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Truly back, Bolden out

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Dr. William Truly, Jr. won the recent Mayoral election with 75 percent of the vote over Chip Matthews, after beating incumbent Arnel Bolden in the Democratic runoff. All other incumbents regained their seats, except in Ward 2, where former mayor Fred Esco, Jr. filled the vacancy.

Dr. Truly said he is planning to continue what he started when he was first elected mayor of Canton in May, 2009.

"I've been blessed to be a product of poverty," said Truly. "We had outdoor toilets and clothes lines, so I can understand what this group is facing. These folks need to believe that our community can shine today in education, economic development and quality of life like recreation."

Truly was born in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, but, since he has lived in Canton more than 45 years, he considers Canton home. He said that both his mother and

grandmother were born in State Line, Mississippi, so his roots are in the state. He is one of four children born to a father from South



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Carolina who was a pastor "who could fix anything. He even built his own house."

He attended medical school at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, and was recruited to come to Mississippi to work in

the newly-developing comprehensive health clinics that were federally-funded doctor's offices designed to help the poor and fill

care to the citizens of Madison County for 45 years. He operated a private practice in Canton from 1987 to 2007, but still practices emergency medicine, which he plans to continue.

"There is no difference in medicine and politics, in my opinion," said Truly. "As a physician, I considered myself a servant, and, as mayor, I serve as a drum major and servant to help make peoples' quality of life better. So, I see politics and medicine as interchangeable."

"Education is not a school problem, it's a community problem," said Truly. "We've got to reach out to everybody to get this done."

"The voters put their heart and soul into making a better life, and they trust me to work for them. I will not violate that trust," said Truly.

Truly is married to the former Natwassie "Wassie" Booker, and they have one child living in Canton. Jevon Booker is currently in graduate school studying interrogative community.

CA Panthers named champs

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Canton Academy (CA) track had a year for the record book. The Lady Panthers won their fourth consecutive track championship, while the boys won their first MAIS Class AA Track and Field Championship since 1999 on May 6.

The Lady Panthers went into the 2017 track and field season with a lot of spaces to fill from the 2016 state championship team. That team graduated several seniors that participated in multiple

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CPSD, Agape to offer pre-K program



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The Canton Public School District (CPSD) will join forces with the Agape Community Develop-

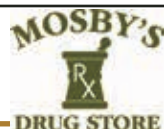
ment Center for the Canton Early Childhood Collaborative pre-K program. Agape secured the grant and will serve as the lead partner

for the collaborative.

Margaret Chapman, Agape's executive director, said, "Agape is excited to partner with the Can-

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Fire Department recognizes leaders at June annual gala

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The City of Canton Fire Department held a gala in June to recognize the firefighters,

Year winners are A-Shift, Kendrick Glove; B-Shift, Emmitt Bracey; and C-Shift, Michael Jefferson. Rookie of the Year winners are A-Shift, Val-



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Pictured (l to r) are: Fire Fighter (FF) Roosevelt Johnson, FF/EMT Christopher Otis, Acting-Lieutenant Emmett Bracey, Captain David Johnson, FF Joshua Millsap, Lieutenant Charles McDonald and FF La'Kendrick McGruder.

their accomplishments and services to the department. Organizers say it was also important to bring surrounding first-responders together in a personal setting, rather than always in drastic situations or disasters.

The 2017 winners of Officer of the Year are for A-Shift, Antuan Dixon; B-Shift, Charles McDonald; and C-Shift, Eric Redmond. Fire Fighter of the

entino Butler; B-Shift, Joshua Millsap; and C-Shift, Nathaniel Nichols.

The Most Physically Fit winner is C-Shift, Daniel Watkins; and the Most Years Served winner is Chief, Andrew Hughes.

Area businesses donated items to be raffled off during the gala. This year, one of the main items donated was a 55" television, which was won by Kanya Anderson.

Trustmark serves Our Daily Bread



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Trustmark associates recently served lunch at local food bank, Our Daily Bread. Pictured (l to r) are: Danny McHale, Ashley Bennett and Jeff Ross.

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Know Your Neighbor: Louise Spivey

By Guest Columnist Jim Ritchie

Meet Louise Spivey, lifelong Canton resident, who was born in her grandmother's house on



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South Liberty Street. She graduated from Canton High School and began her career as secretary to the director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, during which time she was a leading force in forming the very first Canton Flea Market. She subsequently was employed by Mad-

ison County as a First Deputy in the Tax Collector's office. In 1968, she married Dr. Gil Spivey, and her real work began. From then she has managed not only to fulfil her role as mother of four,

projects. Sandwiched between all these undertakings, Spivey also was elected to serve a term as Madison County Supervisor. She and Dr. Spivey, who retired as Commander in the Navy Re-

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary describes the word 'dynamo' as 1: generator, 2: a forceful, energetic individual. Either description fits this month's neighbor.

but has been in a whirlwind of volunteer activities, including chairman of the Heart Fund Association of Canton, chairman of the Canton Sesquicentennial Celebration (Canton's first hot air balloon race was held then), being named by Governor Fordice to serve on the board of the State Board of Health, and was involved in starting the Canton Redevelopment Authority. During these activities, she started her business as a design consultant coordinator, and one of her contributions in this capacity is helping the Canton Tourism office in their annual Christmas

serve, traveled the world, and one of her unique experiences included landing on an aircraft carrier. And, fortunately, this dynamo is still spinning.

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.

Moore named Canton Academy top teacher

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Pam Moore was selected as Teacher of the Year at Canton Academy (CA). This award is voted on by the senior class. Moore is the chair of the High School Science Department and teaches chemistry and advanced biology.

"Mrs. Moore is extremely dedicated to her students and has always had high expectations for them," said Ron Jurney, Head of School at CA. "Not only has she done an excellent job in the classroom, she has also

developed our Quiz Bowl students into strong competitors in Quiz Bowl competitions with other schools. Along with that, we have seen a much higher number of our students securing first-and second-place ribbons in the annual Science Fair, which is under her direction. Mrs. Moore has demonstrated the importance of living our school's mission, which is nurturing hearts and challenging minds in a Christian environment."

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Canton Academy Panthers named track champs



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The CA Lady Panthers championship girls track team pictured, (l to r) are, front row: Carrington Curtis, Carley Crosby, Mary Breiten Webb, Melanie Crum, Lauren Anderson, Coach Craig Bowman, and Coach Kenner Purvis; and back row: Coach Ben Williams, Coach A.B. Williams, Jensen Williams, Anna McNeer, Ava Dickerson, Betsy Pace, Leigh Brooke Irby, and Faith Galloway.

Coach Ben Williams and assistant coaches Kenner Purvis, Craig Bowman and A.B. Williams, the Lady Panthers proved they were back to defend their state crown. They scored 151 points and had six state champions in individual events to claim their four consecutive titles. The individual state champions included: Katherine Coward, shot put; Lauren Anderson, discus; Betsy Pace, triple jump; Faith Galloway, pole vault; Ava Dickerson, 1600m run; and the 4x400m relay team of Melanie Crum, Faith Galloway, Mary Breiten Webb and Betsy Pace.

Silver medals were awarded to Carley Crosby, discus; Jensen Williams, pole vault; Ava Dickerson, 3200m run; Betsy Pace, 300m hurdles; and Faith Galloway, 400m run.

Other finishers were Lauren Anderson, third place in shot put; Melanie Crum, fourth place in triple jump, fourth place in the 200m run and seventh in the 100m run; Carrington Curtis,

sixth in the 3200m run; Anna McNeer, fourth place in the 300m hurdles; Scarlett Follin, fourth place in the 100m hurdles; Mary Breiten Webb, third in the 400m run; and Ava Dickerson, fourth place in the 800m run.

The 4x200 meter relay team of Mary Breiten Webb, Betsy Pace, Jensen Williams and Melanie Crum turned in their best time of the year to finish in fourth place, and the 4x100m relay team of Anna McNeer, Betsy Pace, Jensen Williams and Melanie Crum finished fifth.

Under Coach Ben Williams's guidance, the Lady Panther Track Team has won seven state championships since 2012, including the MAIS AA State Cross Country Championships in 2012, 2013 and 2015 and the MAIS AA State Track & Field Championships in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The boys track team was led by Coach Williams and assistant coaches Kenner Purvis, Craig Bowman and A.B. Williams.



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The CA championship boys track team pictured (l to r) are, front row: Coach Ben Williams, Coach A.B. Williams, Patrick Sandridge, Matthew Dinkins, Ryan Lindsey, Hayden Vaughan, Coach Craig Bowman, and Coach Kenner Purvis; and back row: Nathan Foreman, Walker Gosa, Joe Carter and Jacob Carter.

They scored 102 points and accumulated two state championships in individual events to win the AA State Championship.

The individual state champions were Andrew Galloway in the pole vault and Patrick Sandridge in the 400m run.

Silver medals were awarded to Joseph McLean in the discus throw and to the 4x400m relay team of Jacob Carter, Joe Carter, Ryan Lindsey and Patrick Sandridge.

Other point finishers included Joseph McLean, fifth place in the shot put; Nick Price, fifth in the discus throw; Matthew Dinkins, fifth place in the long jump and fourth place in the 200m dash; Ryan Lindsey, third in the 800m run and fifth in the 300 meter hurdles; Patrick Sandridge, third in the 100m dash; Hayden Vaughn, fourth place in the 1600m run and fourth place in the 3200m run; and Walker Gosa, fifth place in the 1600m run.

The boy's 4x200m relay team of Joe Carter, Ryan Lindsey,

Matthew Dinkins and Patrick Sandridge finished in third place, while the 4x800m relay team finished in third place and consisted of Jacob Carter, Joseph Price, Walker Gosa and Lane Martin. Finally, the 4x100m relay team of Joe Carter, Ryan Lindsey, Matthew Dinkins and Patrick Sandridge finished in third place.

"After finishing third last year, our guys knew with what we had returning that we would have a shot to win the state championship this year. We had several guys step up at the state meet to get it done. I could not have been more proud of our guys for buying into our program and dedicating themselves to get better every meet. This was a huge win for our guys and Canton Academy," said Head Coach Ben Williams.

This is the second state championship this school season for the Canton Academy boys teams, as they won the MAIS AA State Football Championship in 2016.

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Knights of Pillar nurses celebrate achievements

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The Knights of Pillar Nurses Association (KPNA) held their second annual awards banquet on May 26. KPNA's mission is to continue to support students every year to accomplish their goal in nursing, and Jasmine Smith, Brittney Fox, and Dorian Patterson received \$500 schol-

years. Awards were given to RN-OB-GYN Laura Lacey; Unit Clerk Rose Mary Simes; Certified Nursing Assistants Charles Anderson, Edna Douglas, James McGruder and Walter Jones; and Nurse Practitioner of the Year Mary Johnson. Fr. Mike O'Brien was also recognized for his support.

Nurses in attendance included



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KPNA awards were given to those pictured (l to r), front row: Laura Lacey, RN-OB-GYN; and second row: Joyce Conway Adams Scholarship Fund (JCASF) recipient Jasmine Smith; Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Charles Anderson, JCASF recipient Dorian Patterson, Unit Clerk Rose Mary Simes; and JCASF recipient Brittney Fox.

arships from the Joyce Conway Adams Scholarship Fund.

Joyce Adams passed away last year, but her family attended the event. Her siblings present were Evonne Jones and Harriet Hamlin, as well as her son, Lawrence Conway.

Several retirees from Madison General Hospital were also acknowledged. The recipients were noted for their work and dedication throughout the

Rachiel Johnson, Nettie Travis, Ermalene Guydon, Annie P. Smith, Pearline Hatcher, Katie Hamlin, Shirley Thompson, Helen Owens, Dr. Bettie Sanders, Mary Johnson, Cassandra Sojourner, Mary Simes, Beverly Washington, Evangelist Darlene White, Monica Gilkey, Bertha McGruder, Ruth Gray, Ida Thomas, Ruby Johnson, and Betty Vaughan, and Sister Joyce Adams.

Free towing for junk cars



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By Joy Dodson, president, Keep Canton Beautiful

Hello fellow Cantonians. I would like to discuss junked cars. We have all seen the cars that will never run again; those vehicles that are now glorified planters with weeds and grass growing up around them, and through them, some without tires, and with no hope of ever being drivable. If you have a junked car and want it gone, call Steve Gilmore at 769-257-4707, and

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Joy Dodson lives in Canton with her husband Gary and their two sons. She is the director of Keep Canton Beautiful.


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Grady Champion is Canton's bluesman

By Guest Columnist Matthew Jackson

Canton, Mississippi has many reasons to be proud, and first and foremost among them are her people. From Elmore James (blues singer) to L.C. Greenwood (NFL) to George Raymond (civil rights activist), our fair city is known for the caliber of people she produces.

A shining star for modern Canton is Grady Champion, bluesman extraordinaire. His two-decade long career has established him as a Grammy Award winning blues songwriter, singer, producer, and harmonica/guitar player.

Born in 1969 in Canton, the youngest of 28 children, Grady discovered his love of music at the tender age of eight at church with his family. His first foray into music professionally was as a rapper, but he quickly discovered that his true talents lay with the blues.

Ever an innovator, Champion wasn't satisfied to simply do the blues as they'd always been done before. He incorporated the music he loved as a young man, rap and hip hop, to create a style of blues that was wholly faithful to tradition, yet innovative enough to draw new and younger fans. His music has won multiple awards, particularly his hit single "Make That Monkey Jump," and taken him all around the world on tours.

These days, Champion spends his time doing the things he loves

the most -- writing songs, recording music, and touring. His most recent album, *One of a Kind*, was released by Malaco Records in September, 2016.

If you've never taken the opportunity to see Champion perform live, you're missing a true treat.



Photo by Jud Meaders

His stage presence is phenomenal, combining incredible energy with a love of performance and constant interaction with the crowd. He knows that fans provide a musician's success, and he treats

them with the love and respect of someone who appreciates every single one of his supporters. At Champion's concerts, you always feel like you're among family and friends, beginning with the performer himself.

For a chance to see Champion live visit his website (gradychampion.com) for tour dates. Hint -- he has two concerts in Mississippi before July 10!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Matthew E. Jackson is a writer, newly married, father, vp of client services for a marketing agency, and contributing editor with 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.

New Habitat house built



Photo by Jennifer Swanner, Nissan



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Nissan and its employee volunteers recently built a Habitat for Humanity house for a Canton family, Mildred Daughtery and her son. Congratulating Daughtery at the dedication (upper left) was Steve Marsh, Nissan Canton vice president of manufacturing. Watching (l to r, lower right) are: Margie Miller and her grandson, and Nissan employees Sylvester Jackson, Gale McGowan, and Sabrina McClain. This is the tenth house that Nissan has built in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area. Five of the Habitat houses have been located in Canton.

Canton Tourism hosts thirty-second annual balloon fest



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The thirty-second annual Mississippi Championship Balloon Fest began Thursday, June 29, with a launch party on the historic Canton Square. The July 4th holiday weekend included balloon glows at Northpark Mall and the Canton Multipurpose Complex, plus additional events like the Balloon Chase Run/Walk and Kids One Mile Run and the Good Samaritan Center's \$5K Golf Ball Drop fundraiser, along with fireworks on Friday and Saturday nights. Shown is one of the special shapes displayed this year, which also included an American flag, space shuttle and lighthouse balloons.

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Mental Health: Changing the Conversation of today's beliefs

By Guest Columnist John D. Damon,
Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of
Canopy Children's Solutions



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The early Greeks believed in a mind-body dualism or that the mind and body are distinct and separable. This belief has been proven to be wrong. What happens in the mind is inextricably connected to what happens in the body. Despite an indisputable modern day understanding of the connected nature of the mind and body, we continue to perpetuate artificial "silos" between what we consider "mental health" and "physical health." This perpetuates the stigma associated with mental health.

I can remember not too many years ago when people would go to great lengths to hide common medical conditions, such as diabetes. They

were often embarrassed and ashamed of their disease. Thankfully, there is no longer the same level of shame associated with diabetes. Students talk about their diabetes with their teachers and friends, tell them about warning signs, and pull others into a support and response team if their "biology" is off. There is now a broader social understanding of that physical condition - the pancreas is not producing the right levels of insulin for the body. We must understand that this medical condition is no different than the brain not producing adequate levels of serotonin, leading to depression.

Today, I am hopeful that we are on the cusp of a parallel breakthrough for mental health. The gripping stigma around mental health prevents many children and families from thriving. The costs to individuals, families, and society as a whole, both in human suffering and economic impact, are crippling. Despite

the fact that 1 in 5 children struggle with significant mental health challenges, 80% of those children never receive the treatment and care they need! Since we now have a better understanding of the "physical health" system, we need to similarly tackle the lack of parity around mental health and our nation's growing mental health crisis. What if tomorrow's headline read, "Top Story: 1 in 5 children now have cancer!" We would all be floored, overwhelmed, and saddened. To make matters worse, what if the headline also said, "80% of those children will never receive the help they need." Simply put, we would not tolerate that as a society. We would storm the capitol, call our schools, hold roundtables with our pediatricians...we would do whatever it took to make sure EVERY child received the care they needed so they could have the opportunity to reach their full potential. We can and must demand the same for chil-

dren struggling with mental health challenges. It is time to quit blaming and shaming someone with a mental health challenge. Just like a child does not choose to get cancer or diabetes, a child does not choose to have mental health challenges. Children with depression, anxiety, attention deficits, etc., should have the same support from their community, schools, friends, and families to help them thrive.

May was recognized as National Children's Mental Health Awareness. Mental health crises occur in all demographics of race, ethnicity, religion, age and socio-economic statuses—mental health affects us all. If we choose to change the conversation, to speak openly about mental health, we can have a happier, healthier society. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, please speak up and find help.

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Mississippi State Hospital recognizes anniversaries



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Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) recently honored employees with June anniversaries for their years of service to the hospital, including Catherine Bennett of Canton for 10 years. Service award recipients pictured (l to r) are, first row: Dr. Susan Taylor of Madison, 5 years; Fran Strehlow of Brandon, 15 years; Dawn Kelly of Jackson, 20 years; Catherine Bennett of Canton, 10 years; Tomika Stewart of Jackson, 15 years; second row: Christopher McCarthy of Brandon, 10 years; Nancy Valles of Pearl, 30 years; Takesha Evans of Jackson, 10 years; Jean Johnson of Richland, 40 years; Tammye Hutchins of Jackson, 25 years; Alicia Harris of Brandon, 15 years; and third row: Donnia Rozell-Bowles of Jackson, 15 years; Marie Bingham of Jackson, 40 years; Akila Moody of Edwards, 25 years; Bruce Parker of Jackson, 25 years; Gerald Sims of Jackson 5 years; and Jerone Lacking of Pelahatchie, 25 years.

Discipline yourself to dance to the rhythm of the beat

By Guest Columnist Kathy Amos

Can you imagine listening to your favorite song? You're humming the tunes, snapping your fingers and patting your feet to the rhythm of the beat.



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The music motivates you to move your entire body consistently. When the music stops, your movement stops. Likewise, when disciplining yourself to grow intentionally, you must create the tempo and dance by the composition you've originated for your life.

As I reflect to when I was a ruddy teenager, aspiring to be a singer and a model, I remember a song that I used to sing in my community choir entitled, "Be Ye Steadfast," which came from the passage of scripture in I Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stead-

fast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." And, whenever I fell upon tough times, the words and melodies of that song would stir up my faith to believe again.

The Law of Consistency says, "Motivation gets you going. Discipline keeps you growing." It is the melody of your music that will stir up your faith to grow, but it's your faith in God that will keep you growing in the right direction. If you've not found the perfect tune, create your own. Once you've established the rhythm of the beat in your heart, don't allow anything or anyone to stop your feet from dancing!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Kathy Amos is a coach, speaker and teacher with The John Maxwell Team. She serves as executive pastor of the Turning Point Fellowship Ministries International Church, along with her husband Joe. Kathy is also the president and founder of the Empowering Progressive Women's Association.

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Don't cry over lost computer files

By Guest Columnist Jay White

On Friday, May 12, you may have heard news reports about a global cyber-attack. Over the next seventy-two hours, the ransomware infection named WannaCry became the biggest cyber-attack in Internet history, affecting more than 230,000 users in approximately one hundred fifty countries. Notable companies that had operations disrupted by the cyber-attack included the National Health Service (NHS) in the United Kingdom, Spain's telecom company Telefonica, and FedEx. WannaCry is the latest in a long line of ransomware attacks that has become a favorite tool for cyber-attackers. According to SonicWall, ransomware is growing by a rate of 167 times per year with some 638 million attack attempts in 2016.

You may be asking yourself, "What is ransomware, and why should I care?"

Let us begin by addressing the question, "What is ransomware?" Ransomware is a type of malicious software (malware) that attempts to prevent you from being able to use your computer and/or access files stored on the computer until a ransom is paid. If you have seen the movie *Taken*, you will remember that the daughter of Bryan Mills was kidnapped and would not be released until someone was willing to pay the bad guys a large sum of money. This is the premise behind ransomware, except it is your computer and your valuable files that are held for ransom.

Your computer can become infected with ransomware by clicking on an e-mail attachment that looks to be legitimate (e.g. UPS invoice, fax, Word document, etc.), but the attachment actually contains a ransomware file. Clicking on a link in an e-mail or a social network service (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) can also direct you to an infected website that infects your computer. Unfortunately, ransomware attacks are showing no signs of slowing down any time soon. Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Cyber Division Assistant Director James Trainor said, "These criminals have evolved over time and now bypass



Photo by Rachael H. Boyer

access to your computer files and any other computers, storage devices, back-up drives and cloud drives connected to the computer. You are then presented with a message on your computer screen informing you that your computer has been infected and demanding a ransom to be paid for regaining access to your computer files. The message usually includes instructions on how to pay the ransom. Just like in the movies, paying the ransom to the bad guys does not guarantee that they will give you back your computer files. For this reason, the FBI doesn't support paying a ransom in response to a ransomware attack.

Now, take a moment and think about the most valuable files you store on your computer. It could be family photos, financial documents, business-related information or maybe your mother's famous strawberry pie recipe. How would you feel if you lost every file on your computer? If you encounter a ransomware infection, you may very well lose all of your important files, with no way of ever getting them back! If this thought scares you, then this answers the question "Why I should care about ransomware?"

Bryan Mills did not know who the bad guys were that kidnapped his daughter, he didn't know what they wanted and he didn't have any money to pay a ransom. What Bryan did have was a very particular set of skills that made him a nightmare to the bad guys that kidnapped his daughter. You do not need a particular set of skills to protect your computer files from ransomware, but you can follow some simple advice to help prevent this nightmare scenario from becoming your reality.

General protection measures include:

Make sure applications, firmware and the operating system on all your computer devices have the latest updates.

Utilize anti-virus and anti-malware solutions, and set them to automatically update and conduct regular scans.

Be suspicious of emails that you are not expecting or from unknown sources.

Do not click on links in emails, especially from unknown or un-trusted sources.

Be cautious when clicking links on social network sites.

Be sure to maintain a current backup of your information.

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the need for an individual to click on a link. They do this by seeding legitimate websites with malicious code, taking advantage of unpatched software on end-user computers."

After your computer is infected with ransomware, it begins working to block

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jay White is the Director of Security at the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS). ITS facilitates effective planning, deployment and operation of information technologies for Mississippi State Government.

Carson awarded EPWA Women's Leadership Award



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Angela Carson, left, is shown receiving her EPWA Business Women's Leadership Award from EPWA founder Kathy Amos, right.

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Canton native Angela Carson was awarded the Empowering Progressive Women's Association (EPWA) Business Women's Leadership Award for outstanding community leadership in Canton on June 13. Carson is a proactive advocate in the Canton community, according to EPWA president and founder Kathy Amos.

Carson serves as a mentor at Porter Middle School's "I Can We Can" Mentor Program. She is the radio talk show host of "Be In the Know," connecting residents with resources and information in the Canton area. She's the Chairlady of the Social Action Committee of the Madison County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which is responsible for working

in the community to address issues the sorority may be a part of including education, political, health, etc.

She also serves as the Faith-Based Director of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of MS, Inc., bringing resources to our churches statewide in areas such as disaster relief, home ownership, health, education, and other areas. Carson also co-chairs the Canton June-teenth committee. Additionally, she works with the Canton Housing Authority as the resident services coordinator, where she provides case management to residents. She also provides activities and services for the youth and adults, as well as connecting residents with community resources.

For more information on the Canton Chapter of EPWA, visit www.epwawomen.com.



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Reflect on the freedom

By Guest Columnist Pastor Guy Odom,
First Baptist Canton

Let freedom ring! I want to ask each of you to take a few moments and reflect on that word



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DOM. No, I mean really take a few moments after you read this and reflect on this precious word.

It seems every day we see the wrong side of freedom as well as the abuse of freedom. A gunman walks up to a baseball field where human beings are practicing baseball, and opens fire because of hate. A mom leaves a child in a vehicle while it is hot, resulting in the child's death because of heat exhaustion. A burglar stalks a house for days or even weeks before he strikes by breaking in and stealing someone else's property. A racist takes the time to premeditate his cause by taking a noose and putting it in a place for people and the world to see. A teacher is found guilty for preying on a high school girl, and her innocence is quickly removed from her for the rest of her life. An individual decides to use the American Flag as a

platform for personal gain rooted in rebellion and selfishness.

Is this what FREEDOM means in the United States of America? Is this what FREEDOM stands for, and is upheld by the men and women who serve our country by sacrificing their life? Please pardon my expression, but I truly want to vomit when I see how FREEDOM is being abused in our country, where men and women have died so that you and I can live in a nation with the FREEDOM to enjoy the God-given pleasures of FREEDOM! Freedom to live in harmony with our brothers and sisters. Freedom to enjoy getting in your vehicle to drive anywhere you want to go. Freedom to go and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Freedom just to offer a handshake. Freedom just to say to someone, "hello," "good morning," "have a great day."

So, I end with, take a few moments and reflect on what FREEDOM means to you! Happy Fourth of July!

"May God Bless and May God Bless America,"
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.

Two retire from tax office



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Paulette Cobb, left, and Sally Baldwin, right, both of Canton and both employees at the Madison County Tax Office in Ridgeland, retired as of June. Baldwin, who served as supervisor, retired after 25 years, and Cobb, a deputy collector, had been with the tax office for 12 ½ years. Both women said they will miss their customers, but plan to sit on the front porch, drink iced tea and watch the birds.

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City honors Mosby Ellis



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Elizabeth Mosby Ellis was honored by the City, Mayor, and Board of Alderman with a proclamation on her being inducted into the Holmes Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

Ellis is a 1995 graduate of Canton Academy (CA). Her senior year, CA won its first state championship in girls basketball. After her senior season, Ellis was

selected to the MPSA All-Star game, and received a basketball scholarship to Holmes Community College.

She currently resides in Oxford with her husband, Michael, and their three children. Ellis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mosby of Canton. The Mosbys have Superior Tire Recappers, Inc. on Liberty St. in Canton.

Canton Academy takes Kearney Park field trip



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By Guest Columnist Charles Elon Bowering

Canton Academy (CA) students went to Kearney Park to explore the remains of the Mississippi Ordnance Plant (MOP), a WWII military installation. History teachers Tray Earnhart and Gracie Chestnut organized the trip in April through the old Mississippi Ordnance Plant that many people pass every day and do not realize 8,000 troops at a time were trained there during WWII. These troops

were sent to combat zones all over the world to repair Ordnance equipment during the war.

The Mississippi Ordnance Plant was built in 1942, to bag powder for large artillery guns. It was converted to an ordnance training center for most of the war.

The first stop was where the south gate and guard house was located on Kearney Park Road. From there, they went to the location of the post headquarters. The large flag pole had

been cut off with a torch, but the base of it was still in the concrete where it once stood. The post chapel and fire station number one with the very large ground water tank behind it were in the same area. Leaving there, they went through the warehouse area, the bakery (now Kearney Park Grocery), the service club and theater, the laundry and the location of the amphitheater. They also saw where the antebellum home of the Kearney family was located.

Eighty-seven igloos were built on the northern side of MOP, but only a few of them are visible from Virillia Road.

The eight bag loading buildings were not accessible and could not be seen from the road, but the students watched a video made by Walt Grayson in 2001 and were able to see the remains of the structures.

Leaving the area on Livingston Vernon Road, they could see the Memorial Circle and the location of the guard house at the east gate.

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Canton Public Schools, Agape to offer pre-K program

anton Early Learning Collaborative which includes the Canton Public School District, Friends of Children, and Tougaloo College. This collaborative will provide an opportunity for more children at the pre-k level to become kindergarten ready."

It is one of four new early learning collaboratives the Mississippi State Board of Education voted to add to the current list of 10 to provide high-quality early childhood education programs to 4-year-old students. The purpose of the Early Childhood Collaborative (ELC) is to ensure that early childhood 4-year-old students achieve the target score

on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment that indicates students are prepared for kindergarten.

The ELCs will receive \$247,250 annually for three years, as state funds are available. Each entity will receive enough funding to provide 115 full-time seats for pre-kindergarten classrooms. The four collaboratives will serve 460 children with a total allocation of \$989,000 per year.

The Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013 established the ELC program, which provides funding to local communities to establish, expand, support and facilitate the successful

implementation of quality early childhood education and development services.

The ELC expansion is made possible by a \$1 million increase in state funds for the program, which brings the total appropriation to \$4 million for fiscal year 2017.

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) issued the request for proposals on August 29 and accepted applications through September 26. The MDE reviewed all 15 applications received. Four of the 15 applicants gained the required points to qualify for the interview round. The MDE submitted all four applicants

for the SBE's final approval. They are:

- Agape Community Development Center-Canton School District
- Greenwood School District
- Grenada School District
- Starkville-Oktibbeha School District

ELCs must include a lead partner, which can be a public school or other nonprofit group with the expertise and capacity to manage an ELC's pre-K program. CPSD will work with Agape Community Development Center to ensure students are prepared.

Vaughn joins Morgan as Dental Solutions

By Susie A. Wolfe

Jessie Vaughn has joined the Dental Solutions of Mississippi team, formerly Ruth



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Morgan DDS, as of June 26. The name of the practice was changed to better reflect the customer benefit, according to Manager Bobby Morgan.

As Ruth Morgan's daughter, Vaughn has been involved in the practice since she was 14. The 2013 biology graduate of the University of Mississippi received

her radiology license when she was just sixteen, and began assisting with patients. She completed dental school at Mississippi Medical School of Dentistry, where she received experience with difficult cases as well as advanced surgeries.

"In addition to helping people get out of pain, I love the way my work helps people be more confident," said Vaughn. "If I can make someone feel better about themselves through dentistry, then I know that's what I want to do with my life."

She is married to her high school sweetheart, Will Vaughn, and they live in Gluckstadt. Will is an electrician with V Electric, and, also works residential with his company, Will Vaughn, LLC. Vaughn said they met at deer camp and share a love of outdoors and hunting with family.

Harrell's lead gift propels Canton Academy tech program



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Canton Academy (CA) announced in late June that the "Lead Gift" made by Jim and Olivia Harrell will make a major impact on the Technology Academic Program by providing Chromebook devices to all students grades nine through twelfth. All classrooms will be equipped with 55" TV monitors and all teachers will have their own device. Pictured (l to r) are: Jim Harrell, Olivia Harrell, Annette Harrell, CA director of development, and Ron Jurney, CA head of school.

Picketts named Madison Co. Schools' top parents

By Susie A. Wolfe

Originally selected Parents of the Year for Shirley B. Simmons Middle School, Timmy and Albertstein John-

Agency for the past six years, and has been the voice of Canton High School Tigers football for the last 18 years.

Both parents supported ac-



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Timmy and Albertstein Johnson Pickett are the 2016/2017 MCSD Parents of the Year.

son Pickett were also chosen to represent the 2016/2017 Madison County School District (MCSD) as Parents of the Year. The MCSD is an "A" district with twenty-three schools that teach over four thousand students.

The Picketts are the parents of Alec, 14, who was just promoted from an eighth grader at Shirley B. Simmons Middle School, and Mattise Maria, 11, who is a promoted fifth grader at Luther Branson Elementary. Both schools are in Farmhaven, where Timmy attended school.

Timmy is 25-year crisis specialist with Region 8 Mental Health in Madison County, and Albertstein works with the Department of Mental Health. Timmy has also been the chairman of the Madison County Citizens Services

activities at both schools, from serving as president of the PTA to school advocacy to providing speakers.

According to Principal Kelvin Griffin of Shirley B. Simmons Middle School, "The Picketts have willingly volunteered their time and services on numerous occasions. They are very reliable and dependable. They are involved and concerned parents and community members. Their presence often times is unknown until there is work that needs to be done. They show their support by filling in where needed."

Both children understand the importance of education, because their mother has always said "Education is not an option," and their father, also a college baseball umpire, said, "Compete."



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Two win scholarships

By Guest Columnist Cynthia Goodloe Palmer

The Canton Gospel Music Association (CGMA) awarded Sherida Banks and Gregory Tyler Richards \$500 music scholarships.

Banks was awarded the Sister Thea Bowman Music Scholarship from Germantown High School. The award was presented by Cynthia Goodloe Palmer, CGMA founder/president on May 23. She will be attending Hinds Community Col-



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on May 17. The award was presented by CGMA scholarship chairman, Rev. James Sims. He will be attending Alcorn State University. "We are always excited to award these music scholarships each year to students of Madison County," says Jearlean Jones, CGMA vice president. "To date, we have awarded 105 scholarships to assist with music lessons for up and coming students and to award graduating seniors."

Eleven more scholarships will be awarded at the 14th annual Scholarship Awards & Gospel Music Celebration on August 27, 2017.

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.

In His Steps holds July camps

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In His Steps Ministries will hold its annual football camp July 6-8 for all junior high school and high school athletes, boys ages 11-15; Walker Kelly Soccer Camp, July 12-14, for boys and girls ages 10-15; and basketball camp, July 24-28, for boys and girls, ages 10-14. All camps will be held from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Registration forms can be picked up at the In His Steps Ministries' office.



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In His Steps will also have its annual math camp on July 24-28, from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for anyone in the sixth through twelfth grade.

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, located at 3528 North Liberty Street (approximately one mile north of the downtown Canton Square). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Armando Virruet at 601-859-5708.

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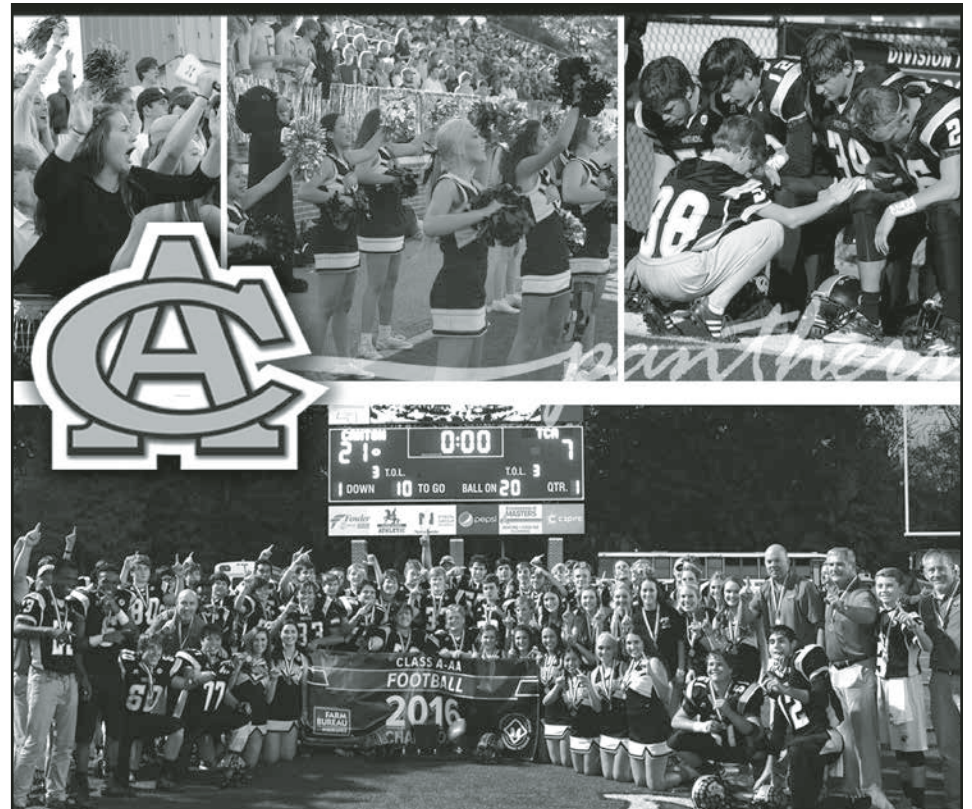
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Notice is hereby given that the Canton Public School District will receive proposals up to 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 10, 2017 for Job Embedded Professional Development, Instructional Software & Materials and Student Support at 403 East Lincoln Street, Canton, MS 39046.

Specifications for the RFP may be obtained from the District website at www.cantonschools.net.

This award requires the recipient to complete projects or activities which are funded under Title I and to report on the use of Title I funds provided through this award. Information from these reports will be made available to the public.

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Williams gets scholarship

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The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Central Mississippi Chapter, awarded Timilia Williams a one-time scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year. Based on her academic

performance and completion of a written essay, Williams was one of 10 young ladies from area high schools selected to receive \$1,000 each. She is a 2017 grad-



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Pictured (l to r), are: Katrina B. Myricks, president; Debra Sturgis Stamps, scholarships and awards chairman; Timilia Williams; and Julia Harris Brown, scholarships and awards co-chairman.

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