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Merit opens 35,000 ft² medical office

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Merit Health Madison recently held a ribbon cutting for its new on-campus medical office building.

The 35,000 square foot facility will be home to primary care, neurology, orthopedics, OBGYN and other specialties, including outpatient physical therapy.

“Since Merit Health Madison opened, it has been our vision to build a medical office building on campus for improved ease of access both within and outside the local community,” CEO Brit

Phelps said. “I’d like to thank our employees, medical staff, board members and business partners for their support in

consistently met the 30 minute time pledge of door to provider. In addition, the hospital has been named Hospital of

Commerce, and been awarded the Vision Award by the Madison County Business League & Foundation / Mad-

ison County Economic Development Authority.

“As the city of Canton is one of only a handful of Healthcare Empowerment Zones throughout the state, and Merit Health is the county of Madison’s only full service Hospital, I am proud that this expansion of their campus will allow our city to be the Hub for

Healthcare in Central Mississippi,” Canton Mayor Arnel D. Bolden said.



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making this happen.”

In 2016, Merit Health Madison had 25,000 ER visits and

the Year from the MS Nurses Association, Business of the Year by the Canton Cham-

Historic Canton Square hosts BBQ Cookoff June 10

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The nineteenth annual Madison County Barbecue Cookoff Contest is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Historic Canton Square. More than \$4,000 in prize money will be given to winners in the business and individual categories. First prize is \$1,250 for business and \$1,100 for individual; second prize is \$750 and \$700; and third prize is \$550



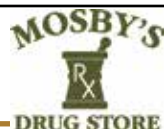
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and \$525, respectively.

The sanctioned BBQ Competitors Alliance (BCA) event is sponsored by the Greater Refuge Temple Church and local businesses, and is presented in conjunction with Excel by 5 early childhood community.

Prices to enter are \$70 for company sponsored, \$65 for individual, and \$55 for vendors. For more information, call 601-859-1900 or visit www.bcabbq.org.

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Simmons Middle School hosts "Taste of the Arts"

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Shirley D. Simmons Middle in Camden hosted a "Taste of the Arts" formal event on May 12. It was a full day of

year. It highlights Falcon achievements in band, choir, dance, drama, and visual arts. Parents, school district and community leaders, and guest speakers are treated to



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Two of the Beta Club members were chosen to interview the governor about his thoughts on the importance of the arts. Pictured (l to r) are: Damyia Vaughn, Alec Pickett, First Lady Deborah Bryant, and Governor Phil Bryant.

art exhibits, music, and ballet. The group was honored to have Governor and First Lady Bryant as guest speakers.

The Taste of the Arts is a formal event held annually at the end of each school

refreshments after observing the art exhibit. Then, the entire student body joined the guests in enjoying the performing arts while being served a light lunch by the members of the Beta Club.

Velma Jackson juniors get MCYL scholarships



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Velma Jackson High School juniors, Rodney Anderson and Kyla Harris, participated in the 2016-17 Madison County Youth Leadership Class. They are shown here receiving scholarships by Madison County Business League & Foundation (MCYL) Committee member Rochelle Culp during their school's annual class day awards ceremony. Pictured (l-r) are: Rodney Anderson and Kyla Harris.

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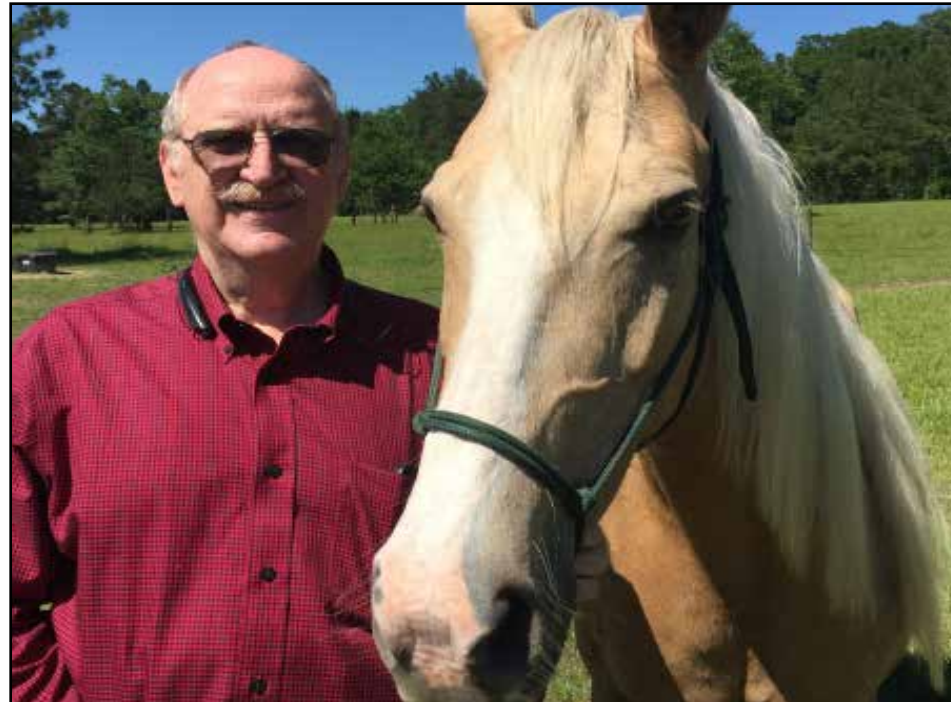


Know Your Neighbor: Eugene Leinneweber

By Guest Columnist Jim Ritchie

A quick test for you...name a place you might work where for over three months you won't see a single star, the sun, the moon,

nician, world traveler, work management and maintenance supervisor for nuclear plants all over the country, and horseman, who with Cheri, his wife of thir-



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rain, or feel a natural breeze. How about deployment aboard a nuclear submarine? This month's neighbor has had that kind of experience often as a nuclear reactor operator aboard four different submarines in his twenty-year U.S. Navy career.

Meet Eugene Leinneweber, Navy vet, electronics tech-

ty-seven years, is in the process of building a home in the Shocco community east of Canton.

After retiring from the Navy, Eugene began his civilian career as a nuclear power plant work management and maintenance supervisor for Exelon Corporation, then he accepted similar jobs at Carolina Power

& Light, and TVA, culminating in his current position with Entergy.

His knowledge of plant operations is evident as he explains the astounding degree of detail required to ensure the safe and secure production of nuclear power. Then his eyes light up when the conversation turns to his walking horses. He and Cheri regularly participate in trail rides on Rose and Belle, their palomino mares. "It's good, clean fun," he says, "just riding with her or riding with groups like 'Cowboys for Christ'. If more couples rode horses together, there would be fewer divorces".

That's sage advice in the opinion of this writer, and it doesn't require nuclear science.

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.

The Higbee team wins the Canton Cup



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The Canton Cup was held at the Country Club of Canton on April 23, with Chase Higbee and his team declared the winners.

Summerlin graduates from Hinds CC nursing



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Rachel Summerlin of Canton received her Associate Degree in Nursing on May 12 from Hinds Community College. She received a gift from Hinds for being the hundredth graduate to check in the nursing and allied health ceremony. Hinds is celebrating the Centennial, the 100th Year of Community Inspired Service.

Jackson is named the Officer of the Quarter



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The Officer of the Quarter is Tanya Jackson. She was recognized by the Rotary Club of Canton. Pictured (l to r) are: Police Chief Otha Brown, Jackson, Mayor Arnel Bolden, and Jeff Ross of Trustmark, president.



On December 15, 2016, Msurance acquired the assets of Roberts Insurance. We are operating both offices for a short period of time. The Roberts Insurance office on the Square will remain open no later than June 15, 2017. After June, all customer service will be provided out of Msurance's main office, located at 160 East Peace Street, conveniently located across from Regions Bank and next to McAlister's.

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From the Mayor's Desk

By Guest Columnist Arnel Bolden, Mayor, City of Canton

In this month's article, I would like to celebrate Achievement. Although I have been a business-



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man, politician, entrepreneur, and inventor, I derive some of my greatest joy in celebrating the success of others. I am also very proud of the fact that we have some of the brightest and most talented students in the state of Mississippi right here in our City of Canton. When compared to my generation, our students have the opportunity to surpass any moderate achievements we have made, thanks to technology that allows them to communicate with anyone in the world instantly, to share valuable ideas, and to work together to solve problems that plague human-kind. They are special because they are the future, and I encourage them to think about the future. My motto in life has been that anyone can do that which is difficult, but dare to accomplish that which is impossible. There-

fore, do something you enjoy, but make a profound impact on humanity. I wish the Class of 2017 and those that follow the best of success today, and in the future, and I am proud to have provided a helping hand of support to these and many others during my tenure in the last 15 years.

2017 Lions Club Scholarship

Carley Noel Crosby, Canton Academy; Jamarius Brown, Canton High School; Taprieka Robinson, Canton High School

2017 Kappa Alpha Psi (Canton-Madison) Scholarship

Johnathan Sims, Canton High School

2017 Arnel D. Bolden/State Farm Scholarship

Natalay Davis, Canton High School; Vincent King, Canton High School

2017 City of Canton Scholarship

Devin Dunigan, Canton High School

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.

In His Steps Ministries holds a summer camp

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In His Steps Ministries will conduct the following junior high and high school camps for the summer: Football Camp, June 6-8 for boys ages 11-15; Walker Kelly Soccer Camp, July 12-14, for boys and girls ages 10-15; Basketball Camp, July 24-28, for boys and girls, ages 10-14.

All the camps will be 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day. Registration forms can be picked up at the In His Steps Ministries' of-

fice located at 3528 North Liberty Street, which is approximately one mile north of the downtown Canton Square.

In His Steps will also have its annual Math Camp on July 24-28, from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for sixth through twelfth graders.

All the events will be held at In His Steps Ministries campus, except for the

basketball camp, which will take place at Canton High School. Call Armando Virruet at 601-859-5708 with questions.



Carlyle Wolfe wins visual arts award at the MIAL

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The Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters (MIAL) has announced its award winners for works first published, performed,

of Georgia. Until recently, she taught part time at the University of Mississippi.

Wolfe has received three Mississippi Arts Commission Visual



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or shown in the year 2016. Carlyle Wolfe, a Canton native, is the winner of this year's Visual Arts award.

The award recipients, chosen by out-of-state judges prominent in their respective fields, will be honored at the MIAL annual Awards Banquet to be held this year on the campus of Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, on Saturday, June 3.

Wolfe, who now lives in Oxford, Mississippi, earned her B.F.A. in painting from the University of Mississippi and an M.F.A. in painting and drawing from Louisiana State University. She has also studied in Cortona, Italy, and at the University

Arts Fellowships and has won the MIAL Visual Arts Award previously. Her work has been exhibited throughout the South and was recently selected for the Art in Embassies program at the U.S. Embassy in Maputo, Mozambique. Her winning work documents her desire for a deeper understanding of the natural world around her. She paints oils on panel and watercolor on paper and makes large-scale installations. Her work begins with drawings based on close observation of plants and with landscape color studies. She has recently begun using her drawings and color studies to make large sculptures.

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Brown Wright has received an FBI leadership award

By Guest Columnist Cynthia Goodloe Palmer

Canton native Flonzie Brown Wright was honored by former FBI Director, James Comey, on April 28, in a ceremony that took place at FBI Headquarters in Washing-

ton, D.C., at the J. Edgar Hoover building. Wright was chosen to represent the state of Mississippi, and was recognized among 58 individuals and organizations from around the country for their efforts to build stronger, safer, and more cohesive communities. She was a recipient of the Annual Director's Community Leadership Awards.

Honorees are nominated by each of the FBI's 56 field offices, as well as the Bureau's Office of Public Affairs and the Criminal Justice Information Services Division. "This is one of the best days in the life of this organization," Com-

ey said. "We get to recognize and thank people who made the FBI and the country better."

In his remarks, Comey said this year's recipients embodied the



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Flonzie Brown Wright is shown with former FBI Director James Comey receiving the Director's Community Leadership Award. She was selected by the Jackson area FBI field office for her outstanding community contributions in 2016.

words attributed to the 16th century minister John Wesley, who said, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, In all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. Because of you, the USA is better."

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.

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By Joy Dodson, president Keep Canton Beautiful

Keep Canton Beautiful's first official beautification project was the old Price Lewis service station located at 431 W. Peace St. It was completed with paint from Barnett Philips Lumber and labor by Robertson Construction. This project was made possible by donations

and funds raised by Keep Canton Beautiful. Please contact joydodson@hotmail.com if you would like to suggest a location for our next beautification or if you would like to donate toward our efforts. Leave it better than you found it Canton!

Canton Public School District ends the year on positive notes

By Guest Columnist Cassandra Williams, CPSD Superintendent

As I have discussed in previous columns, Canton Public School District's (CPSD) core focus areas for 2016-2017 were teaching, nurturing, and learning. We maintained these areas of focus this year by providing our students with rigorous instruction and increased opportunities for learning. We streamlined our instructional materials to ensure that students were exposed to challenging grade-level content, and we individualized teaching to match what our students needed to be successful. For some students, this meant that they received tutoring during their elective classes; for other students, this meant that they received extra time to learn and practice during Saturday School. Our proficient and advanced students received extended learning time designed to challenge them with above grade-level content. We are confident that our work with all of our students will produce academic gains.

Another way that we challenged our students this school year was through our dual enrollment partnership with Holmes Community

College. Through this partnership, students were able to take college-level courses online while



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Superintendent Cassandra Williams, along with CPSD employees, "Canvassed the Community" April 29. They knocked on doors and shared information with parents and students about final state tests that got underway May 2 through May 10. They also encouraged students and shared tips to help them rock the test.

still in high school. These students took real college courses, and they performed exceptionally well. We are proud to report that 96% of our students earned a "C" or above in their courses! As a result, these students were able to complete many of the prerequisite courses that they would otherwise take as

college freshmen. This experience has not only saved them time and money, but it has also prepared them for the level of difficulty that

they will experience once they enroll in college.

Teaching, nurturing, and learning is more than what occurs in the classroom; we must provide our students with extended opportunities to learn and practice skills that will ensure that they are college and career ready. We must also

equip them with the core values that they will need to become productive members of our community. Our work is not done until every student who leaves our doors is ready for college, work, and the world.

Parents, we encourage you to keep this momentum going. Students received Summer Reading packets with assignments that are due when they return to school in August. Additionally, there are several online resources that can assist your child in maintaining the skills that they learned this school year. If you need resources for summer practice, please call 601-859-4110, and ask to speak with our curriculum staff.

We can't wait to see our babies back on August 3. We hope that you have a wonderful summer.

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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Value what is important

By Guest Columnist Kathy Amos

Priorities are something we all have. But, sometimes life has a way of confusing what's important, which makes it difficult to nav-



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igate and achieve your goals. One of the most important skills we can possess is learning how to prioritize our lives, and understanding what really matters because life is full of twists and turns. Some will take you in the right direction and some, the wrong. But, learning how to prioritize helps you to know what's most important when life starts happening.

Recently, my husband Joe and I decided to go on a fishing trip to some dear friends' place in the country. The place was so peaceful and quiet. The air was clear, and

the water sparkled with the promise of catching some fish. As I cast my pole into the water and sat quietly, I realized how much time had gotten away from me in taking time out to rest. After I caught my first fish, I realized how much fun I was having and what I'd been missing. This happens when we neglect what's really important.

The Law of Priority says, "There's never enough time to do everything, but there's always enough time to do the most important thing." You can start anew by putting yesterday behind and looking at what's important today and pressing towards the mark for the prize of the higher calling in Christ Jesus. Now, that's important!

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'.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Arnel and Dr. LaToya Bolden are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Ari-Elle Grace Bolden. She was born on May 1st at 9:32 a.m and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. The family offers sincere gratitude to everyone for their kind words, cards, gifts, and other expressions of love and support.

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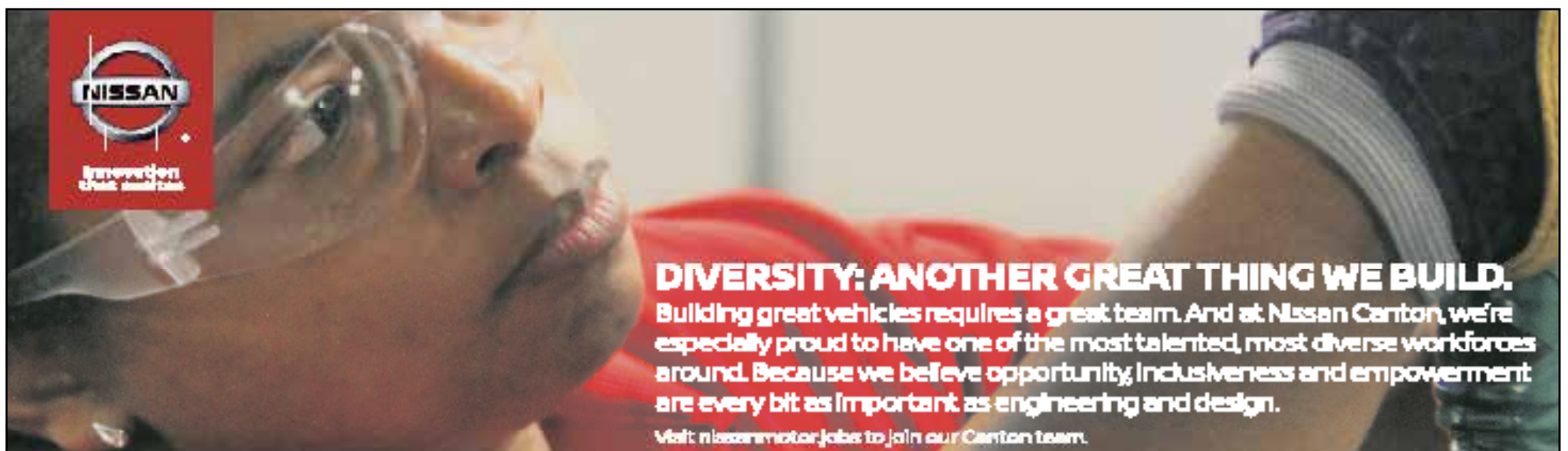
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CA graduates 38 students in Class of 2017



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Pictured is Valedictorian Case Hutchinson and Salutatorian Cameron Stack.




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Miss JSU, Cantonian Walker wants to promote family

By Susie A. Wolfe

Beginning her senior year at Jackson State University (JSU) and having just turned 21, Corne-



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lia Walker had chosen mathematics and mathematics education as her major, seeking to eventually become a superintendent. But, the last few weeks as an intern in the Madison County Justice Court, she is considering becoming a lawyer or judge. The future is bright for the Cantonian who graduated Canton High School (CHS) in 2014 as its Salutatorian and Miss Canton High School. She will be doing a mentorship this summer with the Canton Girls and Boys Club on North Liberty Street.

Walker is a success story at its highest magnitude. She was raised by her grandmother, Eddie Carter, after both her mother, Felicia Car-

ter, and father, Corinthius Walker, were incarcerated on alcohol and drug-related charges. Her platform is about family, which is what she is implementing her senior year.

"Family is the reason you are where you are," said Walker. "The acrostic is Forming Alliance while Maintaining Individualism and Leading our Youth."

Instead of reacting negatively to her mother's incarceration in April, 2008, Walker was "always doing something" and began to achieve her goals. She has six sisters and "didn't want to be a statistic."

On her mom's side, her siblings are Sonika Carter, 19; Dameria Porter, 16; and Arianna Carter, 13; and her siblings on her father's side are Courtney Walker, 25; Deandria Green, 21; and Korrina Morment, 18.

Walker was in the band and on the track team at CHS, and credits her teachers at CHS for their positive influence. She specifically mentioned Shoney Anderson, Chuconna Anderson, Latonya Sanders, Jacqueline Griffin, Lessie Green, and Koche Anderson,

But, most importantly, Walker credits her grandmother, Eddie Carter, for having a Christian influence on her life.

Walker said, "You instill this in yourself." She encourages her sisters that "you can be better."

Your Pie pizza restaurant has opened in Gluckstadt



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The only Your Pie restaurant was opened the first of May at 381 Church Road across from Germantown High School in Gluckstadt. A joint Madison County and Canton Chamber ribbon cutting was held May 5.

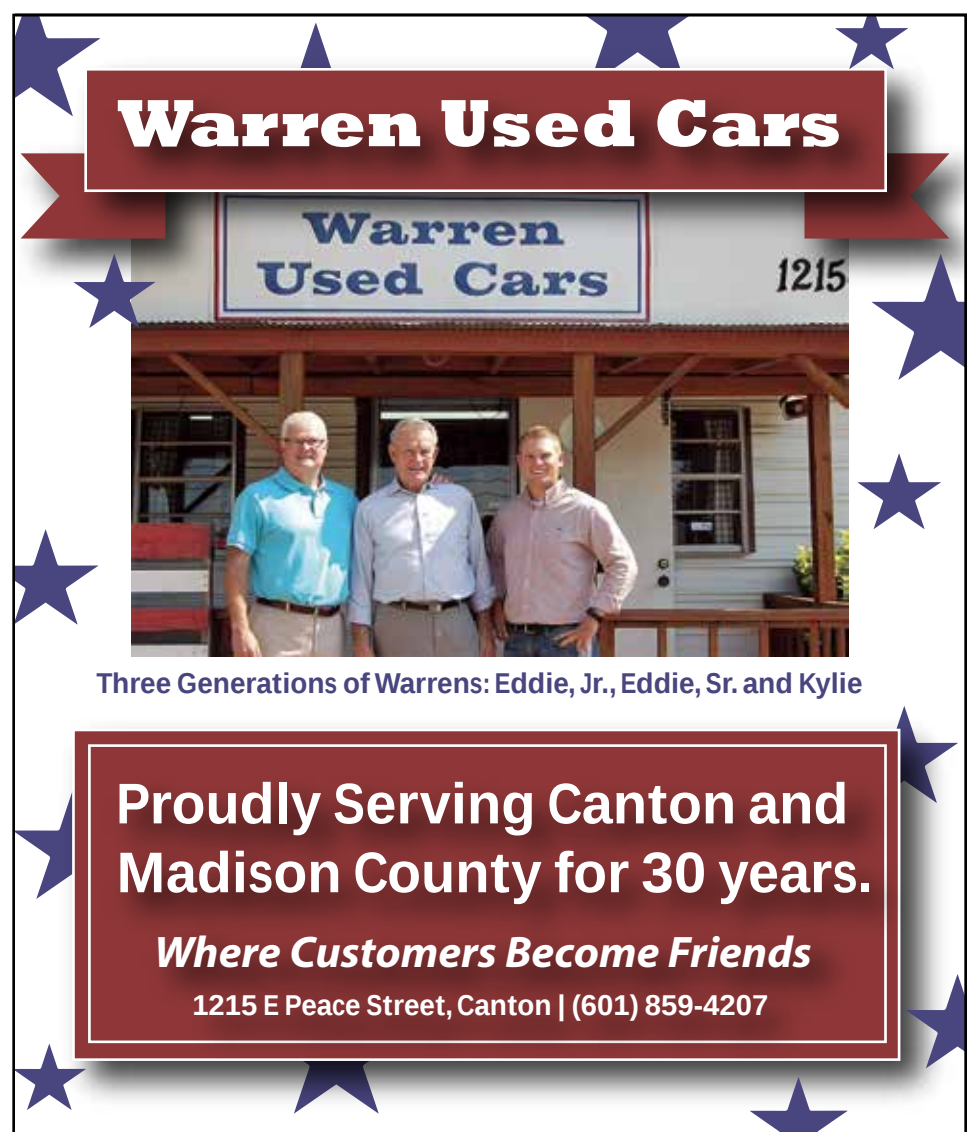


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VJHS 20+ club recognizes ACT scores of 20 or higher

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Madison County Supervisors recognized the Velma Jackson High School 20+ club at their regular monthly

tion, said, “We give credit to the child who worked to learn and get their grades up and to the faculty who emphasized the importance of the ACT

or higher on their ACT this year are: Christain Johnson, Tamia Brewster, Myia Bacon, Mieyah Garrett, Thomas Gee, Christasia Holmes, Tamera Jackson,

Linn, John Simpson, Shannon Sims, and Malarie White.

Carey Kirkland, Principal of Velma Jackson High School, said “We had 18 students who



Velma Jackson's 20+ club includes those who made a 20 or higher on their ACT score.

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board meeting on May 1. The school's championship basketball team was also recognized at the same time.

Bob Montgomery, president of the Velma Jackson Founda-

in getting better jobs and going to college. This is a great improvement over the 16 or 17 that was the previous average.”

The students who scored a 20

Derrick Jobe, Arial Johnson, Dyrell Lyles, Michael Rosenthal, Samuel Smith, Malcolm Walker, Jamuel Brooks, Quentin Gray, Nolle Jennings, Susan Johnson, Justin Kelly, Kentesa

had a 20 or above, and we are so proud of these students in all grades. The District had a strong focus on ACT scores, conducting a boot camp and ACT preparation classes.”



Isaac Tucker (left) Meter Reader

Timothy Vaughn (right) Collection Utility Worker-
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Congratulations to CMU's March and April employees of the month!

Tanya Smith (left) Billing Clerk

Dana Gordon (right) Crew Leader - Water &
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Makayla Garrett is CHS' 2017 Valedictorian. She had a 96.22 GPA, and her honors included ACT 25 & Above Club, Mississippi Scholars, Dual Enrollment Student, Beta Club and CHS Cheerleader Award. Garrett, who is the daughter of Patricia Carson, plans to attend Alcorn State University.



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Jamarius Brown, son of Veronica Brown, is the 2017 CHS Salutatorian. He graduated with a GPA of 95.61. He was involved in the ACT 25 & Above Club, Mississippi Scholars, Dual Enrollment Student and Beta Club, and he plans to attend Mississippi State University.

Dads, be a godly example

By Guest Columnist Pastor Guy Odom, First Baptist Canton

Yes, last month I wrote an article concerning Mother's Day, and what a day it was here at First Canton, and in our city of Canton!



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There is just something special about Mother's Day in our country and as a nation. So, this brings me to this month: Father's Day. As much as I love to share about my wife, mom, and my 105-year-old grandmother, I enjoy sharing about my dad. My dad was Sidney Earl Odom from Clinton, Mississippi. He played baseball at Clinton High School, at Hinds Community College, and then at Mississippi College. He taught and coached at Vicksburg High and Warren Central High back in the 70s and early 80s. He absolutely loved bass fishing on Eagle, Choctaw, and Albernary Lakes before I was born, and then taught me as I was a young boy. As much as I cherish

those moments and still do to this day, I am heavenly grateful for the godly influence of my dad! Sidney Earl was a very godly man. Even though he was not perfect, he was indeed a godly moral man! The example he left for my sister and me concerning his relationship with Jesus, his relationship with my mom, and his relationship with people I will certainly cherish. My dad was a "prayer warrior." I remember on numerous occasions of hearing my dad pray in his room when I came home from school. I actually recall hearing him praying for me personally, and still can hear his voice today! We need men like Sidney Earl who will lead their families with Christ at the center. We need men who will live for what is right, no matter the cost. We need men who will set godly examples for others in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. We just need men to do the right thing! So, this month as well as months to come, men, let's rise up and make a difference for the gospel of Jesus Christ and our families! Happy Father's Day.

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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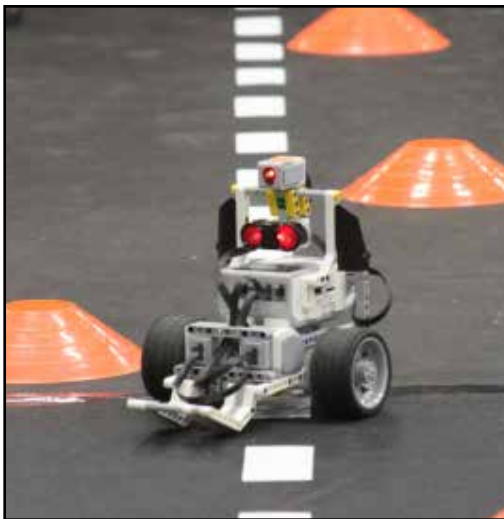
Nissan hosts a STEM robotics competition

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On May 6, Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant partnered with Mississippi Robotics to host the state's largest STEM/Robotics Competition at the Canton plant. The full-day event was designed to engage students in grades 3 to 12 in activities that nurture their interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Two hundred ten students, in teams of two representing schools, clubs and outreach organizations from

19 cities across the state participated in a series of challenges, including a speed race and an obstacle course with robots, science demonstrations, math competitions, a robotics troubleshooting challenge, and driver-controlled robot sumo wrestling.



"When it comes to careers in STEM fields, people often think of places like Silicon Valley. But thanks to advanced manufacturers like Nissan, opportunities in these professions keep growing right here in Mississippi," said Ray Holt, president and executive director of Mississippi Robotics, a nonprofit that advances STEM education in the state's rural communities.

In addition to the competitions, the event featured a career fair to help students explore opportunities in the STEM fields beyond high school. Both employers and colleges shared information about how participants can translate their interests and skills in science into a postsecondary degree and a career.

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Buttross closing for the renovation, reorganizing

By Susie A. Wolfe

The one hundred seven-year-old Buttross Department Store on Peace Street at the Historic Canton Square closed May 15 for approximately 30 days for renovation and reorganizing, according

blacks, but my dad taught all of the children, especially his six girls, to be independent women. We all graduated college, and we all worked in the store.”

Miriam worked in psychology at local hospitals, worked with Catholic Charities and sold real



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At the April 20 dedication of the Multicultural Museum Reading Room named after Ernest and Mariam Buttross, Mariam is shown with five of her six girls, Cindy Mansour, Dallas; Becky Kraker, Memphis; and Miriam Koury, Dr. Susan Buttross and Martha Dinkha. Not pictured is Annette Minninger, Rock Hill, SC, and her two sons, Dr. John Buttross, Memphis; and Ernie Buttross, Edmond, OK.

to Miriam Buttross Koury, who manages the store along with her sister Martha Dinkha.

Koury said the renovations involve redoing the façade and bringing it back to its original look of the early 1900s. They are exposing the three windows on the front of the building, as well as restoring the cornice at the top of the building. They are also putting in new front doors in stage one.

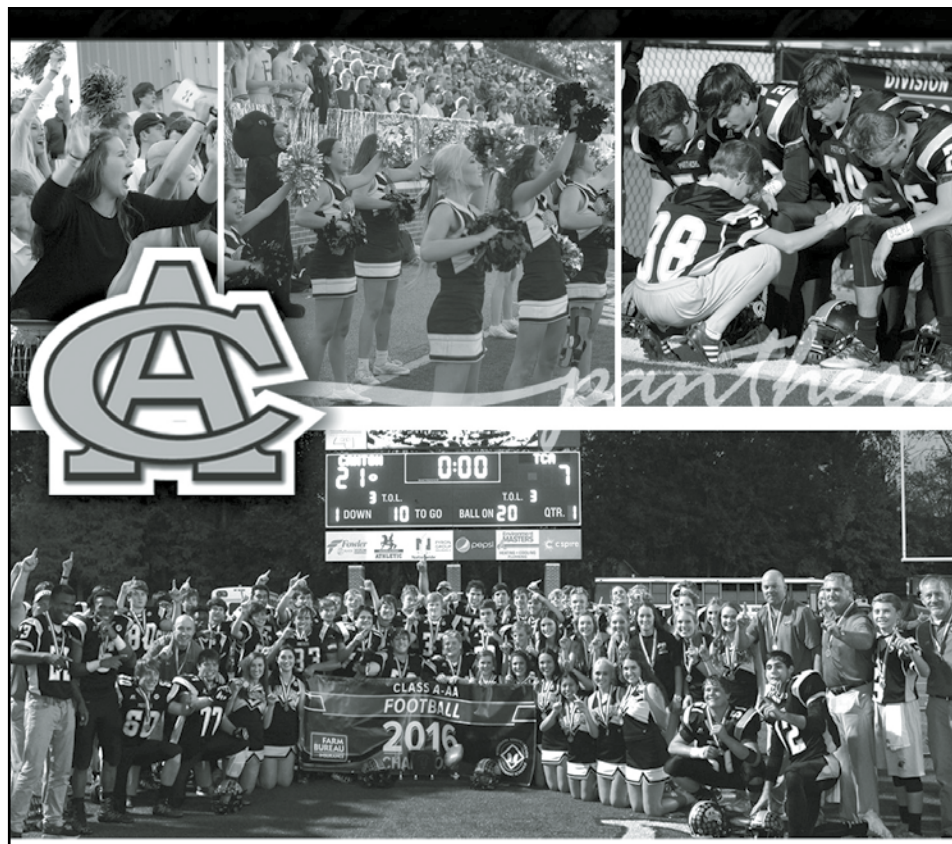
Of the eight Buttross children of Ernest and Mariam, only Miriam and Martha, and their sister Susan, a pediatric specialist at UMMC, still live in Canton. During April, Ernest and Mariam were honored to have the Reading Room at the Canton Multicultural Museum named in their honor. Ernest died in December, 2011, and Mariam will be 92 in December. They worked side-by-side for 64 years. Ernest served on the Canton Municipal Utilities Board for over 50 years, and his daughter Miriam has also served on that Board. He was first in his family to go to college. Mariam and Susan in med school altered 75 pairs of men's pants one Saturday.

“It meant a lot to have my parents recognized,” said Koury. “They raised us to believe in the importance of education and have a strong work ethic. As Lebanese immigrants, my parents suffered discrimination like many of the

estate before coming back to help with the family business. Dinkha worked at other stores throughout the South before helping manage Buttross. Susan and John became doctors, he in Memphis. Annette studied journalism and now lives in South Carolina. Cindy is an attorney in Dallas. Ernest, Jr. is a petroleum engineer in Oklahoma City. Becky studied elementary education, but now manages Pathmark Transport and has other business interests with her husband.

Their parents always told them to “be the best you can be,” “nothing in life comes for free,” “be kind to everyone and help your fellow man.” She said her parents knew what discrimination felt like and stood up to help others, to the point of once stopping a beating.

David Buttross was 17 when he entered the United States through Ellis Island and then went to New Orleans. His wife Freda had health issues and was advised to move to higher ground, which is how they came to Canton in 1910, and opened David Buttross & Sons. They had six boys and two girls, and now their offspring number 140. Though none of the great grandchildren of David Buttross are currently involved in Buttross, the store is still family owned and operated, and undergoing a makeover.



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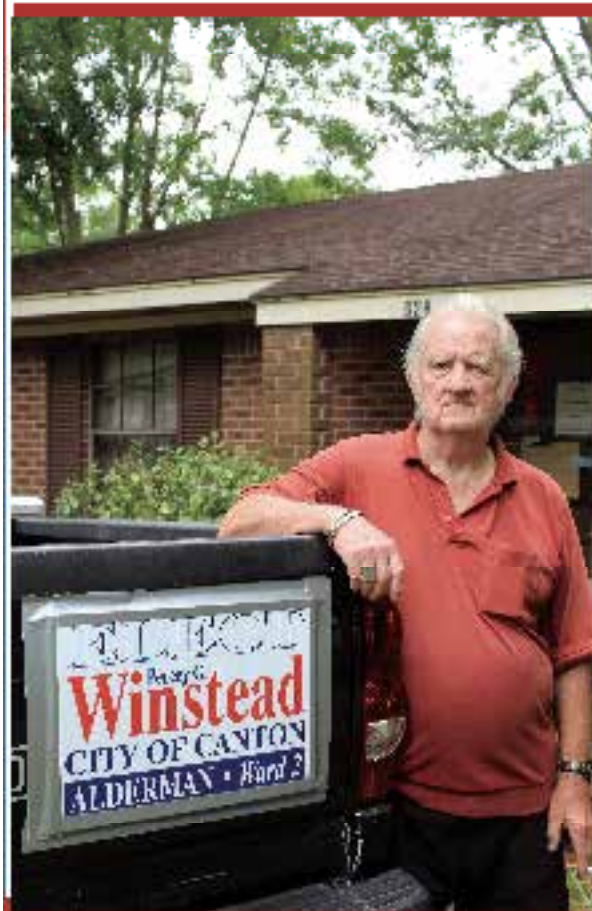
Both the Canton Academy boys and girls track teams won state championships. Pictured are some of the members of the teams following their wins. The teams include (not all members are pictured) Hayden Vaughn, Carley Crosby, Ryan Lindsey, Mary Breiten Webb, Betsy Pace, Ava Dickerson, Patrick Sandridge, Coach AB Williams, Coach Ben Williams, Matthew Dinkins, Joe Carter, Nick Foreman, Jacob Carter, Walker Gosa, Faith Galloway, Anna McNeer, Lauren Anderson, Melanie Crum, Carrington Curtis, Jenson Williams, Coach Craig Bowman, and Coach Kenner Purvis.

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