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CPSD opens \$4.4 M ninth grade academy



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The \$4.4M state-of-the-art Ninth Grade Academy is designed to help students transition to the high school experience.

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Canton Public School District's (CPSD) state-of-the-art Ninth Grade Academy provided an open house and tours for parents and guests on August 17. At a total cost of \$4,466,600.00, the 24,789

square feet building is designed to help students transition to the high school experience.

With 194 students and 21 instructors, the Ninth Grade Academy has ten spacious classrooms; a state-of-the-art computer lab; two STEM

classrooms; and two state-of-the-art science labs. The building, which took approximately fifteen months to construct, was designed to complement the existing architecture of the school and provide a separate identity for freshman students.

"The ninth grade is where we lose our children," said CPSD Superintendent Cassandra Williams. "So, this Ninth Grade Academy is a big deal. It is a self-contained unit where the students can achieve greater focus and calm. It will make a world of difference for them."

John C. Johnson, principal of the Ninth Grade Academy, said, "The administration will be intentional and focused on accomplishing this task, as we support our teachers and students in their areas of strength."

Dr. Moses E. Thompson, a member of the CPSD Board of Trustees, said, "We appreciate and thank

the citizens of Canton for voting for the bond issue two years ago. This idea was well-received by the Board, and we all agreed that we needed to make it happen."



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The Ninth Grade Academy has ten classrooms like this English I class, which is taught by Miss McDonald, shown.

Wicker visits new Canton Telehealth facility

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Senator Roger Wicker, R-Miss, visited T1 Telehealth in Canton on August 16 to explore opportunities to open telehealth access points to urgent and inpatient care throughout Mississippi.

"Mississippi is one of our nation's telehealth pioneers," said Senator Wicker. "Our leadership comes from years of work to advance telehealth services and their delivery to patients that need them."

"T1 Telehealth uses a unique telehealth model to service hospital and urgent care patients," said Wicker. "I look forward to working together to increase positive healthcare outcomes and lower the costs of administering care."

During his time in the Senate, Wicker has championed policies to

more places. He has helped Mississippi become a national leader



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Pictured from left to right are Todd Barrett, RPh, CEO, T1 Telehealth; Senator Roger Wicker, R-Miss; and Christopher Powe, PhD, COO, T1 Telehealth.

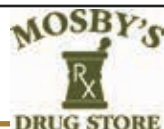
expand telehealth, enabling these services to reach more people in

in developing this critical technology. In June, he introduced

bipartisan legislation that would expand the availability of rural telehealth services. The bill would allow non-rural hospitals serving rural areas to qualify for support from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Healthcare Connect Fund (HCC).

T1 Telehealth CEO Todd Barrett said, "T1 aims to remove the barriers to quality healthcare for patients throughout Mississippi and beyond. In joining Senator Wicker on his mission to improve patient health through innovation and technology, we hope to further enhance telehealth options for our state and demonstrate how telehealth can be a successful healthcare delivery model for the rest of the country, as well."

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Canton has become the new wedding destination

By Susie A. Wolfe

Canton is becoming a popular wedding destination with the Old Madison County Courthouse as the backdrop for an outdoor wedding on the grounds.

There are event venues for rehearsal dinners, bridesmaids and groomsmen parties and receptions. Rich Grain Distillery, Opera House, Old Post Office, and soon to be open Sterling's Hall,

can cater small to large groups. There are also properties off the Historic Canton Square that are within walking distance. There are so many photo perfect locations in the Downtown Canton Historic

ic District to capture wedding moments that will live forever. That's one of the reasons movies love to film in Canton. Merchants on the Square also offer bridal registries. Check out the selection at Sulm's, LaDiDa and Farmhouse.



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Know Your Neighbor: Robert H. Cauthen

By Guest Columnist Jim Ritchie

Who turns down a football scholarship offer by Johnny Vaught at Ole Miss in order to study engineering? This neighbor did, because, as he puts it, "I figured I wasn't smart enough to do both."

Meet Robert H. "Bob" Cauthen, all-conference athlete, accomplished pianist, industrial engineer, plant manager, engineering consultant, executive director of a state agency, cattle and tree farmer, historian and published author of four books (to date).

Cauthen graduated high school at Lexington with two diplomas, one regular and one in

piano. He enrolled at Mississippi State to study aeronautical engineering, but switched to industrial engineering in his junior year, because aeronautical engineering jobs available were "too far away from home."

After graduating from State, he accepted a position at the Wurlitzer Piano manufacturing plant in Holly Springs, where he remained for ten years. During this time, he married his wife, Sharron, whose accomplishments rival his, since she is also a historian and author, as well as a teacher, CPA, and MBA graduate.

He left Wurlitzer for an offer from Piper Industries in Jackson, where his industrial engineering talents were utilized in the manufacture of cabinets for television sets and grandfather clocks. Cauthen was subsequently employed by Mississippi Industries for the Blind, where he served as chief engineer, then plant manager, and

finally executive director. His days at Industries for the Blind were followed by his career as a consultant for various companies in the areas of manufacturing and standard cost systems. He's now retired to his cattle and tree farm, but he continues to write and record historical events and information on interesting places.

Those of us who know him agree that he could have played football, too, had he chosen to do so.

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.

He is the only answer for this world

By Guest Columnist Pastor Guy Odom,
First Baptist Canton

August 12, 2017, will go down in my lifetime as another sad, wicked, evil day with the events in Charlottesville.

Allow me start out with Romans 1:16, which says, "For I am not ashamed

of the gospel of Jesus Christ, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the gentile."

As a believer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with my complete understanding of this from a biblical foundation, let me state that there is only one "supreme" God. In the Bible you will not find a red, yellow, black, white or polka-dotted supremacy. This gospel of Jesus Christ—His death, burial, and resurrection—is not

an event or message of hate, violence, self-righteousness, racism or ethnic superiority but one of sacrifice, forgiveness, humility, love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. As a matter of fact, Galatians 5:19-21 says, "...any act of the sinful nature, such as to name a few: witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy, will not inherit the kingdom of God."

One day, to quote Philippians 2:10-11, "at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." We all will bow and give an account of our life before the King. To even think that I am above any other human being is an outrage, to say the least. How dare I live, teach or preach any other "supremacy" outside of the one supreme God! I will be glad to meet anyone along with our gracious and loving Lord at His Judgement seat about this ungodly and demon-

ic movement.

As I close, may we lament for the people of Charlottesville, and may we love the people of Charlottesville. Finally, may all people of hate repent and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. My dear friends, He is the only answer for this world.

God bless, and you are loved,

Pastor Guy

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



for my 2yrs old daughter (Olivia).

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Doyle named new pastor

By Susie A. Wolfe

Alvin Doyle served as interim pastor of Center Terrace Baptist Church for three months prior to being called as pastor in July.



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Originally from New Orleans, he was an educator and football coach before “turning his life around after losing their 14-year-old son” and becoming a minister.

Doyle came to Mississippi as a football coach at Poplarville and Pearl River high schools and then as an assistant principal at Picayune Junior High School. He coached a total of sixteen years before going to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and taking positions at First Baptist Church Ridgeland and Puckett Baptist Church.

Doyle and his wife, Mary, served as missionaries overseas for twenty years in Nigeria, West Africa;

Bratislava, Slovakia; and Budapest, Hungary. While he preached, Mary served as the medical coordinator. He said that, even though they had no electricity or water while in Nigeria, they were able to baptize 350 people a year. After returning to the States, Doyle served as a transitional pastor or Bible Study leader for a number of Mississippi churches prior to being called by Center Terrace.

Doyle’s son, Dwayne, who served as youth director at Center Terrace while in school at Mississippi College in the 1980s, also served as a missionary Budapest and Slovakia. Dwayne is currently working as Director of the Men’s Ministries Department with the Illinois Baptist Association. He and his wife, Melissa, have three children, David Charles, 13; Darcy Christine, 11; and Daisy Claire, 7.

Pastor Doyle invites the community to join the church for regular services on Sunday morning and night as well as Wednesday night’s Prayer Meeting. He is available Wednesdays if anyone in the community would like to meet with him. For more information, call 601-859-4186.

Historical Society hosts Living History Day this Fall

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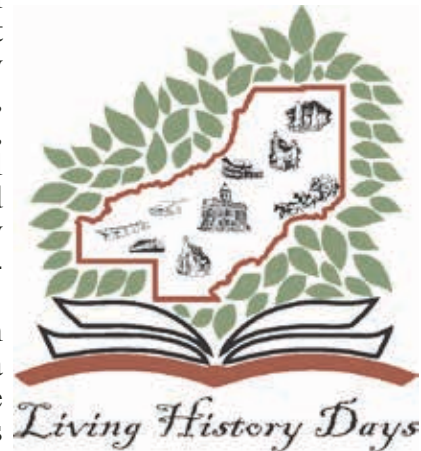
The Canton-Madison County Historical Society will host Living History Day on Saturday, September 30, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Old Madison County Jail, 234 East Fulton Street.

The event, open to the public, is a portrayal of life from the 1800s to early 1900s through demonstrations, exhibits and activities. Live

demonstrations will include spinning thread, quilting, churning butter, cotton, shell-ing corn, Choc-taw cultural programs and antique equipment displays.

On September 29, school children in grades third through fifth will be touring from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

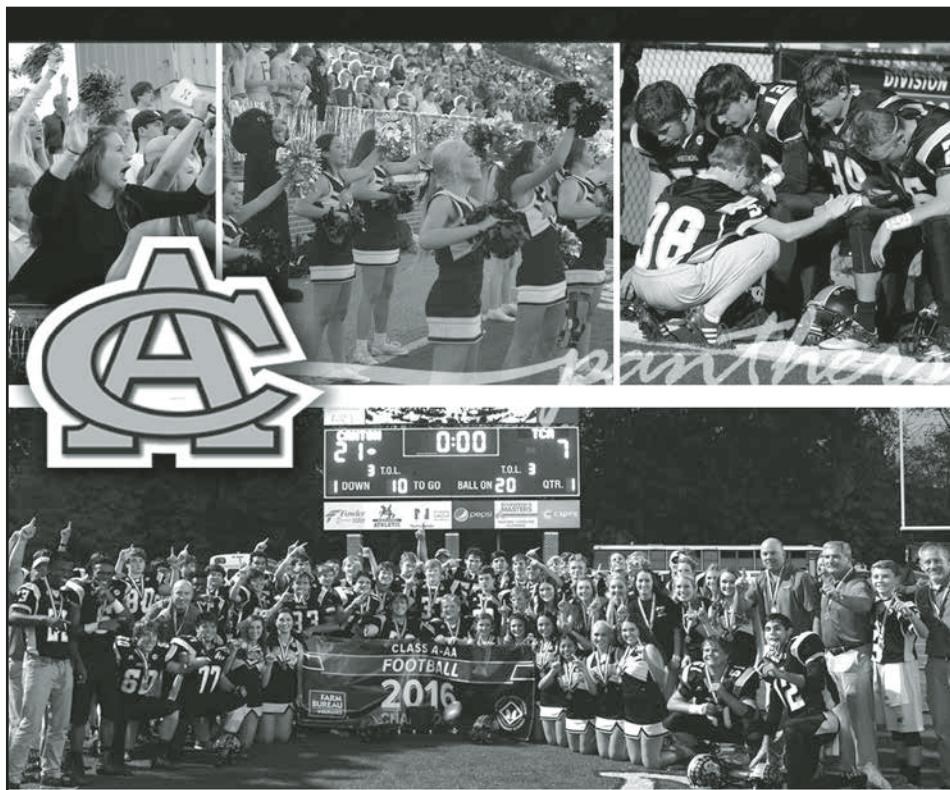
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CPSD prepares students to serve as future mentors

By Guest Columnist Cassandra Williams, CPSD Superintendent

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start! Our students returned to school eager to learn



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Dr. Juanita Sims-Doty, shown, and Dr. Karla McCullough implemented a successful mentor initiative last year that will carry over to this school year.

In addition to academics, we also strive to provide social and emotional support to our students.

Last school year, we implemented an initiative that matched members of the community with our students. Mentors worked

new content and skills, and our team of dedicated teachers, staff and administrators greeted them with energy, zeal and a commitment to ensure that they are college and career ready.

with students on leadership and character development, and our students also performed community service. The program, led by Dr. Juanita Sims-Doty and Dr. Karla McCullough, was a huge success. The response from our students, parents and community was overwhelmingly positive. The initiative was so successful that we've expanded our program to now include students who will serve as mentors for other students. Dr. Doty and Dr. McCullough will once again lead our initiative.

Research has shown that in addition to the need for academic and emotional support from adults, students who have peers as mentors perform better in school. Canton Public School District (CPSD) will fully embrace this research with our students during pivotal transition points. Our students who served as Canton Ambassadors for the 2016-2017 school year will now become Junior Mentors for the new 2017-2018 Canton Ambassadors and our sixth grade students at Nichols Middle School and Porter Middle School.

Additionally, we will have a team of mentors for the students at our new Ninth Grade Academy. Students will participate in mentoring skills-building sessions throughout the year that will prepare them to mentor their peers each month. Some of the mentoring topics will include self-awareness, bullying, study skills, and avoiding peer pressure. Students will also receive guidelines for reporting certain problems to their school's principal or counselor.

In addition to the support that these students will provide to their peers, the program is also grooming them to be fu-

ture leaders in our community. Each year, our school district adds an additional layer that creates safety nets and roadmaps to success for our students. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of our students not only through teaching, but by nurturing them on their paths to becoming adults.

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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Upstairs Downtown event set for Nov. 2 on Square



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Upstairs Downtown is a Canton Main Street event that will showcase primarily the upstairs spaces on the Historic Canton Square that are rarely accessible to the public.

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Would you like to see the upstairs around the Canton Square?

Upstairs Downtown is an event sponsored by Canton Main Street designed to draw visitors to mingle with Canton residents for an evening of design discovery, economic development awareness and promotional success in the city's charming downtown.

The evening will include an exclusive tour of the Historic Canton Square, showcasing primarily the upstairs spaces that are rarely accessible to the public. Many of the buildings and boutiques that draw the crowds to Canton have equal-

ly appealing second floors not always seen by visitors, or even locals, for that matter. To satisfy the growing curiosity about these mysterious upper rooms, Canton Main Street will offer the first Upstairs Downtown experience.

"Canton is a prime tourist attraction, with opportunities to share our architectural history while promoting businesses and shopping in local stores," said

Upstairs Downtown will also showcase the living spaces created in renovated historic structures.

Tickets were made available September 1. To purchase, call 601-859-5816.

Madison County Library System debuts a new look

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Outside the Lines, a global library initiative, is reintroducing libraries to shift perceptions and demonstrate how the library is more relevant than ever before. As part of the initiative, Madison County Library System (MCLS) is

an exciting year planned, with new services and partnerships within the community. We look forward to delivering the best services possible to our patrons."

The new MCLS app, designed by bfac.com in Canton, features directions to library locations, updated news, and a texting



rebranding itself, starting with a new and updated logo, highlighting its role in bringing knowledge, community and imagination together. There will be changes and new services at the Canton branch, as well as special events throughout the community, September 10-16.

"We are reintroducing the library with three goals in mind: increase access, expand programming to meet patron needs and increase visibility," said Tonja Johnson, MCLS director. "In addition to the rebranding, patrons can look forward to new creative and digital spaces and services in each branch, an updated website and our new mobile app, the first for a library in the state of Mississippi. And, this is just the beginning. We have

feature for the most important messages. The app will also feature a QR code reader for use with digital wallpaper posters equipped with easy to scan QR codes of the most popular adult fiction, teen and children's books. Patrons can go to any of the supporting local businesses and easily download eBooks and audiobooks to a mobile device without even coming to the library. Also, there will be opportunities to get free stuff just for downloading the new app.

September is also library card sign up month. The Canton branch will renew or issue new cards. They are also offering free replacement of lost cards now through the end of September.

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Madison County Nursing Home celebrates fifty years

By Susie A. Wolfe

Fifty years ago, the Madison County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to convert the Kings Daughters Hospital in Canton into a skilled nursing care facility in order to care for the aging population of families who had settled in Madison County. This was the beginning of Madison County Nursing Home (MCNH).

MCNH was located on Highway 51 for thirty-three years; but, due to the continued growth population and the age of the building, a new state-of-the-art complex was completed on East Peace Street in Canton in February 2000, with additional rooms for future growth. The ten-bed/ ten-percent Medicaid rule was used to increase the nursing home capacity to sixty-six beds. Seasons Assisted Living was started next door, as well.

According to Nursing Home Director Daniel Logan, "Being a nonprofit, county-owned facility, our mission is to provide the highest quality care at the lowest cost possible. We are committed to providing a loving, caring environ-

ment that will promote the highest level of physical, social, cognitive and emotional well-being for our



Photo by The Canton News

residents."

The facility also opened Madison County Healthplex. The Healthplex is open to the general public and includes a weight room, swimming pool and hot tub, a variety of exercise equipment and fitness trainer. In addition to the heated indoor pool and hot tub, the Healthplex offers a variety of

water aerobics classes five days per week. All fitness levels are welcome. The classes include cardiovascular exercise, light strength training and toning. No contracts are required. Physical, occupation-



Photo by The Canton News

al and speech therapy are also conducted for the community.

In September 2002, a twenty-bed Alzheimer's/Dementia Unit was added. MCNH offers special activities and has care givers trained in memory care in the secure unit. The current license, as approved by

the Mississippi State Department of Health, is for ninety-five nursing home beds, of which twenty are for a specialized Alzheimer's/Dementia Unit.

The primary nursing home focus until this point was long-term care. In November 2010, Madison County Nursing Home was approved for short term rehab.

In April 2014, a new ten-bed facility was constructed for Seasons Assisted Living. Seasons, staffed twenty-four hours a day, is for seniors in need of assistance with activities of daily living in a more independent environment than a traditional nursing home. Meals are provided, as well as activities, housekeeping and laundry.

In keeping with providing quality care at a low cost, last year, the Board of Trustees approved complimentary cable and TVs in all nursing home residents' rooms, with the exception of the Dementia Unit. Today, the MCNH has one hundred sixty employees and is operating at full capacity with ninety-five residents.

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Mallory Community Health Center offers comprehensive care

By Susie A. Wolfe

Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center (CHC) is a private, non-profit community health center with six locations serving over fifty communities, including Canton. The office, located on Nissan Parkway, utilizes a family practice model of care, including preventive care, routine checkups, immunizations, and management of acute and chronic illnesses that serves approximately 8,000 patients a year.

The mission of Mallory CHC is to provide high quality, customer-oriented and cost-effective healthcare services in a safe and accessible environment to all persons of Holmes, Carroll, Madison and Leflore Counties and surrounding communities.

Health care services are provided by seventy-two health care professionals, including five doctors and four nurse practitioners. Currently, two additional nurse practitioners are in training. In addition, the Health Center has a large staff of community health workers, health educators and behavioral health professionals, offering professional staff critical to providing comprehensive medical, dental, and specialty care; health education and nutritional counseling; and assistance navigating the health care system.

Their staff says their slogan, "Enter A Patient, Leave A Friend," reflects the caring which is intrinsic to their mission.

The clinic's namesake, Dr. Arenia C. Mallory, was a 1930's community activist who brought

Headstart to Mississippi. She worked with the Church of God in

mass index and weight, as well as blood pressure, triglycerides,



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Doctors Romero Midgett, OBGYN, left, and Rozell Chapman, pediatrician and Mallory CHC CEO, are shown at the Canton Clinic on Nissan Parkway.

Christ church in Lexington, forty miles north of Canton. She was a music teacher who once sang for President Truman.

"Every person who seeks care will be welcomed, comforted, and assisted by our collective talents without regard to financial status," said CEO Rozell Chapman, who is also a pediatrician.

"We work to prevent illnesses, to promote wellness, and to compassionately heal all in our care," said Dr. Chapman. For this reason, they seek to help with the obesity problem in the state. They are participating in the Take Control of Your Health (TCYH) program program. Ninety-five people participated, and results include positive impact on body

HDL and LDL, glucose, nutrition knowledge and exercise.

Results of the TCYH program included:

- 52.2% of the participants reduced their BMI by at least 1

or more points.

- 78.5% of the participants reduced their weight by at least 1 or more pounds.
- A total of 479 pounds was lost among the 95 participants.
- The weight loss average is 5 lbs. per person.
- The highest weight loss for one individual was 24 pounds. Dr. Romero K. Midgett, an OBGYN at the clinic, has lost seventy pounds in sixteen months in an effort to be an example for patients. He said he accomplished his weight loss through diet and exercise.

Dr. Midgett is one of a few physicians in the state who offers robotic-assisted vaginal hysterectomy surgery, and the only one in Madison County. He said the procedure is better for patients, because it decreases blood loss, surgery time and recovery time.

The clinic also provides well woman care, treats hypertension and diabetes and provides immunizations. For more information on the clinic and its services, visit www.mallorychc.org or call 601-855-5275.

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EPWA honors four exemplary Canton women

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Empowering Progressive Women's Association (EPWA), Canton and Jackson chapters, honored twelve women as the 2017 honorees at a special luncheon held August 26. Nissan



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Bessie Archie

Director of Community and Public Relations and Canton Chamber VP Pam Confer was one of the speakers.

The Canton honorees are Dr. Linda Dunigan, Jontea' Nuhsor Luckett, Bessie M. Archie, and Evangelist Silbrina Wright; and the Jackson honorees include Judge Staci O'Neal, First Lady Ebony Lumumba, Judge Linda Anderson, Pastor Tonya Ware, Apostolic Lady Wanda Pitts, Jannelle Griffin, Pastor Susan Hairston and Tameka Garrett.

"The 2017 honorees are women that have pioneered and trail blazed our communities," said EPWA founder Kathy Amos. "We are excited to be celebrating our third anniversary in honoring those making a significant contribution and impact."

Dr. Linda J. Dunigan, CEO of Merit Health Madison, was named

a Canton honoree. Dr. Dunigan is a Canton native who is the mother of three and grandmother of five. Her academic accomplishments include Master's and doctorate degrees in health care administration. She has established several businesses in Canton; and, as a healthcare CEO, she says she is dedicated to providing holistic nurturing care to all individuals who cross her path. Dr. Dunigan's motto is "What you do for self will die when you die, but what you do for others will last."

Bessie M. Travis-Archie is a 1974 graduate of Canton High School (CHS). She is president of the CHS PTO, a certified CHS volunteer, and serves on the Parents' Advisory Council and the Program Planning Team, as well as the Canton Public Schools Superintendent's Parent Cabinet and the District Literacy Council.

Travis-Archie is a life-long member of the Cedar Grove M.B. Church, serving as church administrator, assistant Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher, assistant church secretary and Praise Dance Advisor. She is employed as office administrator



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Dr. Linda Dunigan

with the Desmond & Puller Adult Daycare Center in Canton. She was formerly employed as office administrator with Blackmon & Smith Attorneys at Law, Ferr Smith & Associates Attorneys at Law, and Gail Shaw-Barrett, Attorney at Law.

She has edited and typed publications by Dr. William Truly and Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Sr. and does printing, consults and assists clients with the formation of non-profit organizations and ascertaining tax exempt status with the IRS.

Jontea' Nuhsor Luckett is the senior fashion designer and creator of KATIE+ROBERT fashion brand which was launched in 2008. The flagship store is located Canton, her hometown. She attended the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles after obtaining her undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University.

Luckett has worked for established brands such as Ron Herman, Guess? Inc., and Crave. She has also worked with Jackson State University's theatre department as a guest costume designer and loves teaching. She has launched a fashion



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Jontea Luckett

design program for teens.

Silbrina Wright is CEO of the Municipal Asset Development Group. A business administration graduate of Belhaven University, Wright got into real estate after serving as executive director of the Mississippi Conference of Black Mayors.

Wright has also worked as a wealth manager, helping high net worth individuals interested in new kinds of investments to partner together with municipalities to solve community problems. That insight became her new business, which she says now has a lot of deals in the pipeline. She organizes technical and administrative support to help partners and clients identify and capitalize on conditions where environmental improvement aligns with sustainable community development. Her most recent work includes being Arnel Bolden's campaign manager.

Wright was ordained as an evangelist in October, 2016. She serves in ministry under Covenant Ministries International, locally affiliated with St. Peter M.B. Church in Camden. She is the mother of three girls, Alajah, Aikiya and Kennedy.



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R.O.S.S programs promote maintaining good health

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Promoting self-sufficiency is the focus of the Resident Op-

able,” said Angela Carson, program coordinator.

Residents will have an oppor-



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Residents walk to improve mobility. Pictured (l to r) are: Mrs. Patricia Hubb, Mrs. Maureen Doyle and Mrs. Laura Young.

portunity and Self Sufficiency (R.O.S.S.) program at the Canton Housing Authority (CHA). Residents receive training and assistance from resource agencies that may help them in various areas of daily living. Maintaining good health is a part of the program. The month of September will focus on activities that incorporate health. Dr. Shelia Spann of Merit Health Madison will conduct a series of trainings on diabetes education.

According to the Mississippi State Department of Health, in 2015, Mississippi ranked first in the nation for overall diabetes prevalence, with over 333,026 adult Mississippians living with diabetes. Diabetes accounted for 1,091 deaths in Mississippi in 2015. In addition, many more Mississippians live with the complications of Type 2 diabetes, including lower extremity amputations, end stage renal disease, blindness, heart disease and premature death.

“The good news is that diabetes is controllable and prevent-

tunity to learn about diabetes, nutrition, and the role exercise plays in preventing it. Sessions will be held on Thursdays at 11 a.m. at Joe Prichard Homes beginning September 7, and on Fridays at 11 a.m. at Pat Doherty Homes beginning September 8.

In addition to Diabetes Education Classes, Carson said they will focus on the emotional health of residents. She believes that emotional health has an impact on a person’s physical health. Hospice Ministries will begin a caregiver, grief support session on Tuesday, September 12, at 11 a.m. at Joe Prichard Homes. Carson said that, if education and motivation come together, persons will be healthier and more productive.

The R.O.S.S. program has partnered with the Knights of Pillars Nurses Foundation, the MS Tobacco-Free Coalition and others to provide services. Persons interested in partnering are encouraged to call Carson at 601-859-4032.

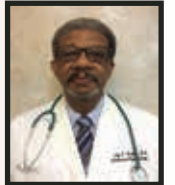


G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center ANNOUNCES NEW MEDICAL PROVIDERS



Takita Murriel, M.D.
Family Medicine

G. A. Carmichael Family Health Center, 1668 Peace Street, Canton, MS proudly announces the new additions to its excellent team of Medical Providers, Dr. Takita Murriel, Family Medicine, the new Medical Director and Dr. William Prater, OB-GYN. G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center is thrilled to have both added to the team supporting its motto, “Put Your Family’s Health in Our Hands.”



Wesley F. Prater, M.D.
OB/GYN

Dr. Murriel’s and Dr. Prater’s friendly personalities, highly qualified experiences, compassion and professionalism are a perfect fit for the communities served in Madison and Yazoo Counties. Dr. Murriel and Dr. Prater possess the dedication in providing a safe healthcare environment that is patient centered and focused on the importance of being proactive about patients’ health which exemplifies the health center’s vision, “Operational Excellence.”

“Patients need to know that they will not only be cared for professionally,” added CEO, Dr. James L. Coleman, Jr., “but also that their physician can relate to them as an individual. Dr. Murriel and Dr. Prater along with our team of Medical Providers are superior models of compassion and empathy as physicians.”



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Simpson to wed Webb in Georgia



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Mary Catherine Simpson and Christopher Wayne Webb will exchange vows on December 16 at the Indigo Falls Events in Dallas, Georgia.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Simpson of Dallas, Georgia, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd William Simpson of Canton, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hudson of Pearl, Mississippi. She is a graduate of Haralson County High School. She attended Southern Union State Community College

and is currently enrolled in the Kennesaw State University Nursing Program.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Webb of Douglasville, Georgia, and Dr. and Mrs. Brian Stell of Villa Rica, Georgia. He is the grandson of Jean Johnson of Pell City, Alabama, and Wayne Fulmer and the late Jeanette Fulmer of Trenton, South Carolina, and Linda Stell and the late Gene Stell of Senoia, Georgia.

Webb is a graduate of South Paulding High School and the University of Georgia. He is currently attending Mercer University College of Pharmacy.

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Jewelry Johnson –Customer Service Manager (Left)

Dexter McElroy- B.Bluff WWTP (Waste Water Treatment Plant) (Right)



Percy Jackson- Meter Reader (Left)
Robert Murphy-Utility Worker Water Department (Right)



Savant and Rich defend people in bad situations

By Susie A. Wolfe

Tommy Savant and Tom Rich have an office similar to Jake

changed to law because he wanted something different. More relationships, he said.



Photo by Susie A. Wolfe

Tommy Savant and Tom Rich became partners almost five years ago. They are experienced criminal defense attorneys who work all around Mississippi.

Brigance's from *A Time to Kill*, just across the Historic Canton Square from their second story office.

They even have similar attitudes to the fictional Canton lawyer in the 1996 movie filmed here.

"Good people get charged with crimes every day," said Tommy Savant. "We are here to help them tell their stories, while protecting their rights. People hire us, because our experience is their best defense.

Specialize in criminal defense including felony charges, misdemeanor charges, drug offenses, DUI defense, violent crimes and expungements. They also handle federal criminal defense, which includes white collar crimes, federal drug and firearm charges, and conspiracy charges. Personal injury and construction litigation are other areas of concentration.

Both attorneys agree that they wanted to work closely with their clients. Rich began college with being an engineer in mind, but

"We listen to our clients," the lawyers said.

Savant said that he feels they have the best job, because they get to deal with different people who have different stories that need retelling. No two days are the same.

He also mentioned that they rarely represent bad people, just people in bad situations.

Savant was born in Jackson, but grew up in Vidalia, Louisiana. He is married to Teri Dyess, a physician at St. Dominic's. They have three children: Jack, 20, a student at Baton Rouge Community College; Harrison, 18, a senior at Germantown High School; and Annie, 16, a junior at German-town.

Rich grew up in Madison, but, like his father, Neal, and his brother, David, have found a business home in Canton. He and his wife, Ashley, a fourth-grade teacher at Madison Ridgeland Academy (MRA), have two sons who attend MRA, Harrison, 5, and Walker, 3.

Canton Music Club aims to foster musical talent



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Canton Music Study Club Officers for the 2017-18 year (l to r) are: Cecil Fox, Jr., treasurer; Cindy Addison, vice president; Kathy Hammack, president; Jennifer Lariviere, recording secretary; and Angela Teasley, parliamentarian. Not pictured: Ann Stubblefield, corresponding secretary.

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The Canton Music Study Club held its initial meeting of the 2017-18 year on Tuesday, September 5, at First United Methodist Church. The club, founded in 1943, promotes a community interest in the appreciation of good music and a closer cooperation among music lovers. Canton Music Study Club is affiliated with the Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs, as well as the National Federation of Music clubs.

The goals of the organization

include finding and fostering young musical talent, aiding and encouraging music education and developing and maintaining high musical standards throughout our community. Monthly meetings are held September through May. The programs include book studies and performances led by club members and guest musicians, as well as recognition of a piano, vocal, choir or band student as Musician of the Month. For membership information, contact club president, Kathy Hammack, at cantonmusic17@gmail.com.

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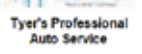
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Sept. 8

Trinity Episcopal School

Sept. 15

at Tri-County Academy

Sept. 22

at Leake Academy

Sept. 29

at Winston Academy

Oct. 6

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BREAKFAST WITH MAYOR



Dr. Vibha Vig established Sunshine Children's Clinic in Canton in 1995. She currently serves on the Canton Chamber of Commerce Main Street Association Board of Directors and as an Ambassador. Her vision is to make Canton the best small town to live in.



Breakfast with Mayor Truly was hosted by Hampton Inn & Holiday Inn Express. He addressed the Chamber members in discussing issues concerning the growth, improvement and beautification of Canton. Thank you Barnett Phillips Lumber for sponsoring breakfast.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



1st row l-r; Michael Crandall, Toya Veals, David Rich. 2nd row; Mary Carol Patrick, Jewelry Johnson, Chan Chandler, Victoria Johnson, Alison Spivey, Dr. Vibha Vig. 3rd row; Yolanda Foster, Tammy Watkins, Ken Morris, Pamela Confer, Timmy Pickett, Graham Wells. Not pictured; Tamika Liddell, Priscilla Lott, Taquana Mack, Jana Padgett.

COME SHOP CANTON



Morning Mixer

September 21st
8:30am-9:30am
Canton Welcome Center

Ambassador Luncheon

September 15th
12:00pm-1:00pm
Location TBD

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McGraw named Canton Library children's specialist



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Lacy McGraw is the Canton library's new children's specialist. From Sandhill, McGraw received her Bachelors of Arts in elementary education with endorsements to teach high school English and social studies. She was previously the director of the Canton First Presbyterian Day School.



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