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Canton Academy wins 2016 State AA-MAIS Championship, moving up to AAA next year

By Susie A. Wolfe

Canton Academy (CA) defeated Tri-County 21-7 for the State-AA MAIS Championship on Thursday, November 17, at Jackson Academy.

"It's been 20 years since Canton Academy has won a championship title," said Ron Jurney, CA headmaster of the 317-student school. "We are also happy to report that CA will be moving up to the AAA league in 2017."

The Panthers-Rebels rivalry has been heating up in the last two years. The schools are only 16 miles apart. In 2015, Tri-county beat CA in the third round of the AA playoffs. The two teams clashed in regular season play earlier this year, with the Panthers pulling out a 23-21 win. The Rebels were dealing with

the loss of the Tri-County center Taylor Martin, 18, Tuesday night before the Thursday

family and classmates. They offered to play the game at another time, but decided to

at Tri-County on Wednesday night.

Coach Jurney talked about how the 39-member 2016 team has worked hard at strength and conditioning to be ready for the season, and that made a big difference. He also said the team was close, and they kept a positive mental attitude.

"They have played like a championship caliber team all season, and the record shows it," said Jurney. "The team's goal was to win a state championship from the very beginning. They made it happen. I am very proud of them."

The town of Canton showed their support for the Panthers when many towns-

folk came out to wish them off at noon at the Canton Square as they traveled to the game.



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game. Jurney said the players know the Tri-County team very well, and felt for Martin's

move forward with the game. They showed their respect by attending a prayer vigil

Nissan awards mini-grants to Canton Elementry

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Members of the Nissan Canton leadership team surprised the Canton Elementary and Canton Career Center teachers in November to award their Nissan - BankPlus mini grants totaling \$41,577. Each year, local teachers, counselors and school administrators are invited to apply for the grants, which provide funding for projects that their school's budget will not cover. Grant



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Pictured (l to r) are, Pam Confer, Gaye Broyles, Steve Marsh, Rodney Francis, Shelia Sumrall, Donna Sims, and Victoria Johnson.

awards range from \$500 to \$5,000 and support innovative teaching and learning that aligns with state-mandated curricula.

The Nissan and BankPlus Education Mini-Grant Program awarded 32 grants totaling \$90,281 to fund creative educational projects in Canton and Madison County school districts. The program has awarded more than \$650,000 to local schools since it was created in 2007.



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Farm Girl Grocery offers fresh grocery options today

By Susie A. Wolfe

Canton has a new option for fresh bread and canned goods—Farm Girl Grocery operated by Lise Foy.

to be a stay-at-home mom for her 3-year-old twin daughters Josey and Katy. Oh, yes, and be a full-time business owner. Foy gets help from her father, mother-in-law, and aunt, but



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Lise Foy produces her Farm Girl products naturally on the family farm north of Canton.

Foy moved to the Foy family farm outside Canton when she married Jamie in 1997. Jamie, a fixed wing Ag helicopter pilot, grew up on his grandfather Rob’s land that was later farmed by his parents, James and Joy. She also grew up on a 30-acre farm with corn, horses and cows in Winona. Foy said she has a personal passion to teach where food comes from, and she considers it her mission to celebrate this unique culture before electricity, “the old-fashioned way things used to be done.” A Mississippi State ag major, Foy was an interpreter at the November 16-18 Mississippi Ag Museum Harvest Festival in Jackson and at the Canton/Madison County Living History Week. She had a job with the Ag Museum at one point, but chose

said she does all the production herself. She has outgrown her kitchen and her house at the great response she has had to her products that are “family heirlooms,” recipes from her mother, aunts, and grandmother. Now considered a cottage food producer, Foy plans to get certified by the Health Department so she can sell in five or six retail locations. Her goal for 2017 is to build a commercial kitchen. Farm Girl Grocery currently sells out of Foy’s home, so customers can message, call, text or email her with requests. She takes orders until Tuesday at 2 p.m., and delivers Wednesday to Ridgeland and Thursday to Canton. For more information, contact farmgirlgrocery.com or 662-858-0279.

Laura Leone joins Canton’s Sunshine Children’s Clinic

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Laura Leone has joined Sunshine Children’s Clinic in Canton as a board-certified nurse practitioner. A recent graduate

friendly, compassionate, well informed and dedicated health care provider who absolutely loves children, according to Dr. Vibha Vig. For more information, visit:



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of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Leone is a

www.sunshinechildrensclinic.com or call 601-855-5287.

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The MC Business League & Foundation 2016-17 Board of Directors and Officers



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The Madison County Business League & Foundation announces the 2016-17 Madison County Board of Directors and Officers. Pictured (l to r) are sitting: Director Donna Sims, BankPlus; Vice Chairman Phil Buffington, Adams & Reese; Chairman Sam Kelly, Brunini Grantham Grower & Hewes; Immediate Past Chairman Tina Lakey, CenterPoint Energy; Secretary-Treasurer Brad Maley, BancorpSouth; MCEDA Appointee Dr. Dwight Lockett, Retired Superintendent of Canton Schools. Pictured (l to r) are standing: Director Trace Swartzfager, St. Dominic Health Services, Inc.; MCEDA Appointee Jim Smith, Merrill Lynch; Director Dr. Don Burnham, Holmes Community College; Director Brad McMullan, Bfac.Com; MCEDA Appointee Doug Jones, Lake Caroline; Director Rodney Grogan, MMC Materials, Inc.; Director Barney Daly, Trustmark; Jan Collins, MCBL&F Executive Director. Not pictured are: Director Terrell Knight, C Spire and MCEDA Appointee Calvin Harris, Warnock Engineering. Ex-Officio Directors: Trey Baxter, President of the Madison County Board of Supervisors; Mayor Arnel Bolden, City of Canton; Mayor Les Childress, Town of Flora; Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler, City of Madison; Mayor Gene McGee, City of Ridgeland.

Groundbreaking held for CHS Apartments

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The Brownstone Group held a groundbreaking celebration in No-

High Apartments that will have 80 apartments and a workout facility, and the old gymnasium will be re-

said, "this has been 17 years in the making." Simpson said this was a long-time vision of John Wallace



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Pictured, (l to r), are Maureen Simpson, director of Canton Redevelopment; Hurstine Watts, community service director City of Canton; Arnel Bolden, mayor City of Canton; Jeremy Mears, Brownstone Group partner; and Rodrigue Brown, alderman City of Canton.

ember for the revitalization of the old Canton High School. The old high school will become Canton

stored. Maureen Simpson of Canton Redevelopment Authority and a graduate of Canton High School

of CMU and Attorney Bob Montgomery. The apartments will be available in Spring, 2017.

Louisiana Seafood King ribbon cutting



Photo by Jud Meaders

The Louisiana Seafood King's ribbon cutting was held on November 17. The Canton Chamber members welcomed the new restaurant to town. It is located in the old Western Sizzlin building at 149 Soldier Colony Road.

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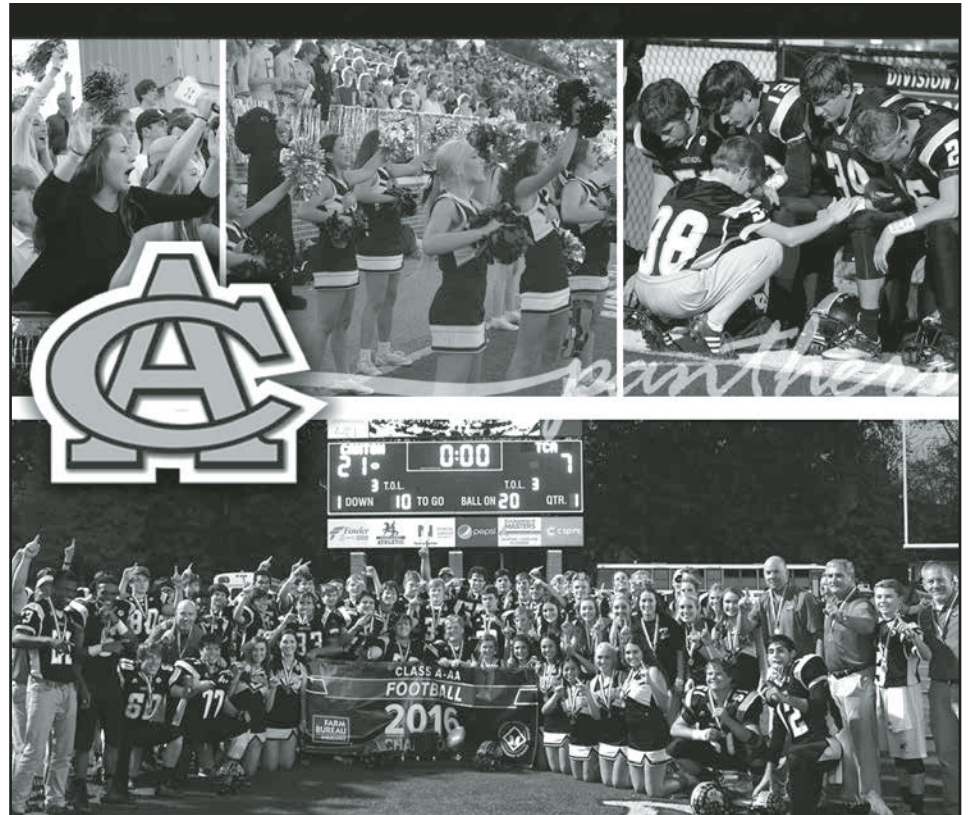
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From the mayor's desk

By Arnel D. Bolden, Mayor of Canton

As I pen this month's article, I just found out a few hours ago of



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the passing of my father. Respectfully, I am dedicating this column to him. Normally, when my phone rings after midnight, it is usually a City emergency. However, when I heard my mom's voice, I knew the news would not be good. Fortunately, I was able to spend my final quality moments with him just two weeks ago. I had no idea it would be our last time together.

My father taught me how to be a man. He believed in taking care of his family, and instilled in me the values of honesty, that giving to others is in need is the greatest gift, and that if you give respect, you will get it in return. Although

he never went to college, he made sure I did, for he believed that his kids should have a better life than the respectable blue-collar lifestyle he provided. In return for the unconditional love and support he provided, I have lived my life trying to meet or exceed his expectations. Throughout my forty plus years, we never had an argument or a cross word, as my typical response to him was, "Yes Sir." He earned and deserved my utmost respect. I am encouraged by the words in Romans 8:28, which reads, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, and are called according to his purpose."

I realize now that Thanksgiving, Christmas, nor any other special occasion will ever be the same without him. Therefore, I encourage you to cherish and hold dear the ones you love, for you never know when you may never see them again.

May God Bless you and yours this holiday season and this great city we call Canton.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Arnel Bolden is currently serving the City as mayor since being elected in 2013. He and his wife, LaToya Bolden, are members of Canton United Methodist Church and are active in the community.

Goodloes bless others at their family reunion

By Cynthia Goodloe Palmer

As we enter this upcoming Christmas season, many family members will travel far and near

Christ Holiness USA and we ended with Sunday Dinner with a boat ride on the water at the Main Harbor Marina in Jackson. Wheeww...



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to reunite with loved ones. Most recently, the Goodloe family gathered for our 2016 reunion, which took place in Canton, Jackson and Ridgeland.

Our theme, "Divided by Distance, United by Roots," was inspiring to all who attended. Highlights included: A Day in the Country, which was our family picnic; a community outreach project where we made "blessing bags" which contained personal care and food products and delivered the care packages to the homeless shelter and we conducted a blood drive where 25 family members gave blood. In addition, our family banquet and family portraits took place at Tougaloo College, our Family Worship service was held at Second Temple Church of

Family gatherings renew your bond with missing members and leave you with good memories. It's important to recognize and appreciate your elder family members, and we presented our elders with legacy medals.

So, when your family gathers for the holidays, if you don't already, consider a family project that will be a blessing to someone else. You'll be glad you did!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Palmer is an award-winning recording artist and is a three-time winner at the Mississippi Gospel Music Awards. She serves as the founder and president of the Canton Gospel Music Association. She is proud of her Canton roots.

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Bfac.com moves into Business Collaboratory, to hold grand opening this December of 2016

By Susie A. Wolfe

Bfac.com, the #1 listed business texting company by Google and one of the fastest growing mobile app design companies in the world, has moved its headquarters into the Mississippi Bio-Medical Business Collaboratory located in Canton. Founder Brad McMullan, former WAPT News anchor, has helped build bfac.com from a struggling start up to an award-winning, multi-million dollar mobile technology giant with more than 900 clients around the world.

McMullan, a University of Oklahoma Communications graduate with no tech experience, chose Canton over Atlanta or Dallas to relocate his business because most of his employees live in the area and "I love Mississippi and didn't want to go out of state." The company has 300 employees across the country, with 20 located at the Canton office, which is housed in the old Nissan training facility.

"MCEDA is very pleased to have bfac.com as a member of our Mississippi Bio-Medical Business Collaboratory family. Their cutting edge mobile marketing and communications services are utilized world-wide, and they are at the absolute top of the of the tech-

nology curve in their industry," said Ken Oilschlager, MCEDA interim executive director.

WeddingTexting.com, & ResumeApps.org, is the only CEO to win the Mississippi Technology Association New



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Bfac.com has 300 employees, with 20 located at the Canton Office. Pictured (l to r) are Krystal Minor, chief operating officer; Brad McMullan, founder; and Michael Felder, chief technology officer.

Bfac.com provides mobile marketing and communication solutions to businesses, organizations, state and local governments and political figures. McMullan, an Emmy Award-winning journalist-turned-CEO, founded the 'buy from a Christian' web-site over a decade ago. McMullan, who is also the founder of CollegeGarageSale.com,

Venture Challenge twice. The award highlights the best commercial technology company.

An active volunteer, McMullan serves on multiple boards, including the Salvation Army's National Advisory Board. He also serves as the chairman of the Jackson, Mississippi, Salvation Army Advisory Board, and he is a member of the

Oklahoma City Chapter of YPO. McMullan was recognized as the Community Advocate of the Year by New Horizon Church International and was named to the 2016 Tech 21 List by the *Mississippi Business Journal*. He was also elected to a four-year term to serve on the Madison County Business League Board of Directors.

For more information on bfac.com, visit the web-site or call 601-559-8882.

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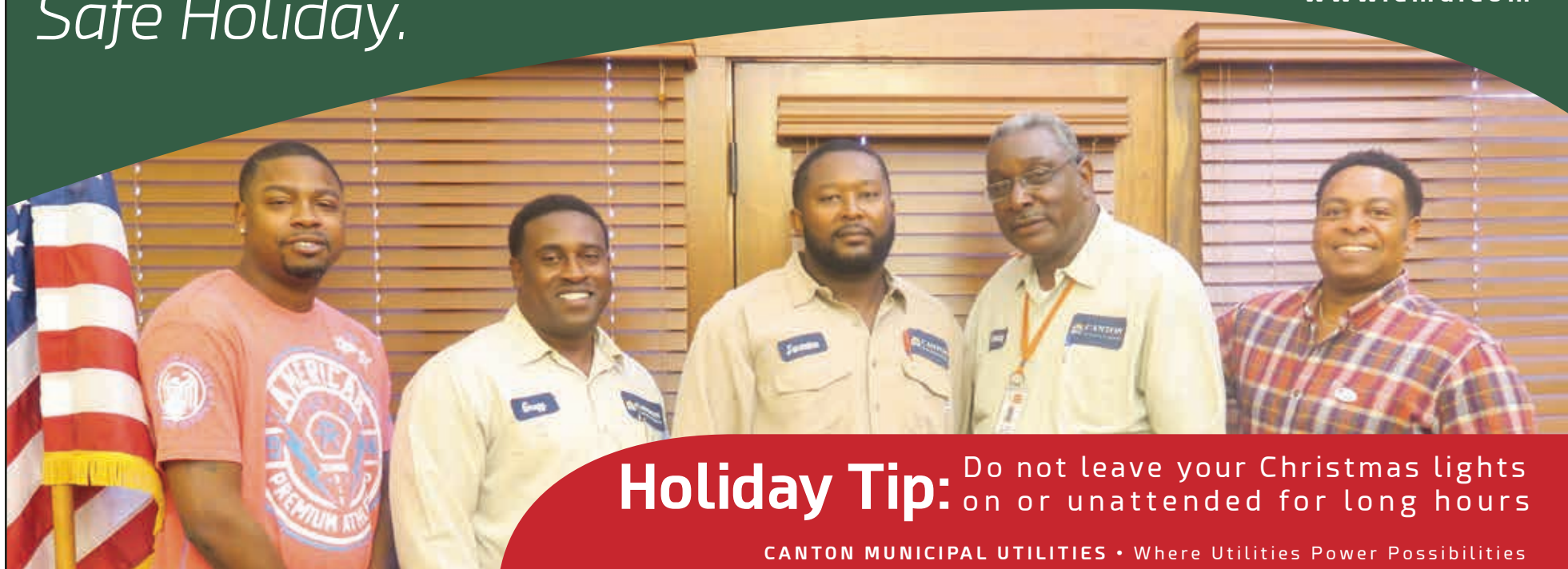
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CA wins in State AA-MAIS Championship Game



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Canton Academy (CA) defeated Tri-County Academy by a score of 21-7 to secure its fourth AA State Championship in football. The last championship was won in 1996, with previous championships in 1995 and 1987. Pictured is the winning team with coaches and cheerleaders after the game at Jackson Academy.



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Anticipate a season of miracles

By Guest Columnist Kathy Amos

It's special holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas that tend to bring out the best in us! We inten-



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tionally anticipate the miracles and wonders they bring. Some folks even take the initiative to do random acts of kindness, not realizing that they've become the miracle that someone else so desperately needs. Anticipation is a wonderfully proactive and intentional word for seeking out significance.

When we anticipate, we intentionally look for something that profoundly makes the difference in our lives. Anticipation causes us to value today, instead of focusing on tomorrow. It prepares us for something new and exciting, something

that's supernatural. It helps us to become creative in our thinking. It's amazing how we can come up with some incredible ideas when we begin to anticipate. It moves us to action in looking for ways to help others, and it helps us to possess an abundance mindset. When we anticipate with hope and faith, believing that something amazing will happen, it usually does. Hope never disappoints, and faith never fails. The Bible declares in Joshua 3:5, "Then Joshua said to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.'"

This holiday season, make an intentional decision to be the miracle that someone needs. Take John Maxwell's advice, and declare today that, "You want to make a difference with people who want to make a difference, doing something that makes a difference."

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 the Turning Point Fellowship Ministries International Church, along with her husband. She is 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 cafe'.



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CPSD establishes Council for College and Career Readiness

By Cassandra Williams, CPSD Superintendent

Each year, the Mississippi Department of Education assigns grade classifications to school districts and individual schools within districts. This grading system, known as Mississippi's Accountability Model, is designed to provide information about how well schools and districts are educating students. The A-F grading system includes several components, including how well students perform on state tests, whether students are showing improvement on state tests from year to year, and whether students are graduating within four years. Additionally, high schools have an added Acceleration component that measures the number of students who take and pass accelerated courses such as Advanced Placement and the number of eligible students who take and pass credit-bearing college courses. In short, the more students that a high school has who take and pass advanced courses, the more points the school will receive in the Acceleration component of the Accountability Model.

In addition to increasing Canton High School's accountability rating, the benefits of taking advanced and college credit-bearing courses are significant for students. Students who take and are

successful in these courses are more prepared for college because they will be pre-exposed to college-level rigor. These students



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often save on college expenses by taking introductory level courses while still in high school. Students with this type of high school preparation often graduate from college early or they are able to take even more rigorous course work in college. The focus on college and career readiness in high school is a big-picture approach to

providing our community, state, and nation with a workforce that is fully prepared for success.

To address this need, Canton Public School District will estab-

lish the Canton Council for College and Career Readiness (4CR) to seek and provide funding for eligible students at Canton High School to take college credit-bearing courses and be dually enrolled at Holmes Community College.

Though the fee for college credit-bearing courses is significantly cheaper for students who take the

course in high school (as opposed to once they are fully enrolled in college), the \$100 per class fee is still significant for many students. Additionally, some students are eligible to take several courses, which will allow them to enter college with several college credits. We have identified that a primary reason for students' non-participation in the past was their inability to pay for the courses.

The primary goal of the Canton Council for College and Career Readiness (4CR) will be to secure and provide funding for eligible students to take college credit-bearing courses. Our goal is to provide funding for 150 students to take at least one course.

We need the help of our community organizations and businesses to support our efforts to ensure that our students are college and career ready. Please contact me at cassandrawilliams@canton-schools.net for more information on supporting us in meeting our goal.

EDITOR'S NOTE: With over twenty years in education, Cassandra Williams' focus as superintendent of the Canton Public School District is to increase student achievement through an invigorated emphasis on teaching, learning and nurturing.

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Let your light shine on

By Pastor Guy Odom

In my previous article, I mentioned that my family has been



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in Canton for four and half years serving as pastor of First Baptist Church. I absolutely love the Christmas Season here in Canton!

Recently, on a visit with a prospective member and his family, I got into a discussion about the Canton Lights at Christmas. I am sure they saw my face light up as I describe one of the best seasons, in my opinion, Canton has to offer. Christmas time in Canton is a once-in-a-lifetime moment every year, and I can say I am very proud to be a citizen. People will come from all over to see the Canton lights. The square is just so gorgeous lit up with lights celebrating the Christmas season.

It's almost like the LIGHTS draw people to Canton. Wait a minute, that is exactly what happens. When people come to Canton during the month of December,

they are drawn here because of the LIGHTS either by invitation, tradition, or publication. This month, we will celebrate God's Son Jesus Christ, the LIGHT of the world, by invitation, tradition, or publication. Let me explain, believers or followers of Jesus Christ are responsible for inviting people to accept the LIGHT, so that through us all men might believe and have a relationship with Jesus. Secondly, we as believers celebrate every year the tradition of Christmas.

It is our churches' tradition to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, as the only way to Heaven. Thirdly, by publication, believers have the Word of God, the Bible, to share the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ, who came to take away the sins of man. Matthew 5:14-16 says, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deed and praise your Father in heaven."

This Christmas, let your LIGHT shine and shine bright with the love of Jesus Christ!

You Are Loved,
Pastor Guy

EDITOR'S NOTE: Guy Odom has been pastor at First Baptist Church of Canton since 2012. He and his wife, Tommi, have two sons, Ely and Cy. He is originally from Vicksburg.

CHS teams win at 2016 regional championship

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Canton High School Boys Cross Country team won the Cross Country Regional Championship, and

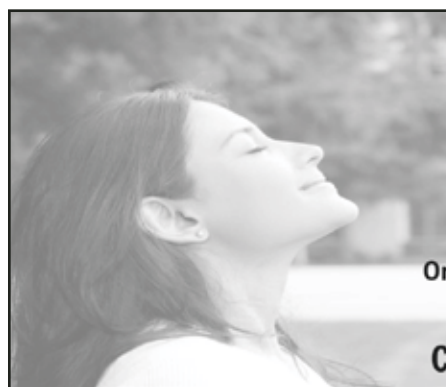
the CHS Girls Cross Country team won second place. The teams are led by Coach O'keefe Henderson and Coach Sandra McKinney.



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Area students win logo competition at GACFHC

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G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center (GACFHC)

theme for the logo competition was "Put Your Family Health in Our Hands." The winning submission became the organi-



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Winners of the logo competition are (l to r): Second Place, Jasmine Lacey, eleventh grader, Germantown High School; First Place, Ashton Freeman, tenth grader, Canton High School; and Third Place, Arkalah Jones, eighth grader, Porter Middle School.

recently invited children at area schools to play an active role in the creation and marketing of a new look for GACHFC. The

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Grandparents eat and talk literacy at school



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Students at Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts & Sciences enjoyed a hearty Thanksgiving meal with their grandparents. Staff rolled out the red carpet for Grandparent's Day, serving up turkey and dressing with all of the trimmings. Participants say the Literacy with Grandparents Luncheon was an awesome way to keep them involved in their grandchildren's education.

Canton's Christmas returns to town's Victorian roots

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More than 200,000 twinkling white lights will once again make

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Canton's Historic Courthouse Square glow with small-town charm, nostalgia for holidays past and a dash of the season's magic.

"This year, we really went 100 percent Victorian-themed," Canton Tourism executive director Jana Padgett said, recreating the era in dress, a new Victorian front porch for Mrs. Claus' Story Time and more. "We really honed in on our history."

A new 40-foot lifelike Christmas tree on the Square will echo the era's focus on greenery, ribbons and bows. Also, Padgett says, "Don't miss the 14-foot Christmas tree in the Welcome Center lobby, festooned with ribbons, beads and beautiful Victorian ornaments."

To take full advantage of the festival's breathtaking night-time views, festival hours will be 5-9

festival's run, enhance the family fun with a chance to meet favorite princesses, superheroes and more.

Visitors are encouraged to check out the two completely redecorated animation museums. The historical museum features replicas of past merchants on Canton's Historic Square; the other depicts the Elves Work-shop, with Santa's helpers bustling to get presents ready for the sleigh, as penguins play in the North Pole snow. The \$4 admission buys entry to both museums.

Additional festival highlights include: Mustard Seed Handbell Choir at 6 p.m. Dec. 4 and Dec. 9; the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Sip 'n' Cider 4-8 p.m. Dec. 9; Mrs. Claus' Story Time, 6-9 p.m. nightly throughout the festival.



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Canton's Bosarge stars in New Stage musical

By Sherry Lucas

Cannon Bosarge is just 12, but those dozen years are packed with plenty to tap for his lead role in New Stage Theatre's "A Christmas Story, The Musical."

Based on the 1983 Christmas comedy classic, the tale of Ralphie's single-minded, against-all-odds Christmas present pursuit resonates. "He has this obsession with a Red Ryder BB gun, and I've had obsessions with things that I wanted for Christmas before, so that kind of speaks to me," Cannon said, chuckling over games, a trampoline and Xbox wishes from holidays past.

"He's just doing everything he can, every tiny little hint, to maybe get his parents to buy him a Red Ryder BB gun. ... It's funny, and I really love the part."

New Stage presents "A Christmas Story, The Musical" Dec. 2-22 in Jackson. For times and tickets, visit newstagetheatre.com or call 601-948-3533.

The story is one of Cannon's favorite Christmas movies of all time, and a family favorite as well, for parents Chris and Kellie Bosarge and brothers Reagan, 13, and Payne, 6. Cannon has been on stage in the story before, playing Flick in a Madison Center Players production when he was 8.

The Jackson Academy seventh grader has lived in Canton all his life. He's been acting for more than half that time.

He had his first performance at age five, at a theater camp at Belhaven University. The people were friendly, the situation was fun, he was hooked. "It was really exciting to just go out and give all I've got to the audience." What they gave back in applause and support was even better.

"It's one of the greatest feelings ever when the audience starts to feel the production with you."

The honor student goes straight from school to rehearsals, which started in early November.

"It's a pretty good time commitment, but ... there's no other thing that makes me happier." He's also active in

football, speech and debate and show choir at school.

His stage credits include Actor's Playhouse productions "Elf Jr.," "Tilly the Trickster," "Best Christmas Pageant Ever" and "Freckleface Strawberry" and JA productions "Wizard of Oz" and "Honk Jr." His TV and film work includes the A&E miniseries "Bonnie & Clyde" and Hallmark Lifetime Channel's "Christmas in the Bay-

chances, less rehearsal and big screen payoff, with live theater, where "you're able to have so many rehearsals and get really connected with the cast and the director, and you see the show coming together. It's just one of the greatest experiences on this earth."

Cannon relishes the musical aspect of this

smile and theater is one of the best ways."

"A Christmas Story, The



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Frances Bordlee as Mother, Daniel Hines as The Old Man, Wyatt Roberson as Randy and Cannon Bosarge as Ralphie in the cast for New Stage Theatre's "A Christmas Story, The Musical," playing this month.

ou" in 2013 and "When the Game Stands Tall" in 2014 and a few national commercials.

He's got a lead role in Michael Williams' film "The Atoning," due out in 2017. Cannon compared the film, with its many recordings, lots of

production, too. "It's unbelievable how much it adds. ... That singing aspect gets you into the groove of the play."

Cannon pegged his affinity for using his emotions and making people happy as strengths for the stage. "I'm usually trying to make people



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Musical" director Turner Crumbley said, "Like all of the kids we cast, Cannon stood out for his particular role," with positive energy and comfort with its singing demands.

"If he was nervous, he never showed it." Another plus: Cannon told Crumbley, "I will do anything you need me to do on stage." It's like that actor who's never been around livestock, auditioning for a western with, "SURE I can ride a horse."

"He had no idea the crazy things I'd be asking him to do, but he didn't care," Crumbley said. "I thought he was pretty funny."

Cannon's mother, Kellie Bosarge, said, "In just the past few months, he's booked a lead in a play and a lead in a movie, so he's had a good year! Those two are definitely his biggest things he's done."

And while Cannon's spirits are riding high, his ambition remains on solid ground. "I'm going to do my best in school, do acting on the side and then just, you know, see where that takes me."

CHS 2016 top couples



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The *Canton News* incorrectly identified the photo on the November front page. These are the correct photos. Pictured in the top photo from (l to r) are Mr./Miss Canton High School Bralon Robinson and Alexis Cain. Pictured in the bottom photo from (l to r) are Miss Homecoming/Escort Duke T'Jarion Peel and Duchess MyQuashia Anderson.



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Listed events are included with \$10 general admission or MCM membership. This project is partially funded through a grant by Visit Jackson.

CA Lady Panthers place second in MAIS AA State Softball Tournament

By Guest Columnists Carol McNeer and Billy McNeer

The 2016 softball season at Canton Academy (CA) proved to be a historic run for the Lady Panthers. The second place

season. It was with regularity that members could be found putting in extra time to work on their skills. Whether it was



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The Lady Panther's softball team had a championship season this year. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Allie Parkinson, Katy Kemp, Alexis Hinkle, Kendall Calloway, Madi Cochran, Taylor Rosamond, Abbie Parkinson, and Macy Gordy; and back row: Assistant Coach Lance Anderson, Edi Craft, Lauren Anderson, Carley Crosby, Cammie Roberts, Kaylin Peacock, Melanie Crum, Virginia Lavender, Kate Bowen, Tori Denson, Aislynn Cochran, Anna McNeer, Kristen Osborne, Sarah Grace Thompson, and Head Coach Tray Earnhart.

team in the conference also finished second in the Championship Tournament, the first Lady Panther team to make it that far. Words that can be used to describe this group of ladies might be determination, persistence, work ethic, and leadership. The team fielded five seniors this year, Melanie Crum, Lauren Anderson, Cammie Roberts, Carley Crosby, and Kaylin Peacock. Behind them was a host of underclassmen led by catcher Anna McNeer.

To get to that point, CA played a very challenging non-conference schedule. This alone assisted them in finishing second in the conference. Along the way, there were victories and some resounding defeats. It has often been said and is very true, the character of a team can be determined by how they respond to adversity and defeats. Defeats along the way proved the determination and persistence this team possessed.

Members of this team worked long and hard throughout the

after practice or between games in the North State tournament, team members could be found working extra, showing tremendous work ethic. Team leadership was displayed simply by the example on the field, a player working hard and showing good skills. Offering advice and encouragement when things weren't working, the CA Lady Panthers really pulled together and supported each other.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Carol and Billy McNeer are proud parents of the varsity softball catcher Anna McNeer.

Canton Properties for sale:

Three (3) rental house, 2-3 bedrooms and 1 - one bedroom. Vacant lot and commercial building and lot. All properties sold "AS IS".

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Rich speaks at Rotary Club



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David Rich, owner of Rich Grain Distillery, was the guest speaker at the November 3 meeting of the Madison-Ridgeland Rotary Club. The distillery, located off the square in Canton on West Peace Street, began full scale production in 2016 after Rich, a Madison County native and former defense contractor, moved home to pursue a dream of owning his own business and "making spirits from scratch." Pictured (l to r) are: club member Will Longwitz, new club inductee Lisa Schmidt, Rich and member Ryder Taff, holding a sample of the company's labeled rum.

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Canton Elementary celebrated "FBI Day," which stands for "Fathers Being Involved Day." Fathers took time out of their busy schedules to encourage their children to do their best in school. Fathers visited their child's classrooms, and some even bought books for their child from the book fair. The fathers said they enjoyed the opportunity to show their children they support them and value their education.

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Stamp Out Hunger event names winners

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The board and staff of Our Daily Bread expressed their thanks to all those who came out to support the Walk/Run to Stamp Out Hunger on November 5. M.C. Rochell Carr led the charge for the event, which ended at 313 Franklin Street, the future home for Our Daily Bread. The organizers offered a special thanks to the sponsors, including the Minority Student Union from Madison Central High School.

Winners at the event included: kids/teenagers category, overall winner, Semyia Thompson;

second place, Alora Mattison; and third place, Abreale Leflore; Team runners, overall winner, James; second place, James Rankin; and third place, Taric Hodges. Individual Walkers overall winner, Margie Mitchell; L.C. Mitchell, second place; and third place, J.T. Jackson; Individual runners overall winner, Alice Hicks; second place, Vickie Thompson; and third place, Semoria Thompson; and the final category was Team Walkers. The overall winner was Charisse Bester; second place, Karen Bill; and third place, Gladdys Kiner.

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Canton native graduates from FBI Citizens Academy

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On Wednesday, November 16, local native Flonzie Brown-Wright joined twenty-nine other citizens in a special Graduation Ceremony. This ceremony recognized those selected to attend an eight-week course exploring how the FBI operates internally including what evidence is necessary and how agents use that evidence to defend cases. Annually more than 300 persons are recommended, but only approximately thirty are chosen. All those accepted have to be recommended either by an FBI staff person or from someone who had previously graduated. Brown-Wright was recommended by Rolene Brinson, a long-time FBI employee who has known her since their days working at the McCoy Federal Building.

A variety of topics were presented; including Violent Crimes Against Children, Cybercrimes, White



Photo by Jay Johnson

Certificates, travel-bags and pins with the FBI Logo were given to all graduates of the FBI Citizens Academy, like Flonzie Brown-Wright", shown here with SAC Donald Alway."

Collar and Healthcare Fraud, Public Corruption, Civil Rights, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and International and Domestic Terrorism. One class was dedicated to a visit to the FBI Firing Range, where Academy Trainee were taught how to safely discharge firearms. Brown-Wright's class experienced how the M-16 weapon is used.

Brown-Wright was also selected to give the keynote address at the ceremony, because, the words of SAC Donald Alway and Agent Brett Carr, "We want to hear more of your story, and we believe your civil rights experiences will put what we have done over the past few weeks in a greater perspective."

She and other graduates will have an opportunity to be active in the FBI Alumina Association and to be called upon to share in other community events regarding the role of the FBI.

2016-2017 MS College Youth Leadership Class



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The Madison County Business League & Foundation and MCEDA announce the 2016-17 Madison County Youth Leadership Class. Pictured (l to r) are, sitting: Anna Baladi, St. Joseph Catholic School; Rebecca Grewe, Tri County Academy; Kylie Cockrell, Germantown High School; Kyla Harris, Velma Jackson High School; Sydney Thomason, Canton Academy; Victoria Todd, St. Andrew's Episcopal School; Emma Bozeman, Tri County Academy; and Katie O'Quinn, Jackson Preparatory School; and middle row: Inesha Jackson, Canton High School; AnnDee Huskey, Ridgeland High School; Brooks Lacoste, St. Andrew's Episcopal School; John Martin Paczak, Madison Central High School; Caroline Loeb, Madison Ridgeland Academy; Leah Bishop, Ridgeland High School; Rodney Anderson, Velma Jackson High School; and Joseph McLean, Canton Academy; and back row: Garrison Gillum, Canton High School; Jake Reeves, Madison Ridgeland Academy; Jimmy Frierson III, St. Joseph Catholic School; Noah Greenwood, Germantown High School; Christopher Russell, Jackson Preparatory School; and Cedric Beal, Madison Central High School. Not pictured are Maggie Smith and Blaine Bowman, Jackson Academy.



Canton Academy Basketball Schedule 2016-2017

Date	Team	Time	Location
December 1	Jackson Victors	4:00	Away
December 5	Benton*	4:00	Home
December 6	Leake	4:00	Away
December 7-11	Tallulah Tournament	TBA	Away
December 16	Tri-County*	4:00	Away
December 28	Tipton Rosemark (Var Girls)	4:00	Lewisburg HS
December 28	St. Andrews Tourn (B)	TBA	St. Andrews
January 6	Greenville Christian*	4:00	Home
January 10	Central Holmes*	4:00	Away
January 13	Benton*	4:00	Away
January 17	Manchester	4:00	Home
January 20	Central Holmes*	4:00	Home
January 24	Tri County*	4:00	Home
January 27	Greenville Christian*	4:00	Away
January 30	Sylva Bay	4:00	Home
Jan. 21, Feb. 2 & 4	Jr High District Tournament	TBA	Benton
February 7-9-11	Varsity District Tournament	TBA	Canton
February 13-18	Central State Tournament	TBA	Canton
February 20-25	Class AA State Tournament	TBA	Winona
Feb. 27 - Mar. 4	Overall Tournament	TBA	MC



Canton High School Basketball Schedule 2016-2017

Date	Opponent	Place
December 1 and 3	Madison County Tournament	Ridgeland
December 6	Lanier (B)	Home
December 9	Northwest Rankin (G) (B)	Away
December 10	I-55 Shootout (Boys Only)	North Panola
December 16	Brandon (G) (B)	Home
December 17	Joe Horne Christmas Classic	Columbus
December 19	Ridgeland Shootout	Away
December 22-23	Kemper County Holiday Tournament	Away
January 3	*Grenada (G)	Away
January 10	*Germantown (G) (B)	Away
January 7	Provine (B)	Home
January 13	*Holmes County Central (G) (B)	Home
January 14	Lafayette County (Girls Only)	Lafayette
January 17	*Grenada (G)	Home
January 20	*Germantown (G) (B)	Home
January 27	*Holmes County Central (G) (B)	Away
January 28	Velma Jackson Tournament (Girls Only)	Away
February 4	Velma Jackson (G)	Home
February 10	South Jones	Away
February 13-17	District Div. 3-5A Tournament	Germantown

Young inTop 50 Class

Special to The Canton News

Camille Young has been named to the inaugural class of the Top 50 Most Influential People in Mississippi. Young is Vice President of Cornerstone Government Affairs and serves as a manager of government affairs for Nissan Canton.

Mississippi Top 50 is an annual list of the people who are judged to be the most influential leaders in the state. This bipartisan selection of leaders comes from the ranks of elected and appointed officials, economic development professionals, business, media and government affairs. The awards are sponsored by Y'all Politics and Supertalk Mississippi, and awardees were nominated through an open process.

"I am tremendously honored to be selected for this prestigious honor. I enjoy using my many years of government affairs and communications experience for the benefit of the people I serve," said Young.

She has nearly two decades of background in the practice of state and federal government affairs and is currently

with Cornerstone Government Affairs in Jackson. Her practice includes representation of clients as varied as an institution of higher learning, a major automotive manufacturer, associations that represent constituents in every county of the state and healthcare entities. She also advises them on media, public and community relations.

Prior to joining Cornerstone, Young spent ten years as a Government Affairs Representative with Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, P.A. and spent five years in several positions at the Mississippi

Farm Bureau Federation where she served as a Communications Specialist, Director of Media Relations and Government Relations Specialist.

During her time at Farm Bureau, Young also spent time on Capitol Hill establishing relationships and providing support for the agricultural community. She also held a position with the United States Department of Agriculture as an outreach and public affairs specialist.

Outside of her practice, she is a past president of the Mississippi State University National Alumni Association.



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Renasant Bank sits on Canton's Banking Corner

By Dan Evans

Renasant Bank operates a network of 175 banking locations in five states in the Deep South. The Canton branch is located on the "banking corner" in a building that was erected in 1893 and still stands as originally designed. Mississippi has the largest number of locations, with headquarters in Tupelo.

Renasant's sales and service vision is "to take care of customers by fully engaging them so we may simplify their lives and meet their ever-changing financial needs."

The local bank is staffed by experienced personnel with from five to seventeen years experience. Pam Kelly, Personal Banker, said, "I have always enjoyed our small town atmosphere and helping our faithful local customers with their needs." Kelly has worked in the branch for 17 years.

Renasant is a full-service bank, fulfilling a variety of customer needs, such as checking and savings accounts, money market accounts, CDs, IRAs and health saving accounts, online banking, bill pay, and mobile banking. Other services include residential and



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Pictured (l to r), are, front row: Scott Evans, Britton McNight, and Sarina Hollowell; back row: Tamika Liddell, Pam Kelly, Katie Norman, Anna K. May, and Lauren Ellison.

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Scott Evans, Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager said, "I have always enjoyed living and working in Canton due to the great small town atmosphere. My time at Renasant has been especially fulfilling because of the great customers and our friendly and efficient staff."

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