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## Canton celebrates July 4 at 31st Annual Balloon Fest

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The 31st anniversary of the Mississippi Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest was held the first weekend in

Center, hosted the annual event. The festival is a fundraiser for the Good Samaritan Center, which is a social service agency that helps families in emergency situations in the metro



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The 31st Annual Miss. Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest Launch Party was held June 30 on the Courthouse Square. Two hot air balloons were inflated for the crowd, including Tweety Bird and the balloon shown above, owned by local resident, Joe McKay.

July. The three-day event included several competitive balloon races and fun flights, two balloon glows, two firework presentations, fun-filled children's activities, food, and entertainment for the whole family.

The Canton Parks and Recreation department, in collaboration with the Canton Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Mid-Mississippi Balloon Association and The Good Samaritan

area. It is funded by churches, private contributions and fundraising.

The Canton events included a Balloon Chase Run Walk, a four-mile run and a two-mile walk, held at the Canton Multi-Purpose Center on Saturday. That night the sky was lit up by the Canton Balloon Glow and Patriotic Fireworks Spectacular. Friday night events were held in Ridgeland.

## Mississippi Freedom Trail marker unveiled on Square

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"The Mississippi Freedom Trail helps us tell Mississippi's story," said Daron Wilson, Visit Mississippi interim director. "Our marked trails give visitors a path to follow as they learn about Mississippi's history. This marker gives us another part of that story, and a very important one, serving as a reminder of the significance of the Madison County Movement."

In June 1966, after the attempted assassination of James Meredith, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continued the Meredith March. Thousands gathered on the steps of the Madison County Courthouse to hear Dr. King as he was introduced by local civil rights leader Flonzie Brown Goodloe, from the same steps where she and hundreds of African Americans had previously been denied the right to register to vote and to cast their votes.

When 200 marchers representing James Meredith's March Against Fear came through Canton in June 1966, 3,500 Madison County Movement members greeted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Stokely Carmichael, and others. Canton officials refused to let the marchers erect

tents on the grounds of an African American school. When the crowd



Photo by The Canton News

was defiant, sixty-one state troopers lined up in full battle gear and fired tear gas, then gun-butt and kicked

marchers, including women and children. Doctors from Jackson were recruited to set up an emergency clinic to help the injured.

The 50th commemoration of the March Against Fear included a march from Southern Hill Baptist Church to the Canton Courthouse, civil rights tours, and

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Pictured (l to r), John Brown, Senator Sollie Norwood, Mayor Arnel Boldwin, Flonzie Goodloe Wright, Judge Mamie Chinn, James Meredith (white hat) Victoria Chinn Aledander, C.O. Chinn, Jr. and Vickie McNeil.

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## Business League presents scholarships

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Madison County Business League and Foundation Executive Director Jan Collins presented scholarships to the New Summit School juniors who participated in the 2015-16 Madison County Youth Leadership Class. Pictured (l to r) are Brandon Porter, Lelia Huggs and Collins.



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## CAs Sy Odom wins baseball scholarship

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Canton Academy's Sy Odom signed to play baseball with Southwest Community College. Pictured (l to r) front row, are Tommie Odom, Sy Odom, and Guy Odom. Back row, Coach Ron Jurney, Coach Tray Earnhart, Coach Terry Ellis, Coach Jonathan Broome, and Ely Odom.



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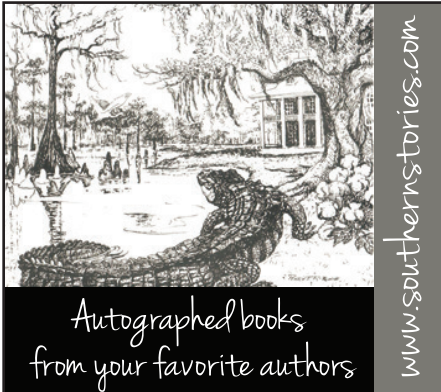
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## Bank Plus values community partnerships

By Susie A. Wolfe

Bank Plus, located on the Canton Square, has been part of the Canton community for 39 years. An active Canton Chamber member, Bank Plus employees are involved in local organizations, sponsor many events and participate in adult and student education.

The Canton bank has 13 employees, six of which have been with Bank Plus for more than 12 years. One employee, Priscilla Lott, has been with the Bank Plus Canton branch for 30 years. A Canton native, she currently serves as bank officer.

Other members of the management team, Jay Carter, Donna Henry and Simon Collier, also live in Canton. Lott and Henry serve the community as members of the Chamber, while Carter is involved in Rotary and Collier in Lions Club. They also support the Canton Gospel Music Association and MadCAAP. The bank also sponsors Crusin' with the Symphony, the Canton Hot Air Balloon Fest, Madison County Bar-B-Q Cook Off, and the Canton Dixie Youth and Canton Youth Baseball

leagues.

Bank Plus has adopted the Canton Career Center and Velma Jackson schools as community partners, and are Panther Partners at Canton Academy. They go into schools, including Camden Elementary, yearly with "teach children to save" programs. They also teach adults how to rebuild or establish credit through seminars at the bank.

Bank Plus also has a branch at the Canton Nissan Plant, and eight other locations in Madison County.



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The Bank Plus team includes (l to r), front row, Stacey Alexander, Suzy Coleman, Patty Young, Stacey Walker, Debye McGraw; back row, Donna Henry, Cecily Ables, Karie Pace, Carolyn Drane, and Marsha Berry.



Photo by The Canton News

Bank Plus' management team is shown outside the bank's Square office, which was an Exxon Station before being renovated. From left, Priscilla Lott, bank officer; Donna Henry, banking center manager; Simon Collier, assistant vice president; and Jay Carter, first vice president.



## Cameron Street High School Class of 1956 holds reunion



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The Cameron Street High School Class of 1956 celebrated its sixtieth class reunion May 27-29. The theme was "Remembering Our Yesterdays." The event included a meet-and-greet, a tour of the Freedom House, a banquet, and a service at Canton United Methodist Church. Attending were (l to r), front row, Walter Love, L.C. Slaughter, Jimmie Slaughter, Albilbry Burns and Meverline Brown. Second row, John Brown, John O. Marshall, Ruth Gray, Arlena Tate, Leora Love, Maggie Cain, Ethel Johnson and Betty Smith. Third row, Eddie Boyd, John Smith Williams and Clarence Chinn.

## From the Desk of the Mayor

By Arnel D. Bolden, Mayor of Canton



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Summertime in Canton is truly when our city comes alive. The kids are out of school, the weather is beautiful and the days are long. Whether you're on a boat or at a lake, enjoying a picnic in one of our beautiful parks or exploring other green spaces, it's a great time to be out enjoying family time in our wonderful city.

Canton is blessed with a Parks and Recreation and Public Works department that works hard to maintain our recreational spaces for the enjoyment of all residents, especially during the summer, when they are utilized the most. If you see our staff working while you are enjoying a city property, please take a minute to thank them for their hard work, especially during this hottest time of the year.

Yes, summer is a time of rest and relaxation for many, but it's also a time when many accidents and injuries occur. Here are some tips for keeping you and your family safe.

**Never leave children in the car, even to run a quick errand.** After just three minutes in the sun, car interior temperatures can heat up from 78

to 100 degrees, putting your kids in danger of hyperthermia or heatstroke. Also, don't take your pet "along for the ride" if they can't come inside with you at your destination. Leaving them alone in a hot car will only put them at serious risk.

**Wear a seat belt or helmet.** Not only is it the law, it's one of the easiest and greatest contributors to preventing vehicle-related deaths and brain injury. It's important for both children and adults riding bikes to wear helmets, too.

**Use bug spray.** West Nile virus and many other tropical diseases are becoming more common in the later part of summer. Use 10 to 30 percent DEET on children *older* than two months old; do *not* use if under two months. When outside at night, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, and avoid using scented hair spray and soaps, as they attract bugs.

While many of us are aware of these safety recommendations, it's often a good idea to review them going into the summer season. So, relax, enjoy your family and friends, and experience all that Canton has to offer this summer. But, remember, take these and other health and safety precautions seriously in order for your summer to be accident and injury-free.

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## Know Your Neighbor: John Scanlan

By Jim Ritchie

To say that he's "been around" is an understatement bordering on being ludicrous. From Lost Nation, Iowa, where he was born, he launched a career amazing in its diversity. After a year studying engineering at Iowa State University, he applied and was accepted for admission to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After graduating from West Point (where he was a member of the West Point Glee Club), with jump school and ranger training behind him, he began a journey with the U.S. Army, Army Reserve and National Guard, culminating in his retirement as colonel after thirty years' service. Interspersed in those thirty years were professional and personal stints carrying him to visit over twenty countries.

Meet John Scanlon, military man, marketing executive, high school teacher, military advisor to a contractor testing Iraqi police and world traveler. His exploits in some of those countries mentioned above include marketing positions with Mobil,

W.W. Grainger, Inc. and Vector Money Management. During his time with Vector, which was founded by fellow West Point graduate, and before his move to Canton, his residence for five years was a houseboat on the Ross Barnett Reservoir. His recent travels include participating in Camino de Santiago (retracing the route taken by St. James during his mission) by walking about 180 miles of the route in Spain, walking the Hadrian Wall for about eighty miles in Britain and visiting Battle of the Bulge points of interest in Lourdes. "Been around"? Understatement.



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*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. View their work at [www.southernstories.com](http://www.southernstories.com).*

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## Freedom Trail marker unveiled

keynote speaker James Meredith. The program culminates with the marker unveiling.

"The Canton Convention and Visitor Bureau (CCVB) is very honored to be a part of such a special and historical ceremony," said CCVB Executive Director Jana Padgett. "We know this marker will bring many visitors to town, but it is more than

a tourism attraction to us. It serves to honor those who have paved the way for equal and civil rights."

The Mississippi Freedom Trail was launched in 2011. It commemorates the people, places and events of the civil rights movement. For more information, visit [www.mississippimarkers.com](http://www.mississippimarkers.com).

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# The power of your influence

By Guest Columnist Kathy Amos



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Forty years ago, there was a popular commercial about a Wall Street heavy-weight. The firm's slogan: "When E.F. Hutton talks, people listen." The TV ad ran for years, drawing millions who leaned in to hear the voice of this influential broker. My question to you is: "Are you using the power of your influence to cause people to lean in to hear your voice? What are you saying that makes people want to buy into your vision? You'll have what you say. So, what are you saying? It matters not that you're leading in your home, job, school, business, church or community. Stanley Huffy said, "It's not the position that makes the leader; it's the leader that makes the position."

The prophet Elijah had a showdown on Mount Carmel. When he spoke, people jumped. He ridiculed the prophets of Baal, daring them to

call on the name of their god. Then, Elijah encouraged Ahab to go, eat and drink because there was a sound of the abundance of rain. Even Ahab obeyed him! At the top of Mount Carmel, he stooped down with his head between his knees, and told his servant, "Go and look toward the sea." Not one time, but seven times Elijah commanded him, "Go back!"

Great leaders know, trust and rely on their faith. Elijah knew that the power of his influence came through God. He exemplified courage, conviction, character, credibility and connection. As John C. Maxwell says, "The true measure of leadership is influence-nothing more, nothing less."

*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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Rural Robotic competition held at Nissan



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In conjunction with Mississippi Robotics, Nissan Canton hosted the Rural Robotics Challenge at the plant April 30. More than 100 third- through twelfth-graders from across the state came together for a STEM/Robotics Competition to "wrestle" robots that were driven by cell phone or tablet. Approximately 40 students attended from Madison County.

Enjoying Annual Kentucky Derby Day at the Gin



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Frazier Riddell hosts Kentucky Derby Day at the Gin on the first Saturday in May, an annual tradition for nine years. Organizers say a diverse genre of music from local talent and plenty of good food and good company can always be had at this local's favorite event. Paragon Gin was owned by Riddell's father, but it ceased operations in 2000. Riddell moved his music store, Small Town Music, and his wife's jewelry business into the gin. Then, jam sessions turned into this annual celebration. Pictured (l to r) are Lance Foster, Dennis Rankin, Frazier Riddell and John Noble enjoying the day.

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## Canton celebrates its gospel music talent

By Cynthia Goodloe Palmer

The Thirteenth Annual Scholarship Awards & Gospel Music Celebration will be held Sunday, August 28, at 5 p. m. at the Greater Faith Calvary Church located at 305 N. Railroad St. in Canton.

"This celebration recognizes individuals who have made significant musical contributions to Madison County and abroad," said Cynthia Goodloe Palmer, founder and president of the Canton Gospel Music Association (CGMA). "It's fitting that Canton—with its rich heritage, deep spiritual roots and strong church affiliations—hosts an event to

songwriter, music producer, music-industry trainer, motivational speaker and CEO of Blackberry Records, Inc. His current hit song is "All of Me."

The highlight of the event is the awarding of music scholarships to up-and-coming musicians and high school seniors to help pay for music lessons. The CGMA has awarded 101 scholarships to students since 2005, varying in amounts of \$100 to \$500.

This year, three music scholarships in the amount of \$500 each have already been awarded to gradu-

ating high school seniors. Recipients are Collin Fortenberry, Germantown High School; Kayla Olive, Velma Jackson High School; and Chandler Greenwood, Greenwood Homeschool Academy. An additional 10 scholarships will be presented on Sunday, August 28.

Another 12 awards will be presented to individuals and

groups who have been selected by their peers in recognition of their outstanding musical talent, including Choir of the Year, Male Chorus of the Year, and Soloist of the Year, to name a few.

Tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 students, and may be purchased from any CGMA member. Sponsorships packages and advertisements in the commemorative souvenir book are available. Nissan is the featured sponsor.

Call Erma Cole at 601-859-5002; Jearlean Jones at 601-

668-8563; or Cynthia Goodloe Palmer at 601-918-7809; or email [cantongospelmusicassociation@gmail.com](mailto:cantongospelmusicassociation@gmail.com) to learn more.



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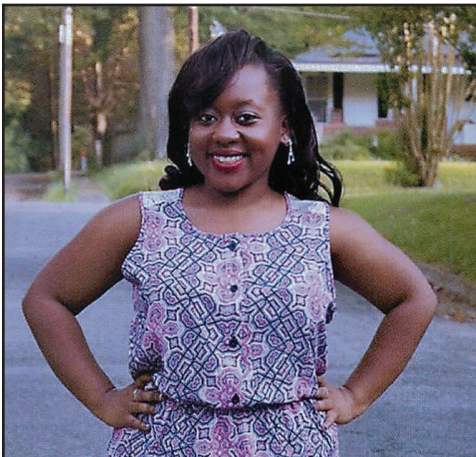
Collin Fortenberry

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honor one of music's finest genres."

CGMA is sponsoring the event. CGMA consists of choir directors, choir or group presidents, musicians, songwriters, recording artists, song leaders, soloists, radio announcers, ministers of music and pastors of Madison County. This year, the association will present Musical Lifetime Achievement Awards to Rev. David Jackson, Greg and Tony Richards, and Roderick Nash, all of whom have used their musical gifts and talents locally, statewide and nationally.

Grammy-nominated, Stellar and Dove Award Winner, Doug Williams of The Williams Brothers, is the featured musical guest. Williams is a singer,



Kayla Olive

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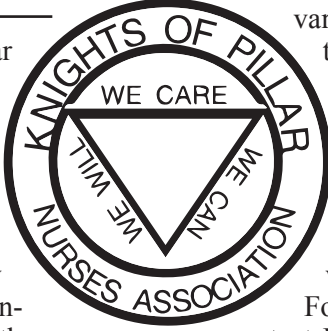
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## Knights of Pillar Nurses Assn. will hold concert fundraiser

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The Knights of Pillar Nurses Association (KPNA) will hold the Joyce C. Adams Scholarship Fund Choir Concert on Saturday, July 24, at 2:30 p.m. at the South Liberty M.B. Church on East Dinkins Street. KPNA has three primary objectives: to empower,



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## Nissan builds Habitat house

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Nissan volunteers added hard hats and tool belts to their work attire as

50 Nissan Titan trucks for Habitat's response efforts in the Gulf Coast, and mobilized employees to assist in home building. Since 2006, Nissan



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they continued a partnership with Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFHMCA) that began nearly a decade ago. Nissan focused its efforts on Greenview Drive, the deteriorated south Jackson street that is being revitalized thanks to HFHMCA and its supporters.

Hundreds of employee volunteers from Nissan took part in the Nissan Build at 2913 Greenview Drive during April and May. The home was constructed for local Jackson resident Kena Span and her four children.

"We share Habitat's commitment to building sustainable communities," said Steve Marsh, Nissan—Canton, vice president of manufacturing. "Building this house makes a positive, lasting contribution in the revitalization of Greenview Drive, and we are honored to work with Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area again on a new home."

Nissan's national partnership with Habitat began in response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. Nissan donated \$1 million, provided

employees have helped build more than 60 homes across the United States, logging more than 70,000 volunteer hours.

"Nissan is a leader not only in the automotive industry but also in community citizenship," said Cindy Griffin, executive director of HFHMCA. "Nissan—Canton's sponsorship this year of a house on Greenview Drive is the latest in a long and generous history of their partnership with us. Nissan employees demonstrate the highest ideals of volunteerism, putting their hearts into action as they work alongside partner families, helping them build their new homes. We are proud to be their partner."

Span was appreciative of being able to work with Nissan employee volunteers on her house. "It is a truly a blessing for Nissan to sponsor my house," she said. "I thank God for this blessing, and I thank Habitat for giving me this opportunity."

To learn more about HFHMCA, call 601-353-6060 or visit [www.habitatmca.org](http://www.habitatmca.org).

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# CPSD alma mater accepts Greenwood's NFL honor

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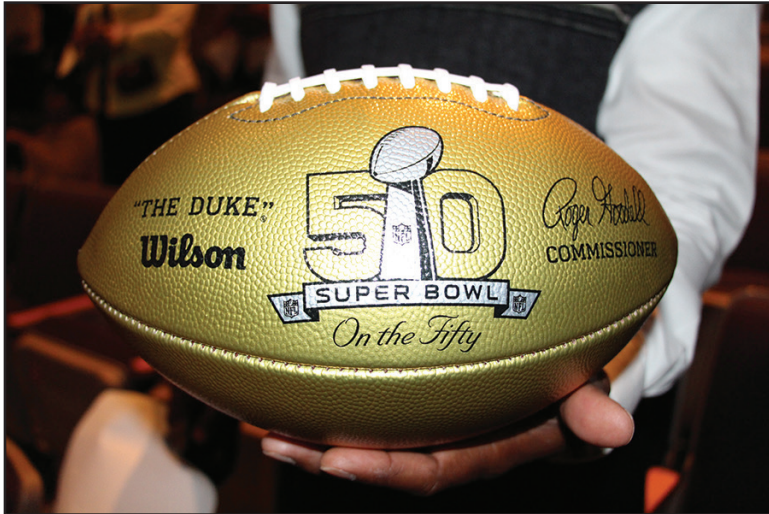
Family members of four-time Super Bowl winner L.C. Henderson Greenwood presented his Gold Ball from the NFL to his alma mater, Canton High School,

on April 22. As it celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the Super Bowl, the NFL is giving this honor to every player or head coach who graduated from their school and

was on an active Super Bowl roster. The Canton Public School District (CPSD) said they are proud of Greenwood's accomplishments and were honored to accept his Gold Ball that will inspire generations to come.

Greenwood was born on

amazement—including Greenwood's—he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers as a tenth-round draft choice in 1969. He spent his 13-year NFL career with the Steelers. Greenwood played in five Super



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Bowls, winning four Super Bowl rings. He also played in six Pro-Bowls. He was a member of the 1970 Team of the Decade; a member of the 75th Silver Anniversary Super Bowl Team; and a six-time nominee of the NFL Pro-Football Hall of Fame. He was

inducted into the Mississippi Hall of Fame in 1996 and into the Arkansas Hall of Fame.

His family was awarded a Proclamation of Recognition for his outstand-

ing citizenship from Mayor Arnel Bolden. The City of Canton named March 3, 1975, L.C. Greenwood Day, and Greenwood was honored with a luncheon with former Governor William Winter, where he was given a key to the city by then Mayor Harry Baldwin. He also received special awards from the Canton Chapter of the NAACP and the Madison County Union for Progress.

Greenwood died in September 2013 at age 67. His son, Fernando Greenwood, and his daughter, Lason Chelsea Greenwood, both reside in Atlanta.

September 8, 1946, to Moses and Eliza Greenwood, the first of nine children born in Canton. Greenwood attended Cameron Street Elementary School and graduated from Rogers High School, now Canton High School, in 1965, where his football career began. His #71 jersey was retired by Canton High School in 2006.

Greenwood was awarded a four-year college scholarship to Arkansas AM & N College, now University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, in 1965, where he played college football as a starter and graduated with a bachelor's degree in industrial education in 1969.

Family members say to everyone's



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# Pastor's Pulpit: The value of human life

By Guest Columnist Guy Odom



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As a pastor, Christian, and Cantonian, it sickens me to see, just about every day, where the value of human life is destroyed! As my wife and I traveled to St. Louis for the Southern Baptist Convention, I was immediately drawn to the mass shooting in Orlando on that Sunday morning. Within hours, there were reports of other shootings across the country, though not of the magnitude of the Orlando massacre.

The hatred these days toward human life breaks my heart in so many different ways. My heart breaks for the families who have lost loved ones as a result of some-

one's hatred toward humanity. As a follower of Jesus Christ, I want everyone to know that you are created in the image of God! The Bible explains this in Genesis 1:26. God is the author of human life and, most importantly, the author of eternal life found only in a relationship with Jesus Christ through His death, burial, and resurrection.

I invite you to read Psalm 139: 1-18. God values human life! No one has the right to take someone else's life; but we know that because of sin and because we live in a fallen world as a result of sin, there are those who place no value on human life.

As a Christian, I am commanded to love people made in the image of God—including those who are different than me. For that, I am grateful! Scripture says in 1 John 4:7-11 (NIV), "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his

love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

Yes, all of us were created differently. We all have different colors, different shapes, different ways of speaking, and, yes, different beliefs and different life styles. But those differences give no one the right to take someone else's life! So, let's begin now to love, pray, and build relationships with others, even with those who are different from us. Maybe, just maybe, God will use you to change someone's life. God bless, and you are loved!

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Pastor Guy Odom of First Baptist Church in Canton is a graduate of Mississippi College. He received his Master's Degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. He is married to Tommi and has two boys, Sy and Ely.*

## Canton's Hickory Street gets new historic marker

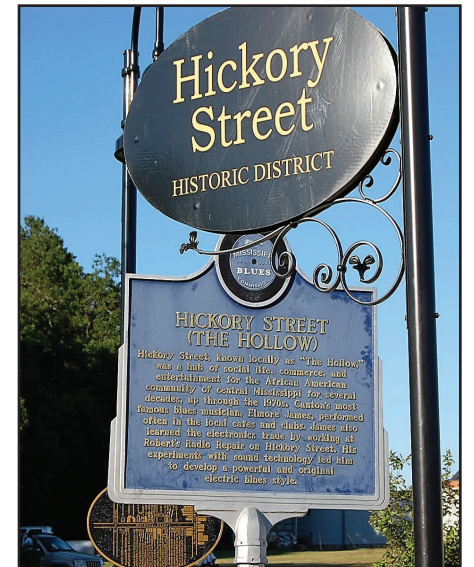


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The Hickory Street historic district marker was dedicated with a ribbon cutting and homecoming ceremony in June. It marks the businesses that were located on Hickory Street from the 1940s -1960s. Senator Buck Clark of Hollandale authored the bill to help Canton receive funds for revitalization. "The Hollow" sign, erected a couple of years ago, recognizes local blues legend Elmore James and honors all those who contributed to Canton's rich blues heritage.

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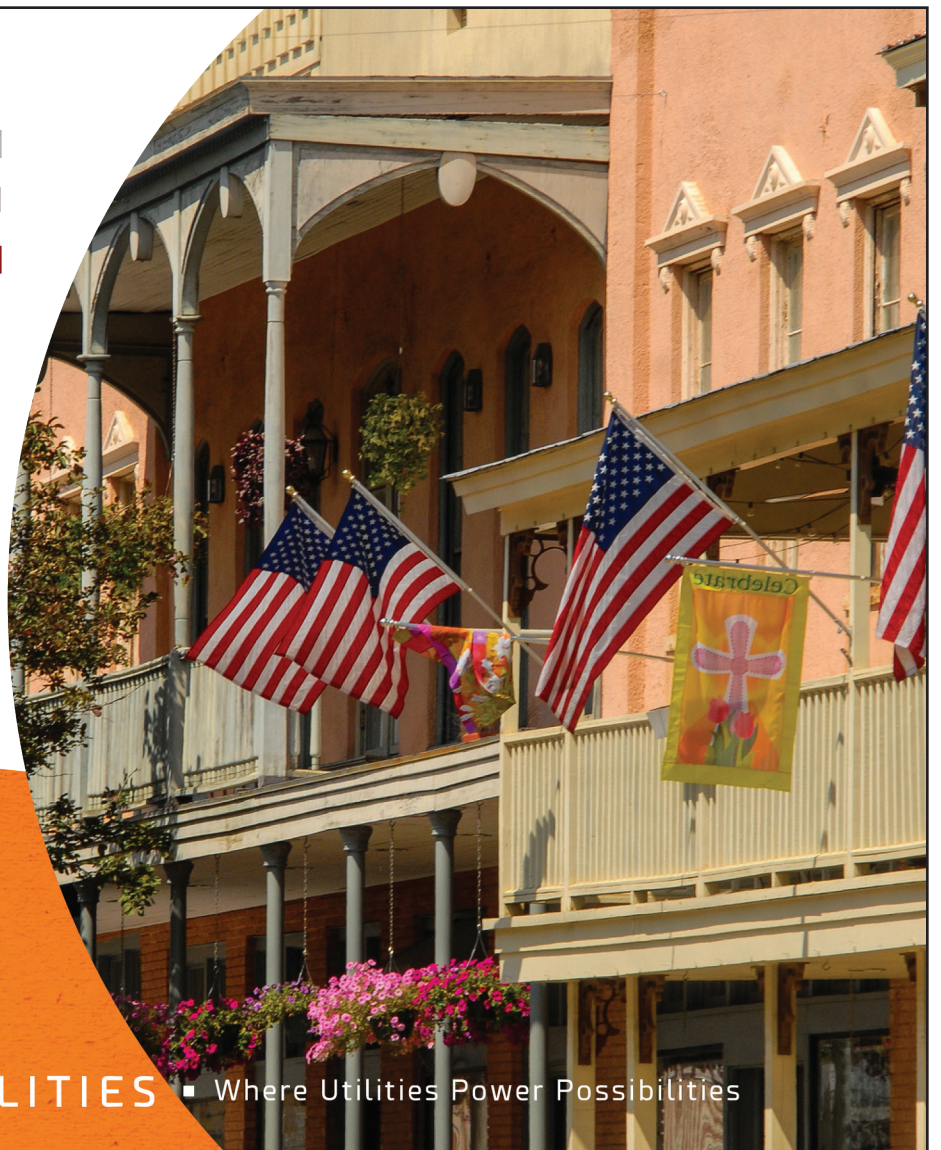
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# CPSD 2015-16 athletic award winners

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## Porter Middle School Track

*Co-MVP*, Jasmine Burns, *Gabrielle Davis*, *Tiger Award*, Quintoria Oliver,  
*Most Improved*, Empress Matlock

## Nichols Middle School Football

*Offensive MVP*, Titus Williams, *Tiger Heart Award*, Antonio McDonald,  
*Best Defensive Lineman*, Ryant Sanders, *Best Offensive Lineman*,  
Jahmek Graves

## Canton High Cross Country

*Males/Females MVP*, Triston Green, *MVP*, Breyuana Jones, *Best Runner*,  
Kenna Pierce, *Best Runner*, Quellisha Burks, *Tiger Heart*, Labroski Harvey,  
*Tiger Heart*, Bashara Flemons, *Most Improved*, Devin Dunigan,  
*Most Improved*, Kedrian Woodruff

## Canton High School Volleyball

*Most Improved*, Jamaya Redd

## Porter Middle School Boys Basketball

*Best Offense*, Ashton Adams, *Best Defense*, Jacobian Morgan,  
*Rookie of the Year*, Corey Garrett, *Tiger Award*, Rondarius Collins

## Porter Middle School Cheerleading

*Most Energetic*, Christiana Brown, *Most Versatile*, Jordyn Love,  
*Most Improved*, Teara Hardy, *Most Spirited*, A'ziyaha Henderson

## Canton High Girls Track

*MVP*, Aireanna Taylor, *Co-MVP*, Chiquita Clark, *Most Versatile*, Catera Watson,  
*Most Improved*, Makayla Anderson

## Canton High School Baseball

*Most Promising*, Javier Jackson, *Scholastic Award*, Garrison Gillum,  
*Most Improved*, Derest Watts, *Best Defense (Outfield)*, Jemarcus Mormont,  
*Best Defense (Infield)*, Montel Meeks, *Best Offense*, Will Rogers, *Best Pitcher*,  
Jermaine McGee, *Tiger Leadership Award*, Kenvarious Brown

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## Griffin named Officer of the Quarter



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Officer Matthew Griffin was named Rotary Club Officer of the Quarter. Pictured (l to r) are Mayor Arnel Bolden, Officer Griffin, Chief Otha Brown, and John Martin with the Rotary Club.

## Lions Club awards scholarships



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Pictured (l to r) are Mayor Arnel Bolden with Lions Club scholarship winners Hayden Anderson, Canton Academy; Alexis Glover, Canton High School; Rev. Morris Taylor, Lions Club; and Daysia Kennedy, Velma Jackson.

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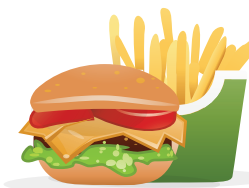
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# Goodloe students receive awards

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Goodloe Elementary students from reading and math to remaining received awards in May for everything on the Principal's List all year.



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From left, Lailan Hamlin, Taylor Brown, Jayden Trotter, Donovan Cardona, Jasmian Davis, Ashley Arenas, Shanika Rush, Anniyah Jones, Bryan Archie, Malichi Porter, London Jackson, and Dr. Candra Nelson, Principal.



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From left, Dr. Candra Nelson, Myunna Ross, Demonta Tompkins, Shalyria Myers, Amera Rayes, Alex Ramirez, Aubrey Johnson, Adria Clanton, Isaiah Smith, Alexandra Luckett, Jazman Santos, Demarian Anderson, and Aniyah Stevenson.

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## Chief Andrew Hughes is a 32-year Canton fire department veteran

By Susie A. Wolfe

Chief Andrew Hughes is a 32-year veteran of the Canton Fire Department. The Canton native served in



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every position in the department before being named chief 10 years ago.

The fire department has 40 front line fire fighters and five administrative staff, including Hughes. It serves 42 square miles in the city and Madison County and is comprised of four fire

stations strategically located throughout the city. One station is no more than five miles from any point. The stations include: Fire Station 1, 3393 N. Liberty St.; Fire Station 2, 745 E. Peace St.; Fire Station 3, 728 W. Peace St.; and Fire Station 4, 188 Watford Dr.

One of 12 children, Hughes and his wife, Bettye, have four sons, three daughters and 11 grandchildren. He is also a state-licensed contractor doing building and remodeling with his company, Drew Designs. Hughes also serves as a youth sponsor at Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church and is a horse enthusiast.

"I have four horses and ride every chance I get," said Hughes. "I often ride before work. It is so relaxing."

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