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Burnside receives award from Goodwill Industry

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Goodwill Industries International has recognized Canton resident Margo Burnside with its 2018 Volunteer Mission Leader of the Year Award. As the president of the Goodwill Industries® Volunteer Services (GIVS) board at Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, Burnside leads the 35-member volunteer board, which has long been the Ridgeland, Mississippi-based Goodwill's volunteer arm, affecting every employee and aspect of the organization.

Burnside drives board initiatives including the Goodwill Art Show for Disabled Artists, a membership drive and party, and the Salute Dinner, which is considered one of the top community charity events in Jackson. The 2017 Salute Dinner, which Burnside chaired, set all-time records for attendance



Pictured (l to r) are: Margo and Shelby Burnside

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and contributions of \$101,000, up twenty percent over the previous year. As the chair, Burnside was

responsible for contacting volunteer honorees, preparing the agenda and mailing list, coordinating

decorations and honorees' gifts, and more.

"It was my honor to have such a large involvement in a tradition in the Goodwill Mississippi organization and in the City of Jackson," Burnside said. "I began my volunteer career at the 2012 Salute Dinner helping with seating, and I am thrilled that the organization now trusts me to lead our only fundraiser of the year."

Burnside and the GIVS board also provide programs and events that specifically serve Goodwill Mississippi employees. GIVS plans birthday parties for every employee, and it sets up devotionals for employees, many of whom have disabilities or are without consistent transportation and would otherwise not be able to attend worship services. GIVS also hosts Thanksgiving and Christmas din-

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Local resident appointed to MS Office of State

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Gov. Phil Bryant recently announced that he has appointed Harry Lee James, of Canton, as state aid engineer in the Mississippi Office of State Aid Road Construction.



James replaces Carey Webb, who has worked in various capacities at the Office of State Aid Road Construction for twenty-nine years. Webb has been state aid engineer since 2012.

"Carey Webb has faithfully

served the people of Mississippi at the Office of State Aid Road Construction for almost thirty years, and I wish him well upon his retirement," Gov. Bryant said.

James first went to work at the Mississippi Department of Transportation in 1982, as an engineer in the agency's Bridge Division, a role he served in until 1999. He served as MDOT's state bridge engineer until 2003. From 2003-2008, he was deputy director and chief engineer in MDOT's Office of Highways. He joined the private sector in 2009, as executive director of the Mississippi Concrete Industries Association. Since 2016, James has served as a consultant to the Office of State Aid Road Construction.

"Harry Lee James' decades of experience planning, designing and maintaining Mississippi roads and bridges make him the perfect fit to lead the Office of State Aid Construction," Gov. Bryant said. "I am pleased he has accepted this appointment."

James earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Mississippi State University in 1976. He is a registered professional engineer and registered professional land surveyor.

"I am honored to serve as state aid engineer and appreciate the governor's confidence in appointing me to this position," James said. "I look forward to serving Mississippi and working with the men and wom-

en of the Office of State Aid Road Construction as we keep Mississippi moving forward."

James is a 2003 graduate of Indiana University's National Transportation Leadership Institute. In 2004, he was recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of Mississippi State's Bagley College of Engineering. He was the Mississippi Engineering Society's Engineer of the Year in 2005.

A seventh-generation resident of Madison County, James is a lifetime member of First Presbyterian Church in Canton, where he has served as an elder since 2014. He and his wife, Cynthia, have been married twenty-nine years. They have two grown daughters.

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Canton Music Study Club to hold initial meeting

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The Canton Music Study Club will hold its initial meeting of the 2018-19 year on Tuesday, September 4, at First United Methodist Church, Canton, at 7 p.m. The club, founded in 1943, promotes a community interest in the appreciation of good music and a closer cooperation among music lovers. The 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 the community. 2018-19 officers are



Kathy Hammack, president; Cindy Addison, vice president; Jennifer Lariviere, recording secretary; Ann Stubblefield, corresponding secretary; Cecil Fox, Jr., Treasurer; Ann McKay, public relations; Charlyne Jones, program chairman; and Angela Teasley, parliamentarian. Monthly meetings are held September through May on the first Tuesday evening of the month. The programs for the year include a book study, performances by club members and guest musicians, a community carol sing-a-long, and the recognition of piano, vocal, choir, and band students as Musicians of the Month. For membership information, contact club president, Kathy Hammack, at canton-music17@gmail.com.

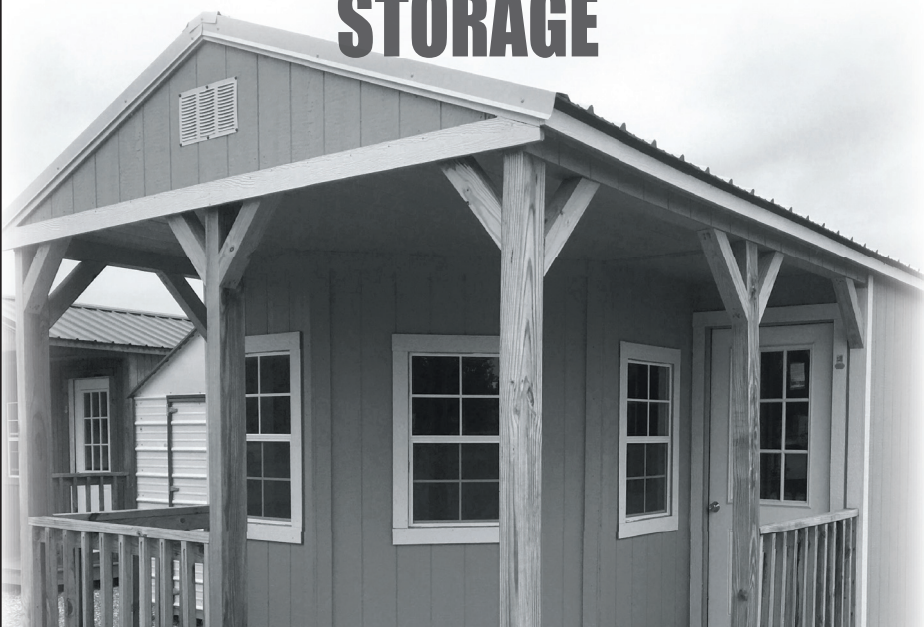
CA takes a trip to NOLA



Photo by The Canton News

Recently, Canton Academy administrative staff spent three days in New Orleans learning all about new software the school is implementing this year to keep up with all student records. School officials say it will be a major change but will be a huge benefit to the school. Pictured (l to r) are those who attended the RenWeb conference: Michele Carter, Jeffrey Broome, Lori Craft, Jenny Wadford, Shea Hale, and Sarah Willis.

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Know Your Neighbor: Toxey Hall III

By Guest Columnist Jim Ritchie



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Fictional story books herald the kid who starts his association with a company by sweeping floors or delivering messages and rising to the top of the company. "Nice story," you might say, "but it probably doesn't happen in real life." Yeah, it does.

At age eight, Toxey Hall III sold popcorn in front of the TWL store in Canton. When Thomas-Walker-Lacey, Inc., which operated forty-two variety stores in Mississippi and Alabama small towns, closed down in the year 2000, Hall had ascended through the ranks to become president of the company.

Toxey graduated from Canton public schools, where he met Miss Karon Louise Brown; attended Ole Miss, where he earned a degree in business administration, and received a

commission in the U.S. Army through the Ole Miss ROTC program. Shortly after his graduation from college, Toxey and Karon married, and their life together began in a very unusual fashion. Soon after the wedding, Lt. Hall was shipped off to Korea for thirteen months, during which time he was unable to see his new bride and could only talk to her once by phone. In spite of this trying beginning, the solidarity of the union is evidenced by the celebration this year of their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Toxey began playing tennis at age 38, and, sandwiched between trips he and Karon made to locations all over the world, they have attended tennis matches at both the French Open and Wimbledon.

While he has accomplished much in his business and civic affairs, true to his benevolent nature, he says one of his greatest sources of satisfaction has been to function as Chairman of the Board at French Camp Academy. French Camp, with a sev-

en million dollar budget and a thirty-five million dollar endowment, has served and continues to serve as a Christ-centered home and school existing to serve young people and families for the glory of God. He continues to serve on their board.

Because of health issues, Toxey and Karon don't travel as much as they used to, but the activities of their two granddaughters, Karon's gardening and Toxey's other business interests ensure their full-time attention. He's busy enough that another popcorn stand is probably not in his future.

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 local citizens 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.

Gospel celebration to be held Aug. 26

By Guest Columnist Cynthia Goodloe Palmer

The 15th Annual Scholarship Awards & Gospel Music Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 26 at 5 p. m. at the Mt. Zion M. B. Church, 514 W. North St., Canton.



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The celebration is sponsored by the Canton Gospel Music Association (CGMA). Lifetime Achievement Music Awards will be presented to Weldon "Sweet Pea" Bod-

die, The Otto Sisters (Myrtle Otto & Bernadette Russell), and Ed Hightower.

The highlight of the celebration is the awarding of thirteen music scholarships to up and coming musicians. two music scholarships have already been awarded to seniors Inesha Jackson (Canton High School) and Malcolm Walker (Velma Jackson High School). To date, the CGMA has awarded 129 scholarships totaling \$25,400.00. Special musical guests will include The Four Washington's among others. Pastor John Woodard, Jr. serves as musical director.

"It is fitting that Canton with its rich heritage, deep spiritual

roots and strong church affiliations hosts an event to honor one of music's finest genres," says Goodloe Palmer, Founder and President of the CGMA.

To purchase ads, tickets or to become a sponsor, contact Cynthia Goodloe Palmer 601-918-7809, Jearlean Jones 601-668-6583 or Erma Cole 601-859-5002. Interested individuals may also contact cantongospelmusic@gmail.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Cynthia Goodloe Palmer serves as the Founder and President of the Canton Gospel Music Association.

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Economic development may cause road closures

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The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) has announced updates to safety and preservation projects in Central Mississippi, said Commissioner Dick Hall, Central Transportation District, and chair, Mississippi Transportation Commission.

MDOT continues work on the Colony Park Boulevard Connector Project from Sunnysbrook Road to McClellan Drive in Ridgeland. This is phase two of the I-55 Split Diamond Project and will reduce congestion and improve safety throughout the area. In addition to improving safety, this vital connector will foster economic growth and development in Madison County. Eutaw Construction Company



Inc. was awarded the approximately \$10.4 million contract and started work in September 2017. MDOT anticipates the project will be complete in late fall 2018.

During the life of the project, lane closures on U.S. Highway 51 will be permitted Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., excluding major holidays.

The traveling public will be given advanced notice of any lane closures due to construction. No work is permitted on Sunday for this project.

"This portion of Madison County is one of the fastest growing areas in the Jackson Metro," Hall said. "This project will provide new businesses wishing to locate in this area direct access to Highway 51 and Interstate 55."

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Burnside receives award from Goodwill Industry

ners.

"One of our employees told a GIVS board member that at the birthday party they planned for him, it was the first time that he ever saw his name on a birthday cake," said David Hollingsworth, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Mississippi. "Testimonials like this are exactly why we exist — to serve people, all people. GIVS is the heart and soul of our Goodwill mission, and Margo's leadership and personal commitment continues to make a difference to our

community and our employees."

Burnside has a 40-year background working in information technology industry at All State and Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance.

Goodwill Industries International's Volunteer Mission Leader of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding volunteer leader who works to support the programs of a member Goodwill organization and helps further the mission of Goodwill Industries through his/her volunteer activities.



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Sept. 3	at Velma Jackson
Sept. 10	at Yazoo City
Sept. 17	Yazoo County
Sept. 24	Holmes
Oct. 1	Velma Jackson
Oct. 8	Yazoo City
Oct. 15	Big Black Conf. Championship

Varsity

Games start at 7:00 p.m.

Aug. 11	at MSU (Meridian Jam.)	Sept. 28	Holmes County Central
Aug. 17	Hazelhurst	Oct. 5	at Neshoba Cental
Aug. 24	at Velma Jackson	Oct. 12	Callaway
Aug. 31	at Jim Hill	Oct. 19	at Vicksburg
Sept. 7	Leake Central	Oct. 26	Germantown
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Grocery store re-opens under new management

By Jo Anderson

Canton's Sav-A-Lot grocery store has undergone a complete renovation under a new owner, Mr. Dan Myers. Myers has been in the grocery business for over thirty years,

where he has worked for Tropicana and General Foods. He grew up working in his family's

grocery store, all leading up to him becoming a Sav-A-Lot independent retailer in 2004.

The renovation work that was done gives the store a completely refreshed look, and Myers believes the community will appreciate the cost and effort of the renovation work when they see and experience a

clean, bright store.

Customers can expect the same experience that Sav-A-Lot customers across the area receive: fresh produce, quality meats and a selection of brands that they love all at discounted prices.

The store is opening with management from other area Sav-A-Lot stores, and they have hired five full-

time employees and fifteen part-time employees. The store will offer quality USDA choice meats, USDA inspected pork and Grade A poultry, cut and prepared daily in the store. The store will have an official grand opening on August 16, and the store hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Cases of West Nile Virus

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The Mississippi State Department of Health recently reported its second human case of West Nile virus in 2018. The reported case is in Pearl River County. So far this year, cases have been reported in Hinds and Pearl River counties. In 2017, Mississippi had 63 West Nile virus cases, resulting in two deaths.

"We are now in the peak West Nile season months in Mississippi of July through September. It's important to remember to protect yourself any time there is an opportunity for exposure to mosquitoes," said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers. "While most infected people recover without any long-term problems, some develop a more severe infection that can lead to complications and even death — especially in those over fifty years of age."

Symptoms of the West Nile virus infection are often mild, and may include fever, head-

ache, nausea, vomiting, a rash, muscle weakness or swollen lymph nodes. In a small number of cases, infection can result in encephalitis or meningitis, which can lead to paralysis, coma and possibly death.

The MSDH suggests the following precautions to protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne illnesses:

- Use a mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient such as DEET while you are outdoors.
- Remove all sources of standing water around your home and yard to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Wear loose, light-colored, long clothing to cover the arms and legs when outdoors.
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For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, visit the MSDH website at HealthyMS.com/westnile.

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Madison County's Mustangs play in State Tournament



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The Madison County Mustangs 12U AA team recently made it to the semifinals of the State USSSA Tournament in Tupelo. These boys attend Canton Academy, MRA, St. Anthony, and Germantown Middle School. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Charles Simpson, McLendon Herrington, Daniel Spivey, Josh Taylor, and Brady Biggers; and back row: Head Coach Steve Martens, Bradley Watson, John Gibson Eatherly, Pate Gibbs, Coach Brian Watson, Shane Sanderson, Stone Myrick, Cooper Lampkin and Coach Barry Biggers.

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Pictured Board members left to right: David Rich, Tamika Liddell, Tanny Crawford, Pamela Confer, Jeff Ross, Toya Veals (executive director) and Debra Gallaway.

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Mississippi joins “Operation Donate with Honor”

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The Mississippi Attorney General’s Office and Secretary of State’s Office join the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and law enforcement officials and charity regulators from every state, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, and Puerto Rico in announcing “Operation Donate with Honor,” an education campaign alerting donors to fundraising solicitations falsely promising donations to veterans and service members.

The effort is also supported by the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board and Mississippi National Guard.

“Giving back to our veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedom is a worthy cause, but, unfortunately, it has also become a common way to scam people out of money and veterans out of resources,” Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood said.

Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann agreed.

“Mississippians are the most generous people in the Nation, always answering the call when it

comes to our veterans and service members,” he said. “Operation Donate with Honor continues our Office’s position to ensure funds donated are received by those who need it the most.”

Operation Donate with Honor was developed by the FTC and the National Association of State Charity Officials (NASCO), the association of state offices charged with oversight of charitable organizations and charitable solicitations in the United States. The initiative pairs enforcement actions with an education campaign to help consumers recognize charitable solicitation fraud and identify legitimate charities. This includes a social media campaign and a public service announcement video that highlights tips on how to research the legitimacy of charities so consumers can give wisely to veterans organizations.

Veterans fundraising fraud schemes target potential donors online, via telemarketing, direct mail, door-to-door contacts, and at retail stores, falsely promising to help homeless and disabled veterans, to provide veterans with employment coun-

seling, mental health counseling or other assistance, and to send care packages to deployed service members. Many schemes solicit nationwide.

Stacey Pickering, Executive Director of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board, and Lt. Col. Christian Patterson, Director of Public Affairs for the Mississippi Military Department, echoed the importance of this educational initiative.

“On behalf of Mississippi’s over 200,000 veterans, I want to thank Attorney General Hood and Secretary Hosemann for their leadership and protection of our Veterans and their benefits,” Auditor Pickering said. “Our Veterans have stood in the gap to protect our nation; it is only right that we stand in the gap to show them our appreciation and eternal thanks.”

“All efforts to prevent our Mississippi National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and family members from being targets of fraud are greatly appreciated,” Lt. Col. Patterson said. “The ‘Operation Donate With Honor’ partnership will be a strong tool for consumers as they

continue to support our force into the future.”

Tips to remember when donating to a charity include:

- Ask for the charity’s name, website, and physical location;
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- Check the Secretary of State’s website to see whether the charity is registered in Mississippi: <http://charities.sos.ms.gov/online/portal/ch/page/charities-search/Portal.aspx>;
- Search the charity’s name online with the word “scam” or “complaint.” See what other people say about it;
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Canton Young Filmmakers Workshop breeds talent

By Guest Columnist Joy Foy



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Since 1995, Hollywood has been using Canton as a “movie set,” when they first chose our quaint little town as the back-drop for John Grisham’s *A Time To Kill*. After many major movies and numerous small budget films, the interest in

film is still a positive economic factor in Canton. Having movie stars such as Sandra Bullock and George Clooney on set in Canton is rather awesome, however, Canton has been growing local movie talent. For the past sixteen years, students ranging in age from 8-18 have come to Canton to spend a week honing their artistic talents at the Allison’s Wells School of Arts and Crafts’ Canton Young Filmmakers Workshop. The 2018 workshop began on July 9 with twenty students, and the following week of classes hosted an additional group of twenty older students. The Young Filmmakers Workshop is in partnership with the Mississippi Film Office. Talented instructors from the professional world of filmmaking are hired by the Canton Tourism Office to lead these two weeks.

The students’ day begins at 9 a.m. and includes classroom training, equipment familiarization, and hands on opportunities. The students are separated into

smaller groups of five to enable them to experience all aspects of filmmaking from acting, directing, set dressing, wardrobe/costuming, and finally, editing! Each group gets to write and produce their very own movie. For the last several years, Sacred Heart Catholic Church’s Parish Center has served as a “movie set” for the students,

as well as many of our local restaurants, retail shops, movie museums, local homes and even the barber shop. Each week of intensive filmmaking

concludes with a premier showing of the mini films/movies on the following Saturday morning. The premier is showcased at the Canton Welcome Center and usually attracts 65 to 75 parents, grandparents, and friends.

Some of the titles of the movies composed this year include *Canton Man*, *Super Zeros*, *The Room*, and *The Outcast Party*. As the titles convey, the students have very creative minds.

On average, campers return four to five times according to Jana Dear, Director for Canton Tourism; however, there are some who are extremely passionate about filmmaking and continue to attend the Young

Filmmakers Workshop until they graduate from high school. Sarah Kate Pollard is an alumnus of the 2015 Workshop. She attended this film camp every summer from age ten to age eighteen. She is currently a sophomore at Marymount Manhattan, a liberal arts college in New York City, where she is pursuing a degree

in Film and Communication. In a recent phone interview, she shared with me, “... the thing that meant the most to me about attending the Canton workshop was the quality of instructors.”

While there is no official tracking of the workshop students, some have kept in contact with the tourism office, and we know that many are currently working in the film business either in Hollywood or New York, or are in school with Sarah Kate at Marymount.

The filmmaking camp experience was improved this year when the Canton Public Library partnered with the Canton Tourism office to purchase Mac computers, film software, and other helpful equipment. Tonja D. Johnson, library director, and

Jana Dear both agree that this is a win-win for both the goals of the library and the Filmmakers Camp. It introduces more people to the library and offers advanced training to the young filmmakers. The new equipment at the library will be available for the campers to continue creating and documenting their stories throughout the year.

Back in 2002, the first year of the Canton Young Filmmakers Workshop produced twenty graduates. The interest has grown so much over the years that there is now a waiting list due to a lack of space to accommodate the students. With the amazing talent and energy that was evident in the 2018 class of Filmmakers, the very students that got their start in the offices of Tourism and at the library of our fair town, may one day be recognized at the Oscar Awards. The expertise and collaboration offered by the Canton Young Filmmakers Workshop makes it easy to envision them standing alongside the likes of producer Joel Schumacher and actor Samuel L. Jackson, who also have personal stories about their time in Canton. Way to go, Canton!

EDITOR’S NOTE: Joy Foy is married to James Foy and has recently retired from the Mississippi Development Authority where she was the Director of Asset Development.



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Native fulfills his dreams

By Jo Anderson

Many young boys have aspirations of playing college sports. There are few that see the reality come true. But there is one exception to this rule: Damien Lewis of Canton. Lewis had dreams as a young boy of growing up and playing football. As a youngster, he would play in the city flag football league, where he learned the game and developed his love for the sport. He would recruit his younger brothers to play football in the yard with him, thus developing a relationship with his siblings of trust and respect.

During his fourth grade year of school, Lewis began attending the after school program at In His Steps Ministries. He says he received tutoring and support needed to guide him thru school. Rev. Jasper Bacon noticed that as Lewis matured and grew that Lewis was very focused.

"He was determined to reach his greatest potential," said Rev. Bacon.

During his tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade years at Canton High School, Lewis would start as an offensive guard/tackle for the school's football team. He would begin to be noticed by college coaches during his senior year of high school. Standing over 6' tall and weighing in the upper 200 pound mark, his size and abilities began to attract college coaches.

During Lewis' senior year at Canton High School, he would decide to continue his football career at Northwest Community College. This was a huge accomplishment for Lewis as he had always dreamed of using football to springboard him to the next level of school and sports. He would play on the offensive line for Coach Jim Jones at NWCC. He started for two years,

during the 2016 and 2017 football seasons.

Once Lewis had completed his sophomore year of football at Northwest Community College, senior level colleges began to take notice. Schools such as Ole Miss, USM, University of Texas, Troy, Kent State, University of Colorado and others took interest. After much consideration and prayer, Lewis signed to play with the LSU Tigers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. During a recent conversation with Lewis, he stated that "Rev. Bacon" and "In His Steps Ministries" had a major influence in his life. He would learn to become accountable while working summer jobs and after school jobs at the non-profit. He became a "Hero" to the younger kids, especially his younger brothers. Lewis says he is very thankful to Rev. Bacon and the nonprofit group for investing and believing in him. He states "that without the ministry program and guidance from Rev. Bacon and the staff that he would say he not be where he is today." He is very thankful to God and this ministry program for his success on and off of the football field.

This fall, you can find Lewis wearing a purple and gold football jersey down in "Death Valley," playing for Louisiana State University. He will be living his dream, and thanking the folks at In His Steps Ministries for their guidance, love and willingness to show their faith to a young man from Canton, Mississippi.

Lewis prays that others will be inspired by his success and will make their own mark by following their dreams.

Lewis can be seen this fall wearing number 68 for the Tigers. He is listed at 6'3", 326 pounds. Look for him at the offensive guard position for the Tigers.

CA learns new, fun skills



Photo by The Canton News

Canton Academy upper school math teachers Lou Ann Durfey and Alison Martin traveled to Scottsdale, Arizona for the Long + Live + Math Carnegie Learning conference. They spent three days learning new and fun ways to engage students in math along with real world application.

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Lets all try to start this new school year off right!

By Guest Columnist Pastor Guy Odom,
First Baptist Canton



Special to The Canton News

Unreal! School starts back this month. Thousands of students will go back to school, so what this means is families are shopping for school supplies as well as other items for the upcoming year. So much planning will be going on for classes, lunches, athletics, band, cheerleading and so forth. But, what about prayer? Yes, I know families will gather around

their children or students to pray for a number of things, but what about corporate prayer as a whole? I know for Canton Academy, on August 8, 2018, at 5 p.m. in the high school foyer, there will be a very special and important prayer time for Students, parents, teachers, coaches, administrators, and anyone else who would like it. Logan Ellzey and myself, along with several other ministers, will be leading this time. With everything that has gone on and continues to go on the school campus these days, Further, we must bathe our campuses with prayer. Not just to have a safe environment, but for the Spirit of God to move on our campuses because of the Gospel

of Jesus Christ. I certainly look forward to this because for one thing, my youngest son will be in his senior year! Yikes, but it's all good! I want to personally invite all parents and students who will be attending Canton Academy in the 2018-2019 school year to attend the prayer time at 5 p.m. Yes, meet the teachers and Meet the Panthers will go on afterwards, but let's all gather together for this special time of spiritual dedication. I know there will be parents who read this whose student attends another school, so I want to ask other schools to consider this as I know some do. It is one of the most important things a school can participate in.

God Bless!
- 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.

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