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Historic Courthouse's cupola to be repaired

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Madison County Supervisors voted unanimously to fix the Historic Madison County Courthouse's cupola in their February 21 meeting, but chose not restore the interior to a usable courtroom due to an approximate cost of \$750,000.

Since the cupola is currently leaking, the Supervisors approved that repair to avoid the potential for significant damage, according to County Administrator Shelton Vance.

Danny Lee, director of buildings and grounds for Madison County, said that leaks have developed in the top dome part of the Courthouse over time. The repairs will



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include the structure on the inside as well putting cooper roofing on the outside and sealing it.

Instead of holding Chancery Court in the Greek Revival Courthouse, the Supervisors chose to make renovations to the county administration building to accommodate an additional judge for an estimated \$250,000.

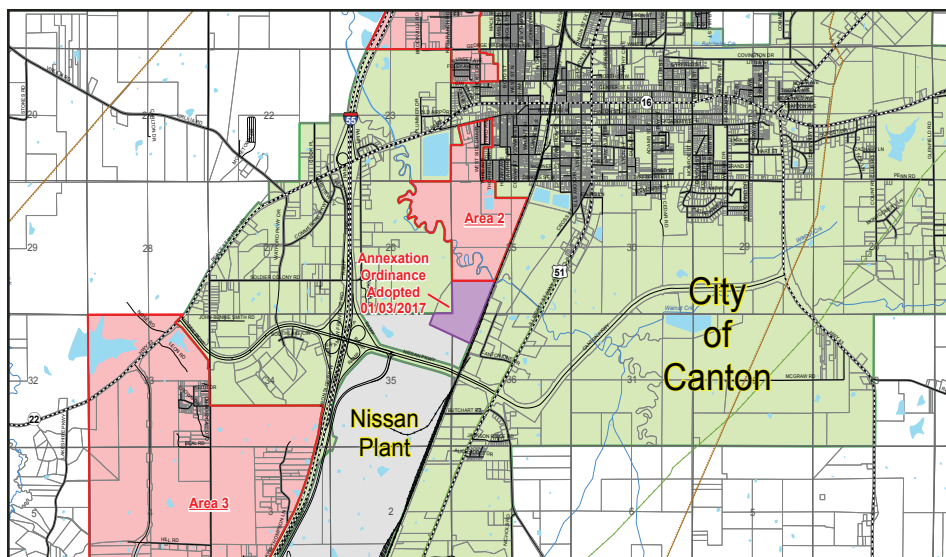
The Historic Courthouse Square District was officially entered into the National Register of Historic Places in 1982, and the old Courthouse underwent a \$2,000,000 renovation in 1994-1995. The new Courthouse was also built at that time one block north of the Square.

City of Canton seeks to annex Gluckstadt territory

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City of Canton filed an ordinance in the Chancery Court of Madison County to enlarge and extend the corporate limits and boundaries of the City on January 30. The area specified is currently unincorporated land. The mayor and Board of Aldermen passed the resolution at their January 3 meeting. On January 31, another petition was filed to incorporate Gluckstadt as a city by two-thirds of the adult residents of that area.

Canton stated in ordinance that "it is in the best interests of Canton and its citizens and the residents and property owners of the land and territory to be annexed" "reasonable and are required by the public convenience and neces-



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sity..." by counsel J. Chadwick Mask and Clifton M. Decker of Carroll Warren & Parker, PLLC. Mayor Arnel Bolden said,

"Throughout the city of Canton, we are experiencing phenomenal growth, especially at our western corridor where interstate development is in high demand. Our focus is not to capture stable residential areas that already exist, but sparse commercial sectors that are prime for future expansion. A view of our current city

map will reveal that much of the proposed annexation area already adjoins land currently in our incorporated territory. The options for our city's future are clear: plan for imminent growth and development or become a stagnant economy."

The Gluckstadt area for proposed incorporation has an estimated 2,463 inhabitants according to the petition for incorporation. The assessed value of the property is approximately \$55 million. The petitioners laid out a plan for community services, and named appointed officers. Walter Morrison as mayor; and Jayce Powell, Miya Warfield, Krisstel Hunt, Stephen Snell and Lisa Williams as aldermen. Jerry Mills and John Scanlon of Pyle, Mills, Dye & Pittman are the legal counsel.

Chancery Judge James Walker will hold a preliminary hearing on April 14 on the annexation, according to Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk.

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Lions Club Bar-B-Que and Auction set for March 24

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Canton Lions Club will hold its Annual Bar-B-Que and Auction on Friday, March 24, to raise money to help those in Canton and Madison County with sight and hearing issues. There will be a live and silent auction at the National Guard Armory with items donated by local businesses.

According to 2017 Auction Chairman Webster Ford, vice president, the 2016 event generated approximately \$12,500, of which 100 percent was made available for the Lions Club work with sight and health programs, youth volunteer opportunities, community and environment programs, and disaster relief.



The Canton Lions Club, which was started in 1939 and has approximately 30 members, provides eye testing at local elementary schools, and prescription vision testing and correction to locally financially-challenge individuals.

The Mississippi Lions, through the Mississippi Eye Bank, provide facilities to collect, store, classify and distribute eye corneas for replacement surgeries. Working with the Addie McBryde Foundation, they also provide rehabilitation services to adults that vision-impaired. Additionally, they provide hearing aid cost assistance in conjunction with local clubs to financially-challenged individuals.



Artist Mark Millet
upper school art



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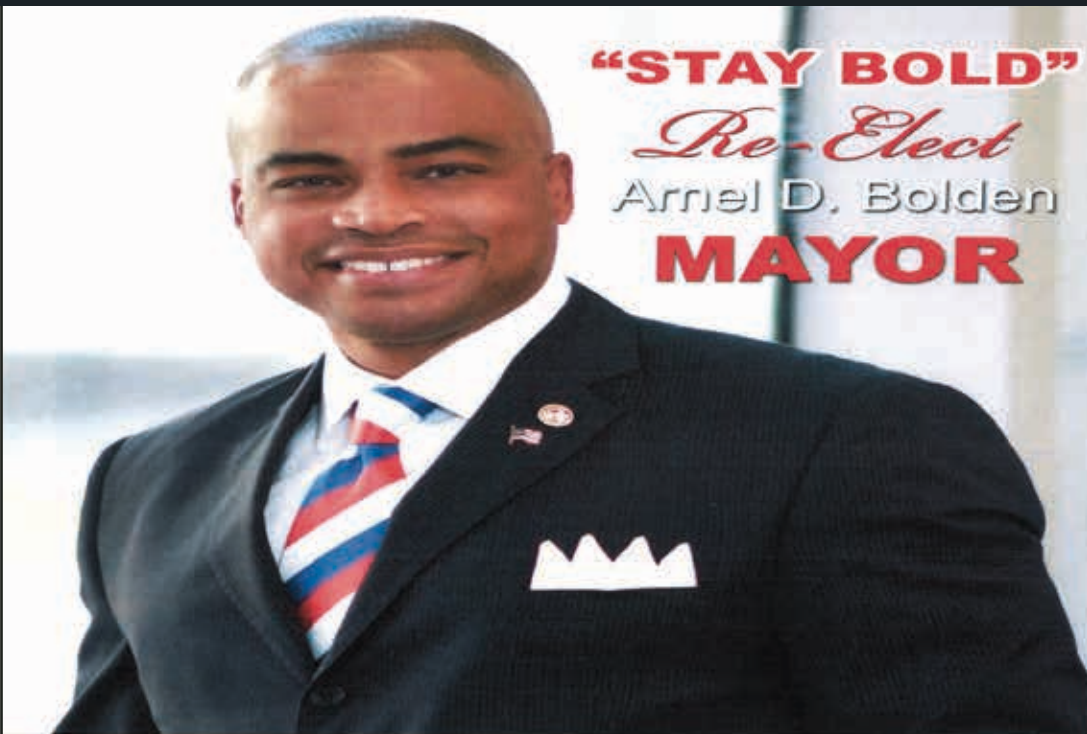


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- Completed Hickory Street/"The Hollow" revitalization project with sidewalks, new signs, and lighting
- Completed Woodland Parkway extension by Canton Academy School
- Developing sidewalks between Nicholls Middle and Canton Elementary School(Safe Routes to School Project)
- Revitalizing Old High School into Upscale Apartment Units

2

Economic Development: New Business Growth

- LA Seafood King (Old Western Sizzlin Building)
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Bettina's Soulfood Restaurant
- Mario's Backyard BBQ
- Dollar Tree Store(under construction)

3

Job Creation:

- Bio-Medical Collaboratory at Win Job Center
- Nissan Logistics Center
- Merit Health Medical Center Expansion
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Know Your Neighbor: Martin Hegwood

By Guest Columnist Jim Ritchie

“If you don’t succeed, try, try again” is an old saying we’ve all heard. But how many times do you try? This neigh-

bor succeeded on his seventy-ninth try, which illustrates his perseverance. culminating in the selection of one after corresponding with seventy-eight other agents. A contract with a major New York publishing company was



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Meet Martin Hegwood, attorney, bartender, jewelry store clerk, member of Governor William Winter’s staff, oil and gas land man, lobbyist, Director of Canton Redevelopment Authority and holder of other executive positions too numerous to list here. A native of Pascagoula, Martin married Linda, who hails from Lexington and teaches high school French, and this union produced a son and a daughter.

While engrossed in his incredibly varied list of career positions, a yearn for a completely different direction surfaced and he decided to write a book. His first pages were written on hotel stationery while on one of his business assignments, and three years later a thriller entitled *Big Easy Backroad* was finished. Then began his search for an agent,

procured, and three other successful books followed.

He recently finished another manuscript for a multigenera-

tional saga, but there is a small problem: his former agent has retired. Now begins a search for a new one. Will it take another seventy-nine inquiries? Maybe. But with his determination, perseverance and talent, there’s no question that he’ll find one. And, the world will be able to enjoy another successful Martin Hegwood book.

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.

CA boys win championship



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CA boys defeated Greenville Christian to earn the district title. The game was held Saturday, February 11, at Canton Academy. The boys team pictured (l to r) are: Michael Fokeladeh, Joseph Simpson, Trevor Clayton, Drew Goza, Joseph McLean, Jake Lewis, Christian Rainer, Kyle Kindred, Brayden Brumfield, Hayden Vaughn, Keilon Spires, Keyshawn Clanton, Brett Lovelace, Chris Gill, Parker Crosswhite, and Jacob Carter. Not pictured is Coach Nichols.

Visit the Canton Freedom House Civil Rights Museum

By Guest Columnist Matthew E. Jackson

Like many small Mississippi towns, Canton is quiet on a Saturday morning. A few cars cruise the streets, a few people stroll the sidewalks, but for the most part the town seems to sleep.

Similarly, Canton's Freedom House Civil Rights Museum is,

The Freedom House, as it was known, was the central hub of the Movement in Madison County. Volunteers were based there, planning and organizing happened there, and Civil Rights heroes from Martin Luther King, Jr., to James Meredith stayed and worked there.

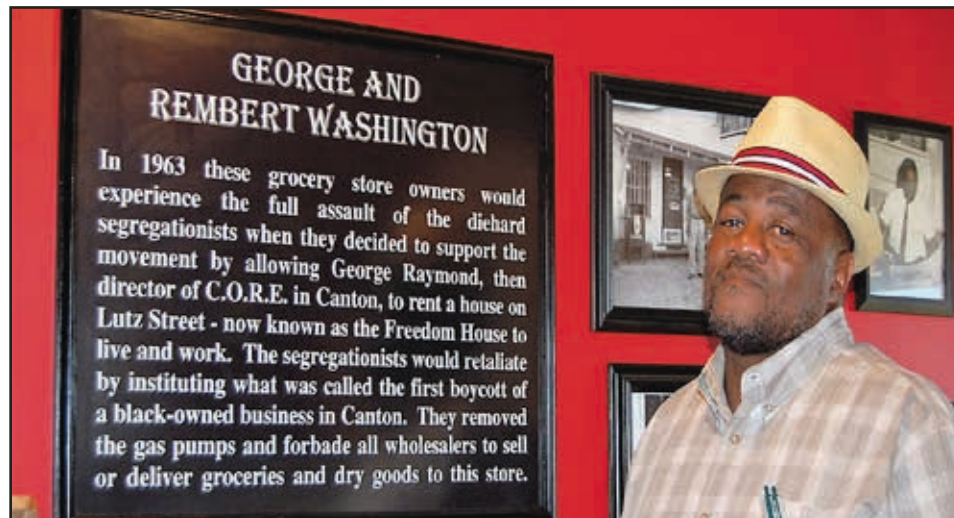


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at first glance, an unopposing structure. Situated in a residential neighborhood, marked only by a simple sign, this monument of the Civil Rights Movement contains much more history than the casual observer may initially recognize.

Glen Cotton, a Canton native and local carpenter, manages and gives tours of the museum, eagerly sharing his knowledge with anyone willing to listen. Restoration of the house began in 2012, with initial tours officially beginning in 2013. The site, however, had received annual visitors even when the house was in a state of disrepair. This gives a hint to the historical importance of the address.

Cotton's goal was to restore the house to what it was like in the 1960s, except now, instead of being filled with workers, volunteers, and friends of the Civil Rights Movement, it is filled with photographs, newspaper articles, and memorabilia of the Movement.

As a brief historical introduction to the house, Cotton's grandparents first leased the building to George Raymond in 1963. Raymond arrived in Canton to establish an outpost for the Congress of Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.), one of the major groups working for equality during the Civil Rights Movement. C.O.R.E.'s initial mission in Canton was to register African Americans in Madison County to vote.

Cotton said, "Most of the people coming to tour the museum are from out of town. I would love to see more local people, Canton folks, school kids, come to learn about what happened here during the Civil Rights Movement."

For more information and tours, contact Glen Cotton at 601-317-2557, or email the museum at freedomhousecanton@gmail.com. The museum's posted hours are Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., though tours are given by appointment any other day of the week.

EDITOR'S NOTES: *Matthew E. Jackson is a writer, engaged, father, VP of client services for a marketing agency, and contributing editor for a magazine publishing company. He has written and worked in most genres, but some of his favorite pieces to create are reflections and essays, short fiction, poetry, and virtually any type of article.*

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Gilkey announces bid for re-election in Ward 6

By Eric Gilkey

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ward 6 and the citizenry of Canton for allowing me the opportunity to serve you for the past 16 years. Together we



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made a difference throughout Canton and in the lives of those who had no voice at City Hall. You gave me your vote! I gave you a promise to speak for you, address your concerns, and answer your calls and work to bring about a greater change to city services and quality of life. And as a result of your trust in me, we were able to:

- Change Canton Municipal Utility billing cycle and long payment lines.
 - Pushed for increase in minimum wage for Canton and CMU employees \$9.75 and \$15.00 respectively.
 - Secured \$900k Grant for Safe Route to Schools in Ward 6
 - Signed off on a Multi-Million Dollar Housing Development in Ward 6
 - Remove dilapidated buildings
- Opportunity starts at home, and everyone in Canton deserves nothing less than a fair opportunity and the confidence knowing someone at City Hall has their best interest at heart. I look forward to continued service to Ward 6 and Canton citizenry as we continue to:
- Increase minimum wage for city employees up to \$15.00 per hour.
 - Increase wages for Police and Fire Department
 - Push to reduce utility rates
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From the Mayor's Desk

By Guest Columnist Mayor Arnel Bolden

As we enter a new four-year municipal election cycle, candidates for various offices will be seeking your support at the ballot box to chart a



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course for the next term. As voters, you have the power in your hands to decide the leadership which will represent our city in the years to come. Some candidates are very good at telling us what we want to hear by expressing heart-warming platitudes about their love of our city, country, and the constitution. Before your door and telephone become bombarded with political proverbs and campaign literature, here are a few interrogatives you can use as a guide in making your decision.

1) Please provide evidence of what you have done already the last four years to make our city a better place to live and to work. Also, what contributions have you made to this community and society in general?

2) What is your education, experience, and qualifications that support your desire for the position you are seeking?

3) How many meetings of city government have you attended to voice your concern and what committees have you served on?

4) What leadership roles have you executed and what are your accomplishments... Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity, Business League, Keep Canton Beautiful, or other Community Service organizations?

5) What youth organizations have you been a part of and how have you been a role model?

Asking these and other questions will help you to filter through the noise of shallow slogans and superficial campaign promises and focus on the really important issues such as job creation, economic development, educational advancement, and improvement of the overall quality of life for ALL citizens. We can continue to build a better Canton. Let your intelligence and understanding be your guide.

May God bless you and continue to richly bless our great city!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Arnel Bolden is currently serving 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.

McLean and Thompson named the MCYL reps



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The Madison County Business League & Foundation and MCEDA proudly announce Joseph McLean and Sydney Thomason as the juniors representing Canton Academy in the 2016-17 Madison County Youth Leadership program. The mission of the Madison County Youth Leadership program is to provide students with a deeper understanding of the careers available in Madison County in an environment that develops their leadership skills and encourages graduates to take their knowledge and their experience into the community for the betterment of Madison County as a whole.

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CPSD names Teachers of the Year in Canton

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The 2016-17 Teachers of the Year at the schools are: Goodloe Elementary, Sylvia Simmons; Reuben B. Myers CSAS, Detanya Parker; McNeal Elementary, Marilyn Sawyer; Porter Middle, Devonda Cheeks; Canton Elementary, D’Kendrick Williams; Nichols Middle, Juandria Brown; Canton High School, LaTanya Sanders; Canton Career Center, James Madison; and Canton Educational Services, Vanessa Tucker.

For the first time, the school district selected three District Teachers of the Year: Detanya Parker, Reuben B. Myers CSAS; Marilyn Sawyer, McNeal Elementary School; and Devonda Cheeks: Porter Middle School.

“We salute these teachers’ tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to excellence” said Superintendent Cassandra Williams. “Congratulations to these outstanding educators.



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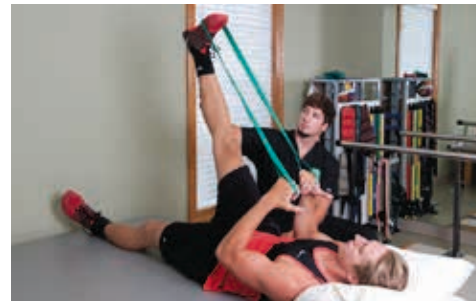
CPSD Teachers of the Year include top (l to r): Sylvia Simmions, LaTanya Sanders, and James Madison. Bottom (l to r): Juandria Brown, and Vanessa Tucker.



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Try not to be deceived

By Guest Columnist Pastor Guy Odom



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Growing up in Vicksburg, I remember my dad, Sidney Odom, taught me how to fish for bass and crappie on Eagle Lake, Choctaw, and Albermarle. I learned a lot from how my dad fished and how he caught them. When my dad passed in 2008, I inherited all of his fishing equipment. Today, I absolutely enjoy fishing for crappie on Ross Barnett Reservoir. What is so unique about fishing is a fisherman uses a deceptive method in order to catch fish. The deception to the fish is the HOOK. What a bass or crappie, or any other fish for that matter, doesn't realize is it is being lured into striking the bait and being hooked. Eventually, it's up to the fisherman on whether that fish continues to live or not. What I am trying to say is there is a consequence for that fish biting a lure.

In other words, the fish has been deceived! This is what happens in life by the evil one, Satan. He makes temptation look so good and uses it as bait. Many times, when we don't realize it we take the bait and it has consequences. He loves to deceive people into doing evil. He wants nothing less than to deceive you and me into not being obedient to Christ. He doesn't want us to follow Christ. He doesn't want people to convert to Christianity because he knows his days are numbered. What's even worse is that he can appear as an Angel of Light. 2 Corinthians 11:14 says, "And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light." He seeks to make evil, good and good, evil. This is why it is important to know the Bible. As a believer, the Bible teaches us what is right and what is wrong to protect us from the dangers of being deceived. So, I want to encourage everyone, DON'T BE DECEIVED. Turn to Christ! His way is perfect!

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.

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Nissan donates to Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute

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Nissan has donated \$25,000 to the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute (MMEI) to support ongoing mentoring and academic training efforts of students across the state. Since 2013, Nissan has donated more than \$85,000 to the organization.

Founded in 1998, the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute is a non-profit organization that supports scholarship, historic preservation and promotion of civil rights advocacy.

"We are extremely grateful to Nissan for their continued support of the Institute's missions," said Myrlie Evers, chairman of the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute. "The work we do in building bridges of understanding and empowering our communities aligns with the spirit of Nissan's work. We are fortunate to have them as neighbors in our community."

The donation comes as the Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant continues its celebration of Black History Month. Earlier this month, Nissan, the Central Mississippi Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women and the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi joined forces to bring a free screening of *Hidden Figures* to more than 200 girls in the Greater Jackson Area.

"Nissan is proud to continue our commitment to the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute with this donation," said Steve Marsh, Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant's vice president of Manufacturing. "We are proud to call Mississippi our home and to support organizations that are the lifeblood of the community."

Founded as the Medgar Evers Institute, the organization is charged with preserving the civil rights legacy of Medgar Evers and advancing the cause of civil rights and the goals of promoting education, leadership and opportunity throughout our community and the nation. As a tribute to Ms. Evers lifelong commitment to service, including her role as a former national chairperson of the board for the NAACP, the Institute's board re-named the organization the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute in 2013.

Since the plant opened in 2003, Nissan and its employees have awarded more than \$13 million in grants, scholarships and in-kind gifts to charitable organizations across Mississippi, with an emphasis on education. Nissan employees also give their time, volunteering in classrooms and with nonprofits focused on youth development and education.

Bill Mosby named Canton Businessman of the Year



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Bill Mosby was the recipient of the Business Person of the Year award at the 2017 Canton Chamber Annual Meeting held at the Nissan Plant in January. He was also recognized for his retirement.



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Set up for a comeback

By Guest Columnist Kathy Amos

Have you ever had your sights set on something great in life, and all of a sudden something came along to oppose your dreams? Sometimes life's



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circumstances have a funny way of navigating us into fulfillment in ways we wouldn't have ever imagined. I'm reminded of Joseph in the Bible. He had a dream to become a great leader even to his family. He was so ignited by his dreams that he decided to share them. In his ignorance and arrogance, he stirred up jealousy amongst them causing them to hate him even to destroy him. His brothers plotted against him to take his life. But, there was one who stood in the gap for him. These episodes of events set Joseph up to make a great comeback eighteen years later!

Joseph was sold into slavery, framed by an adulterer, forgotten in prison, faced the return of his hateful brothers and endured seven years of famine. But, with each setback, he made a comeback! He developed competence and organization in Potiphar's house, and later in the palace. He used his abilities to interpret dreams and solve problems. He saved his country and brought Pharaoh great wealth. He showed patience and integrity when dealing with others.

The Law of Solid Ground says, "trust is the foundation of leadership." The beauty of this story is that God used Joseph's frailties to develop his character and competence making him ready for the dream that He put in his heart.

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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No time off for teaching, nurturing and learning

By Guest Columnist Superintendent Cassandra Williams



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For my column this month, I'd like to talk about safety nets that we will provide for our students this semester. In previous columns, I've talked about the three focus points for our district: teaching, nurturing, and learning. These focus points are more than just words to me...these are actions. However, as with all actions in which results are desired, we must put in the work to accomplish our goals. Our district is in a state of reconstruction, and Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 3:30 is simply not enough time to build the solid district that we envision. Because of this, our district will be capitalizing on time that is usually seen as "time off." Research tells us that all students can achieve high standards if they are given sufficient time and support. The spring semester safety nets that we are putting in place for our students will provide extra time and support to help them meet the high standards that we know that they can accomplish.

On March 25, April 1, April 8, April 22, and April 29, each school in our district will host Saturday School from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Transportation, breakfast, and lunch will be provided to students. During these sessions, students will receive targeted support in reading and mathematics to provide an additional layer to the instruction and focused interventions that they receive during the school day. Principals have identified students who will benefit most from the sessions; however, if parents of children who were not identified

would like their children to participate, please contact your child's principal. We will not turn any of our students away. During these Saturday sessions, students will receive focused instruction that will address their specific strengths and weaknesses.

Canton Public School District will observe Spring Break March 13-March 17. While we want our students to get plenty of rest, we also want to ensure that they continue to practice skills and review concepts during that week. Each student in grades 3-8 and students enrolled in English II, Algebra I, Biology I, and US History will receive Spring Break packets to complete during the break. Though each packet will not contain more than ten items, students' completion of the packets will ensure that they retain information and make a seamless transition back to instruction after the break. We recently revised our district's grading policy to include the provision that students will receive daily grades for all supplemental assignments. This provision includes Spring Break packets, Saturday School assignments, and Summer Reading.

We are committed to increasing our students' achievement, not because of a rating, but because we want them to be ready for college or a career once they leave our doors. It's our moral responsibility to do so. Because of this, there is no time off from teaching, nurturing, and learning in our district. We don't have the luxury of time off until every child succeeds.

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.

Lovelace and Crosby named Mr. and Ms. CA



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Brett Lovelace and Carley Crosby were named 2017 Mr. and Miss CA during Canton Academy Who's Who on Saturday, January 28.

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Canton Academy names Best All Around Junior High



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JT Feduccia and Prestley Smith were named Canton Academy's Best All Around Junior High.

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Canton Academy named Paco Bello Most Handsome and Kate Bowen Most Beautiful.

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It is a privilege for me to serve as your 2017 President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for the honor, opportunity and challenge. I also want to thank our 2017 Chamber Board of Directors, staff and volunteers for their commitment and service to the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Canton has a rich and proud history. In 2017 we hope to continue that tradition as we continue to grow the chamber, enhance our membership benefits and continue our efforts to promote the benefits of locating your business in Canton.

Our focus in 2017 will be to work with the future of our community. As a Chamber of Commerce, we believe that a vibrant educational system is the foundation to a vibrant community. We want to reach out to our local school systems and establish a Junior Ambassador program. It is our hope and desire to encourage our future leaders to be involved in our community by exposing to them the opportunities for civic, commercial and public leadership roles open to them.

In 2017 we want to hear from our membership. Do not be surprised if we show up at your place of business to hear from you. We want to know from you what we can do to help your business. We want to know what we are doing right and areas we need to improve. We want to know what creates value for you with your chamber membership.

Finally, we want you to be involved with your Chamber. What we want you to know is that the Canton Chamber of Commerce and each business supports you. 2017 is going to be an exciting year for the Canton Chamber and while the Chamber may be your voice, each member here is our backbone and lifeblood. Thank you for your past, current and future involvement in your Chamber of Commerce.

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Goodloe leads Canton to Charger football success

By Susie A. Wolfe

Henry Goodloe has led the MUSA League Canton Chargers to four Super Bowl championships in youth football since 2013. He averages 65-80 youth ages 6-12, and divides them into three age groups, A,

a lot of practice to get ahead. It all starts with conditioning after Spring Break.”

Goodloe credits the teams’ success with his dedicated assistant coaching staff, including Daniel Ford, Lachandra Blandan, Ladrenav Wise, Christopher



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The Canton Chargers with Henry Goodloe. He has coached the youth football team to four Super Bowl championships since 2013.

11 and 12 years old; B, nine and ten years old; and C, six to eight years old.

“It’s a way to reach out and help the youth,” said Goodloe, owner and head coach. “We get

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Kenny Wayne Jones named new CMU general manager

By Susie A. Wolfe

Kenny Wayne Jones was named Canton Municipal Utilities (CMU) General Manager on December 28 after serving as Vice President of Corporate Services since January, 2016.

A Canton native, Jones graduated from Canton High School in 1984. He served as a Canton alderman from 1997-2009, a State senator from District 21 from 2008-2016, and a CMU Board of Director from 2014-2015. Jones also worked as a part-time CMU public relations liaison with the City.



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"I plan to continue CMU's reliable and quality service at reasonable cost to the community," said Jones. "We are overhauling and upgrading all of our systems in order to provide our customers with the best possible experiences."

"My goal is to bring the integrity back that CMU has always been governed by," Jones said.

Jones and his wife, Bobby Ann Jones, have two children, Kennedy and William. His mother, who lives in Canton, is named Bobby Jean Jones. "There is a little confusion with two Bobby Jones, spelled the same way," he said.

Canton's Riches for Ditches

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Keep Canton Beautiful is excited to announce its first official event "Riches in the Ditches!" The event

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will take place over the weekend of March 24-26. It encourages the community to get out and do their part to clean up any roads around Canton. Simply take a picture of the road prior to clean up, and after the job is done, take another picture. Bring the before and after photos, either in print on the phone, to the Canton Chamber office, or email them to joydodson@hotmail.com during the following week, to collect riches!



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