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Dr. S.L. Sethi named to Innovators Hall of Fame

By Susie A. Wolfe

Dr. S.L. Sethi of Canton, founder of Jackie's International, has been named to this year's class at the Mississippi Innovators Hall of Fame along with Linda and Billy Howard, founders of Howard Industries in Laurel, and Thalia Mara (posthumously), founder of the USA International Ballet Competition in Jackson.

The honorees were recognized at the Mississippi Innovators Hall of Fame Awards Gala by Innovate Mississippi. The nonprofit organization, based in Madison, has as its mission to drive innovation and technology-based economic development for the State of Mississippi.

"Through the Mississippi Innovators Hall of Fame, we are able to formally acknowledge and celebrate those innovators who have taken risks to build a business from the ground up – and who are ultimately creating jobs and wealth for our state," said Sandra Buckley, Innovate Mississippi.

Jackie's International is a 43-year-old multi-million dollar hospitality company that owns and operates more than 35 restaurants and hotels employing over 800 people in Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama. There are seven divisions, including Bumpers Drive-In, Simply Southern Grill & Buffet, Fresh Market Café and Fresh Market Grill. Sethi's

daughter, Monica Sethi Harrigill, is vice president.

There is also a certified hospital-ity-hotel division run by his son,

attending Millsaps College. Raksha serves as secretary/treasurer of Jackie's. His youngest daughter, Manisha, worked with the



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Dr. S.L. Sethi was honored by Innovate Mississippi at the September 15 gala at the Country Club of Jackson. Pictured (l to r), are- Rich Sun, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Innovate Mississippi; Tony Jeff, President & CEO of Innovate Mississippi; and Dr. S.L. Sethi, founder of Jackie's International.

Sunny, vice president of construction and operations. They build hotels and also operate properties, including the Hilton Garden Inn in Starkville, the Hyatt Place in Columbus, Hampton Inn & Suites in Wiggins, Holiday Inn Express in Lucedale, Brookhaven and New Albany, and Holiday Inn in Guin, Alabama.

Sethi moved his operation to Canton in 1999, because his wife of 46 years, Raksha, wanted to be near her children, who were

company while in school, but is now a pediatrician with a practice in Ridgeland. She is double board certified in pediatrics and internal medicine. The Sethis also have six grandchildren, with one on the way.

Sethi was reluctant to receive the Hall of Fame award, because, he said, "It's not me. It's the people that do it. I share any credit with them. We are a group of people working together to make things happen."

The entrepreneur, who works six and a half days a week, tries to visit store locations three days a week. He has loyal employees because he shares the profits with his managers and team members on a monthly basis based on performance. For example, there is a cook at the Laurel Bumpers that has been with the company 42 years, and a manager at the Terry Road Bumpers for 41 years.

Sethi, who never took a business course, studied biology in school and taught zoology and entomology at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena. Raksha taught sociology and political science. "We had time on our hands; and, in 1973, opened one restaurant and then others."

Originally from India, Sethi first came to the United States to study in Oregon, then later found his way to the Magnolia State.

"Mississippi has been a heaven for us," said Sethi. "It is a great place to live, and the people are good neighbors."

Named for the daughter of his landlord in Greenwood, Jackie's International supports education in the state. For more than 30 years, the company has awarded college scholarships to local universities and also support students and teachers at the elementary and high school level.

For more information, visit www.jackiesinternational.com.

Confer named Girl Scouts' Woman of Distinction

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Pam Confer, director of community and public relations for the Nissan Canton plant, was named as a Woman

of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi. The Women of Distinction event was held Thursday, September 22, at the Hilton

Jackson sponsored by *Parents & Kids Magazine* and Regions Bank.

Confer is the local face of Nissan, Mississippi's second largest employer, and manages Nissan's corporate outreach efforts. She is a motivational speaker, a jazz music entertainer and an editor of several books.

Women of Distinction is the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi's annual event to recognize outstand-

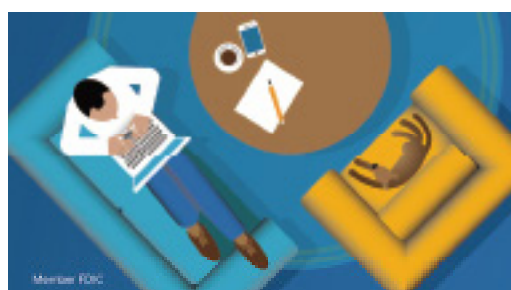
ing women who embody the mission of Girl Scouts and have made significant achievements in the community. The event spotlights successful women leaders who are shining examples of courage, confidence and character for today's girls.

"Life provides us a wonderful opportunity to impact the world in which we live," said Confer. "I am

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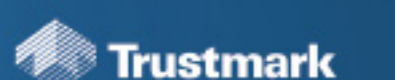
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Staci O'Neal, Supervisor Mark Goffin, and Supervisor Mark Goffin at Community Night Out Against Child Abuse



Community Night Out Against Child Abuse

Each year over 300 children come through the Madison County Court. Some wear shackles — others wear the scars of neglect or abuse. I've been honored to represent these children for 10 years as the Youth Court Public Defender. Now, I'm running to be the judge. I'm not a politician and I've never run for elected office. I am a teacher who became a lawyer in order to serve. The families of Madison County deserve a judge who has the experience to make a difference. I'm asking for your vote on November 8th.

-Staci

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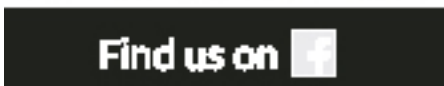
- 10 years as a litigator Attorney
- Tried cases in Federal Court, Chancery, County Court
- Represented Plaintiffs and Defendants
- Represented Individuals and Corporations
- Represented Abused, Neglected and Delinquent Children

EXPERIENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

- Religious Sunday School Teacher
- Children's Chaplain Teacher for 30 Years
- Homeless Person's Team Support Group Founder
- Coach of Madison Central High School Football Team
- Member of Madison County Outstanding Young Women Board

EXPERIENCE IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY

- 10 years as the Madison County Public Defender representing hundreds of children and parents from all corners of Madison County



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Know Your Neighbor: Madge Noble

By Jim Ritchie

Few people in Canton could have imagined, when John Freiler moved his wife and little seven-

This union produced two children.

While raising her family, Noble taught English, Spanish, journalism, speech and creative writing

Her former students use the same adjectives over and over to describe their remembrance of Madge's characteristics: "inspiring," "chal-



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year-old daughter here in 1936, what an impact his daughter would have on hundreds of Madison County citizens.

Meet Madge Noble, wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, coach, deputy sheriff, equestrienne, scuba diver, cattle farmer, deer and elk hunter, world traveler and earner of a Master of Criminal Justice diploma (among other things).

Noble graduated cum laude from Mississippi State College for Women in three years and began her teaching career, during which time Madison County's legendary sheriff Billy Noble offered (and she accepted) his proposal of marriage, characteristically, on horseback in the middle of a pasture.

to generations of students, in addition to coaching basketball, tennis and the debate team, which won numerous awards thanks to her tutelage. Stories abound during this time, including Madge and Billy's loading all nine Camden High School seniors one year in their pickup truck and heading to Florida for their senior trip. They stayed within their budget of \$190.

When Billy was elected sheriff, Madge exited teaching to assist him as secretary, then deputy after earning the skills required for that position.

A devout Christian, her long membership in Grace Episcopal Church has played a crucial role in shaping her life's view.

lenging," "compassionate," and the most used... "wonderful." Perhaps the more precise description from a longtime friend and admirer, "She's a genuine treasure."

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 our readers should know about some of them. Ritchie and his professional artist wife, Perry, live in the Shocco community out from Canton. View their work at www.southernstories.com.

Canton students named to 2016 Madison County Youth Leadership Class

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Jan Collins, Executive Director of the Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F), announced that the Youth Leadership class for the 2016-2017 school year has been chosen.

"Based on their activity sheets, this class is the most outstanding by far," said Collins. "The schools have selected the best and brightest. They are extremely academic, involved in sports, leadership, music, community service and church. They are all very well rounded."

The mission of the program

is to inspire and educate area students about the variety of leading businesses which offer excellent career opportunities in Madison County. The students will also learn about local, county and state governments, as well as Madison County's quality of life. Several motivational keynote speakers and successful business leaders will share character and leadership skills designed to develop future leaders for Madison County.

The program involves three days: Economic Development Career Day, Lifestyles Day and Government Day. The class will also be invited to the MCBL&F's

annual VISIONS Celebration luncheon on November 15 as well as the 2017 League & Legislature luncheon in February of 2017. A graduation reception will be held in the spring, where the MCBL&F Board of Directors will present students completing all three days with a \$250 scholarship.

Students selected to participate in the Youth Leadership Class include:

Canton Academy

- Sydney Renee Thomason
- Joseph McLean

Canton High School

- Inesha Jackson
- Garrison Gillum

Old high school to become Canton High Apartments

By Dan Evans

The old Canton High School, built in 1923, will soon become Canton High Apartments.

An addition was made to the original school building in 1937 to provide a gymnasium, eleven classrooms, a library, a music hall, offices and storage areas. The school was closed in 1969. After the closure, several attempts to utilize the facility were unsuccessful, with only temporary tenants until the present.

Brownstone Group, a redevelopment specialist, will manage the renovation and construction, which will start this year. In ad-

dition to renovation and updating of the present structure, two new buildings will be added to the site. Canton High Apartments will

scaping and other improvements.

Operating from their new office in Monroe, Louisiana, Brownstone will focus on multi-fam-

states. Market-rate, multi-family developments and affordable multi-family projects financed by state tax credits and historic tax credits are their goals.

Maureen Simpson, executive director of Canton Redevelopment Authority, said that the board has been working on various projects for many years to restore the old high school to preserve its history and the notable architectural design.

She said, "We are excited that our efforts have finally been fruitful. We look forward to seeing the progress and the final result of this renovation work."



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From the mayor's desk

By Arnel D. Bolden, Mayor of Canton

I begin October's article as a continued discussion of the blue-



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print for our city's future as outlined in last month's commentary, my seven-point plan for our city's future. My focus in this segment is where the rubber meets the road: leadership.

To my fellow elected officials who work tirelessly with me to represent your interests and concerns and help shape the future of our great city, I am grateful for our partnership. We must be transformational leaders, dedicated and determined to bring bold changes to our city. As we all know, Proverbs 29:18 reads, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

I want to let our citizens know

that, in order for positive change to happen, it doesn't start from the top, but from within. Therefore, it will take the collective strength of the entire community to help pull us forward. My vision is to make Canton the best city to live, to work and to visit. However, we, your mayor and board, cannot do this alone. We cannot solve every problem. We need your help. We need your voice. We need your input.

As elected officials, we must not institute political agendas or actions which could adversely affect the lives of our citizens. Instead, we must stand together with our community and work diligently to improve the quality of life for everyone. The clock is ticking, and our window to be champions of positive change is closing. This is our time to shine, to unify and uplift our city. We must not fail. As mayor, I commit to you my dedication, my loyalty, and my desire to make Canton the bold new city we can all be proud of.

May God bless you and yours, and together we will rise.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Arnel Bolden is currently serving the City as mayor since being elected in 2013. He and his new wife, LaToya Bolden, are members of Canton United Methodist Church and are active in the community.

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Confer named Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction

proud of this distinguished honor, and I am grateful that my purpose

has placed me in a position to help others discover their greatness."



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Other honorees include:

- Mende Malouf Alford, general manager, Old Capitol Inn, a Jackson boutique hotel
- Bobbie K. Ware, Chief Operating Officer of Baptist Medical Center and the Chief Nursing Officer/Chief Quality Officer for Baptist Health Systems.
- Dr. Felicia Gavin, owner of Total Management Integration, management and consulting company. She is an adjunct professor at Alcorn State University in their MBA program.

Girl Scouts are 2.7 million strong - 1.9 million girls and 800,000 adults who believe girls can change the world. To volunteer, reconnect, donate or join, visit www.GSGMS.org, on Facebook as "Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi," and on Instagram as GSGMS.

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Sunshine Children's Clinic is excited to introduce our newest pediatrician, Dr. Jenna Dear, to the Canton community. Dr. Dear has recently completed her residency in Pediatrics, and her fellowship in Palliative Care, from the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

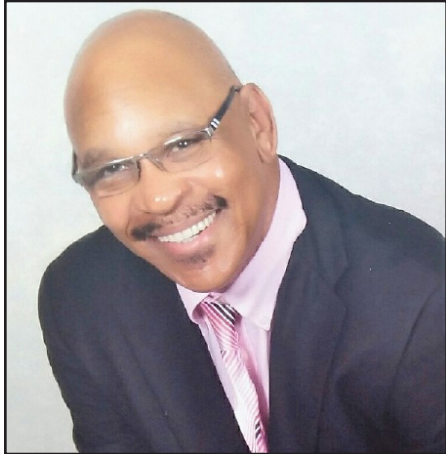
"She is a very learned, compassionate and sincere pediatrician who is looking forward to serving the children and families of our community," said Dr. Vig, with whom she started working with on October 3.

Please call Sunshine Children's Clinic to schedule an appointment with Dr. Dear.

Receive your sight today

By Apostle Joe Amos

Have you ever lost your sight? Blinded, even if but for a moment?



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At that point, you could only see darkness. Sometimes, we lose sight on our God-given assignment, allowing sin, pride and greed to come into our sight. It blocks our view. Then, we have to go to Jesus and ask for forgiveness and to restore our sight.

Sight is a position in which someone or something can be seen; the range or scope of vision. Luke 18:35-43 says there was a blind man sitting by the road begging.

He heard a multitude passing by and asked what it meant. They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. He began to cry out, "Jesus! Son of David, have mercy on me."

They tried to shut him up, but he got louder. Then, he got Jesus' attention.

Jesus asked, "What do you want?" He replied, "I want my sight!" Jesus said, "Receive your sight." The man rejoiced, because he could see things in a way he never perceived them before.

There's a way the Lord has for us to see things clearly. The blind man began to see things through the eyes of the Father. Sometimes we see hate instead of love. Let's begin to look through the eyes God has given us. Through the eyes of love.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joe Amos is the senior pastor of Turning Point Fellowship Ministries Intl. Church in Canton. He is married to Kathy Amos. Together, they enjoy serving the Lord and the Canton community.

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Madison County Library is thinking outside the lines



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The Madison County Library System recently celebrated being a part of *Outside the Lines*, a global initiative designed to reintroduce libraries to their local communities. On Thursday, September 16, the Canton branch hosted an event at the Canton City Hall which was geared towards helping the community to experience the library in a whole new way. Pictured (l to r) are: Mayor Arnel Bolden; Christine Greenwood, branch manager, Canton Library; Antonoinett Giamalva, branch manager, Ridgeland Library; Tiffany White, youth services director; Evanne Flanders, head of circulation, Ridgeland Library; and Chief of Police Otha Brown.



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Longwitz announces candidacy for County Court Judge

By Will Longwitz

Judge Will Longwitz is pleased to announce his candidacy for Madison County Court Judge.

Judge Longwitz is currently serving in this position, and he will be on the ballot November 8.

When Judge Will Longwitz took the oath of office, he promised to do equal justice to rich and poor alike. He promised to perform his duties faithfully and impartially, and to apply the law in a fair way. He also promised to help young people stay in school and stay off drugs. Judge Longwitz has kept his promises.

"I am very proud to serve as Madison County Court Judge," said Longwitz. "Every day, I get to apply the law the same way to all people, to treat everyone fairly and to help peo-

ple. It is a special trust, and I take it very seriously."

Judge Longwitz believes in treating people fairly. Since he became County Judge, Will



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Longwitz has taken extra steps to make sure he delivers equal justice to everybody, regardless of race, class, color or creed. He promises to keep treating all people the same once he is elected. "Everyone deserves fair treatment," said Longwitz. "And when it comes to young people, I believe in putting second chances first."

Judge Longwitz believes in helping people. Judge Longwitz was elected two times to the Mississippi Senate from Madison County. While he was there, he always put the interests of all of Madison County first. He fought for jobs and for education, and he advocated for disabled children. "I

have always believed in public service, and I believe Christ charges us to help the smallest ones first," Longwitz said.

Judge Longwitz is well qualified to serve. Judge Will Longwitz brings unique legal experience to the County Court. He went to college at Georgetown University. He went to law school at the University of Mississippi. He started his career as an attorney for the federal government in Washington, D.C., then he had his own law practice. "I was a solo attorney," he said. "I got to help anybody who needed me." Longwitz has helped families and small businesses, and has

represented children in Youth Court.

Judge Longwitz is asking for your vote. In Mississippi, we elect our judges, and we need to hold our judges accountable. Judge Will Longwitz has worked hard as County Judge, and he is working hard to earn every vote. "I humbly ask for the votes of the people of Canton and all of Madison County."

Please invite Judge Will Longwitz to speak to your church or to your social group. You can reach him at 601-605-5879. He is happy to speak to any group of any size.

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CPSD equipping students to become future leaders

By Cassandra Williams, CPSD Superintendent

For this month's column, I am pleased to announce an exciting initiative that will begin in Canton Public School District this month. This initiative is central to our belief that it takes an entire community to nurture our children, and our children will, in turn, contribute positively to the community once they leave our nest.

We have established a partnership with Dr. Juanita Sims-Doty and Dr. Karla McCullough called the I! Can Mentor WE! Can Mentor Initiative. Under this initiative, members of the community will serve as mentors to our students. Increasing our students' achievement is our number one focus in Canton Public School District, but I recently realized that there is a missing link: we need to cultivate leadership potential in our students and equip them to become future community leaders.

In addition to providing the supports necessary for a student to increase academically, we have to ensure that we are nurturing the entire child, and that means shaping him or her into a future leader. Dr. Doty and Dr. McCullough's program is guided by the "theory of possible selves" that describes how future-oriented thought serves as a motivator to accomplish goals. Students will meet with mentors throughout the year to refine their leadership skills by discussing a variety

of topics that will include communication, careers, citizenship, honesty, caring and self-discipline.



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Dr. Doty and Dr. McCullough have recruited and trained over one hundred volunteers from local churches, businesses and organizations to participate in our initiative. These volunteers will form "villages" that will be assigned

to specific schools. This year, we will pilot the program at Nichols Middle School, Porter Middle School, and Canton High School's 9th Grade Academy. It is my vision that we will eventually expand this initiative to all of the schools in our district.

Our students, designated as Canton Ambassadors, were selected for their leadership potential. We firmly believe that an investment in our children now will result in tremendous dividends later. At Canton Public School District, we are "nurturing our community: one student at a time." This partnership is one of many steps that our community and our school district will take together.

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.

Harreld family operated car dealership for 84 years

By Dan Evans

W.E. Harreld, Sr. founded the Harreld Chevrolet Company in 1932. The dealership's first

heads; because, at that time, the area was a swampy, undeveloped site. But loyal customers from Canton and surrounding



Photo by Dan Evans

location was on West Peace Street near the square. No one, not even Harreld, could have expected that the family car dealership would last for 84 years. From 1932 to 2016, the Harreld family operated the dealership in Canton. Mac Haik purchased the business operation this year.

Harreld led the business from the start until 1967, during which time the Oldsmobile line was added. A new facility was built on Highway 51 South in 1947. That proved to be a successful move, increasing business opportunities with larger inventory and an expanded service center. Mr. Harreld's business philosophy was simple: the customer comes first. Bill Harreld, Jr. and, later, Jim Harreld and John Harreld, grandsons of the founder, managed the dealership during the final 49 years.

When the dealership built the Highway 51 location just south of the square, many shook their

counties, as well as new customers from the growing Madison County suburbs, found the small town atmosphere at Harreld Chevrolet different from many of the larger dealerships in other areas.

The iconic blue and white neon signs atop the dealership welcomed visitors to Canton for many years, with Harreld Chevrolet Company brightly lit. It was said that a technician was assigned to keeping the signs glowing at all times. The signs remain today, but are no longer functioning.

Public records verify that Harreld Chevrolet is one of the longest continuous car dealerships in Mississippi, with license number 99.

Despite the auto worker strikes in the early 70s, the gasoline shortage in 1973, and the Easter Flood in 1979, which damaged their showroom floor, the family kept the business going successfully.

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CA senior rushes for more yards



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Canton Academy senior Keyshawn Clanton, number six, is shown rushing during a recent football game.

Mac Haik joins Sanderson Farms Championship

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The Sanderson Farms Championship is excited to announce Mac Haik has come on board as the sponsor of the Mac Haik Tailgate.

Located just off the 18th fairway, the Mac Haik Tailgate will be a perfect gathering spot for spectators, complete with a 9' x 16' large screen TV to keep up with all golf (and football) action. Other amenities include sports bar type concessions, beverage specials, and tailgate games (cornhole, ladder toss, giant jenga). Players will make tailgate appearances through-

out the week. The Mac Haik Tailgate is free with admission to the tournament, set for October 24-30, 2016 at The Country Club of Jackson.

"Mac Haik is pleased to join forces with Sanderson Farms in order to provide an exciting place for fans to come together to watch the premier professional sporting event in the state," said

Andy Leeper, General Manager of Mac Haik Mississippi. "We are delighted to help make a tremendous impact for Children's of Mississippi. We encourage everyone to come out, socialize, and enjoy some great golf action."



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Female leaders honored at EPWA Conference luncheon



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The Empowering Progressive Women's Association (EPWA) held their first Honorary Conference Luncheon honoring ladies who impact the world from Canton and Jackson. They are (l to r): Rosee Etta Bell; Azzie Jackson Adams; Mary Johnson; Annie Pearl Smith; Freda M. Bush, M.D.; Dr. Edelia "Jay" Carthan; Kimberly Campbell, Esq.; C. LaToya Bolden, M.D.; Marissa Simms; Judge Mamie M. Chinn; and Flonzie Brown-Wright, standing for her daughter Cynthia Goodloe Palmer. Also honored, but not in the photo, are Toya Veals, Shirley Simmons and Sister Thea Bowman (posthumously).

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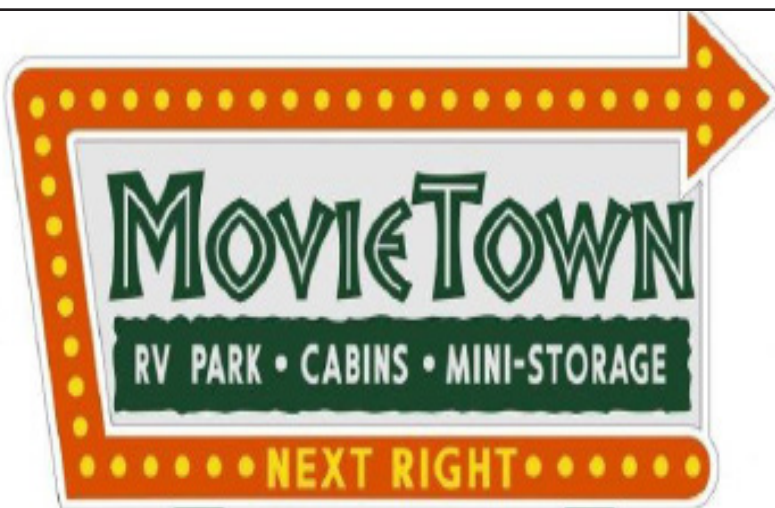


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Pallascene Cole seeking re-election

By Pallascene Cole

As a public servant, I work for all voters. One of the greatest joys in life has been my efforts to help others. For the past 30 years, I have served as a public jobs counselor, educator and election commissioner in Madison County, and it has been an honor. In summary:

- Presently serves as Chair, Madison County Election Commission and District 5 Election Commissioner; Alumni, Leadership Madison County;
- Former Superintendent, Principal, Counselor and Teacher;
- Canton Public Schools Employee-of-the-Year;



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- Selected District Administrator-of-the-Year twice;
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- National Certified Employment Counselor-USDOE;
- Mississippi Certified Election Commissioner;
- Mississippi Certified Poll Manager;
- Trainer, Madison County Electronic Poll Book;
- Proficient in using the Statewide Election Management System (SEMS) database;
- Chair/Founder, GSC School Scholarships & Mentoring;

- Chair, ASU Madison County Alumni Scholarship Committee;
- Chair/Founder, Kolbrite Foundation (at-risk students);
- Educational Consultant: PK-12 Levels;
- Active Member of Mount Olive Way Missionary Baptist Church;
- Author, "Educators, The Silent Servants";

- Speaker and author of numerous articles on educational and voting themes

- Family: Married to George S. Cole; Two children and three grandchildren;

- Committed to fairness and integrity in certifying votes/elections; and

- Favorite Scripture: (Jesus said) If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him (John 12:26).

I pledge to continue to keep all voters informed and abreast of emerging issues in voting matters.



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TelehealthONE named emerging high-growth innovator

By Susie A. Wolfe

TelehealthONE was named one of five emerging high-growth innovators that were recognized as Innovators to Watch at the Mississippi Innovators 2016 Hall of Fame Awards Gala on September 15 at the Country Club of Jackson. Others include Fuse.Cloud in Jackson, Jeff Good in Jackson, Hawkeye Industries in Tupelo, and Next Gear Solutions in Oxford.

TelehealthONE representatives say the company is proud to be recognized as an emerging high growth company. Developing new technologies and expanding access to highly qualified healthcare providers are two ways TelehealthONE is changing the way patients receive care. Reducing costs and improving the healthcare of patients are the two foci of TelehealthONE and how the company plans to make healthcare easier and patients better."

In an effort to fill a critical need in healthcare accessibility throughout Mississippi, Tele-

healthONE recently announced a new program with fred's Inc. to deliver walk-in telehealth kiosks to more fred's Pharmacy

art telehealth solutions to connect physicians and healthcare professionals with patients."

"Our mission is to improve the



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Shown during the September 15 award ceremony is Rich Sun, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Innovate Mississippi; Tony Jeff, President & CEO of Innovate Mississippi; and Dr. David Powe, President & CEO for TelehealthOne.

locations. TelehealthONE is the state's leading provider of comprehensive healthcare, providing what company officials call "fully-integrated, state-of-the-

lives of patients and customers by providing quality healthcare services and consumer products that deliver value to the communities we serve," said

Rick Chambers, executive vice president, pharmacy operations, fred's Inc. "Being a leader in providing flexible options for physician visits is just one step in that process."

TelehealthONE launched its first kiosk at fred's Pharmacy in Flora in September of 2015; and, due to the success of the program and the need for expanded healthcare options, TelehealthONE and fred's have agreed to open additional kiosk locations. The next nine TelehealthONE kiosks to launch are planned for the communities of Union, Pelahatchie, Carthage, Morton, Jackson, Pearl, Clinton, Lexington and Terry.

"By making it easier for our residents to access the care they need, we are hopeful that we can impact our health outcomes and make Mississippi a healthier place to live," said Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant. "It's encouraging to see state telehealth and retail companies and one of our state's largest health systems working together to improve the health of our state."

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Latinfest to be held October 15 at Multipurpose Complex

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On October 15, from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m., the Fifth Annual Latinfest, presented by Nissan, will be held at the Canton Multi-Purpose Center. Latin-

in Madison County to enjoy the festivities," stated Martinez.

The Canton Boys and Girls Club, One Church of Ridgeland, and the Mississippi Pro-



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fest is considered the largest Latino festival in Mississippi, and draws a large, diverse audience from Mississippi and beyond. This year's festival will highlight Cuba.

The Latin American Business Association (LABA), the non-profit organization that organizes the festival, provides links to resources for Latin American businesses and families in Mississippi. Israel Martinez, founder of LABA, spoke to the significance of providing a venue for celebrating rich culture and community.

"With the ever-growing Latino population in Mississippi, Latinfest is an opportunity to bring all of our communities together for a fun, family-friendly experience. Moving the festival to Canton for the first time this year, we hope to develop stronger relationships with the large Latino community in Canton, and encourage more residents

professional Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE MS) will host an interactive Kids Zone. A number of culinary artists will provide free desserts for the "Sweet Taste of Latin America" experience. Area restaurants, like Canton's own Marlo's Barbecue, will serve as food vendors. Salsa Mississippi of Jackson will hold dance demonstrations and contests. Bands from New Orleans, Mississippi, and the surrounding area will entertain the crowd with salsa music. There will also be a number of giveaways throughout the day, including a special Cuban gift for the first 500 attendees.

The cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Kids ages twelve and under enter for free. A percentage of proceeds from the festival benefits the Red Cross of Mississippi. For more information, visit: Latinfestms.com.

Having gratitude means having more than enough

By Guest Columnist Kathy Amos

You've heard the saying, "Have an attitude of gratitude." It's a



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true statement! Gratitude turns what we see as not enough into more than enough. It will turn denial into acceptance, chaos into order and confusion into clarity. Gratitude causes us to reconcile our past, come to peace with our enemies and gives us hope for our future. Gratitude helps us to see the good side of things, so that we can lay down our weapons of war and pick up the mantle of love and grace.

The Law of the Picture says, "People do what people see." And if you want to be a successful leader, you must manifest the life you desire in your fol-

lowers. When you personify a grateful heart, you can shift the atmosphere causing it to become conducive for others to work in a peaceful manner. We're living in times where it's easy to focus on the negative aspects of any situation. But, when we become intentional about gratitude, we choose to make our lives and the lives of others easier.

As the holiday season approaches, I encourage you to practice gratitude by not complaining. Be thankful for what you have, instead of striving to get more of the same thing. Give compliments, and thank someone for doing a great job. The Grinch began to practice gratitude, and his heart grew ten times larger than its normal size.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Kathy Amos is a founding member of The John Maxwell Team and a certified coach, speaker and trainer. She serves as executive pastor of the Turning Point Fellowship Ministries International Church, along with her husband. She is the founder and life coach of Glamdezvous Resorts, and the president of the Turning Point Arts & Entertainment Studio in Canton, a performing arts school, event facility and internet cafe.

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Alderwoman Olivia Harrell and Mayor Arnel Bolden shown loading supplies to be delivered to The Red Cross to assist Louisiana flood victims.

KPNA donates needed items to Crosby, MS



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The Knights of Pillar Nurses Association donated water and cleaning supplies to the flood victims in Crosby, Mississippi. The Salvation Army came to Sacred Heart Church in Canton to pick up the items for those needing assistance in Crosby. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Mary Simes, Rachiel Johnson, Katie Hamlin and Annie Smith; and back row: Nettie Travis, Bettie Sanders, Pearlina Hatcher, Helen Owens, Ida Thomas, Bertha McGruder, Betty Vaughan and Ruth Gray. Members not pictured are Monica Gilkey, Shirley Thompson, Cassandra Soujourney, Angelo Holmes, Mary Johnson, Ermalene Guydon and Pearl Nichols.



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Canton, MS groups hold annual golf tournament



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The 100 Black Men of America, Canton Chapter, and the Velma Jackson High School Foundation paired up for their Annual Golf Tournament at the Canton Country Club on Friday, August 26. Pictured from left are Bob Montgomery, VJHS Foundation; Leroy Lacy, 100 Black Men of America; Mary DeVaul-Levy, golf tournament facilitator; James Sims, 100 Black Men; and George Cole, VJHS Foundation.

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CA to name baseball stadium after Smith

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Canton Academy has announced that its baseball stadium will be officially named Stuart Smith Stadium in a dedication ceremony to be held at the beginning of baseball season in 2017. Smith's grandparents, Shelby and Carolyn Smith, have provided a "lead gift" so that the stadium may undergo renovations and improvements that will position it as one of the top private school stadiums in the state, and one that will be befitting of the memory of Stuart Smith. Some of Smith's significant accomplishments and memorable moments took place in the baseball stadium, so school officials agree that it is appropriate that the newly-upgraded stadium should bear his name. Others who wish to honor the



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memory of Smith by making a contribution to the Stuart Smith Baseball Stadium Upgrades Project should contact Annette Harreld, director of development, Canton Academy. She can be reached by phone at (601) 317-0400 or by e-mail to aharreld@cantonacademy.org. There were significant upgrades made to the baseball field and portions of the baseball complex in 2004-05 when the field was dedicated to Jim Butchart, long-time contributor and supporter of Canton Academy baseball. Jim Butchart Field and Stuart Smith Stadium will provide present and future baseball players an opportunity to compete in a first-class baseball facility for many years to come. The dedication of the stadium date will be announced as soon as the MAIS releases the baseball schedule for the 2017 season.



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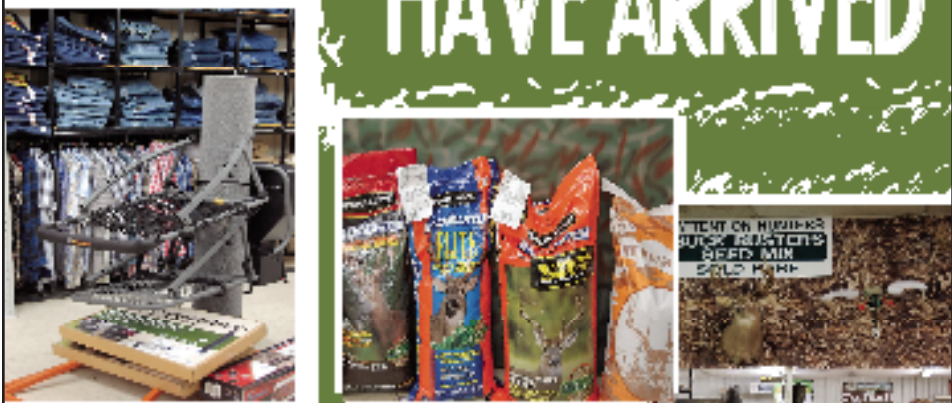
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Foster care shortage reaches urgent level

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Improving foster care for children is something that government can't do alone, Gov. Phil Bryant told a recent planning meeting to recruit more foster parents in Jackson.

The Governor, the director of Child Protection Services and leaders of the faith-based initiative known as Rescue 100 called upon churches and families to become involved in efforts to recruit, train and support foster parents.

Gov. Bryant said the thing he wants most to accomplish during his eight years in office is to improve the foster care system. But, he said, "The answer is not in the Governor's office, the Capitol, the Legislature. It is here with the church. When you step forward, things will change. We have been called to save the lives of the youngest and dearest among us."

Gov. Bryant, Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr., Justice Dawn Beam, Child Protection Services Director Dr. David Chandler and Jamie Walley, student and missions pastor at Meadow Grove Baptist Church in Brandon, talked about efforts to increase the number of licensed foster homes during a Rescue 100 Vision meeting in early September at the Mississippi Supreme Court. Justice Beam, co-chair of the Commission on Children's Justice, is spearheading organization of Rescue 100 programs. Gov. Bryant last year persuaded Dr. Chandler to leave the Mississippi Supreme Court to head Child Protection Services.

The lives of abused and neglected children are at stake, Dr. Chandler told the audience. "A three-month-old child with a drug-addicted mother has no chance but for you."

There are 1,096 children in foster care in Attala, Hinds, Holmes, Issaquena, Leake, Madison, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey, Warren and Yazoo counties, according to Chris Alexander, spokesperson for the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services. There are more children than

licensed foster homes in the area. There are currently 272 licensed resource homes in those same counties. "Kids die," Walley said. "It is not an exaggeration....Lives are at stake, and

fore the training so that people considering becoming licensed foster parents can learn the requirements. Anyone interested in attending the weekend training must first attend an

a medically needy child who would be dead but for their care. Now that young man is thriving and has an opportunity for a wonderful life. It truly was a miracle."

Judge Broome, co-chair of the Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice, said, "There is a huge need for quality foster homes for our children, because they are being removed from homes where they have been abused and neglected. They need foster families who will provide loving care, nurturing and support."

As a County and Youth Court judge, Broome has to order removal of children from abusive and neglectful homes. What he sees all too frequently is that there is no local foster home available to take a child immediately.

"This effort today is an outstanding opportunity for churches and families to become part of the solution and provide these children with hope," Judge Broome said.

"You can make a difference," Justice Beam said. "Our communities need to wrap around these families. It takes all of us as Mississippians."

Rescue 100 is a collaborative effort between the Mississippi

Department of Child Protection Services, the Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice, 200 Million Flowers and churches across the state of Mississippi to provide loving homes for children in the foster system.

The organizations work together to streamline the training and certification process for resource families – most of which happens over one weekend after a family attends a brief orientation/informational meeting. Training will be held in different parts of the state throughout the year.

For more information or to register, visit:
www.200millionflowers.org/rescue100



URGENT NEED: LOVING HOMES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN



that is real."

"It's not a statistic," Walley continued. "These are real kids that have names and deserve a home."

The goal of Rescue 100 is to provide 100 more licensed foster homes to meet the needs of abused and neglected children in Central Mississippi. Rescue 100 is a collaborative effort among government, the faith-based community and the private sector.

Rescue 100 will hold its third weekend intense training for prospective foster parents from October 21 through 23 at Mississippi College in Clinton. Residents of Attala, Hinds, Holmes, Issaquena, Leake, Madison, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey, Warren and Yazoo counties are invited to participate.

Every foster home must be licensed. Completing the licensing process used to take many months. In an effort to address the need for more foster parents, Rescue 100 will pack into three days all of the classes required for people to be licensed as foster parents.

Four orientations are scheduled be-

orientation. Registration is available at:
www.200millionflowers.org/rescue100.

Walley, director of Church Relations and Training for the adoption agency 200 Million Flowers, works with churches to encourage foster care and to help those churches provide support for foster care families. "If one family from every church in the state of Mississippi would be a resource family, there would be a waiting list" to become foster parents, Walley said.

Walley knows that he is asking people to do something extremely difficult. He and his wife Stephanie are licensed foster parents. "It's the hardest thing I've ever done," he said.

The little boy in their foster care came to them as a baby with severe medical problems. He was expected to need a kidney transplant. He had to be fed through a tube. They hope to adopt him.

Rankin County Court Judge Thomas Broome said later, "They took in



Each of the one-hour orientation sessions is scheduled for 6 p.m. Dates and locations are:

- **October 10:** Canton, Madison Chancery Court Annex Building, Board of Supervisors Room, 146 West Center Street
- **October 11:** Jackson, Hinds Chancery Courthouse, 316 South President Street
- **October 12:** Vicksburg, Warren Chancery Courtroom, 1009 Cherry Street
- **October 13:** Brandon, Rankin County Circuit Courtroom, 215 East Government Street

TRAINING: October 21-23 - Mississippi College, Clinton* (Orientation attendance is required prior to attending the training.)

Zebra Tent tailgating fun for Cantonians

By Susie A. Wolfe

A number of Cantonians are part of tailgating at Ole Miss home games, and have been for many years. Jane Foster and her husband, Lantz, started the group, now called the Zebra Tent, that will host 500 to 700 people for small games,

start setting up at six that morning," said Foster.

"Erin has a knack for design and decorating," she added. "We plan to have a Breast Cancer Awareness theme on October 1 where we plan to take up donations. Everything will be in pink."

Noble was diagnosed with



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The Zebra Tent's Breakfast at Tiffany's theme that was recently featured on www.HottyToddy.com.

and 700 to 1,000 guests for big SEC games.

The Fosters and Ken and Madeline Morris are founding members of the Zebra Tent, which is located on the Walk of Champions on campus. They started with a double tent, and have grown to three double tents today as they invite friends and family, and even the opposing team. They host an average of seven home games a year, where Jane Foster, Erin Noble and Suzanne Camp spend around twelve hours each in set up.

Local artist Noel Webb was asked to paint the tent in a fun way, so friends could find it. She came up with the zebra pattern.

Included in the fourteen member families are Cantonians Bill and Karen Mosby, Wilson Harreld and Jo Lynn Michael, Erin and John Noble, and former residents Suzanne and Ron Camp. Madison residents include David and Deanna Berry, Jan Collins, and Michael and Wendy Tate. Others are from Oxford, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas.

Planning for the game-day parties starts in the summer, according to Foster, who is an advertising sales rep at Mississippi Magazine. Noble, who owns and operates Sulm's Gifts on the Square in Canton, has been involved for four years.

"Our Friday nights are full till midnight preparing, and we

breast cancer this year through the results of her mammogram. This early detection was a blessing, as was not having to do any treatments, so they will be stressing the importance of yearly checkups.

Foster said that hosting the tent began when her two children were little, then attended Ole Miss, and it is now a hobby. Some memorable guests through the years include Tim Tebow's family, Make-A-Wish children, Greg Iles, James Meredith, Brian McFadden, Cliff Stout, Ray Perkins, Sam Ponder, and quite a few former Rebels who are now in the NFL.

"We want people to have a good experience when they come to Mississippi," she said.

Noble said her best memory was when USA Today came in the tent and selected the Zebra Tent the Best Tailgating Set-up in the SEC. The tailgating group has been featured on HottyToddy.com and will also be featured in a video interview on PopSugar.com, a well-known social media venue out of California, in about a month, she said. The group has also been featured on *Gameday*, *SEC Nation*, *Travel Channel*, *Weather Channel*, *CNN* and *ESPN*. They have also been in *Mississippi Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Invitation Oxford*, *The New York Times* and *Dallas Daily News*.

Canton 2016-2017 Garden Club Members



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The Canton Garden Club includes (l to r), seated: Deborah Thrasher, Elizabeth Walters, Jean Cook, JoAnn Weeks, Edna Reeves and Dot Roebuck; and standing: Laura Mullins, Sarah Bowen, Geraldine Grant, Rose Bradberry, Lise Foy, Susan Riddell, Brenda Johnson, Geraldine Grant, Maria Stewart, Trish Taylor, Tracy Moon, Jeanee Shell, Jo Lynn Michael, Mary Carol Patrick, Lynne Wood, Linda Patrick and Joyce Logue.


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Canton Discount Drugs receives three Chamber awards

By Susie A. Wolfe

At the Canton Chamber's "Best of Canton" awards ceremony in August, Randall Strong and his Canton Discount Drugs team accepted three awards that the community felt the 38-year-old drug store should receive – Best Pharmacy, Best Employer and Best Customer Service. The voting was held in July, when members of the community voted online and with paper ballots.

After graduating from pharmacy school, Randall moved to Canton. He had always wanted his own business, so he and his wife, Sherry, a Canton native and the store's office manager, opened Canton Discount Drugs in February, 1978.

This is the third year in a row that his business has been named Best Pharmacy. Randall said: "To receive these awards is a humbling experience. I am glad customers see that we seek to provide the very best in customer service. There is no question or problem too small, whether a customer is seeking to have their prescription filled, buying a money order, or spe-

cially ordering any item they might need."

Randall's motto is "we strive to always hit the ball out of the park – we try harder!"

He currently has 43 employ-

tee, is one of those students who started 27 years ago, and is now the company's operations manager. Chandler is also currently serving as president of the Canton Chamber of

include pharmacist Lisa Agin, 28 years; assistant manager Carlet Johnson, 20 years; Rosetta Greer, 19; head pharmacy tech Amy Blackmon, 14; Carlos Porter, 14; and pharmacy tech Amy Johnson, 10.

Hanson Walker, a student hire who has worked at the store for fifteen years, is now in pharmacy school at the University of Mississippi. Hanson, who started when he was 15 years old, still works during the summer and holidays. Briannica Thomas, another student hire, is also attending pharmacy school in Tennessee.

Recent retirees include Ruby Tolbert, who served 30+ years; Shirley Robinson, 27; and Nona Parker, 20+.

Canton Discount Drugs is a Health Mart store offering the convenience of being Canton's only UPS drop-off point. Other services include offering money orders, MoneyGrams, check cashing, CMU bill payment, Entergy bill payment, and medical synchronization. Store hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday, 1 until 5 p.m.



Photo by The Canton News

Canton Discount Drugs won the Best Pharmacy award at the Chamber's Best of Canton event. Shown are owners and employees accepting the award.

ees, including seven high school students and six college students. Randall has been hiring students since he opened because "it teaches them to be reliable and have a good work ethic."

Chan Chandler, a Canton na-

Commerce.

The Strongs' son, Jason, has been with the store 25 years and is the pharmacy manager. Their daughter, Alison Gilmore, also lives in Canton and teaches at Canton High School.

Other long-term employees

RE-ELECT LEROY LACY ELECTION COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5 MADISON COUNTY

I, Leroy Lacy, am seeking re-election of Election Commissioner District 5 in Madison County. I served as your election commissioner for District 5 Madison County from 2004 to 2015. I have served as Chairman of the Commission; I have also served as Assistant Vice-President as well as Vice-President of Legislation of the Election Commissioner Association of Mississippi (ECAM); served as Chairman of the Commission; I have also served as Assistant Vice-President as well as Vice-President of Legislation of the Election Commissioner Association of Mississippi (ECAM) from 2013 to 2015; I have worked at the State Capitol with legislators for our ECAM Association.

I was instrumental in getting electronic voting machines and electronic poll books to Madison County. I kept the voter roll purged, as well as kept the voters updated on the voting process. I made sure that it was mandatory that all poll workers be thoroughly trained; and, I made sure that Madison County District 5 was well represented.

• I am the owner/agent of Lacy's Insurance Agency, LLC in Canton Mississippi since 1980 to present

• I am presently serving on Canton Planning Board from 2003 to present

• I have served on Canton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 2012 to 2013

• I have served as President of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Canton Chapter, where we mentor young men in Elementary and Middle Schools in Canton Public Schools and Madison County Schools

• I have served on McKinley Theological Seminary Board of Directors in Jackson Mississippi from 2007 to 2011

• I am a graduate of Velma Jackson High School Class of 1973

• Attended Jackson State University and Oklahoma City University majoring in Business Administration

Madison County District 5 Precincts include: 517-Camden Community Center; 518-Bethel Church; 519-Courparle Church; 520-Pleasant Green Church; 521-Catholic Parish; 522- Canton Community Center; 523-Farmhaven Fire Department; 524-Canton Bible Church; 525-Cedar Grove Baptist Church; 526-Pleasant Gift Church; 527-South Liberty Church; and 528-Grace Church on Yandell Road.



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Canton's First Lady, LaToya M. Bolden, M.D.

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LaToya Bolden, M.D., the state of Mississippi's first African-American Junior Miss (1994), has always emphasized excellence in her life and now aims to positively impact the lives of the community as Canton's first lady. The former valedictorian of Jackson's Forest Hill High School was graduated Summa Cum Laude from Xavier University of Louisiana. She then completed medical school and residency training in anesthesiology at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans and an obstetric anesthesiology fellowship at Baylor College



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of Medicine in Houston.

First Lady Dr. Bolden has been influential in the community as an anesthesiologist, medical educator, classically trained musician and youth motivation speaker. Prior to her relocation to Canton, she spent ten years as faculty at the Baylor College of Medicine and is one of only a handful of African-American physicians to have achieved the academic rank of associate professor. Other notable achievements include her recent selection as one of Xavier University of Louisiana's Top 40 Outstanding Alumni and one of the National Quality Health Forum's Top 40 Leaders in Healthcare. The latter award was conferred by the Congressional Black Caucus. She was also recently celebrated as one of the EPWA's 2016 Honorees.

A native Mississippian, and now a citizen of Canton, Dr. Bolden says she has an interest in improving the health of citizens in the city and state. Furthermore, Dr. Bolden says she looks forward to enhancing the quality of anesthetic care rendered to patients in her current role as associate professor of anesthesiology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

She is also an accomplished pianist, organist and violinist.



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Shown in their first scrimmage game, the Canton Tigers are turning up the heat.



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