



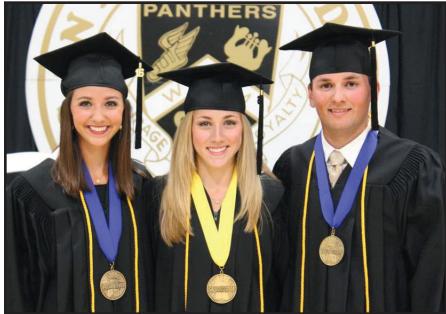
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CA announces top scholars



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Canton Academy Class of 2016's (l to r) Co-Valadictorian Sara Spencer Pace, Salutatorian Kate Carter and Co-Valadictorian Tanner Case.

CPSD Class of 2016 top graduates



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The Canton Public School District Class of 2016's Valedictorian Ladarious Johnson (left), and Salutatorian Da'Meeria Harvey (right).

James Meredith still walks against fear 50 years later

By Susie A. Wolfe

James Meredith will speak in Canton on June 23 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Meredith Mississippi March or the March Against Fear, which became the largest Civil Rights march in Mississippi. Though Meredith started the 220-mile solitary walk in June 1966 "to make a positive difference in the world," he was shot on Day Two. At that point, Civil Rights leaders Martin Luther King, Jr. and Stokely Carmichael came to Mississippi to complete the walk.

Meredith, an independent thinker who penned his biography, *A Mission from God*, in 2012, was a nine-year Air Force veteran when he integrated the University of Mississippi in 1962. He received his political science degree in 1963, and later a Master's degree in economics from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria and a law degree from Columbia University in 1968.

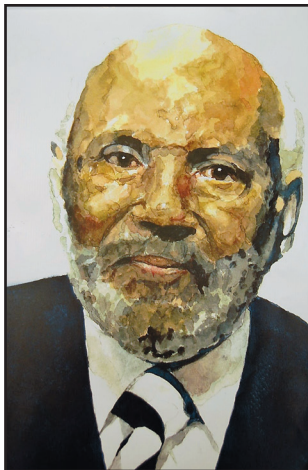
His admission to the University of Mississippi is called "a pivotal moment in the history of civil rights

in the United States." Meredith prefers to use different terminology and differs in his purpose to other Civil Rights Era leaders. He said "'Civil Rights' is an insult to citizenship. It says we are not citizens."

He also attains that "I never participated in a 'March' Against Fear; my language was Walk Against Fear as a citizen. Citizens' rights do not need mass demonstration ... and the U.S. Constitution is clear that no state can deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

On June 23, 1966, the fact that marchers attempted to erect tents on school grounds in Canton, but were attacked and tear-gassed by the Mississippi State Police, is a story that is not widely known, according to Meredith. He plans to speak five minutes, then "let the people in Canton tell their story about the happenings there. They need to tell their children and grandchildren their story before they die."

The June 23 event is the only time the 82-year-old Meredith plans to speak in June, though he will be in Memphis on June 5 to retrace steps of his walk. He had recovered from his gunshot wounds enough that, by June 23, 1966, he joined the group in Canton and continued his walk. When Meredith and the other leaders



James Meredith drawing by Larry Singleton

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m.

Meredith Mississippi March
Southern Hills Missionary Baptist Church at 1419 Highway 16 West to the Historic Canton Courthouse on the Square.

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Reflections and Youth Showcase

Historic Canton Courthouse on the Square

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Mississippi Freedom Trail Marker Unveiling

Historic Canton Courthouse on the Square. Lunch will be served.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Civil Rights Driving Tours
Canton Multicultural Museum
141 North Union Street
(601) 859-1307

Canton Freedom House Museum
838 George Washington Avenue
(601) 317-2557

6:00 p.m.
An Evening with James Meredith

James Meredith, Keynote Speaker

Mt. Zion M. B. Church
305 North West Street

Book signing & reception follows.

All events are located within Canton or begin in Canton.

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Carter is CA's STAR student

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Kate Carter (r) is Canton Academy's STAR Student for 2016, and Michele Carter (l) is her STAR teacher. STAR Students are seniors with the highest ACT scores and scholastic averages in their high schools. The Mississippi Economic Council's Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Program is the most prestigious educational recognition program in the state and has been celebrating outstanding students and teachers for over 50 years. The Carter's join an elite group of top scholars and leading teachers from more than 300 public, private and parochial schools across our state.

Canton Gospel Music Fest July 4

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The 2016 Canton Gospel Fest Homecoming will be held July 4 beginning at 6 p.m. on the Canton Square. Hosted by the Convention & Visitors Bureau's Black Heritage Committee, it is an event designed to celebrate the music and culture of Canton and to showcase the talent that has come from the Canton area.

Headlining this year's event is singer, songwriter, producer and award winning Evelyn Turrentine Agee, the Queen of Quartet. This year's line-up includes Calvin April & the Pilgrim



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Evelyn Agee, Queen of Quartet

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entered Jackson on June 26, the total group was estimated to number around 15,000.

Meredith plans to give fifteen speeches in libraries throughout Hinds County during July. He said that “libraries have been and still remain the only place where one can be fully assimilated as a full citizen into the American society.”

Meredith calls on all citizens in and outside Mississippi to meet at local libraries to discuss how citizens can get beyond partisan political rhetoric and begin to actively build the America promised by the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

Also, the “James Meredith: Am I or Am I Not a Citizen” exhibition is currently showing at the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural



Photo by The Canton News

Center on Bloom Street in Jackson. Meredith predicts it will be “the most viewed thing in the State of Mississippi for the next five years.” He said, “It is the first time that my work and activity is accurately displayed. The exhibition title is the question I proposed to the Kennedy Administration.”

Meredith has an extensive legacy, but wants to be remembered for doing good and doing right. He said it’s what people need to focus on. “It is the single most important thing.”

Canton opens its arms to Indian mother

By Susie A. Wolfe

Many good people live in Canton, and residents will tell you that attracts other good people to move to the city. Sheetal Chandna, originally from New Delhi, India, is just such an example.

Shelly, as she is known in Canton, moved to the United States with her husband, Peter, 34 years ago and did not speak a word of English. After living in New York for six months, the couple moved to Mississippi on the recommendation of a friend. Peter tried the motel business, but decided to buy a convenience store in Canton instead, and moved his wife here.

It was in Canton that their two children were born: Arora in 1985, and Sammy in 1987. Peter operated Maci’s Convenience Store on Highway 51 North until his death in 1999. They also had a restaurant in which Shelly helped and practiced her English. She also learned English from watching television.

After her husband’s death, Shelly was left raising two children alone and with about \$30,000 in debt. She considered moving back to India, where she had visited only once since leaving, but said “my life is here.”

She persevered and paid the debt off in nine years. Both her children were able to attend college, and both have Master’s degrees from Mississippi College. Sammy works with Nissan Canton, and Arora works with a

pharmaceutical company. Sammy now lives in Ridgeland, and her daughter lives with her in Canton.

In 2006, Shelly got a job at Canton Municipal Utilities, where she was a customer service teller until recently. She is currently on medical leave

until she reaches her retirement date of June 30. She developed lung cancer, though she never smoked or drank. She is still taking chemotherapy, and will have to continue, she said.

Shelly says she is grateful to the good people in Canton who have become her family, though

she came from a different background. As a Hindu, she goes to church at a Hindu temple at the Reservoir. She only met her husband after they were married, because it was an arranged marriage, as was the custom. Though she still believes in that custom, she is accepting that her children do not want to be married that way.

“We came to America looking for better opportunity,” said Shelly, “and, in Canton, we found it.”



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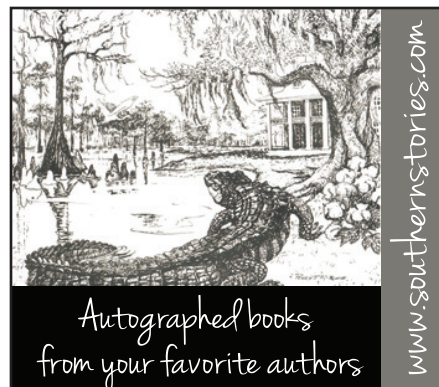
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Mayor Arnel D. Bolden & Dr. LaToya Bolden



Mayor Arnel D. Bolden and Dr. LaToya Bolden were married on April 10, 2016, at the Bell Tower in Houston, Texas.

Mayor Bolden is a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with a degree in marketing. He serves as Mayor of the City of Canton, county seat of Madison County in Mississippi.

Dr. LaToya Bolden graduated from Xavier University with a degree in biochemistry and completed medical school and anesthesiology residency at Tulane University School of Medicine. She currently serves as Associate Professor and faculty

anesthesiologist at Baylor College of Medicine until her licensure in Mississippi is complete.

After spending their honeymoon in Antigua, the couple will continue to reside in Canton.

Hurt people: The importance of forgiving

By Guest Columnist Brian Hill

As a pastor, I make it a habit to read what churches are advertising on their signs. Recently, I was driving to the office on some back roads past a familiar church, when I saw its sign. The sign contained the following slogan, "Hurt People Hurt People." As I completed the drive to my office, I reflected on the wisdom of this saying and resolved to do a better job as a pastor of helping hurting people.

Having been inspired by this simple little church sign, I would like to offer some insight which may help someone overcome the hurt in their lives. First, let me acknowledge that hurt is real. In my ministry, I have encountered a number of people who have been hurt in ways that most of us cannot imagine.

Even though a hurt is legitimate, hanging on to it will not result in healing. In order for the healing process to begin, a person must forgive those who have hurt them. I heard a preacher say one time that refusing to forgive is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die. Unforgiveness will empower the hurt that we have to imprison us for as long as we hold onto our hurt.

Sometimes the person who has done the hurting will apologize, but not always. In fact, I have even seen times when the person who committed the offense was not even aware

they did anything that was hurtful to anyone else. For healing to come, we cannot make forgiveness contingent upon an apology—because an apology may never come. The first step to healing a hurt is to forgive, and forgiveness has no strings attached and cannot be contingent upon someone else being sorry.

For inspiration, remember the words of Ephesians 4:32, "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (NKJV)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brian Hill is the Pastor of Center Terrace Baptist Church. He and his wife, Keli, have three children and one grandchild. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.



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Nurses Association present awards, scholarships

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The Knights of Pillars Nurses Association held their first annual banquet on Saturday, April 16, at the St. Paul AME Zion Church Fellowship Hall, where attendees enjoyed food, fun and fellowship. The keynote speaker was Ida Thomas, and President Bertha McGruder presented Appreciative Certificates to these members: Gussie Harris and Joy Dilmore, RNs; and Ruthie Handy, Betty Watts, and Ollie Watts, CNAs;



for their commitment and dedication to caring for those with illnesses and diseases. McGruder also announced that the association had established a nurses' scholarship to honor one of their own, Joyce Conway-Adams.

The public is invited to the Joyce C. Adams Scholarship Fund Choir Concert, to be held Saturday, July 24, at 2:30 p.m., at the South Liberty M.B. Church, located at 165 East Dinkins Street in Canton. Contact KPNA at 601-953-8769, or visit www.knightspna.org for more information.

CA arts program holds recital



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The Turning Point performing arts program at Canton Academy recently held their annual supper club recital with the culinary arts students. The students had to cook and serve a full-course meal for family and friends. They also shared their take away from the leadership development class Kathy Amos offers from John Maxwell's book, "Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn for Teens." We're very proud of each of these students for a job well done," said Tameka Amos, culinary arts teacher.

Canton Academy sixth grade graduates



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Canton Academy sixth graders recently held a graduation ceremony. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Carrington Curtis, Eliza Lightheart, Starr Spivey, Maggie Claire Thomas and Mackenzie Pyron; second row: Marcus Goodloe, Janston Ball, Jake Ramsey, Jordan Price, Carter Martin, Cole McKnight, John Hollis Hutchinson, Graham Lambert and Chaney Hale; and back row: Holden Chandler, Cody Hinson, Barnes Wadford, Taylor Pratt, Carson Yoder, Colt Yoder, Gaston Walker and Zan Ellis.

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CORRECTION—The lady in white was incorrectly identified as Margaret Chapman in the Agape photo in our May issue. She is Trina George, who is the State Director for USDA Community Facilities Project. USDA is the funding institution for the project at Agape Educational & Community Development Center.

Canton Academy Class of 2016



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Canton Academy celebrated its commencement on Friday, May 13. Graduates included (l to r), front row: Reagan Woods, Whitney Jensen, Matt Taylor, Brianna Wilson, Price Horner, Sara Spencer Pace (Co-Valedictorian) and Kate Carter (Salutatorian); second row: Khmall Norwood, Lauren James, Cole Irby, Faith Spencer, Hayden Anderson and Abbey Coward; and back row: Hayes Norris, Madison Sims, Gerrod Anderson, Abbie Pitre, Emery Ann Dufey, Fidel Bello, Tanner Case (Co-Valedictorian), Zach Tullos, Zach Ladner and Sy Odom.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Week



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In celebration of Madison County Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, the Madison County Business League & Foundation and the Madison County Chamber of Commerce hosted the second annual balloon release ceremony to honor fallen Madison County officers at the Madison County Sheriff's Department on Wednesday, May 18. Pictured (l to r) are: Madison County Judge Ed Hannan, Chief Deputy Jeremy Williams, Pastor Guy Odom, Sheriff Randy Tucker, MCBL&F Executive Director Jan Collins, Madison County Judge Will Longwitz, Justice Court Judge Lloyd Spivey, Madison County Circuit Judge Steve Ratcliff and Madison County Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott.

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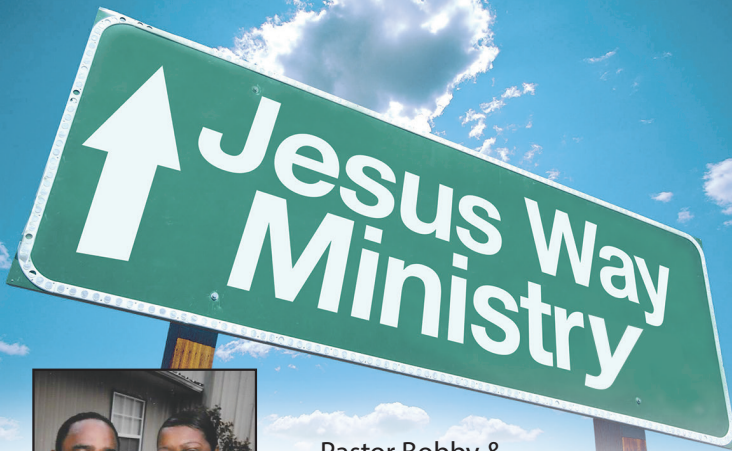
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Everyone communicates, few connect

By Guest Columnist Kathy Amos,
The John Maxwell Team

In today's society, everyone talks about the problems we face in our homes, communities, schools, churches and even in the world we live in. Some even say, "If I were this, I'd do that," or "Wouldn't it be great if we could see this happen?" We've all seen or experienced problems that would potentially move us into a plan of action. But there's one small issue to be considered, and that is that everyone communicates, but few will go the distance to connect.

Nehemiah received devastating news that his hometown Jerusalem was in ruins. He took ownership of their problems, grieving and praying for repentance. His grief inadvertently caught the king's attention, giving Nehemiah the opportunity to share his burden and vision for rebuilding the city. After talking with God, Nehemiah



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explained why he was compelled to move into action and reconnect with his community. He received buy-in from the king, returned home and took an assessment of all that was ruined. Then, he connected with the people and encouraged their hearts as he appealed to their dignity, identity and responsibility.

Great leaders initiate the connection with people. John Maxwell says, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Nehemiah won their hearts because he wanted their city restored more than they did, and he went the extra mile to connect with them in such a way that his passion motivated them to rebuild again.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Kathy Amos is a founding member of The John Maxwell Team and a certified coach, speaker and trainer. She serves as Executive Pastor of Turning Point Fellowship Ministries International Church along with her husband. She's the Founder and Life Coach of Glamdezvous Resorts, and the President of The Turning Point Arts & Entertainment Studio in Canton, a performing arts school, event facility and internet café.

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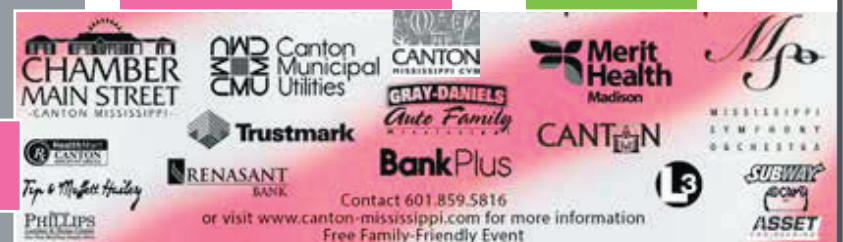
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Carlyle top performing basketball coach

By Susie A. Wolfe



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Anthony Carlyle with dad Archie Carlyle

Coach Anthony Carlyle, 31, has made history with the Velma Jackson High School (VJHS) boys' basketball program, taking them to the state championships the last four years and winning AAA state championships in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The Falcons also made it to the semi-finals in 2016.

Carlyle was named State Coach of the Year in 2015 by the National Federation of High School Sports, the Mississippi High School Activities Association and The Clarion Led-

ger. Here's why: "Carlyle developed what some will argue as the best starting five in Mississippi...He took over a no-name Velma Jackson program in 2010 and established a legacy of dominance and winning, leading the Falcons to their third straight title [in 2015]."

Son of legendary Yazoo City High School basketball coach Archie Carlyle, Carlyle spent his first three years coaching as the assistant coach under his dad in Yazoo City, including the 2009 championship season.

"He taught me a lot," said the younger Carlyle.

Carlyle is a student of the game, and his coaching style focuses on the fundamentals combined with hard work. A product of this philosophy is Quinndary Weatherspoon, who had a phenomenal freshman season at Mississippi State University in 2016.

"Quinndary picked up where he left off in high school," said Carlyle. "He settled into his game as the year went on and did great."

The two younger Weatherspoon

brothers played for the Falcons this season and have great promise, according to Carlyle.

"Nikolas, 17, came into his own, leading the team back to state," said Carlyle. "Brandon, 15, did a great job adjusting to high school."

Carlyle hopes the team's success continues. "If the guys are willing to come back and work hard, we will get



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Tommie, Brandon and Nikolas Weatherspoon with Coach Anthony Carlyle

to finish what we started."

Asked if he plans to stay in high school basketball for the future, Carlyle said that he enjoys giving students a foundation in order to be successful, though he may one day consider coaching college.

Cook-off contest set for June 11

The eighteenth annual Madison County Barbeque Cook-off Contest is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Canton Square. Almost \$5,000 in prizes will be awarded.

The first place prize for businesses is \$1,250, and individual is \$1,100. Second place is \$750 and \$700, and third is \$550 and \$525, respectively. Entry fees are \$70 for company-sponsored, \$65 for individuals, and \$55 for vendors.

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Students presented scholarships



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Madison County Business League and Foundation Executive Director Jan Collins recently presented scholarships to the Canton High School juniors who participated in the 2015-16 Madison County Youth Leadership Class. Pictured (l to r) are Jamarius Brown, Collins and Makayla Garrett.

Cruisin' with the Symphony



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Cruisin' with the Symphony on the Square had it all: an antique car exhibit, the first annual Sipin' Symphony, Nissan activity zone, live music all day, a kid's zone, and the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. Attendees reported that it was "an awesome day of fun."

From the Mayor's Desk: Arnel Bolden

By Arnel D. Bolden, Mayor of Canton

On a national level, the month of May had very special significance for several entities. May 2016 was once again proclaimed as national Older Americans Month. As Mayor, I am calling upon individuals of all ages to celebrate the contributions of older Americans during May and throughout the year. May had other special weeks to celebrate too. Law Enforcement Week was May 15-21, National Hospital Week was May 8-14, and 2016 National Nurses Week was May 6-12. I want to publicly applaud and express gratitude to all of these dedicated individuals and others for their efforts to positively impact the quality of life for all.

May was a month of new beginnings. That was certainly the case in our great City of Canton, between the budding of spring flowers and warmer weather, there was a spirit of excitement

as our local schools prepared for early childhood and high school graduations. These ceremonies brought students and families together to record memories that will last a lifetime. It can also be said that each student, ranging from our youngest kindergarten students moving on to first grade, to high school seniors readying for post-secondary education, military service or the job market, will experience opportunities that reflect their growth and the greatness of our schools. Graduation day also brought a wide range of great emotions for students and their families. For everyone, it was a day to celebrate. For some, it was a bittersweet



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moment, as the students moved on to the next phase of their lives.

Each year, it gives me great pride to present college scholarships to deserving seniors at Canton High and Canton Academy. This has been an annual tradition for me for the past 14 years. I am also proud to represent organizations that care about the future of children in our community and humbled by the opportunity to play a role in helping our young people begin their educational journey and ultimately, reach productive careers.

As we conclude this school year, I hope that all of the children in each of our schools experienced their own special set of "Canton memories," and felt what being a very special part of our big family is all about. To the Class of 2016, best wishes to each of you. Please remember that at City Hall, our door will always be open. May God bless and keep each and every one of you.



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Know Your Neighbor: Jimmy Holmes

By Jim Ritchie



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At age eighteen, he joined little School Pictures Company, processing pictures out of a two-car garage. He retired from the company forty-six years later as plant manager and senior vice president of the company, now with multiple processing plants in the U.S., Canada and England and representative photographers in every state in the Union. He's a master photographer himself and can explain in detail the process of producing photographs, from taking the pictures to mixing the chemicals needed in creating negatives to processing the film using machines he helped to invent.

Meet James Earl (Jimmy) Holmes, whose home east of Canton houses

a virtual museum of cameras, lenses, lighting equipment and shelves of other picture-taking paraphernalia. There are shelves of photos there, too, since his reputation with a camera created a demand for his services by a plethora of celebrities. Pictures of Jimmy with President and Nancy Reagan, President Gerald Ford, Jimmy Stewart, John Wayne, Ken Curtis and Efren Zimbalist, Jr., among other notables, line his walls. His two favorite photographs include one of President and Nancy Reagan greeting Pope John II and a group picture of Presidents Ford, Reagan, Carter and Nixon. He also jumped with the 101st Airborne Division during a two-year stint in the army; but, instead of weapons, his equipment was a camera to record other paratroopers on the way down.

Master photographer, inventor and executive are accurate titles for Jimmy, but most accurate might be recorder of history.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Ritchie is a published author, storyteller, entertainer and grandfather of eleven. He is amazed at the number of talented and accomplished people who live in the Canton area, and he thinks you should know about some of them. Ritchie and professional artist wife Perry live in the Shocco community out from Canton.



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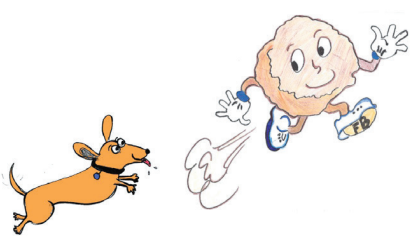
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The United States Environmental Protection Agency Announces a Public Meeting and Public Comment Period for the Southeastern Wood Preserve Site, located in Canton, Madison County, Mississippi.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a Proposed Plan for the Southeastern Wood Preserve (SEWP) Superfund Site, located in Canton, Madison County, Mississippi. **A public meeting to present the details of the Proposed Plan will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Canton Community Center, 337 North Union Street, Canton, MS 39046.**

EPA will hold a 30-day public comment period from June 2 to July 1, 2016, to seek public input on the Proposed Plan. During the comment period, the public is encouraged to review and offer comments on all site-related documents housed in the Information Repository located at the Madison County Public Library-Canton Branch.

The SEWP Site production process involved debarking of Southern yellow pine timbers and pressure treating them using creosote and pentachlorophenol as preservatives. Prior to the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1977, the facility reportedly discharged approximately 50,000 gallons of wastewater directly into Batchelor Creek. In May of 1977, the company was hooked into the City of Canton sewage system. The wastewater was to be pre-treated prior to discharge into the City lagoons. On several occasions, the City ordered the facility to cease discharges due to their limited capacity to treat the wastewater.

The facility filed for bankruptcy in 1979 and the title was conveyed to the U. S. Small Business Administration. In 1984, title to the land was conveyed to the Industrial Authority of Madison County, Mississippi. In 1986, EPA initiated an emergency response action at the site to stabilize three unlined surface impoundments which were overflowing. The 25-acre SEWP Site is now an inactive wood-treating facility located in a predominantly agricultural and residential/commercial area.

EPA's proposed cleanup plan addresses the 25 acres that includes the Main Source Area (MSA), Secondary Source Area (SSA) and Surficial Soils Zone (SUR) which represent the following elements: (1) Barrier wall with a cap and limited excavation (SSA), (2) Excavation and on-facility encapsulation (SUR), and (3) Off-site treatment and disposal at a regulated treatment and disposal facility (MSA).

Long-term effectiveness will be maintained by isolating and capturing contaminated soils/sediments. Institutional controls will be used to enhance and measure protectiveness. EPA's preferred alternative is **estimated** to take 2 years to complete and cost \$14.8 million.

Written comments on the Proposed Plan should be postmarked/submitted **no later than June 30, 2016**, to Shelby Johnston, EPA Remedial Project Manager, US-EPA Region 4, Superfund Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, or via email to Johnston.Shelby@epa.gov. **For further information please contact Ron Tolliver, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator (404) 562-9591 or via email at Tolliver.Ronald@epa.gov.**

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Merit Madison offers diabetes program

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Today, one in three American adults are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes, and most of them do not know it. In addition, Mississippi is currently ranked second among all the United States for diabetes prevalence. This is why Merit Health Madison is working with the American Association of Diabetes Educators Diabetes Prevention Program (AADE DPP) to offer diabetes self-education classes and a support group to the community.

"We teach patients the key components of diabetes prevention, such as how to reduce calorie intake and increase physical activity, but in a way that makes the most sense for the individual," said Sheila Spann, PharmD, CDE, Merit Health Madison. "Every one of us is unique. We must take a specific approach with each patient to provide them with the best roadmap to success."

Participation in the diabetes self-education program requires a physician referral, and each patient must also meet certain criteria to participate. Those who have enrolled in the evidence-based program with prediabetes have cut their risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 58%. Diabetes self-education classes are offered every third Wednesday of the month between 5 and 8 p.m. and every third Thursday of the month

between 9 and 11 a.m. at Merit Health Madison.

The Diabetes Support Group does not require a physician referral, and



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the public are welcome to attend. The group meets every fourth Thursday of the month from 10-11 a.m. at Merit Health Madison.

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Chief Brown: Keeping Canton safe for all of us

By Sarah D. Johnson

For nearly three years, Canton native Chief Otha Brown has maintained order: Canton has “good days: no major educational, medical or criminal incidents – and bad: shootings, rape, accident reports, busy emergency services, etc. Most are good.”

Assistant Chief Eddie Brown helps to liaison between Canton’s governing authorities and police, ensuring measures are enforced. “Crime reporting, how Canton can help, makes the whole community better; you don’t have to give your name,” Brown said.

The Police Chief also oversees complaints, ensuring maintenance (uniforms, etc.) remains within budget, overtime remains at minimum, etc. The camaraderie

at the unit creates a culture that promotes good morale, he said.



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Chief Brown attended Canton High and Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy. He began serving Canton in 1994, then served at the Madison County Sheriff’s Office as lieutenant of the night shift for 13 years. He loves fishing, life in Gluckstadt with spouse Felecia Brown, and desires all Canton youth respect their parents, the elderly, and achieve good reputations.

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