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McCarty returns to Canton as tourism director

By Courtney Warren

With a smile on her face and a heart to help others, May Vaughn McCarty has returned to Canton as the new Canton Tourism Executive Director.

McCarty is a graduate from the University of Mississippi, and, after graduate school at the University of Southern Mississippi, she earned a master's in public relations and communications. It was then that McCarty started to realize what she'd like to do with her future.

"I did not get involved in tourism until we moved to Greenwood in 2014. After we moved there, I was eventually hired as the marketing manager for The Alluvian Hotel and hospitality group, including the hotel, The Alluvian Spa, the yoga studio (Studio A Yoga), the Viking Cooking School, and Giardina's restaurant. In addition to managing the marketing and advertising efforts, I also man-

aged various special and seasonal events for each of the entities within the hotel group," she said.

While working there until 2017, McCarty served on the Greenwood Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, which was her first experience in the tourism industry.

It was through her role at the hotel that she also became heavily involved as a volunteer at the local Chamber of Commerce, a valuable community partner with both the hospitality and tourism industries. She eventually went to work for the Greenwood-Leflore County Chamber of Commerce and the Greenwood-Leflore-Carroll Economic Development Foundation (a dual role) as their Membership and Special Projects Coordinator.

McCarty's love for event planning has local roots and began with Cantonian Susie Morgan.

"My passion for event plan-



Photo by Courtney Warren

ning came at an early age, when I would help local event planner extraordinaire, Susie Morgan, with some of her weddings when I was still in junior high and high school growing up in Canton. She would create these magical events for the happiest day of someone's

life, and I would be in awe and so happy to be a small part of it.

"Growing up, I also had the best examples of how to be a good hostess through all the women in my family, particularly my grandmother. I really didn't grow up

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Pinkston named CPSD Teacher of the Year

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The 2021-2022 District Teacher of the Year for the Canton Public School District is Ms. Felicia Pinkston. Superintendent Gary Hannah and the CPSD Board of Trustees honored Ms. Pinkston for her outstanding, loyal service and dedication to helping ensure scholars succeed.

Felicia Pinkston also serves as Nichols Middle School 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year.

Pinkston is the eighth grade science teacher at Nichols Middle School. She has been teaching in Canton Public Schools for ten years.

Pinkston holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Jackson State University and a mas-



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ter's degree in special education also from Jackson State University. Pinkston is professionally certified in Elementary K-6, Reading K-12, General Science 7-12, and Mild/Moderate disabilities K-12.

According to her school district, "Pinkston is a dedicated, resourceful, and goal-driven professional educator with a solid commitment to the social and academic growth and development of every child. She has a strong passion to educate young minds and help them blossom into well-rounded, responsible, and successful individuals."

Pinkston's philosophy of education is that "all children, no matter their level, want to learn and are capable of setting and reaching their

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CHS students prepare for future



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cruiters explained all of the perks of their various junior colleges and universities in an effort to find the perfect fit for these Ti-



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Wilkes inspiring through academics

By Inesha Jackson

Kayla Wilkes, a Canton native, is hoping to inspire others through her scholastic achievements. Wilkes is the former valedictorian of the Canton High School class of 2018 and is a recent Summa Cum Laude graduate of Jackson State University (JSU). The scholar led the College of Science, Engineering, and Technology as one of their student marshals with a 4.0 grade point average. On Friday, December 10, Wilkes received her Bachelor of Science degree in computer science.

"The reason why I chose Jackson State University is actually kind of funny. During my senior year, I had my sights set on other colleges and applied for full scholarships at those institutions. While I was waiting, my counselors, Mrs. Dillard and Ms. Simmons, called me in the office and convinced me to sign the papers to apply for a full-ride scholarship to Jackson State University... I did not receive the scholarships at the other schools, but I did receive a full ride to Jackson State. That ended up being one of the best decisions of my life, and I definitely owe my counselors a thank you," Wilkes said.

During her time at JSU, Wilkes was very active in many honor societies and mentorship programs on campus. She served as vice president for the Association for Computing Machinery, the historian for the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, a

career exploration officer for Jackson State's Career Service Center, and a mentor for Honors College Peer-Peer Mentor Program. She was also an active member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics Honor Society), the National Society of Black Engineers, Mobile Device Forensics Research Group, and JSU's Honor College.

"While at Jackson State, I joined the Mobile Device Forensics Research Group, where I was able to present a poster presentation at the Women's Rise Conference in 2019. This poster ended up being peer reviewed and published in the *Journal of Higher Education*, meaning that I became a published academic author during my undergraduate years," Wilkes said.

Though Wilkes' final semester of her undergraduate years at JSU started out rough, she found a way to overcome any adversities.

"During this semester, I lost my grandmother, who was my biggest supporter. She was extremely excited about me graduating from college, and her legacy is what encouraged me to continue when I felt like quitting," Wilkes said. Her favorite quote to live by is from Roy T. Bennett, "Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of



Kayla Wilkes

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more than you imagine."

Wilkes will soon be starting her career with Blue Cross Blue Shield as a technology support specialist, and, in the next two to four years, she plans to advance into cybersecurity/information security.

"I want kids in the community to know that the sky is the limit, no matter where you are from or what your background is. They can achieve and excel in whatever anybody else that comes from a different place can do. Follow your dreams, aim high, and put in the work! Also, don't be afraid to fail. You miss 100 percent of the shots that you don't take," Wilkes said.

Canton City applies for BRIC grant

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Alderman Lafayette Wales, along with the Canton Board of Aldermen, recently submitted an application for a Department of Homeland Security Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant.



According to a press release from the City, the City of Canton submitted this grant to seriously commence with its plaguing flooding problem, which the City has been faced with for decades. The City of Canton is located within the Black Water System, and therefore surrounded by many tributaries of the Big Black River, Bear Creek, and Batchelor Creek. The City of Canton

is also situated in the middle of four waterways: Tilda Bogue-Bear Creek, Tilda Bogue, Little Bear Creek-Bear Creek System, and Upper Bear Creek.

Due to these waterways, and recent developments in the unincorporated areas of Madison County, excessive flooding can easily occur in Canton with only one to two inches of rain, causing repetitive damage to homes and property in the city and threats to safety. In identifying the problem areas within the city and the causes of the flooding, the City was excited when the opportunity came up to apply for the BRIC Grant. The City anticipates that this would be a project that the government would seriously consider funding, as government officials are serious about helping constituents get relief from decades of flooding within the city.

The City feels that it is in a distinct

and notable position to receive funding under the BRIC grant, as this grant requires a financial contribution from the City; and the City recently issued a bond in the amount of two million dollars, which will serve as the City's local share.

City officials say they look forward to working with their local delegation, state government, and federal government to do all they can to advocate for the BRIC grant to begin to provide some relief for citizens. This administration views this decades-long flooding problem as critical and places it as a priority on its administrative agenda.

The City is requesting \$2.6 million dollars through its BRIC grant application to begin with the Martin Luther King South area, including Tyler Street to North Railroad Street, that has been identified as a high-priority flooding area.

CHS teachers continue to learn CHS Tigers dive into history



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By Courtney Warren

Teachers are constantly learning, even though they are the ones leading the classrooms, and the teachers of Canton High School (CHS) are no different. Recently, CHS teachers participated in dyslexia awareness training from the Mississippi Department of Education, presented by Laurie Weatherby and Jayda

Brantley. Teachers learned about dyslexia and teaching strategies for this, as well as for other related disorders. Focusing on cognitive behaviors that may be observed in the classroom, the hope was that teachers left the training better equipped to reach and teach all students and continue inspiring all of their scholars.



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The Canton High School (CHS) juniors recently took a History Department learning classroom field trip tour of the World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. Students said they have a better understanding and appreciation for the sacrifices the country's troops made to help preserve citizens' freedoms and democracy.

Christmas Parade

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“Boo the Beast” is locked and loaded after win

By Courtney Warren

While most five-year-olds are learning how to ride a bike without training wheels, Henley “Boo” Greer recently won at the Grands National, which, in BMX, is the equivalent to a Super Bowl.

All year, racers compete in local and national races to gain points. At the end of the year, it all comes down to Grands.

According to Boo’s mom, Elizabeth Greer, “NAG means ‘national age group’ and NAT means ‘national.’ Boo’s NAG is five and under girls, and NAT is all the girls in the country, no matter the age. She is NAG 1 and NAT 29. She went into Grands sitting at NAG 2 and NAT 67. In order for her to pull out NAG 1, she had to win it all.”

The three levels of racing include novice, intermediate and expert.

When a racer gains ten wins as a novice, they are able to advance to intermediate or expert.

Boo jumped straight to expert to only race girls and join the “girls club.”

“It’s harder competition, but you no longer have to race boys. In her first girl expert race, she placed third. We weren’t even expecting a podium finish. Since then, she has had seven first place national wins and twelve other podium finishes. She is #1 in the Southeast region, #1 in the state, NAG 1 and NAT

29,” said Greer.

“It’s a huge accomplishment for MagRidge to have a NAG 1 rider and NAT rider. And, as crazy as it sounds, riding her NAT29 plate means more than the NAG1, because it’s a national ranking with all girls in the country,” she added.

Boo sees the world as one giant adventure and can always be found with a smile on her face. She’s excited, determined and encouraging to those around her.

Boo’s love for the sport began as she watched a family friend’s son race at MagRidge. “He asked if he could take Boo out on the track with a balance bike; and, when he did, she never got off. She had turned three two weeks before, and she was hooked. At three-and-a-half, she started racing a pedal bike. Once she got on

pedals, there was no stopping her. She wanted to be called ‘Boo the Beast,’ and now she is making a name for herself,” said Greer.

Being an only child means her parents get to worry about her from the sidelines with all of their energy.

Greer said, “I get super nervous right before a big race. You have to race three rounds. If you come in first in the first round, you transfer straight to mains and skip the second round. I always get a sick stomach



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when we are in staging. It’s not the dangerous part, it’s just I want her to do so well.”

The family has a special tradition before the races to calm those nerves.

“We stop in staging and pray: ‘race fast, pedal fast, and finish fast and let the angels ride with you and

protect you,’ - then we ‘activate beast mode.’ After that, she’s hyped and ready. So am I,” said Greer.

Racing is not without wrecks, and Boo has had a few - one that even led to her being knocked out on the track.

“She’s one of the toughest little people I know, and she hops up and keeps going. She has never let a wreck keep her down or affect her riding, and I am so grateful for that. Her daddy gets nervous when we are up there and is ready for her to make the turn so he can yell for her,” said Greer.

Boo won’t be limited by a race-track and has big plans for her future.

“She wants to go to the Olympics, and I think that’s the best dream for a five-year-old to have. I know she can do it if she keeps at it. She said she wants to hear Boo the Beast on the TV one day, and she got to hear that last week. Her daddy and I will do everything we can to help her achieve her goals, because we believe that she can.”

“She wants more people to know about our track and is constantly asking her friends to come. So, if you want to try it out or see Boo the Beast race, she will be at MagRidge in Ridgeland,” said Greer.

With “Beast Mode” activated and a grin on her face, Boo is ready for everyone to eat her dust.

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McCarty

knowing I would be a marketing person one day or with dreams of being in the tourism industry. But I knew, no matter what I ended up doing, it had to be where I could be around lots of different people in a super social atmosphere, which you definitely get being in tourism and event planning,” she said.

The Christmas season is just another area where McCarty shines, and to begin as director shortly before the holidays was a dream for her.

“I love anything where I get to be creative and anything that has to do with planning and organizing, hosting, food, decorating and design, music, and, of course, Christmas. I’m a huge Christmas nut. I planned my own wedding in December, which, of course, I asked Susie Morgan to help with. It was magical and exceeded all my expectations.

“It sounds cliché, but it really was a day I’ll never forget, thanks to her. No matter what I’m planning, I just want to give people that same experience. Whether it’s

my son’s birthday party, a friend’s baby shower, family gatherings, or the Canton Christmas festival... I want them to enjoy every minute and remember how they felt because of it. That’s how I want people to feel about their time in Canton,” she said.

Canton is home for McCarty, and she’s thrilled to bring that magic to citizens. She was born and raised here, went to school here, and even married Tripp McCarty, another Cantonian and now the headmaster of Canton Academy. The two of them have a silly, giggly son named Stock.

“It’s home. I’ve been gone a long time, almost eighteen years. I’ve lived in a lot of different towns and traveled a ton while I could. There really is no place like home. And now I get to not only work in my hometown but for my hometown. What could be more motivating,” she said.

With events such as the Flea Market, the Christmas Festival and parade, as well as the movies that were filmed here when she was growing up, McCarty is driven to

keep Canton shining bright.

“It’s the coolest feeling that I now get to be a part of that and call it work. Canton is already on the map, thanks to the phenomenal past leadership of Jana and JoAnn Gordon. It’s my job to keep it there. I know I have big shoes to fill,” she said.

With those big shoes to fill, McCarty said she is incredibly grateful for the team she has alongside her.

“I’m so eager to learn more. Fortunately, I have the absolute best teacher beside me in JoAnn. What an unbelievable gift to have her experience and knowledge at my fingertips,” she said.

“I can honestly say, the thought of coming on board with less than three weeks before the festival was daunting. I was a bit of a deer in headlights coming to work that first day. But truthfully, after day one on the job, any doubts or fears I had about whether I could handle it were put to rest when I realized who I get to work with. “Team” is the operative word. I’ve never seen a better effort. From the staff

to the city and county, CMU, our police and sheriff’s departments, the merchants... it’s inspiring; and I’m so proud to be associated with them all. I hope our small town understands how lucky we are to have each of them.”

“The support I’ve felt is like nothing I’ve ever experienced. To have that vote of confidence from so many is overwhelming. I have the best village, and I just hope I make them as proud as they’ve made me,” she said.

With the team assembled and ready to make Canton the best place it can be, McCarty had a few final words she wanted to make sure were mentioned.

“My husband is usually the one being interviewed or speaking for his job, and he never fails to mention me for my support. I just want to return the sentiment, while I have the opportunity, to say how very lucky I am to have him by my side during so much new in our lives. He’s been great,” she said.

Be sure to stop by Canton Tourism to meet May, revisit with May, or see what’s going on in Canton.

Nichols Middle celebrates their “seniors”



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Recently, the Nichols Middle School basketball teams and cheerleaders celebrated their eldest students, the eighth graders, in a senior recognition ceremony during the games. NMS says they are proud of all of their student athletes and their accomplishments.



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Basketball season has led to packed gyms and excited fans over at Canton High School. Hands have clapped and feet have stomped as community members cheer on the Tigers. Recently, both the boys and girls Tigers defeated the Forest High Bearcats. According to head coach Russell Evans, "The 2021-2022 Basketball season has gotten off

to a hot and cold start. We started the season playing good basketball, and then we hit some bumps in the road. The team has been getting better each day. I love the group of players that I have the privilege to coach and mentor. As the season progresses, I know the team will have an excellent opportunity to be unique and compete for a 5-A State Championship."

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THE PROBLEM:

The current un-American administration occupying the White House has tried to ignore the Rights and Liberty of the People by promoting chaos at our Southern border, by Unconstitutional "mandates" created to attempt to nullify the Bill of Rights, and by using tyrannical measures to try to silence dissent and create an irrational fear of each other among the People.

Many elected officials have actively or cowardly joined in these un-American activities, and have voted for several Unconstitutional pieces of Legislation attempting to promote election fraud, attempting to reward criminals who enter our Country illegally and shamelessly attempting to buy votes with the illusion of "free stuff".

HOWEVER:

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We are The People who will remind the un-American elected officials that our unalienable Rights including Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness are endowed by God, not by any government.

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THEREFORE:

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Movie Matinee

Date: Tuesday, January 4/11/18/25
(Matilda, Labyrinth, Jurassic World, and
Knives Out)
Time: 12:00pm-1:45pm

Seated Pilates

Date: Tuesday, January 4/11/18/25
Time: 10:00am-10:45am

Free Parenting Class

Date: Thursday, January 6/13/20/27
Time: 4:00pm-5:30pm

Simple Car Care

ZOOM (Facebook Live @facebook.com/MCLSlibraries)
Date: Friday, January 7
Time: 11:30am-12:00pm

Popcorn Fridays

Date: Friday, January 7/14/28
Time: 9:00am-5:00pm

Beekeeping & Honey Tasting

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Time: 4:00pm-5pm

The Eight Principles of a Healty Home

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Date: Thursday, January 13
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Basic to Intermediate Computer/Tech Class

Date: Friday, January 14
Time: 9:00am-10:00am

Cheerful Hearts Senior Workshop

Date: Saturday, January 22
Time: 11:00am-1:00pm

BeYoutiful: Beauty Makeover, New You 2022

Date: Saturday, January 22
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15th Annual Christmas Sip-N-Cider in Canton



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Panthers shooting for a win this season

By Courtney Warren

With a new JV basketball coach this year, the Canton Academy (CA) Panthers are taking to the court with technique and excitement.

During the pre-season, the team has had success against teams such as Central Holmes, Sylva Bay, and Victors.

JD Kelly, eighth-grade post, said, "Coach Nash works us hard and really cares about the team. We've learned a lot of new plays since practice has begun, and I'm looking forward to playing towards that number one spot."

Kelly, who also plays football and went all the way to the state championship with the Panthers, said he's excited for a change of pace.

"Basketball is so fast-paced. I'm excited to be back on the court. The proximity of the players to the fans makes everything more intense and exciting," he said.

Coach Scott Nash previously coached at Raleigh High School in Smith County and has been coaching since 2005.

He said he's excited about his new team because "the number of athletic ninth graders we have is an advantage. I feel like they can lead us to some good victories."

In reference to Kelly, Nash said, "Mr. Kelly has been pretty good so far as far as work ethic and trying to learn what we're doing. If he continues to work hard and be a good teammate, I think his basketball floor is without a ceiling."

Nash has enjoyed being a Panther this season and said, "So far, I'm loving being a Panther. I've known CA from being in the private school sector. Being here is different. Students, faculty and staff have been great. I'm really enjoying it."

With the idea that attitude determines altitude, Panthers will continue to work hard on and off the court.



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JD Kelly gets a fast break against Starkville Academy



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Hispanic Task Force works to unite community

By Courtney Warren

A peaceful and united community is what the Hispanic Task Force strives for. Recently, the task force held a community meeting led by task force chair Angela Carson to update the community on what the task force has been working on.

"We had approximately seventy people in attendance. The goal of the meeting was to update the community on what we have been working on. It was also another opportunity to listen and hear concerns from the community. This is the third public meeting we have held in 2021," said Carson.

The task force began as the result of the triple murders in December 2020 where three Hispanic community members were killed.

"We began focusing on how to help the family initially, and broadened the work to look at the problems plaguing our community across racial and cultural lines," said Carson.

The task force gave recommendations to the Canton Mayor William Truly, as well as to the Canton Board of Aldermen.



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The Hispanic Task Force holds public meetings to discuss bettering the community.

The recommendations included hiring a translation service for the City, providing more light-

ing on the streets in the trailer park, paving and/or resurfacing the streets in the trailer park,

meeting with property owners to discuss conditions of the trailers internally and externally, having the police department report more frequently about crimes that have been solved, hiring a bi-lingual speaking staff to serve as an interpreter for the City, providing cultural sensitivity training for all City employees, and hiring a dispatcher and police officer who are bilingual.

Carson wants to work towards uniting the Hispanic community with the rest of the Canton community for several reasons.

"They are human, just like we are. They contribute to the local economy, and they are a growing population in the city and county. We are creating division if we continue to ignore them and not address their concerns for fair, equal and inclusive treatment," said Carson.

Carson encourages all community members to get involved.

She said, "They can contact me at 601-955-1132. The task force is a committee of nine people. There will be opportunities to serve on future committees in Education, Workforce, Health, and Safety."

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Letter to the Editor: AB's last chapter at Canton Academy

By Elaine and Ainsley Belle Burke

Beginning the last semester of her senior year, Ainsley Belle Burke (AB) at Canton Academy is looking to the future with a degree in the medical field. At the age of six, her story of strength, faith and perseverance began on May 27, 2011, at approximately 2:20 in the afternoon. She was on the playground with classmates wrapping up the last day of school. While playing on the monkey bars, AB slipped and fell, a fall that was so hard that, when she hit the ground, her left arm shattered, and baby pea-gravel was embedded into her tiny skin from her neck down to her hip. Her mom, Elaine Burke, worked in the elementary office and was on-site to facilitate the next steps. Once Ainsley Belle arrived at the emergency room, physicians on call realized this was much more than a normal fractured arm. She was beginning to lose a pulse in the extremity and was airlifted to a local hospital for emergency surgery. Once in surgery, the team of specialists has to attach the muscle back around the bone and insert four pins. The break was called a

supracondylar humerus fracture. Late into the first night at the hospital, Ainsley Belle was still in extreme pain and, unfortunately by morning, she had another emergency surgery, because compartment syndrome set in. The team again went back into her tiny little arm and had to open it up from shoulder to wrist. Due to this unforeseen complication, she would stay in the hospital for several weeks. She was attached to the wound vac machine and would

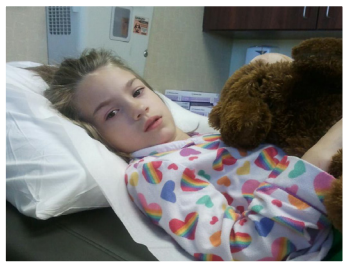
have surgery every few days to close up the arm around an inch at a time. During this hospital stay, AB worked with several different disciplines in the hospital, from occupational therapy, physical therapy, play therapist, and many more. Roughly a month after the initial accident, AB was sent home to recover in the hot summer months in a cast all down her left arm. It was around this time that her parents noticed

changes in her mood and her skin, and pain that was making her fall to her knees. Her team of doctors decided she needed to see a specialist at Vanderbilt to understand the pain management and search for a diagnosis. Once she arrived at Vanderbilt, AB was surrounded by the most caring physician and nurse in the anesthesiology pain management division. Her physician, Dr. Andrew Franklin, quickly ran her through a series of tests, and AB had an official diagnosis of CRPS Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. CRPS is severe pain that affects all areas of the body, and the pain is out of proportion to the injury. According to the "McGill pain scale, CRPS is the number one most painful disease. The pain is constant and spreads." With this diagnosis, she was sent home on numerous medications and would return a few weeks later for more surgeries, which included nerve blocks, plastic repair surgeries, and much more. During one of her trips to Vanderbilt, AB was selected for a trial run of home therapy that would later be published in the *Vanderbilt Journal of Medicine*. *cont. on page 16*



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LIFE OF AINSLEY BELLE BURKE



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NGA collects and delivers canned goods



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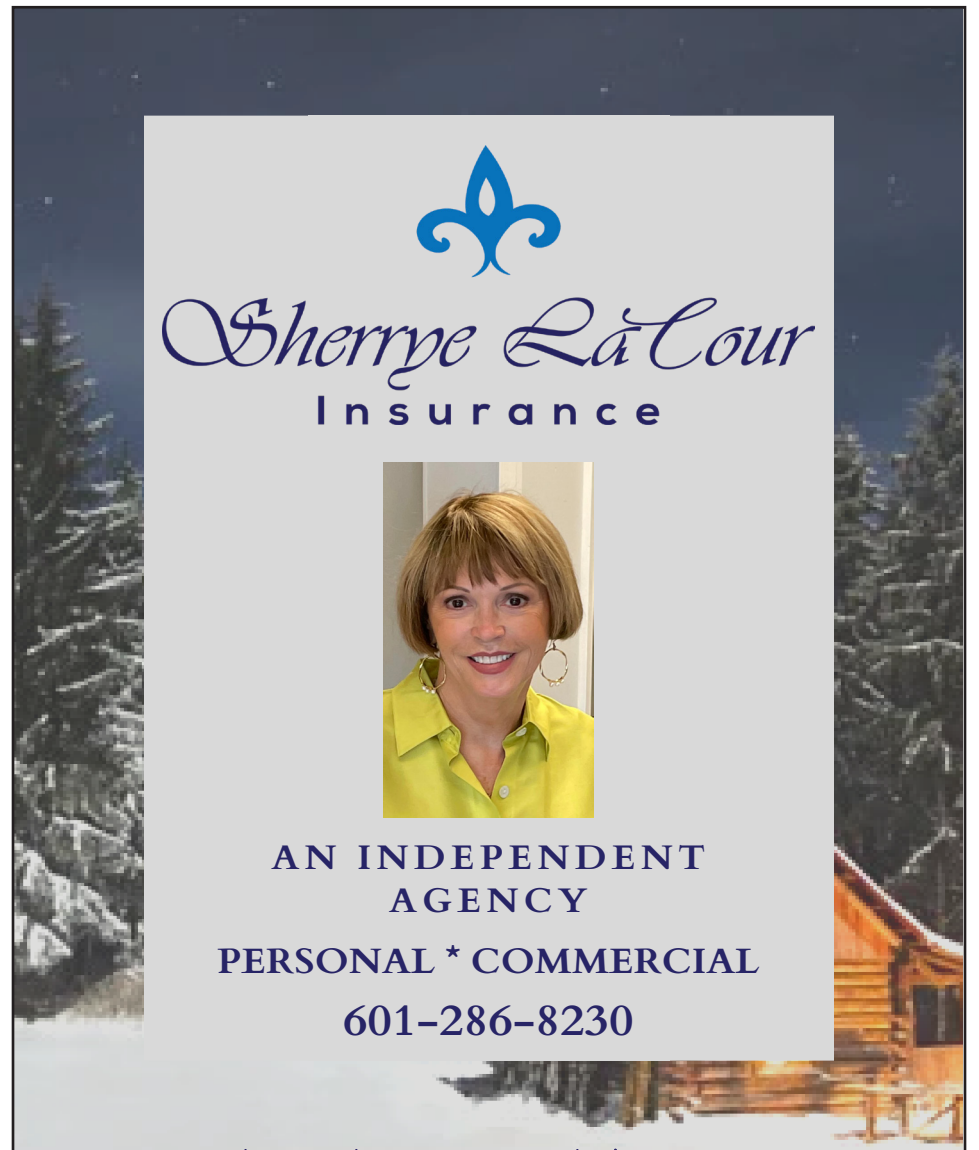
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Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) collected 680 cans from Canton Ninth Grade Academy (NGA) after their canned food drive. Students delivered the cans to MadCAAP and helped pack food boxes for the holidays.

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als, churches, businesses and civic groups to meet the varying needs of community brothers and sisters who are hungry and thirsty, in need of clothing and safer homes, as well as those who are lonely and in need of emotional support.

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Remember When: What's in a name? Cantonian Nicknames

By Guest Columnist Mary Jane Boutwell

Knowing is not entirely so, the South seems to have a firm grip on nicknames with a story. Canton has been the City of Lights for years. As I said last month, it started with simple strings of Christmas across the streets. But, in all honesty, the nickname I like best is “My Hometown.”

Writing about Baby Peterson last month reminded me how nicknames can become “the name.” Back when—seniors’ graduation invitations came with slots on the front to place a name and with their full birth name printed on it. Most seniors got extra cards to pass out.

My mama, known as Maw, drove a school bus and knew a lot of the students at Canton High School. One day, she was going through the senior cards, raised her head and asked, "Who is Clarence Peterson?" We were finally able to stop laughing long enough to tell her it was Baby.

Maw did not like or want us to have a nickname, but the brother that had polio was bed ridden for a long time. He graduated to a full body brace in a wheelchair, crutches, and final-

ly walking with a limp, no braces on his own. He was never “Limpy.” While in the hospital, he continued his schoolwork and read. When he got home, he had absorbed so much that he was a smart-alec. So, within a short time, he became “Professor.” That was shortened to “Fessor.” I do not know if he ever knew we had a dog on the west coast with the same name.

Where did a name like “Froggy” (Hayes) come from? I asked. Froggy said in his young years they played baseball on the city field across from the police and fire department. It was not Little League. They called it the Outlaw League. He said he was not good at the game, but, when he made it to a base, he was constantly hopping around like a frog. So Froggy he became.

My youngest brother, James Leslie Sowell, was the baby of the family. He rode with Daddy everywhere. One of the neighbor teenage girls called him “Daddy’s little man.” That went through shortening changes, and for years he was “Man.”

While playing basketball in high school, he made several smooth

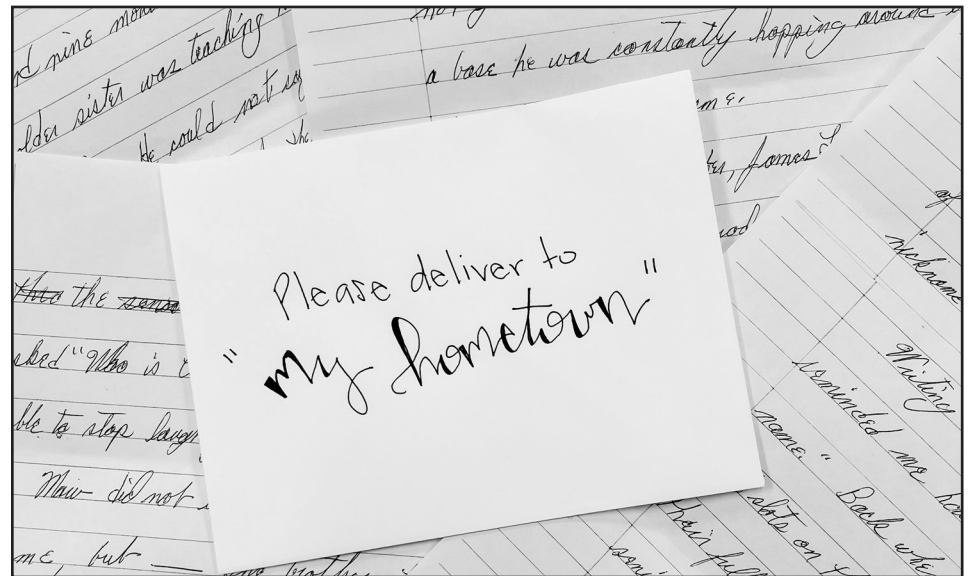


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moves that led to points on the board. The coach called him “Slick,” so Slick he became.

I asked Tebo Gowdy how his nickname came to be. As a baby around nine months learning to walk and talk, his older sister was teaching him to say his name, which was Theodore.

He could not say it, but the closest he came was Tebo. So there it is.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary Jane Boutwell is a passionate historian and is thrilled to share stories about way back when.

Word of Prayer: A New Beginning awaits our tomorrow

By Guest Columnist Rev. Robert E. McCallum

we would experience anything like this before,” became commonplace. All of us have been touched in some way by the destructive force of the COVID-19 pandemic. During this devastating period, we lost loved ones, relatives, neighbors, friends, jobs, and businesses like nothing we have ever experienced. Graveside services were conducted daily. Hospitals were understaffed and overworked. Teachers were forced to teach our children via Zoom while many of our families and students lacked the skills, resources, and necessary technology. We were placed on lockdown. Jobs closed. Churches closed. Schools closed. Food, tissue, water, and disinfectant were brought into our neighborhoods and communities by neighboring churches, businesses, and governmental institutions. They were distributed at designated distribution sites on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Despite our unfortunate plight the

past two years, we the proud citizens of Canton, Mississippi, have proven ourselves to be a people of resilience with a determination to overcome our losses. I am filled with hope, and expectant of progress. I believe greater things are in our future. A dawn of a new beginning is on the horizon. A new beginning awaits our tomorrow.

January for many is a time of re-evaluation, reinvigoration, recommitments, rebuilding, and revival. It is a time of new beginnings. It is a time for moving forward together in faith and fortitude with great anticipation and expectation. It is a time of new hope for a better tomorrow.

I am one filled with faith and optimism. I believe that we are on the verge of a new beginning. A new beginning means taking advantage of new job opportunities, getting back in our churches, supporting our schools, taking pride in our city, and standing up against violence, abuse, and victimization. It is a time of coming together as a community of resilient citizens. A new beginning requires that we rid ourselves of the baggage and garbage from the past as we lunge forward to greater things. We must not gaze back, as was the case of Lot's wife in the Old Testament. Looking back mesmerizes us, immobilizes us, and paralyzes us, like Lot's wife.

This is a season of recovery, renewal, and restoration. We must resolve to move forward. We must decide to not look back. We must resolve that

there is nothing we can do about the past, but the present is full of glorious possibilities that can be fulfilled, if we would only endeavor to connect with each other and work together for the betterment of all our citizens.

In the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians, “Brethren, I count myself not to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Hopefully, the worst is behind us for the “roaring” 2020’s decade. We look to 2022 with great hope but with the knowledge we will be guarded, as time will be needed to transition back to our normal way of life, whatever that will be.

With all that we experienced in 2020 and 2021, let us rejoice and commit ourselves to make 2022 a year of recovery, restoration, rejuvenation, good health and a genuine love of our city and each other. As 2022 unfolds, I look forward to new beginnings for our churches, business and communities.

I thank our churches, police and fire employees, government agencies, schools, and first responders, for all they did to get us to this point safely. Their outstanding service cannot be overlooked. Our many volunteers continue to be the core of our community and offer support when needed, especially during our numerous

food distributions days. They served our community in the raging heat, as well as, torrential rain.

As we enter a new year, I see a vast opportunity for a new beginning. Where do we start? We must genuinely learn to love and care for one another, listen to one another, lean on one another, laugh with one another, look out for one another, be willing to come together as churches and communities to lift one another. Our hope is in Christ. He is the way to a brighter, better day. He is the answer to a new beginning for us all.

David expressed the importance of hope when he faced a life-threatening crisis, he said, “I would have lost heart, unless I had believed [had hope] that I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living.” (Psalm 27:13) Let us embrace the New Year with a sense of hope and expectation, knowing that God will continue to love, protect and provide for us.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reverend Robert E. McCallum is a native of Jackson, Mississippi, and is married to Mrs. Carolyn Frazier McCallum; they are the parents of four children, Robert, Tiffany, Terrell and Timothy. Rev. McCallum is the pastor of Priestley Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, Mississippi. Most importantly, he has a deep passion and love for people and is committed to the Spiritual progress and well-being of all mankind.

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Pinkston

individual goals. Pinkston believes that all students have some sort of strengths, and that it is up to the educator to help students embrace their individual strengths by encouraging small group activities and allowing students to work collaboratively in groups to motivate each other.”

Pinkston wanted to become a teacher because she can relate to many of the challenges students coming up today have. She was raised in a divided, single-parent household, she was bullied in school, she didn’t catch on to the

teachers’ instructions as quickly as others and she was hardly ever included by her peers, but she was motivated to be successful.

Despite her challenges, she worked hard and allowed others to help her to not only graduate high school but to go to college and get a degree and more. Looking back at her accomplishments, Pinkston believes that she can help, motivate, and encourage her students to rise above any of their weaknesses or challenges and be successful in whatever they want to be in life.

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Letter

bilt’s Department of Anesthesiology annual journal. Dr. Franklin describes “that AB underwent a diagnostic ultrasound-guided stellate ganglion block, where she has a continuous brachial plexus catheter inserted, with the goal of interrupting the pain so she could begin physical therapy. She was sent home with a small, disposable infusion pump that allowed for therapy twice a day.” Dr. Franklin presented AB’s treatment case as a “Medically Challenging Case at the 2011 American Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting.”

Several months after the accident and after over sixteen surgeries, which included several nerve blocks, AB was still in crippling pain and unable to attend school full time. It was at this time her family and friends rallied around her, and several fundraisers were developed in the Madison area and also in her parents’ hometown of Natchez.

One local fundraiser was “Angels for Ainsley,” where she was working with a local artist, Hannah Williams, on weekly therapies, and together they designed a shirt with scripture. It was at this time her brother Spencer was an elementary student at Canton Academy. The elementary administration decided to help the family and allowed a flyer to go home with each student to ask them to purchase a shirt to help with expenses to Boston. The students ordered either a pink or teal shirt, and the fundraiser was a huge success.

More than thirteen months after the accident, her family was sent to Children’s Hospital of Boston for a week-long round of testing from every department. Her physicians at Boston, Vanderbilt, and local physician Rebekah Moulder at St. Dominic’s all worked together to help AB with her pain, treatments, and therapies. With CRPS,

the pain stages are very aggressive and slowly taper off over time, and the patient goes into remission. Over the last few years, AB has worked closely with Dr. Moulder and her staff to understand when the pain elevates and when to continue medications, therapies, and possible new surgeries.

As her parents, we have seen AB overcome so much at such a young age. Canton Academy has embraced not only her but her family, as well. She took a leap of faith and started her journey at CA, and we will forever be grateful. Canton Academy has taught her through adversity, with faith, family, and, of course, friends, you can achieve anything because with “God all things are possible.” Ainsley Belle would like to thank the administration, faculty, and staff at Canton Academy for all the help these last few years and for giving her a safe environment to let her light shine.

She was selected Junior HoCo maid, inducted into the National Honor Society, an all-star student, on the varsity cheer team, softball, and track team. She is also active in Madison County Civinettes, where she currently is the Hope Hollow Chair and Canton Academy school representative. She competed in her first pageant last spring and was selected as Miss Magnolia Hospitality, Teen Spirit of Madison. She has worked last summer at the Canton Academy summer program, and spends her free time babysitting and helping out at Lee Hawkins Realty, Inc.

She will be attending school at Mississippi State University, pursuing a degree in educational psychology and then either physical therapy or occupational therapy, where she can work with children who have similar injuries and conditions.

Ellis and Hutchinson secure scholarships



Photo by Courtney Warren

By Courtney Warren

Batter up! Recently, Canton Academy (CA) seniors Zan Ellis and John Hollis Hutchinson signed baseball scholarships with Hinds Community College.

Ellis will play middle infield, while Hutchinson will play catcher and pitcher.

Family and friends showed up for

their signing at CA to celebrate their achievements.

Head Baseball Coach Gage Posey, who played for Hinds himself as a pitcher and outfielder, said, “Hinds is getting two very good kids. They won’t get outworked. Those two get it done in the classroom and will be a great influence on the rest of the team, just like they are here.”

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Editors Note: The Canton News covers local sports contests. Coaches from each team will award their players Most Valuable Player awards as well as give an award for the Most Valuable Play.

CANTON ACADEMY

2021

Offensive line - Jordan Price, Senior

Running back - Marcus Goodloe, Senior

Defensive Line - Daniel Ford, Junior

Linebacker - Samuel Wadford, Junior

Linebacker - Barnes Wadford, Senior

Kicker - Taylor Pratt, Senior

CANTON ACADEMY

Offensive Player of the Year

Chris Hunter, Sophomore

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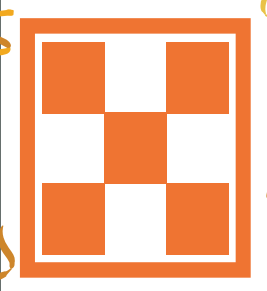
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City Spotlight: Constable Johnny Sims

By Inesha Jackson

Constable Johnny Sims is proudly serving others in the community with civility and respect. Sims has been the proud husband of former alderwoman Daphne Johnson Sims for twenty-six years. In his personal life, he serves as a deacon at his church, Greater Saint Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, in Canton, Mississippi. Before accepting his current role, Sims worked as a firefighter for the City of Canton. He is now a retired fire chief and is currently serving as the Madison County Constable for District 2. As Constable, he distributes warrants, subpoenas, evictions, and other legal



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documents. Sims credits his grandfather for inspiring him to get into this line of work by encouraging him to find a job that he would enjoy and work hard at. Constable Johnny Sims has served in the Madison County area for over twenty-five years. According to Constable Sims, the best part of the job is serving other people. His love for God, family, and friends keeps him motivated on the job as Constable. Sims' favorite motto to live by is to treat people the way you want to be treated. "The people in Canton can learn that honesty, having a heart to give, and being hard working always pays off," Constable Johnny Sims said.

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Panthers represented during All-Star game

By Courtney Warren

The football season ended with the Canton Academy (CA) Panthers earning runner-up at the State Championship game against the Greenville Christian Saints; however, for three seniors, there was one game left.

The MSAIS 1-3A All-Star game was described as an honor for all who coach and play.

The process begins with the choosing of coaches. Reviewing stats from each senior in the district, the coaches then draft the players they deem deserving of the title "All-Star."

Once the players are selected, teams are then drafted.

Representing Canton Academy on the blue team this year was Marcus Goodloe at safety, Jordan Price at defensive end, and Barnes Wadford at inside linebacker.

Almost fifteen years ago, CA alum Brett Warren was drafted as a linebacker for the all-star game. This year he was a coach during the all-star game for the blue team.

Warren, defensive assistant coach said, "These boys played very well. It's always a pleasure to coach boys with passion and respect for the game."



Photo by Courtney Warren

Barnes Wadford, Jordan Price and Marcus Goodloe with the Canton Academy football coaches after the MSAIS 1-3A All-Star Game

"It was awesome to coach in the all-star game. You always treasure your high school football days, and I loved my time playing as a Panther. It was great to be able to coach a few Panthers during this game, along with my own boys."

Warren is now the athletic director and assistant football coach at Benton Academy, who fell short of a district championship after losing two starting stand-out athletes, including se-

nior Caden Stevens.

For the Panthers, ending their high school career in the all-star game was icing on the cake after their own successful season.

Panthers Head Football Coach Gage Posey said, "I was very proud of all of these boys. Marcus played through an injury. They enjoyed all of the players and coaches. I hate that they came up short, but they showed out and represented Canton Academy very well."

CA elementary brings Christmas cheer and worship

By Courtney Warren

While many elementary Christmas programs involved singing Christmas carols loudly and off-key for their parents and grandparents, the Canton Academy (CA) elementary students did something a little different this year.

While most parents would agree that off-key can be adorable when you're under the age of twelve, this year, CA students instead told the story of Christmas kindness.

Delivering a dramatic performance, CA upper elementary students told the story of C.A.K.E., or Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment, through various scenes of giving and loving other people during the Christmas season.

Students also sang Christmas songs, as well as songs about Christ's love.

Led by CA Music Director Dell Taylor, the Canton Academy students have learned more about worshipping God through song and dance. It's not uncommon to walk the halls or sidewalks of CA and hear small voices singing various music selections about Christ's love for them.

Taylor gave many thanks after the



Photo by Courtney Warren

performance to each and every individual that had a hand in making the program successful.

She also added, "I am truly thankful to my precious heavenly Father, who guides my steps and makes a way. When things aren't going as planned, He sees the intention of my heart and shows me that He is there. I thank Him for the small winks along the way that show up in the 2s and 3s, and for growing me in the middle of it all."

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Santa visits the Canton Panthers CA Panther buddies visit the Square



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The Canton Academy Student Council sent a letter to Santa Claus telling him all about the sweet elementary

Panthers. Excited to hear about these nice boys and girls, Santa stopped by CA to visit and take pictures.



Photo by Alison Martin

Many photos were taken along the Square to celebrate the season.

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Canton Academy (CA) seniors and their first grade buddies visited the Square to see the Christmas lights and celebrate the season together. With the guidance of Canton Tour-

ism, students heard a story from Mrs. Claus, enjoyed Christmas tree cakes and Goldfish, rode the carousel and sky ride, looked for toys in the "I Spy" window, and played a game of "Elf, Elf, Santa."

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