kids that there is a better way."

Rev. Bacon said that IHS also provides family services, including individual counseling, workshops, annual conferences and retreats.

IHS completed ball fields for the new sports complex. Joshua Jackson is leading the sports ministry, which offers innovative evangelistic mentoring programs and weekly team devotionals for middle and high school athletes in order to promote Christian teachings and physical fitness.

IHS also provides short-term mission opportunities for Christian individuals and churches carried out in close partnership with the local church. The non-profit is looking for volunteers for after school tutoring, sports ministries and reading programs. They also accept financial donations. For more information, visit the IHS website at www.inhissteps.org.

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Hard work results in victorious living

By: Kathy Amos,
The John Maxwell Team

Have you ever created an action plan to help make your dream a reality? If so, chances are you had to do more than write the vision and make it plain on tablets, so that you and others could implement it. Details and development were crucial. You knew that you could not decide to give up, quit or even faint in the process, or you would never taste the sweet nectar of victory on the other side of your dream.

The same is true for Jacob. He could have easily given up his dream of making the beautiful Rachel his lawfully wedded wife. But the deep love that he had for her superseded

all of the frustration and anguish he encountered after working seven long years for her only to have been given her sister Leah as a substitute. Instead, Jacob rolled up his sleeves and became intentional about his vision and made the decision to work harder for seven more years in efforts to receive his dream girl.

Great leaders are the way-makers and go-getters in our society. They do whatever it takes to get the job done, and they don't give up until they embrace victory. At times, our goals may seem distant. They may take longer than you expected. Just remember, if you can find a way to make it to the finish line, you will master the Law of Victory!

Canton Academy 2016 All State Basketball Players



Photo special to The Canton News

Offensive Coordinator Craig Bowman, left, is shown with (l to r) Kate Carter, Gerrod Anderson and Sara Spencer Pace of Canton Academy who were recently selected as members of the A/AA All-State Basketball Team for the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS). They participated in the All Star Basketball Games on March 5 at Madison Ridgeland Academy.



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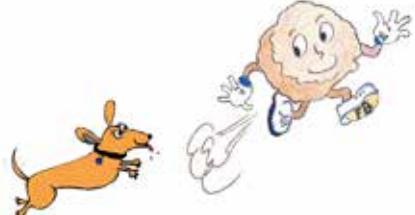
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Gerrod Anderson signs

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Canton Academy's Gerrod Anderson signed a football scholarship with Southwest Community College. Pictured with Gerrod are mom Gloria Stewart, dad Cleveland Johnson, CA Headmaster Ron Jurney, and CA Offensive Coordinator Craig Bowman. Also in attendance for the ceremony was Gerrod's grandmother, Susie May Lambert.

Nissan Scholars

Photo special to *The Canton News*

This year's 18 Nissan Scholars were recognized at the Feb. 19 Velma Jackson High School awards ceremony. These seniors made at least an 18 on their ACT; have had two years of a foreign language; and, are currently taking advanced classes / college courses in the dual enrollment program.

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Living History Day

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Students from Canton Academy and Tri-County Academy are shown listening to General Thomas Hinds (left) and General Andrew Jackson talk about their adventures in the Mississippi Territory. The City of Jackson in Hinds County was named for these two generals.

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Ask Alvin Davis about Canton

By Susie A. Wolfe

Alvin Davis has led the Canton Parks & Recreation Department for 21 years, nine as director. A Canton native, Davis is responsible for youth and senior activities and quality of living. He also manages activities at the Multi-Purpose-Equine Center.



Most Canton activities fall under his purview, including the July 4th Balloon Fest, the Christmas Parade, Christmas and fall senior parties, youth and adult basketball and baseball, and horse shows. The Parks and Recreation Department also hosts Old American Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Catfish Rodeo, Mardi Gras Party for seniors, Stick for Kids Golf Program, Back to School Supplies Giveaway, Safe Halloween, and Walk for Wellness.

Davis is also working to improve the parks through the city's master

plan, where he wants to see Saab Park improvements and upgrades in all other parks.

Davis is a graduate of Velma Jackson High School, Holmes Community College and Alcorn State University. He has been married to wife, Tonya, for 25 years and has three sons, Deon, who is self-employed; Alvin, Jr., who attends Memphis State working on a degree in athletic administration; and Tadrick, who is a junior at Velma Jackson. He has one grandchild, Myria.

Davis' favorite saying is "Let every day take care of itself, and His will shall be done."



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