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Canton Christmas to be bigger than ever

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Once again, more than 200,000 twinkling white lights will sparkle and light up the city's Historic Courthouse Square, bringing the magic and nostalgia of the holidays, along with thousands of visitors, to Canton.

Back this year is the interactive Christmas Village, giving children the opportunity to make reindeer food for Santa's reindeer to eat on Christmas Eve. Frosty will be near his igloo handing out marshmallows to roast by his fire, and Santa's elves will pass out magical glasses that make the Christmas lights in Canton come to life in special shapes. The interactive Christmas Village is designed to allow children to take home their memories from the Canton Christmas festival while creating special memories with the characters.

"As we

all know, moments and memories are priceless treasures we will have forever, and Canton's Christmas Festival allows you to capture those times with your loved ones during the special holiday season," said Canton Tourism executive director Jana Dear.

To take full advantage of the festival's breathtaking nighttime views, festival hours will be from 5 until 9 p.m. through December 23.

Throughout the month, several merchants around the Square will have extended holiday hours and will offer a respite from the hectic, big-box-store experience. Shoppers can stroll the sidewalks and enjoy the

season, immersed in lights and holiday music, as they pop into gift shops, vintage stores and boutiques for unique items, special sales and samples.

Light and character parades, at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturday nights throughout the festival's run, enhance the family fun with a chance to meet favorite princesses, superheroes and more.

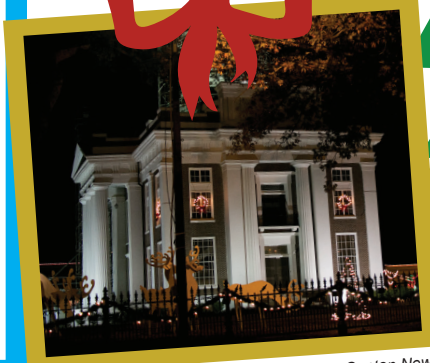
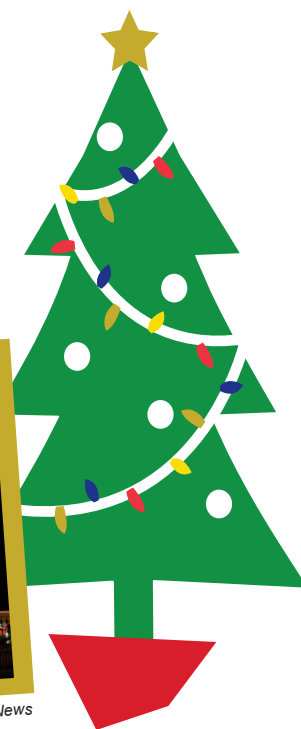
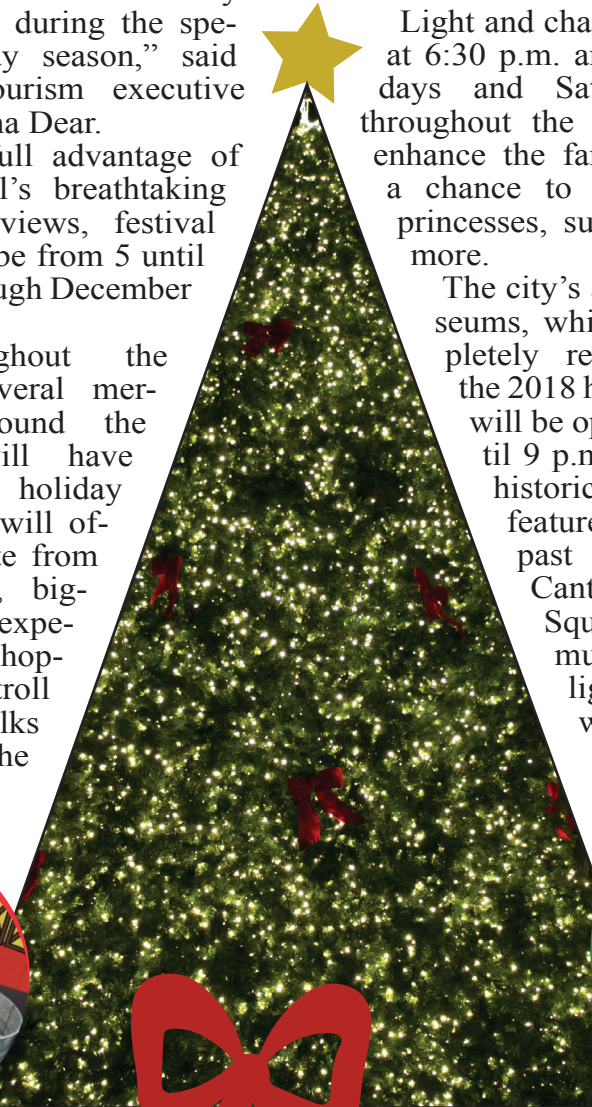
The city's animation museums, which were completely redecorated for the 2018 holiday season, will be open from 5 until 9 p.m. nightly. The historical museum features replicas of past merchants on Canton's Historic Square; the other museum will delight youngsters with themed Christmas

mas trees, including animation penguin figures enjoying a winter day around the park.

On Friday, December 14, from 5 until 9 p.m., participating area merchants will offer their version of Christmas hot cider for enjoyment under the Christmas lights.

Additional festival highlights include Mrs. Claus' Story Time, nightly from 6 until 9 p.m., horse and buggy rides, trolley rides around the Square, miniature train and fire truck rides, an old-fashioned carousel, as well as photos with Santa nightly throughout the festival. Attendees are encouraged to check out the newest ride, the sky race, located on the courthouse square grounds. All events occur nightly, except for Friday, December 7, when there will be no horse and buggy, train, fire truck or trolley rides.

For more information, visit www.CantonTourism.com



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- Visits with Frosty
- Magic Elf glasses
- Parades at 6:30 and 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays
- Animation museums
- Merchants' Sip 'N Cider on Dec. 14
- Mrs. Claus' Story Time beginning at 6 p.m. nightly
- Horse and buggy rides
- Mini train and fire truck rides
- Carousel
- Photos with Santa
- New sky race ride

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Thornton Chapel history was honored

By Lori Lycette

November 11, 2018, marked the first of hopefully many homecoming celebrations for Thornton Chapel, a small Methodist church situated near the intersection of Way and Davis Crossing Roads, about five miles northwest of Canton's town square. It was a day of honoring and celebrating the rich history which has spanned across three centuries. The original church building was built in 1855 and was eventually converted into a community center after a new sanctuary was erected in 1963. It is now known as the Rob Fellowship Hall in honor of Rob Terry Foy's labor and dedication to the project.

After the Sunday morning services, lunch was provided by Penn's Fish House and then topped off with a variety of homemade desserts furnished by members of the congregation. Thornton Chapel and First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of

Canton are very closely connected, as they share the same pastor, Brother David Lowery, and music director, Kathy Hammack. Each Sunday morning, they lead the 9 a.m. service at Thornton Chapel before heading back into town to lead the service at FUMC. Many members of the sister church were in attendance, as well.

Brother Lowery, who had done extensive research on the history of Thornton Chapel, was the first speaker that day. He told the story of Thomas C. Thornton, who was born in Dumfries, Virginia, on October 12, 1794. His father was an M.D., and his grandfather was a surgeon in the British Navy for several years as well as a minister of the Established Church. He moved to America during the latter years of his life and was a friend of George Washington and the American cause during the Revolution.

Thomas C. Thornton graduat-

ed from school in Dumfries at the age of sixteen and immediately began studying medicine. During that time, he heard Richard Tydings preach with great fervor, and soon began to seek the salvation of his soul through the Methodist church. Although his father was a "high church Episcopalian" and greatly disapproved, he firmly but respectfully disregarded his father's wishes and joined the local Methodist organization. The elder Thornton

restored his credentials, effective 1853, and he continued as an active and honored member until his death on March 22, 1860. After his death, Samuel W. Speer was appointed to Thornton Chapel while also teaching at Madison College.

He was also extremely interested in mission work and was a close friend of William Lambuth, who was an active promoter of missions in China. His monument is still visible in the cemetery at Sharon, where many other illustrious Methodists were also laid to rest.

Longtime member Carl Murphy will be 92 years old next month and attended the celebration with his wife, Betty. He had been a member since 1953 until recently moving away to be closer to medical care. His son, Danny Murphy, relayed some of his father's memories to the crowd that day. Carl remembers his dad helping with renovations as well as dinners on the grounds after all night cooking over a fire pit. Everyone who attended would usually bring a prepared dish for the meal.

He also shared that Thornton Chapel partnered with Ellison Church at Vaughn in order to help pay the preacher's salary. There were times that he preached at each church every other Sunday. Thornton Chapel shared Brother

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The Rob Fellowship Hall (Photo Above)



Current sanctuary of Thornton Chapel

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eventually searched his own soul and gave consent for his young son to preach the Gospel. Thomas was only seventeen years old, so he taught until he turned nineteen and then was admitted into the Baltimore Conference in 1813 before his appointment to Winchester Circuit. Two years later, he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Francis Asbury, who had been ordained by Reverend John Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism.

In 1841, while Dr. Thornton was pastoring at Foundry Chapel in Washington City (D.C.), he was called to the presidency of Centenary College in Rankin County, Mississippi, until resigning in 1844. The following year, he surrendered his Methodist minister credentials and joined the Epis-

CHS seniors cast votes



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Canton High School seniors made sure their voices were heard by casting their ballots at the polls in the recent elections.

CHS releases honor roll

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Canton High School recently released its first term honor roll.

Students on the High Honor Roll (all As) included Kelan Edmond, Jordyn Manning and KaDestiny Ousley.

Students on the Honor Roll (all As and Bs) included: Lakwanzaa Beal, Andrena Black, Jamichael Branch, Kyaijah Branch, Tymeria Brent, Kobe Brooks, Jameshia Brown, Jamyla Brown, Janiya Burse, RicJavious Carter, Jennifer

Crayton, Darius Dortch, Tyreece Estes, Christopher Handy, Makalia Handy, Rucell Harris, Rachel Hawkins, Zikirria Humphrey, Jamiyah Jackson, Vergie Jackson, Yasmine Jeffery, Alashija Johnson, Tykeria Johnson, Shavaria Jones, Felandria Joyner, Rigoberto Leon, Kiera Luckett, Madison Moore, Tamia Prophet, Jacques Ratliff, Jimyla Shepherd, Ladaysha Spillman, Ta'preikah Sutton, Andrea Tall, Carnisha Thompson, Demarion Williams, Morgan Williams and Courtney Young.

Nursing students cover MS Baptist health fair



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Mississippi College nursing students recently worked at a health fair at the 2018 Mississippi Baptist Convention. Pictured (l to r) at the convention at First Baptist Church Jackson are: Joya Johnson of Meridian, Kaitlynn Wright of Pearl; Ashley Richard of Florence; Elizabeth Kimbrell of Carrollton; Erica Litzenberger of Seattle, Washington; Sammie Mack of Little Rock, Arkansas; and Janesia Smoots of Canton.

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Thorton chapel honored

Dillard with their sister church, FUMC of Canton, as well. Mr. Murphy also remembers when the new church was built- complete with steeple, altar furniture, and brass fixtures -and the renovation of the old white church. He told how they began by jacking up each side of the building with hand jacks and cutting off six inches at a time until they had worked their way around the entire building. It was lowered to make it more energy efficient and easier to make updates using standard building supplies. This new design served the community well for garden club meetings, showers, feeding families after funerals, and numerous other gatherings.

FUMC member Lettie Ruth Williams told how Thornton Chapel served as a safe haven for people trying to escape the Yellow Fever

epidemic back in 1878. She said that her family had to move there from town in order to escape the devastating disease.

Thornton Chapel recently lost one very special member, Madge Pendarvis Pepper. She had been there since birth but passed away on October 15, 2018, at the age of 99. The flowers in the sanctuary were given in her memory by her children.

Thornton Chapel continues to be a positive force in the community through the Sunday morning services as well as hosting a monthly afterschool program for school-aged children in the area. These children will perform a Christmas program on December 9 at 4:30 p.m., and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. The church will also be a stopping point for the Canton Library's Bookmobile in the coming spring.



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safe. The students also learned search and rescue procedures, how to operate the Jaws of Life, and basic use of a thermal imaging camera. Law and Public Safety instructor Ms. Doris Bright and CCC director Rodney Harris both offered a special thanks to the Canton Fire Department for sharing their skills and knowledge with the students.



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CA sets December 13 date for the Holiday Hustle

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Canton Academy will hold its annual fundraising Holiday Hustle 5K on Thursday, December 13.

The fun walk/run through the festive Canton Christmas lights is open to the public and begins at 6 p.m. with the Reindeer Trot for little folks, followed immediately by the 5K.

Runners are encouraged to come dressed in holiday spirit to race along the historic Canton Courthouse Square and take in the City of Lights, music and more. The race will begin at the Train Depot and Museum at 108 Depot Drive. Packet pickup is from 2 until 5:30 p.m.



Following the race, participants can stay for food, live music and selfies with Santa.

Awards will be given to the overall male and female run and walk winner and to the overall top male and female finishers in the run and walk for the following age groups: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and over, with a special award for best Christmas costume.

Advance registration is \$30 for runners, \$25 for the Reindeer Trot only, and is available at raceroster.com. Registration will increase by \$5 on the day of the race. Race will be chip timed by Mississippi Race Timing. Entry fee includes glow sticks, eligibility for awards and post-race festivities.

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Knights of Pillar Nurses Association holds event



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Knights of Pillar Nurses Association recently held its Breast Cancer Awareness Event at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Camden. The guest speaker for the event was Dr. Jennifer Hicks, OB/GYN. Dr. Hicks spoke about Women's Health and the different issues surrounding the physical changes that occur with females. Her speech was a layout plan for preventive health measures. Other special guests included Mrs. Laverne Watts, Mrs. Mary Luckett and Mrs. Ruth Simpson. The audience was led in prayer by Mrs. Renee Middleton. Door prizes and refreshments ended the evening. Pictured (l to r) are Ruth Simpson, Laverne Watts, Dr. Jennifer Hicks, Mrs. Smith, Mary Luckett and Renee Middleton.

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Nissan recently hosted their annual fall blood drive. Nissan team members gave nearly 600 units for Mississippi Blood Services to help people during medical emergencies.

Goodloe Elem. honor roll

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Goodloe Elementary School recently released its first term honor roll.

Students on the Superintendent's List (all As) included, first grade: Diego Arenas-Alvarez; second grade: Dylan Hamlin and Alexandria Johnson.

Students on the Principal's Honor Roll (all As and Bs) included, kindergarten: Paris Brown, Arnage Golston, Nolan Henderson, Jody Mosley, Kody Thomas, Asiah Gee, Dayanna Gonzalez, Leonardo Martinez Jr., Khloe Palmer, Jacques Ratliff, Arria Spencer, Hailee Guyton, Madison Ransburg, Ja'Quon Rogers, Ariel Spencer and Aria Whitehead; first grade: Fredrick Brent, Kiersten Caldwell, Caleb Carson, Joseph Cook, Eddy Garcia, Celyria Griffin, Hevyn Jones, Celyria Griffin, Kamren Hooker, Kyla Jackson, Kolby Jackson,

Dentrick McDaniels, Thailand Nichols, Jakayla Prophet, Journei Robinson, Morgan Robinson, Brylee Tucker, Javier Tovar-Santos, Hinata Vence and Zymeria Young; second grade: Chloe Camel, Eliana Dortch, Jayden Harris, Nathan James, Adelin Miranda,

Noah Morgan, Mickle Primer, Aaliyah Robinson, Antwain Truss and Johnathan White; third grade: Ayden Johnson, Arrianna Jones, Jakayla Rogers, Jacourien Ruffin, Laverius Slaughter and Tyjuan Truss; fourth grade: Ashley Arenas, Alexandria Luckett, Michael Luckett, Amarea Reyes, Nelly

Rosales-Cardona, Isaiah Smith and Angel Williams; and fifth grade: Aubrey Chambers, Ke'ambriah Goines, Chrishawn Grant, Victoria Hughes, Travonta Love, Jaden Luckett, Kira McDaniels, Jerami McMorris, Zaryona Reed, Ginacarlo Rosales and Erik Rosas-Bautista.



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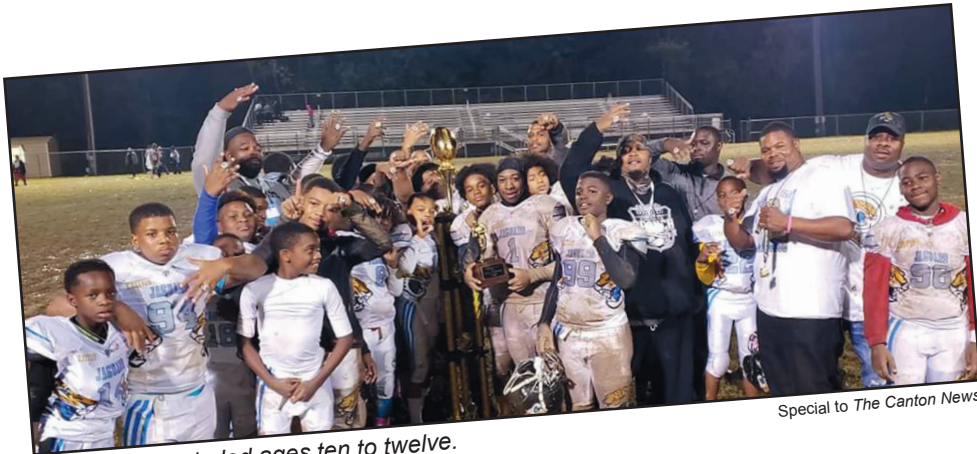
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The Canton Jaguars Youth Football and Cheer Organization recently completed their season. The team, which is part of the Central Mississippi Youth Athletics League, is divided into three teams by age groups: Team A includes ages ten to twelve, Team B includes ages nine and ten, and Team C includes ages six to eight. All three teams remained undefeated through two playoff games.

The A team finished the season with an 11-0 record with only seven points scored on them, the B team finished the season with a 10-1 record with only six points scored on them, and the C team finished the season with an 11-0

record with only twenty-seven points scored on them for the entire season. The A and C teams both went on to win first place in their championship games earlier last month. The B team fell short of the championship by only 6 points.

The Canton Jaguars are owned by Roberto Williams, Amos Varnado, and Jessie Branch. The commissioner of the league is Everett Graise. The organization is not just focused on football and chants, but makes education and discipline a priority, with coaches making frequent stops at local schools to check on players' behavior and grades. The organization attributes its success to the volunteer coaches and the support of the parents and fans.



The A team included ages ten to twelve.

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The B team included ages nine and ten.

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The C team included ages six to eight.

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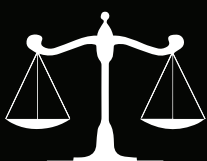
Grandparents welcomed for Thanksgiving feast

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Lower elementary students recently enjoyed a hearty Thanksgiving meal with their grandparents at the Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts and Sciences.

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New honored for work



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Madison County Business League and Foundation's Immediate Past Chairman Phil Buffington (left) recently presented the 2018 Visionary Leadership Award to Dr. Nancy New (right). Dr. New is the co-executive director of Families First for Mississippi, Founder of New Summit Schools, Mississippi Community Education Center, Spectrum Academy, and Mississippi Dyslexia Centers. Her career in the field of education and as a compassionate advocate for Mississippi's students with learning differences and diverse learning needs spans nearly forty years in educational and business settings as a classroom instructor, school administrator, and a community and adult education administrator.

Memorial and Angel Tree event planned



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Knights of Pillar Nurses Association will hold its third Annual Memorial and Angel Tree event on December 9 at St. Paul Church at 3 p.m.

All family members, friends and members of the public are invited to join the group for a memorable event, designed to remember those who served the community through their acts of love, kindness and self-giving over the years as nurses and nursing assistants. The church is located at 505 Union Street.

Pace chosen for Heisman



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Betsy Pace, a student at Canton Academy, has been selected as a State Finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman. The prestigious award requires students who are selected to excel in academics and athletics while serving as a strong role model for other students and being involved in community service. Only twenty students in Mississippi were chosen for the honor. Pace will now compete to be named a National Finalist. A judging panel will select twelve National Finalists - one male and one female - from each of the six geographical regions, with two chosen to be honored during ESPN's national telecast of the college Heisman Memorial Trophy on December 9.



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The Madison County Business League and Foundation and the Madison County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) recently hosted a reception in honor of Philip Calhoun, the new vice president of manufacturing for the Nissan North America - Canton plant. The event was attended by MCBL&F members, elected officials and guests, with the Raphael Semmes Jazz Ensemble providing the entertainment. Pictured (l to r) are Lauren Scheel, MCEDA; Danielle Winningham, MCEDA; Joey Deason, MCEDA Executive Director; Philip Calhoun, VP Nissan - Canton; Phil Buffington, MCBL&F Chairman; and Jan Collins, MCBL&F Executive Director.

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Families First holding workforce classes at Nissan



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Families First for MS is now working with Kelly Services to assist in new employee training at the Nissan plant in Canton. Families First will be holding workforce classes on how to balance life and work, as well as teaching classes on communication skills to train attendees how to effectively communicate with superiors, colleagues and staff. For more information, contact Paul Mooney at 601-667-4427. Nancy McRight, Families First Workforce Coordinator (far left); Morgan Flournoy, Families First Trainer (center); and Paul Mooney, Madison County Center Coordinator (back right) held the training session.

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Shop small, support Canton's local entrepreneurs

By Guest Columnist Joy Foy

As Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday become part of our mindsets this time of the year, I wonder how many of us will consider investing in our local entrepreneurs as we plan how to fill our Christmas shopping lists. We all like to give interesting and unique gifts, and a custom-made entrepreneurial creation easily fits that bill.

One such local businessman/entrepreneur is James Bradfield, owner of Old Timers Classic Furniture. He has been building wooden furniture for 27 years. He graduated from Canton High School and Mississippi Valley State; however, his most rewarding classroom has been a woodpile. He learned the trade while living in Florida before moving back home to Canton. He shares that, after sitting quietly and contemplating his next creation in the middle of a pile of beautiful wood, with God's help, he is always successful with his design. Each piece of his work is a one-of-a-kind original, crafted from

three- to four hundred-year-old Cedar and Bodock (Bois d'Arc) trees grown at the Parkinson Farm, owned by local Madison County Co-Op manager, Terry Parkinson.

James crafts many types of outdoor swings, gliders and seating. He also makes candles, picture frames, along with some very extravagant pieces. His business slogan is, "If you can dream it, I can build it." Presently, the only way to order from James is to call him at 601-955-1859 or just run into him around town. James is a trustworthy businessperson, which has served him well with existing customers' referrals. He buys most of his supplies from our local Phillips' Lumber



Local woodworker James Bradfield with his creations.

Company and the Madison County Co-Op. Long range plans are to move his equipment into a building that he purchased in the old Canton Industrial Park on the north side of the square. The front of the building will be repurposed for a showroom, and the back will house the manufacturing part of the business.

If all goes as planned and his business continues its steady growth, he anticipates eight to ten employees within the next five years.

So why should we buy from James Bradfield/Old Timers Classic Furniture or the many other Canton entrepreneurs and local businesses? Well, the obvious reason is that these businesspeople are using their God-given talents and giving

back to our community. They also create jobs, attract others into our city, and serve us by anticipating our needs - because they know us. Another great reason to support local merchants, according to the Andersonville Study of Retail Economics: for every hundred dollars spent at locally owned businesses, sixty-eight dollars stays in the community. In comparison, that same hundred dollars spent at a national chain only retains forty-three dollars locally.

In a recent article in the *Mississippi Business Journal*, Glenn McCollough, Jr., Mississippi Development Authority Executive Director, said that more than eighty percent of state-assisted economic development announcements came from the expansion of existing businesses this year. So, YES, we should buy from James Bradfield and all of the many locally-owned Canton businesses; because, when we buy from our neighbors and friends, we make Christmas merrier for them and ourselves!

Merry Christmas, Canton!



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Cadet Captain Crum earns the Earhart Award

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Cadet Captain Joseph Crum of the Madison Cadet Squadron was presented the Amelia Earhart Award by Colonel Hank Rogers, Mississippi Wing Commander for the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), and by former Commanders Colonel Mallory Woodcock and Lieutenant Colonel Rebecca Tilton.

The Earhart Award, which accompanies the promotion to the cadet grade of captain, is the third milestone in the CAP Cadet Program, and is awarded to cadets who have completed eleven of the sixteen achievements in the program. Only five percent of all cadets nationwide have received this award

since it was established in 1964.

The Amelia Earhart Award honors the late Amelia Earhart, aviatrix, advocate and pioneer, who set many records for women aviators in aviation's infancy, and then disappeared in 1937 near Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean while trying to circumnavigate the world in a twin-engine Lockheed Electra.



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Col. Rogers, the current Mississippi Wing Commander, is pictured with Amelia Earhart Award winner Cadet Captain Joseph Crum of Canton (right).

Crum has been a Civil Air Patrol member since 2014 and currently serves as the Cadet Squadron Commander and is a member of the Color Guard unit. He also is serving as the chairman of the Wing's Cadet Advisory Counsel. Crum has participated/staffed in the MS/AL Encampment for the past four years

was awarded the "Cadet Officer of Encampment" this past summer. In addition, Crum has attended National Emergency Services Academy as well as CAP's Supervised Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course, where he received the "Best in Blue" award. In 2017, Crum was awarded the Southeast Region Phase II Cadet of the Year, and, this past summer, Crum received the Southeast Region Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year.

Crum is a junior at Madison Ridgeland Academy, where he serves as class president and is a member of the Mayor's Youth Council and the Madison County Youth Leadership.

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