



THE CANTON NEWS

PRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CANTON, MS
PERMIT NO. 3

Canton News
P.O. Box 1163, Canton, MS 39046

Good News You Can Use • February 3, 2022 • Vol. 8, No. 2 • Canton, Mississippi

Sligh named Farm Bureau photo contest winner

Special to The Canton News

Recently, Betsy Sligh was named the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation photo contest winner for 2021. Sligh entered the State Women's Leadership Committee Photo Contest in all three categories and won first place in the "My Scenic Farm" and the "At Home on the Farm." Sligh's pictures will become part of a collection of quality photography that Farm Bureau Federation will use to depict life on farms in Mississippi. Adrian Garrison, Woman's Chairman for Madison County Farm Bureau said, "We are delighted to have a Madison County entry win two state awards."



Betsy Sligh

Special to The Canton News

ership Program offers awards for Farm Woman of the Year and Teacher of the Year. The program also sponsors several contests for students and the winners receive cash awards at the county and state levels. A two-day teachers workshop is available. The objective of the workshop is to provide information to educate students and the general public as to the importance of agriculture. Mississippi Farm Bureau Women offer an educational, fun two days with workshops, resource materials, and hands-on classroom activities. Teachers receive 1.4 CEUs for attending.

Farm Bureau offers several scholarships for members enrolled in an agriculture degree at a Mississippi university or community college. Scholarships range in value from \$500 to \$4,000.

For more information, visit the Mississippi Farm Bureau's website. Guidelines and a complete list for contests, training programs, and scholarships can be found under



Special to The Canton News

One of Sligh's winning photographs.

the Women's Leadership Programs. Details for county level contests and scholarships can be obtained by calling the Madison County Farm Bureau office at 601-859-3215.

The Madison County Women Committee is looking for nominees in all contests and scholarships, and suggestions can be submitted to the county office.

City Spotlight: Police Chief Otha Brown strives for peace

By Inesha Jackson

Police Chief and native of Canton Otha Brown is striving to bring justice and peace to the Canton community, one crime at a time. Otha Brown was born and raised in Canton, Mississippi, to O.C. and Shirley Brown in 1968. He attended and graduated from Canton High School in 1986. Born with a desire to serve, he went on to join law enforcement in 1994 and



Otha Brown

Special to The Canton News

graduated from the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy (MLEOTA) in Pearl, Mississippi.

After graduating from MLEOTA, Brown returned and pursued a career as a police officer for the City of Canton from 1994 to 1999. When Brown proved his ability to be a leader, he was promoted to sergeant. He eventually was able to secure his current role as police chief for the community that he knows and loves. Brown has measured his success by accomplishing his lifetime goal of becoming a police chief and through the many responsibilities that came with it.

"I've been police chief for eight years in the City of Canton, and

my job comes with great responsibility. As police chief, my job requires me to follow and uphold policies, procedures, budgeting, etc. I also enjoy overseeing all operations of the police department and keeping members of the community safe on a day to day basis," Police Chief Brown said.

Despite being on many exciting and challenging assignments as a police officer, sergeant, and now as chief, ensuring the safety and happiness of men and women of the Canton Police Department as well as citizens of Canton are Chief Brown's utmost priority.

"The best part of being police chief is knowing that my officers are happy and the city is happy

with the job that I'm doing," Chief Brown said.

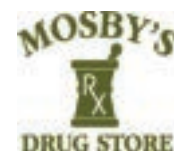
Citizens can look at Chief Brown's career and learn that the acts of showing respect and caring for all people can take them a long way in life.

"I care for all people, regardless of their race. Whether they're black, white, hispanic, and so on, I look out for general welfare of all people. I make sure that young men and women are doing the right things with positive attitudes about life," Chief Brown said.

In a joint effort to lower crime rates, Chief Brown would like citizens to get more involved in the community through spreading positivity.

LOCAL HOMETOWN SERVICE

We have the largest selection of valentine's candy, gifts, balloons and more to make your Valentine special this year.



Stacey Cauthen Sanders
& Bill Mosby

8:30-6:00 M-F
8:30-12:30 Sat

1301 East Peace Street, Canton 39046

601-859-4212



100 DAYS SMARTER AT CP&SD

Canton Public School District elementary schools recently celebrated 100 days of school by dressing up as senior citizens with wigs, drawn-on wrinkles, and even a few mumus. Students were excited to celebrate they are now 100 days smarter.



All photos Special to Canton News



Jerry Kerner for Congress in 2022

2nd Congressional District For the Great State of Mississippi

THE PRINCIPLE:

We the People of the United States on September 17, 1787 did ordain and establish the Constitution for the United States of America, and on December 15, 1791 the States did Ratify the Bill of Rights.

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:

We are The People who will remind the un-American elected officials that when they took and signed their Oath of Office to Support and Defend the Constitution of the United States that we were listening and We demand that they keep their word.

We are The People who will remind the un-American elected officials that they work for Us - The People, and that We are neither their subjects nor subject to their attempts at tyranny.

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.

We are The People who have the Courage to stand up to attempts at tyranny by many of our un-American elected and non-elected officials just as millions of American soldiers have stood up to foreign tyranny.

THEREFORE:

All Loyal Americans - those who sincerely Support and Defend the Constitution, are "We The People". We are The People who will refuse to re-elect any un-American official, and We are The People who will vote only for Patriots in the 2022 Primary and General elections so this Country will return to the Ideals that the United States of America was Founded upon.

Whether you are a blue Democrat, a red Republican or Independent, you can join US in this United "purple" political movement of We are The People.

Paid Political Advertisement placed by the Kerner For Congress Committee

Kerner For Congress Committee • Kerner4Congress.com • We are The People

Knowledge Management Specialist
Health & Wealth Radio Show **Cash App: \$Butler7861**
Elvis Butler
 Executive Manager, CTFO
601-927-1757
 elvisbutler@outlook.com
United States Military- Navy Veteran

CTFO
 CHANGING THE FUTURE OUTCOME

Prayer: Lord let me live in safety!

**Liquid Glove
Sanitizer**

CBDA

Gourmet Coffee



Helps Non Profits & Churches 601-927-1757

FREE WEBSITES - FUNDRAISING AVAILABLE - 20% DISCOUNT

Order online or Call Center: 601-594-0801

Website: <https://cbdfreedistributors.saveandhelp.org/fundraise>

BW Cleaning Services - For all your cleaning needs

Beverly Levy, Owner 769-666-9058 | Website: <https://bwcleaning.myctfo.com>

Canton High soccer teams celebrate seniors



Special to The Canton News

The Canton High School boys and girls soccer teams recently celebrated their seniors, #11 Husam Al-Rowhani, #24 Juan Gomez-Canela, #16 Ken'Dondre Thompson, #12 Madison Winston and #16 Erika Reyes-Varela. The boys team lost 0 to 3 against the Raymond High School Rangers. The girls team won 4 to 0.

We are locally owned & all customer service is handled locally

Starting at **\$49** Monthly

HighSpeed
internet with no contracts!!

Plans starting at **49.99** per month with no overages!!

WWW.NETSPEEDMS.COM 601-859-3433

OZBORN SELF STORAGE, LLC
Locally Owned & Operated Since 1985
201 N. Hargon St. Canton, MS 39046

ACCESS
6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ELECTRONIC GATE ACCESS

FENCED & LIGHTED

SECURITY CAMERAS

601-859-3433

Sales@ozbornselfstorage.com

Martin and Thomas double up with crowns

By Courtney Warren

Canton Academy (CA) seniors Carter Martin and Maggie Claire Thomas stunned the crowd at the recent Beauty and Beau Who's Who event by winning not only Most Handsome and Most Beautiful but Mr and Miss Canton Academy.

"I was shocked. I just couldn't believe it was a double. We are so proud of her," said Thomas' mother Pam O'Cain.

Known for her sweet disposition, Thomas' Most Beautiful crown is her third in a row at Canton Academy. She was also crowned the 2021 Homecoming Queen.

Thomas is a senior and has attended Canton Academy since kindergarten. She is the daughter of Marc and Pam Ocain and Chris Thomas. She is an active member of First Baptist Church of Canton, where she is a member of the youth praise team. Thomas is a member of the Madison County Civinettes, where she serves as the Nursing Home Chair. She was also Miss Teen City of Light 2021. She is Canton Academy's student body Vice President and 2021 - 2022 Homecoming queen. She is co-captain of the varsity cheerleading team, is a member of the CA softball team, tennis team, track team, basketball

team and is a diamond girl for the CA baseball team. She is a three-

time UCA All-American cheerleader and a Pin It Forward recipient. She was also invited to try out for the UCA cheerleading staff. The most inspiring person in her life was her Gram; she is now her guardian angel. After graduation, Thomas plans to attend Mississippi State University and pursue a career in marketing. She says that Canton Academy is absolutely the best school for her. After being diagnosed with dyslexia

in early elementary, CA's Directed Studies program has been amazing. She has overcome her dyslexia and maintained honor roll and academic All-Star status. She was also a representative on the local news speaking about the CA Directed Studies program.

Humbly shaking the hands of the other nominees as his two medals clacked together on the stage, Carter Martin accepted Most Handsome and Mr. Canton Academy. Martin is a senior this year. His parents are Shan and Alison Martin.



Photo by Alison Martin

He attends First Baptist Church of Canton and is involved in the youth group there. He plays football, basketball, golf, and runs track. This year, Martin was elected as student body president and is part of the National Honor Society.

When asked about the most inspiring person in his life he said, "My mom, for sure. She is the person that just does what she is supposed to because it's the right thing to do. She always works hard and can find the good in any situation, and that's the way I want people to look at me."

After high school, he plans to go to East Mississippi Community College, where he will play golf and study physical education. He says that after he gets done with school, he wants to coach kids to be the best that they can be in their sport, and in life. Martin said that CA is the best school for him because he has gotten opportunities to do things in leadership positions that most other schools don't offer. Martin said that life is what you make it, and his time at CA has taught him a lot about life.

With the final months of their senior year ahead of them, Martin and Thomas are excited to soak up time with their friends and the Panthers before graduation.

SHELBY SMITH'S TV & APPLIANCES

"We Service
What We Sell"

CANTON'S APPLIANCE HEADQUARTERS FOR 77 YEARS

Get Ready For Spring Sale



East Side for the Canton Square for 77 years!

(601)859-2303 WWW.SHELBYSMITH.COM

Canton Academy Panthers awarded for positivity



Special to The Canton News

Canton Academy Panthers are excited to celebrate positivity. Several Panthers in kindergarten through second grade were recognized for positive behavior. They include (l to r), front row: Sophie Swartzfager, Bennett Garrison, Hope Watkins and Jeveris Perkins; and back row: Piper Lott, Rory Johnson, Eli Brock, Foster Penn and Ava Hale.

Check out our ads at
www.pigglywigglycantonms.com
and on Facebook at

 **Piggly Wiggly
Canton MS**



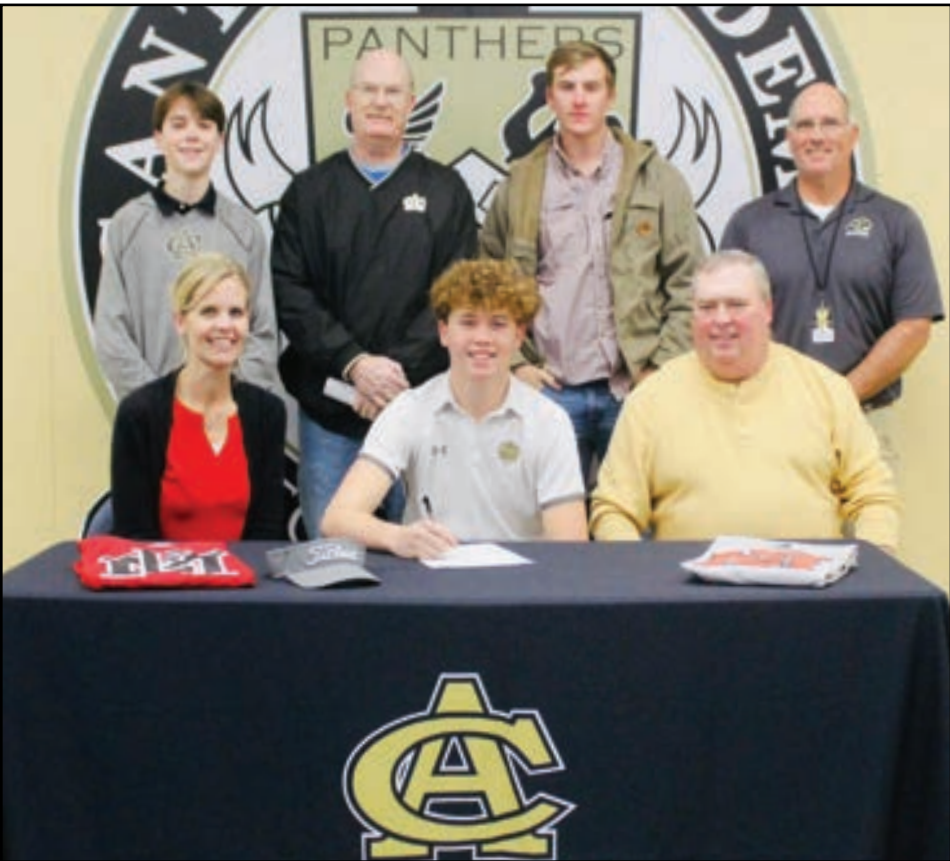
piggly wiggly | 110 East Academy Street, Canton, MS
Phone: 601-509-4527

Shop with us this
Valentine's Day and
Super Bowl Sunday!



Store Hours:
Mon. - Sat. 7am-8pm
Sun. 8am-7pm

Martin joins EMCC golf program



Canton Academy (CA) senior Carter Martin recently committed to East Mississippi Community College's golf program. Pictured are Carter's brother Sam Martin, CA golf coach and Carter's grandfather Mike Hicks, brother Lane Martin, CA athletic director Ben Williams, mom Alison Martin, and dad Shan Martin.


Sherrye LaCour
Insurance



AN INDEPENDENT
AGENCY
PERSONAL * COMMERCIAL
601-286-8230

BANKRUPTCY



CHAPTER 7 DEBT ELIMINATION \$572 + court cost uncontested	CHAPTER 13 DEBT CONSOLIDATION \$197 + court cost gets it filed
---	--

Richard R. Grindstaff
Attorney At Law

840 E. River Place Ste 605 Jackson MS 39202 601-346-6443	121 1/2 W. Cherokee St. Brookhaven, MS 601-684-1798
---	--

WE ARE A DEBT RELIEF AGENCY, WE HELP PEOPLE FILE
FOR BANKRUPTCY RELIEF UNDER BANKRUPTCY CODE

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

202 EAST PEACE STREET
CANTON, MS 39046
601-859-4738

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9AM
WORSHIP - 10AM
SOCIAL DISTANCING
ALL LOVED, ALL WELCOME



Lions names 2021 Herb Power Award

Special to The Canton News

On December 6, 2021, the Canton Lions gathered at the Old Jail Museum for a night of remembrance and celebration. After a program by the Pentecost sisters Dianne Cauthen, Karen Galloway and Brenda Zeigler sharing memories of living upstairs at the Old Jail, the night continued with recognition of 183 years of service from members who died in 2021.

Lion Timmy Pickett recognized each family and outlined the dedication of these members to the club, beginning with Melvin Ray, who served as a Canton Lion for 57 years, Morris Taylor a member for 54 years, James Chan-

dler a member for 52 years, and Gil Kyker a member for 20 years. The Canton Lions Club purchased a light on the White Cane Christmas Tree in the state office building in honor of each of these four very faithful members.

President Moses Thompson said, "With this donation, our deceased members are appropriately remembered in a way that carries on the Lion tradition of preserving sight for all Mississippians."

The highlight of the evening was the naming of the 2021 Herb Power Award. Herb was a long-time Li-

ons Club member who died at age 99 and left a long history of numerous civic service achievements. This award, established in his honor, recognizes a person who, like Herb, exemplifies outstanding leadership skills, dedication to the community, and has a Lion's heart

for service in keeping with the Lions' mission. Barbara Power, Herb's wife and his children: son, Bill Power; daughter, Judy Morrow; and daughter, Becky Lankford, were all present for the afternoon ceremony to honor Herb.

Danny Murphy, previous Herb Power Honoree, made the presentation, as Frank Carter was given the 2021 Lions

Club Herb Power Award.

In presenting the award to Mr. Carter, Danny said, "Our honoree has truly earned his stripes in community service. He has helped with the Lions BBQ for the past ten years, is active in church activities, has helped to train and mold the youth of this community, and has set a good example as a husband, father, leader, team member, and service to all who know him."

Mr. Carter was recognized with a plaque and a donation in his honor to the Addie McBride Foundation, a local Lions charity.



Frank Carter (left) receiving the Herb Power Award from Lions Club President Moses Thompson

Special to The Canton News

Madison County 4H Livestock Show 2022



Special to The Canton News

The Mississippi 4-H Livestock Show took place at the Canton Multipurpose Complex. This program is an opportunity to use animals and educational projects to enhance youth development. Participants learn about agriculture and livestock production, and they develop an appreciation for the livestock industry; the main objectives, however, are to teach life skills and help 4-H'ers become productive citizens of society.

Ag Commissioner Gipson Responds

Special to The Canton News

On January 19, the Mississippi House Drug Policy Committee amended SB2095, the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, to remove the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce from Mississippi's medical marijuana program. The full House approved this change.

Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner Andy Gipson responded:

"I want to thank House Speaker Philip Gunn, Chairman Lee Yancey, and the Mississippi House of Representatives for removing the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce from the medical marijuana program. The best

place for a truly medical program is under the Department of Health, which reflects the will of the voters in Initiative 65. This change is good policy for Mississippi agriculture and allows us to focus on our core mission. It is also good policy for the taxpayers of Mississippi because it achieves greater efficiency in the use of funds by reducing the number of agencies involved in the program. The Department of Agriculture remains committed to assisting the Department of Health on any technical issues that may arise in this program, just as we are committed to all of state government when we can be of help."

WAIT Conference empowers and lifts up women

By Inesha Jackson

On January 8, 2022, Sharon Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church opened its doors for the first W.A.I.T. (Worship. Acknowledge. Invite. Trust) Women's Conference, orchestrated by Cynthia Allen to empower and lift up women. The conference hosted over 75 participants and featured fun, food, and fellowship for women of all ages.

"What's the most expensive element of life?" Ebony Johnson-Bracey asked the audience as she opened the first session of the conference.

"Time," someone shouted back to her.

For her presentation on "Divine Time Management," there were three main objectives. Johnson-Bracey aimed for women to establish a thorough understanding of what divine time management is, to be challenged to adopt a mindset that incorporates divine time management into their everyday lives, and to learn essential techniques to implement for success and improved productivity.

In establishing a mindset for divine time management, she recommends making time for God, keeping eternity in mind, turning away from procrastination, and keeping faithful reminders.

Event coordinator Cynthia Allen kicked off the second session with her presentation entitled "W.A.I.T. Did That Just Happen?"

Allen urged women of the conference to be believers like the Shunammite woman, as she told

the story from the book of Second Kings in the Holy Bible. The Shunammite woman was blessed with a son, and, years later, her son died in her arms. Instead of getting upset, she went and got Elisha, the man of God who declared that she would have a son, to bring him back to life. Allen encouraged women to let their faith confront their fears.

Dr. Lisa Moore led the conference in worship segments in between each session. Women were overjoyed to sing, dance, and praise God in their own way. Before the third session, the participants were able to write letters or prayers to God asking him to do positive things in their lives for 2022. These letters were then sealed until December 31, 2022, for women to reflect over the year to see what God has done for them. Women also received door prizes and gifts for attending the conference.

The last session, entitled "Sealed to Produce," was presented by Ciera Draine-Kelly. She reminded women that everything they do reflects the kingdom of God.

"If you are in the kingdom, your fruit will speak for you. However, if you are in the world, your lips will speak for you . . . In order to grow, you have to cut some weeds," Draine-Kelly said. She insisted that women let go of things and people that are preventing them from growing and pulling them away from God.

After the three sessions of learning how to worship, acknowledge, invite and trust God, the confer-



Special to The Canton News

ence had a special guest speaker, Jennifer Biard, the Senior Pastor of the Jackson Revival Center. She spoke from 2 Chronicles 1:1-12, telling the story of Jehoshaphat and his encounter with several armies. While armies formed against Jehoshaphat and his kingdom, he waited to hear from God, and God fought the battles for him. She shared that, in times of

trouble, God will always be with you.

The first W.A.I.T. Women's Conference came to a close with Cynthia Allen giving her closing remarks. On January 9 at 10 a.m., women gathered at Sharon Chapel AME Zion Church to hear guest minister Prophetess Debra Landfair of Word of Righteousness Christian Center International.

OBITUARY

**Wars Eugene "Gene" Massey
December 18, 1955 - December 24, 2021**

Ward Eugene "Gene" Massey, 66, was born on December 18, 1955 and passed away peacefully at home on December 24, 2021. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Ward "Bunk" Massey and Margaret Gober Massey, sister-in-law, Regina Ray Massey, and brother-in-law, Wayne Malone, Sr. He is survived by his sons, Christopher Aubert Massey (Jasmie) and Cody Eugene Massey; siblings: Tonie (Wayne, Sr) Malone, Rodger (Regina) Massey, Susie

Massey Jenkins, James (Stephanie) Massey, and Danny Joe (Amy) Massey, three grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Roosevelt State Park Group Camp Building in Morton, MS on January 23, 2022 at 12:30 PM. The Family requests that in lieu of flowers, you consider making donations to The COPD Foundation (www.copdfoundation.org) or The American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org).

Sebrell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Prediabetes Which way will you go?

There's Merit in
KNOWLEDGE.

"Pre" means before. A person with Prediabetes doesn't have diabetes. But, without proper care, over half of those with Prediabetes may go on to develop diabetes—usually for life. 84.1 million American adults—more than 1 out of 3—have Prediabetes. Reduce your diabetes risk and gain knowledge for a healthy lifestyle. For more information on Merit Health Madison Diabetes Prevention Program.

The Heart Month Public announcement

Diabetes Support Group Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 10:00AM

Madison Canton Public Library in Canton, MS

Speaker: Phyllis Johnson CFNP Mississippi Board of Nursing



Shelia Spann
call 601-855-4032 or
email shelia.spann@mymerithealth.com

**Merit Health Madison
Multipurpose Room
161 River Oaks Drive
Canton, MS 39046**

Upstairs Downtown shows the hidden beauties

By Guest Columnist Joy Foy



Joy Foy

The Canton Garden Club recently hosted the Upstairs Downtown tour of the second-floor renovations on the historic square. Kathy Hammack has served as President of the Garden Club since the beginning of the year and led the group in inviting people back into the Canton square for this biennial event for the first time since 2018. Mary Carol Patrick served as chairman for this event, as she had been President of the Garden Club for the past Upstairs Downtown event.

Buildings on tour included the loft apartments of Mitch Tyner, Matt and Cat Kennedy, Jeb and Maria Stewart, and Bridget Crosby. Also open that night was the new ice cream shop, The Daily Scoop, owned by Dave and Suzanne Danaher, who also own the building next door to the ice cream shop, and they allowed visitors to tour the construction site of that building. Long time Canton caterer Susie Morgan opened Sterling Hall, and Ric Grant played piano as guests

toured the beautiful venue site.

As always, the Canton Tourism Office assisted and generously opened the Trolio Hotel for registration and upstairs tours, as well as the Willbanks Building, a museum to the movies filmed in Canton. The music from the Jackson All Star Band, playing in the gazebo on the court square, was highly praised by visitors sitting on second floor balconies.

Hammack said, "The Garden Club is so thankful to all of our sponsors. With this being the first fundraiser for the Garden Club in two years because of the COVID pandemic, we could not have put this together without their substantial support."

The Renasant Bank generously opened the third floor of the bank located on the southeast corner for a Grand Finale gourmet dessert event with live music by Ralph Miller. Lauren Ellison, Branch Manager of Canton Renasant, was a tremendous help with the planning of the Finale, which was envisioned to be a final leisurely look of the downtown from the third floor after visits to all the beautiful historic apartments and a night of shopping around the square.

Beth MacNeill photographed the night for us and has posted those pictures on her Facebook page. Mac-



Special to The Canton News

Neill's talent really showcases the beauty of Canton and the magic of the night well. See her collection of pictures from Upstairs Downtown on Facebook.

The Garden Club is thankful for all the support of sponsors, property owners, attendees and those expressing an interest in becoming a Garden Club member. Keep watch for the next event, and contact Kathy Hammack, or any Club member, for your application to join the Canton Garden Club.

The Club is very thankful to sponsors:

Gold – City of Canton & Canton Tourism

Silver – Robertson Construction

Contractors, BankPlus, Barnett Phillips Lumber Company & Bob Montgomery

Bronze – Trustmark Bank, Renasant Bank, Canton Flea Market, Canton Lions Club, Moses Thompson, MS Discount Drug, MS Farm Bureau, & Sherrye LaCour Insurance

In-Kind – Hannah's Liquor Store and Harry T's

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joy Foy is married to James Foy and is a retired Economic Developer with the Mississippi Economic Development Authority. Foy is an active participant in the community of Canton. She is a member of the Canton Lions.



MOVIE TOWN
RV PARK • CABINS • MINI-STORAGE

NOW SHOWING

268 Units

MiniStorage Facility

Special on 10 x 15 Units

regularly \$85

20% off 3-month contract

10% off month-to-month

Call *Kat* at (601) 859-7990

Office Hours: M-F 9-5 & Sat. 9-1

Gated Entry & Security Cameras

Management Lives on Site

109 Movietown Drive, Canton, MS

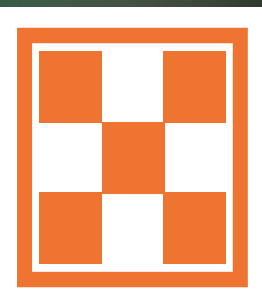
(off Virilia Road)



U-HAUL
AUTHORIZED DEALER

HUNTING SEASON COME SEE US!





Madison County Co-Op
Fertilizer • Feed • Seed • Farm Supplies
323 West Fulton Street 7:30-5:00 M-F
601-859-1271 7:00-Noon Sat

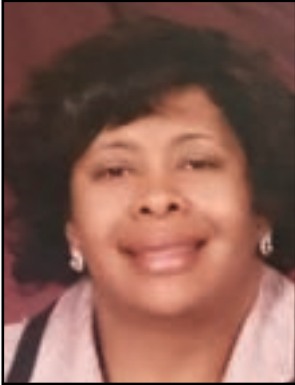
A Black History moment

By Daphne Johnson-Sims

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us reflect on three women who helped to change the outlook for women around the world: Maya Angelou, Michelle Obama and Kamala Harris.

Maya Angelou was an American civil rights activist. She fought for what was right. She published many books on poetry and performed in plays, movies and television shows. Maya Angelou's work depicts the struggles of many Black Americans in the past and still today. Maya was a very adamant and tenacious woman. She died at the age of 86. Let's give a salute to Maya Angelou, the first Black woman to appear on U.S. coins.

Michelle Obama served as First Lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017. She was the first African-American woman to serve in that position. Growing up, Michelle Obama's parents



Daphne Johnson-Sims

instilled in her a commitment to family, hard work, and education. As we go throughout life's journey, we can learn a thing or two from Michelle Obama.

Michelle Obama encouraged young people to continue their education past high school in technical schools and community colleges, as well as colleges and universities. Michelle Obama encourages everyone to keep being their best - and remember her famous motto: When they go low, we go high!

Finally, Kamala Devi Harris is an American politician and attorney. She has served as the Attorney General of California and a United States Senator. Kamala is the first female vice president of the United States. Kamala Harris has spent much of her career breaking barriers and fighting for working families. A motto of Kamala Harris: "Anyone who claims to be a leader must speak like a leader. That means speaking with integrity and truth."

All you need is love and...



Panthers

Enrollment is open! Visit www.CantonAcademy.org

Est. 1954

Barnett PHILLIPS Lumber & Home Center One Stop Building Supply Store

515 West Fulton Street • Canton, MS 39046
(601) 859-2812 • (800) 844-9663 • Fax: (601) 859-1292

www.phillipslumber.com

*Full Service
Lumber Yard
with Delivery
Capabilities*



- Windows & Doors
- Insulation
- Drywall
- Yeti Coolers
- Moulding
- Owens Corning Shingles
- Paints
- Hardware



Help us help
MISSISSIPPI KIDS.

© Copyright 2017 BankPlus.
Member FDIC.



Friends of Children's Hospital CheckCard

The Friends Card cost \$12 per year, 100% of which is donated to Friends

BankPlus makes a donation to Friends each time the card is used

Available via instant issue

Since inception, the Friends CheckCard has raised over \$1,000,000

Friends of Children's Hospital supports
Baton Children's Hospital, part of University
of Mississippi Health Care, Mississippi's
ONLY hospital designed for the care and
treatment of sick or injured children.

*NOTE: All donations subject to change on
an annual basis.

BankPlus

BankPlus.net



ON THE TABLE:

BAKED SWEET POTATOES

RECIPE FROM TESHA THOMPSON

BAKED SWEET POTATOES

Ingredients:

- Butter
- Sweet potatoes
- Sugar
- Vanilla extract

By Tesha Thompson

For many Sunday dinners and family gatherings, sweet potatoes, also commonly known as candied yams, play a huge role in bringing my family closer. At every gathering, it is highly requested that I make this dish. While there have been a few recipes for this dish in my family already and a few different styles of making it, it makes me happy knowing that I have a sweet and tasty treat that brings many people joy.

Growing up, my mother would make them above the stove, and everyone absolutely loved them. However, during the pandemic, we found new and innovative ways to recreate her dishes. When I came across her recipe for candied yams, I decided to put my own twist to it, and now it is a family favorite.

- Directions:**
1. Peel potatoes and place in cold water until you have completed all of the potatoes.
 2. Rinse the potatoes, and place them into a new bowl of cool water.
 3. Slice the potatoes.
 4. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
 5. Lightly grease pan with butter.
 6. Pour a thick and even layer of sugar into pan.
 7. Fill pan with one layer of potatoes, and pour a layer of sugar on top.
 8. Repeat Step 6 until you have used all potatoes.
 9. Cover pan with lid or aluminum foil and place in the oven.
 10. After 30 minutes, add vanilla extract.
 11. Continue cooking for another 20 minutes.

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

1, 2, & 3 Bedroom Apartments

Pecan Village Apartments

1415 HWY 16 West, Canton, MS 39046
601-859-0681
TTY:711

Office Hours
Monday & Thursday
9:00-5:00

For Information or to place an application, call the office number above or come by the office
"This Institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

J&A Management
Corinth, MS
662-287-6158

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

1, 2, & 3 Bedroom Apartments

Canton Villa Apartments

2021 Hwy 43 N, Canton, MS 39046
601-859-3263 / TTY:711

Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday
9:00-5:00
Friday
9:00-3:00

For Information or to place an application call the office number above or come by the office
"This Institution is an equal opportunity provider and employment."

J&A Management
Corinth, MS
662-287-6158

Building our present, investing in our future.

+\$17
million
donated

+12,000
volunteer
hours worked

+200
organizations
helped

nissan-canton.com

Third grade reading assessment will be administered from April 4-22

Special to The Canton News

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) recently announced that the 3rd grade reading assessment, which helps determine promotion to the 4th grade, will be administered from April 4-22 across the state.

The Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA) enacted in 2013 was created to help ensure kindergarten through 3rd-grade students develop good reading skills. The law was amended in 2016 and requires all Mississippi 3rd grade public school students to score at level 3 or higher on the reading portion of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program English Language Arts (MAAP-ELA) test to qualify to be promoted to 4th grade.

Exemptions apply to certain students with disabilities, students learning English or students who have been previously retained.

Third-graders will be given up to three attempts to pass the assessment. If a student fails the first test, a retest will be given May 9-13.

If a student fails the retest, a second retest will be given June 20-July 8. Schools and districts will offer intervention to students who fail the tests.

In 2019, 74.5% of 3rd graders passed the assessment on the first attempt. By the third attempt, a total of 85.6% passed. The Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) suspended administering the assessment for the 2019-20 school year due to the state of emergency Gov. Tate Reeves declared in March 2020 to combat

the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 3rd grade reading assessment was administered once in the 2020-21 school year, however; due to the state of emergency, the SBE waived the passing requirement. The state of emergency expired Nov. 20, 2021.

The LBPA takes a comprehensive approach to helping teachers and school leaders effectively teach reading and implement an ongoing system to monitor student progress. The law enables MDE to deploy literacy coaches to schools where data show students struggle the most with reading. Coaches work directly with teachers and administrators to help them become more effective teachers of reading. Currently, 56 literacy coaches serve 95 schools and 51 districts.

Mississippi's K-3rd grade students are screened three times annually to determine their reading levels. Based on those results, teachers can focus on a student's needed improvement skills. Parents are also made aware of their child's results and can check with their child's teachers for helpful strategies specific to their child's needs.

"Mississippi's K-3 teachers, administrators and school leaders have worked hard to assess and prepare 3rd graders to meet reading standards even during the pandemic," said Dr. Carey Wright, state superintendent of education. "MDE encourages parents to utilize resources from MDE and from their child's teacher and school to equip students to succeed."




Understanding You.

3330 South Liberty Street | 601.859.1831
Canton, Mississippi | renasantbank.com

All loans subject to credit approval.

MEMBER FDIC



See Why We're the #1 Auto and Home Insurer



Voted Best Insurance Agency Three Years in a Row!

Bring this receipt to our office for your free gift! New customers only

Arnel D. Bolden, Agent
601.859.8554
927 E Peace Street
Canton, MS 39046
arnelbolden.com



Home of Low Prescription Prices
www.cantondiscountdrugs.com

(601) 859-3827
726 East Peace Street

Happy Valentines Day!

Canton Discount is your Valentines headquarters with bears, balloons, candy, cards and much more...