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tor of business development, and Yuan Nichols, an account specialist, demonstrated how the company is revolutionizing education and career training with advanced virtual reality (VR/XR) and augmented reality

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Angela Crain retires after 22 years of service to Holmes Community College

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Angela Crain, a dedicated member of the Holmes Community College family for twenty-two years, is retiring from her role as workforce development coordinator.



Angela Crain

"I would like to congratulate Angela on her retirement," said Vice President for Workforce Development Dr. Mike Blankenship. "We have worked together for over twenty years, and she has done an incredible job for the citizens of our college district. Over the years, she has been the workforce coordinator for the automotive industry in Madison County. She has coordinated the training for thousands of people seeking employment with Nissan and the supplier base located here. Angela will be greatly missed, and I want to personally wish her the best in her retirement."

A graduate of Mississippi College with a bachelor of science in business administration, school officials say Crain has been instrumental in supporting workforce development efforts at Holmes. They note that her commitment to education and her passion for service have left a lasting impact on the college and its students.

"For years, I have had the pleasure of working alongside Angela," said Workforce Development Coordinator Melissa Love. "Her wealth of knowledge in the field, her friendship and leadership have been invaluable to me on a daily basis. She is a true servant to all those in need; her drive and strong work ethic have made an immeasurable impact on

our communities, as well as Holmes CC."

Prior to joining Holmes, Crain brought her expertise to various professional roles, later enriching the Holmes community with her knowledge and dedication.

Crain says her family has been a cornerstone of her life. Married to her husband, Gary Crain, for forty-three years, she cherishes their two adult children, Phillip Crain (married to Amberly) and Shannon Coleman. She says her five grandsons - Brayden (13), Jase (10), Myl-

words can say. I loved every minute of my time here. I will miss all of you (some more than others), but I plan to be a frequent guest. Thank you for the past twenty-two years and all the wonderful memories. I will cherish each one and think of you often. I have truly been blessed to be a part of the Holmes family."

In retirement, Crain says she looks forward to embarking on a new chapter guided by her faith. She plans to spend more time with her family, travel, fish and continue serving others.

"When I started working at Holmes in July 2006, Angela became an immediate friend," said Holmes Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Bronwyn Martin. "God knew exactly who I needed in my life when I met her. For almost twenty years, Angela Crain has been the person I looked forward to seeing every Monday after a long weekend apart. She is such a special person in my life. She surpasses friendship so much that I call her 'My Person.'"

"Holmes CC has a wonderful way of facilitating lifelong friendships, so I trust that we will remain wonderful friends for many years to come," Dr. Martin said. "However, I will miss seeing her brilliant smile and hearing her voice on campus. Our friendship was brought together by Holmes, and I am grateful God allowed our paths to cross when I needed her most. Her friendship has guided me through parenthood, losing a parent and so many ups and downs along life's way. As Angela retires, I am sad to see her go, but grateful God will continue to bless others with her presence. 'A sweet friendship refreshes the soul,' Proverbs 27:9. May God continue to bless Angela as she starts her new journey."



es (6), Bentley (13) and Bowen (11) - are her pride and joy, affectionately calling them her "basketball team."

Beyond her professional and family life, Crain is an active member of Lone Pine Baptist Church and has served on the Canton Career Center Student Services Advisory Board. In past years, she held leadership positions in organizations such as the Capital Area Human Resource Association, the Association of Training and Development, and the Board of Directors for Canton Stewpot, among others.

Reflecting on her time at Holmes, Crain shared, "Holmes will always hold a special place in my heart. This is home to me, and I have enjoyed working with all of you more than

Kaitlyn Dixon recognized for academic excellence

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Kaitlyn Dixon was recently recognized by the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) for superior academic achievement.

NSHSS selected Dixon to become a lifetime member of the esteemed organization. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community commitment.

"We help students like Kaitlyn build on their academic success by connecting them with learning experiences and resources to help them for college and meaningful careers," stated co-founder Claes Nobel.



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Carter awarded Canton Career Center “Student of the Month”



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Madison County Business League & Foundation member Duane Matthews with AWS presented the Canton Career Center (CCC) December “Student of the Month” award to Cauliek Carter. Carter is a senior in the work based learning program at the career center. The purpose of the Student of the

Month award program is to connect businesses/industries with students, promoting skills needed to fulfill the Madison County workforce. Pictured, left to right, are: Michael Ellis, director at CCC; Cauliek Carter, student at CCC; Duane Matthews, AWS; and Jan Collins, MCBL&F.

Chamber celebrates Tigers Champion



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The Canton High School Tigers recently celebrated their 5A Basketball Championship win. The team was recognized by the City of Canton Chamber of Commerce members, who sponsored and presented the athletes with their rings.

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J. Morgan and T. Henderson recognized for achievements



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Canton High School recently honored two alumni Tigers on their outstanding achievements for winning the SWAC Championship and HBCU National

Championship. Former CHS athletes and current Jackson State University Tigers, Jacobian Morgan and Tyquan Henderson were recognized for their Celebration Bowl win.



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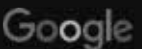
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Students inducted into National Technical Honor Society



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The Utica Campus of Hinds Community College recently inducted students, including Chayaria Jones of Canton, into the National Technical Honor Society. The mission of the National Technical Honor Society is “to advocate for and empower all students to pursue the skills needed to build their careers and the global workforce.” The honor society was founded to recognize excellence in technical students. Students are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA to be a member. Those inducted included (l to r): LaTrenda Hudson of Terry, Clothing and Fashion Design Technology; Taylor Nelson of Jackson, Culinary Arts Technology; Maria Matos of Clinton, Clothing and Fashion Design; Shayaria Jones of Canton, Clothing and Fashion Design; and Da’JneaAntoine of Grenada, Radio and Television Production and Broadcasting Technology.



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Thompson answers the call

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Firefighter JT Thompson of the Canton Fire Department is making a difference and has graduated Class 212 from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 Firefighter I-II course held at the Mississippi State Fire Academy in Jackson.

The intense seven-week course includes on-line, classroom and hands-on instruction in the areas of fire behavior, fire suppression, rescue, incident command, hazardous materials and other fire-related topics.

The Mississippi State Fire Academy is a division of the Mississippi Insurance Department. State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney and Academy Executive Director Kelly Elliott conclude that firefighters, through their newly-acquired skills and knowledge, will be an asset to the fire departments they represent.

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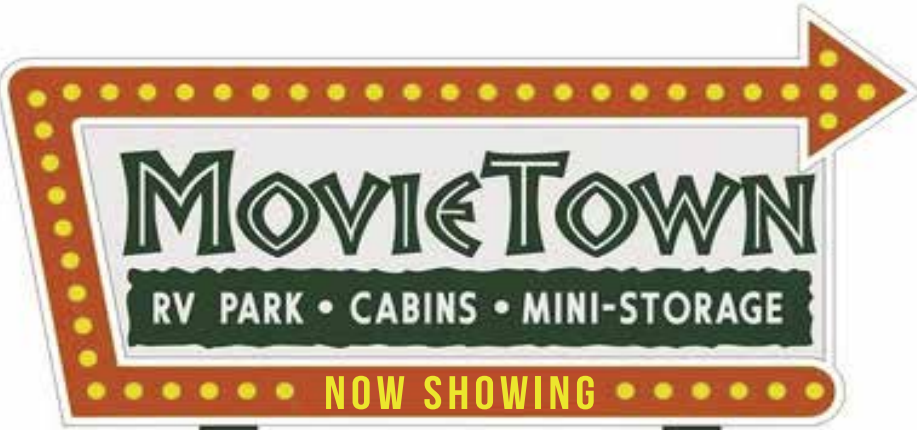
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Letter from the editor: We are never going to be enough

By Courtney Warren

At a recent chapel, our amazing middle school principal shared the importance of responding to God’s call. He talked about surrendering your all and being able to know that we don’t have any regrets.

One of his examples was never missing a tea party. He showed a slide filled with pictures of him attending various tea parties with his three daughters throughout the years. He talked about how any time his daughters invited him to a tea party, he always said yes, ensuring he would never regret missing parts of their childhood.

After chapel, he invited teachers to hang around, in case any students wanted to talk to us. While we are preparing them educationally, we are also truly striving to ensure our students are equipped spiritually as well – making ourselves constantly available for those conversations.

I hung around and watched a few students talking to various teachers. When no one came up to me, I headed back to my classroom to help lead small groups. It was a great small group, with wonderful discussions as usual.

However, once the bell rang, another student from a different group came into my room. I thought she just wanted to say hello, but she lingered.

Eventually, she got to her true reason for being there.

“Mrs. Warren, I’ve given my life to Christ, but I just don’t feel like I’m doing enough. How do I know if I’m doing enough?” she asked.

This one blew me away. This scholar student, top of her grade, house leader, was feeling like she wasn’t doing enough. She is a student that I can always count on, one who I know goes above and beyond, and “falling short” is just not in her vocabulary.

It was a great conversation. We are never going to be enough.

I equated it to loving my daughter. She doesn’t have to do anything to earn my love and attention. I just want her to be a good person. I just want her to love and be kind. Even if she falls short and doesn’t do those things, it will never make me love her less. She doesn’t have to be “enough,” because she is already so much more than that.

Unfortunately, we are always going to feel like we aren’t doing enough – especially if we are overachievers. We will always feel like we are rushed, or fall short, or let someone down. I think that’s why it’s so important to tell people they matter. Tell people we are proud of them; even if they seem to know that already.

I shared all of this with that student.



Photo by Laura Stevens

One of the fanciest tea parties I have ever attended.

We agreed that we can pray and leave these feelings of inadequacy with God. We are going to fail every day. But every time we come back to God, His arms are wide open. He’s missed us.

He’s always ready for a tea party. No regrets. No missed opportunities.

No missed moments. I’d hate to look back on my life and see chunks of it missing. Because I felt too busy. Because I felt like it wasn’t worth my time.

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On the shelf: Books to look forward to in 2025

By Courtney Warren

As 2025 approaches, bibliophiles around the world are buzzing with excitement over an incredible lineup of upcoming book releases. Just when you thought my bookshelves couldn't get any fuller...we had more built in the guest room. There is something for everyone in 2025, and I pray that you find the time to read something wonderful. Here are some of the most anticipated books set to make waves in 2025:

***Onyx Storm* by Rebecca Yarros**

Rebecca Yarros, the bestselling author known for her masterful storytelling and heart-pounding romance, is set to release *Onyx Storm*. This book is the latest installment in her wildly popular fantasy series that blends high-stakes adventure with deeply emotional character arcs. Fans are eager to dive back into Yarros's richly imagined world, complete with political intrigue, magical battles, and swoon-worthy relationships. Early teasers suggest that *Onyx Storm* will explore themes of redemption and sacrifice, while delivering the action-packed narrative her readers have come to expect. This book is absolutely addicting, but please note that it is in no way appropriate for young adult readers, due to explicit content.

***Sunrise on the Reaping* by Suzanne Collins**

Suzanne Collins, the mastermind behind *The Hunger Games*, returns with *Sunrise on the Reaping*, a prequel that promises to shed new light on the dystopian world of Panem. This book reportedly delves into the origins of the Hunger Games themselves, focusing on the fraught period that led to the Capitol's oppressive rule. I am so excited to learn about the history of some of the districts in the story, as well as what fueled the rebellion. Collins has such skill when it comes to creating characters and world-building, so I have no doubt this book will be a huge success.

***Rebel Witch* by Kristin Ciccarelli**

Kristin Ciccarelli, beloved for her enchanting tales of magic and self-discovery, is set to release *Rebel Witch*. This is book two in the Crimson Moth series, and I kept book one on my

shelf for far too long. After a reading slump, I picked the story up and, within a day, was turning the final page. According to the publisher, when Rune makes Gideon an offer he can't refuse, the two must pair up to accomplish dangerous goals. The

more they're forced into each other's company, the more Gideon realizes the feelings he had for Rune aren't as dead and buried as he thought. Now he's faced with a terrible choice: sacrifice the girl he loves to stop a monster tak-

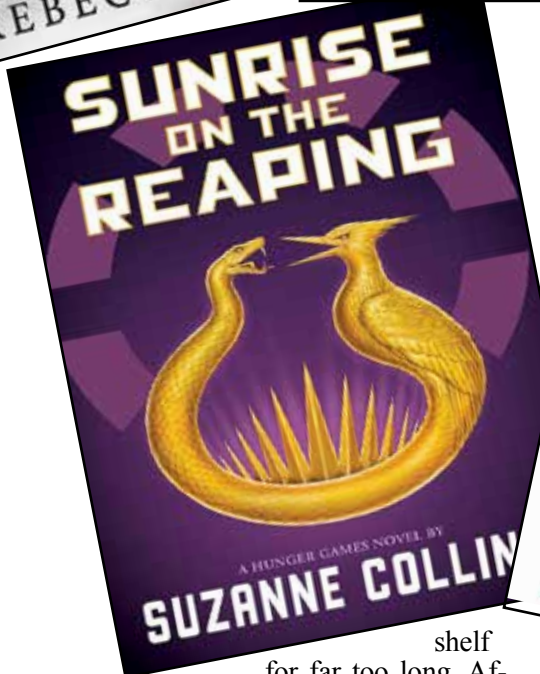
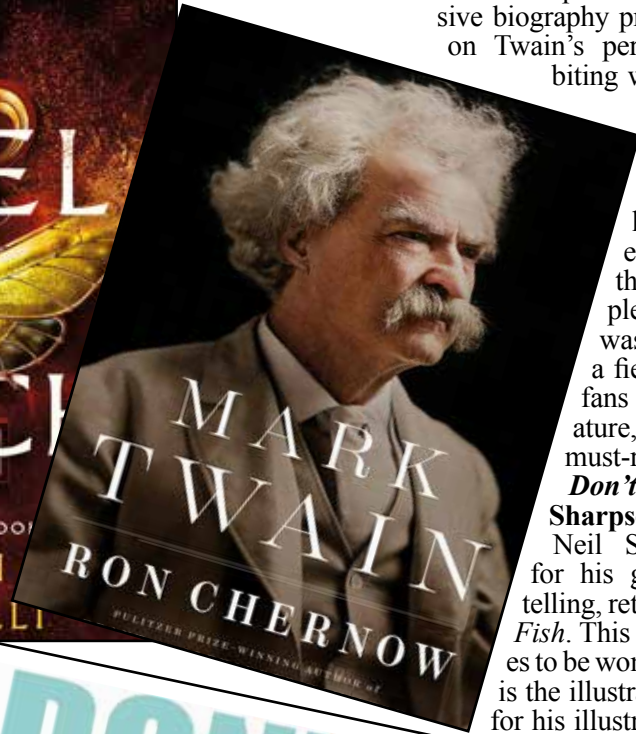
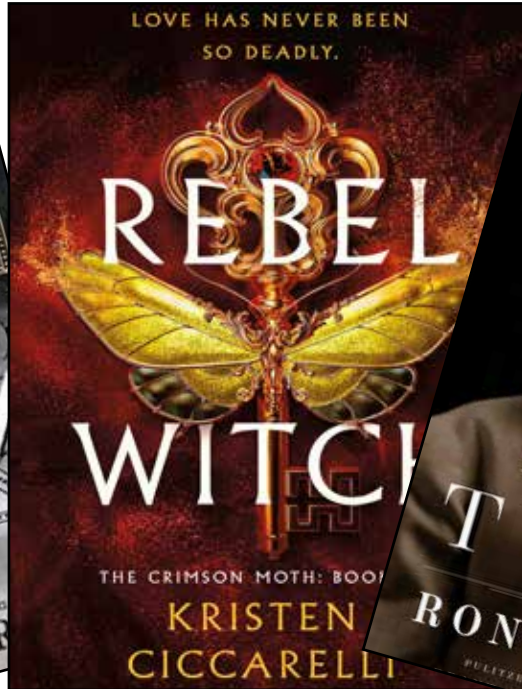
whose previous works on Alexander Hamilton and Ulysses S. Grant have become modern classics, turns his lens to one of America's greatest literary icons: Mark Twain. In *Mark Twain*, Chernow delves deep into the life of Samuel Clemens, exploring the man behind the pen name. This comprehensive biography promises to shed light on Twain's personal struggles, his biting wit, and his profound influence on American literature and culture. Readers can expect a meticulously researched and engaging narrative that captures the complexities of a man who was both a humorist and a fierce social critic. For fans of history and literature, this biography is a must-read.

***Don't Trust Fish* by Neil Sharpson**

Neil Sharpson, celebrated for his genre-bending storytelling, returns with *Don't Trust Fish*. This picture book promises to be wonderful, as Dan Santat is the illustrator. Santat is known for his illustrations and even won the coveted Caldecott Medal for his work. Why, dear reader, must you NEVER EVER trust fish? 1) They spend all their time in the water, where we can't see them; 2) Some are as big as a bus—that is not okay; 3) We don't know what they're teaching in their "schools;" and 4) They are likely plotting our doom.

Conclusion

The literary offerings of 2025 promise a thrilling year for readers of all genres. From Rebecca Yarros's epic fantasy *Onyx Storm* to Ron Chernow's illuminating biography of *Mark Twain*, there's something to captivate every imagination. Whether you're drawn to dystopian worlds, magical rebellions, or incisive historical analysis, the year's upcoming releases are sure to deliver unforgettable stories that will linger in the hearts and minds of readers everywhere. Prepare your shelves and clear your calendars—2025 is shaping up to be a landmark year in publishing!



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Discover Canton, Mississippi: 8 ways to enjoy and support your hometown

By Courtney Warren

Nestled in the heart of Madison County, it's no secret that our sweet Canton is a treasure trove of history, culture, and Southern hospitality. With its charming streets, vibrant events, and unique attractions, Canton offers something for everyone. Here are eight ways to explore and fall back in love with our town while supporting local businesses and preserving its rich heritage.

1. Explore the Historic Canton Courthouse Square

At the heart of Canton lies its iconic Courthouse Square, home to the stunning Madison County Courthouse built in 1855. The square is a National Historic Landmark and a hub of activity, surrounded by boutiques, antique shops, and eateries housed in charming historic buildings. Take a leisurely stroll, admire the architecture, and browse local stores for one-of-a-kind treasures.

2. Dive into history at the Canton Museum of History or the Old Jail Museum

History buffs will love the Canton Museum of History, which showcases the town's journey through time. The museum fea-

tures exhibits on Canton's Civil War history, its role in the Civil Rights Movement, and its Hollywood connections—several films, including *A Time to Kill* and *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, were shot here. Visiting the Old Jail museum not only enriches your understanding of Canton but also supports efforts to preserve its heritage as you learn the well-researched and curated history from the historical society.

3. Experience Southern cuisine at local restaurants

Canton's food scene is as rich as its history. Supporting these local establishments not only guarantees a delicious meal but also helps sustain the local economy.

4. Shop Local at the Canton Flea Market

Held twice a year, the Canton Flea Market is one of the South's premier arts and crafts fairs. Thousands of vendors and shoppers gather on the Courthouse Square to showcase and purchase handmade goods, from pottery and jewelry to artwork and home décor. Shopping here is a fantastic way to find unique items while supporting local artisans and small businesses. When the flea market is not in town, the Canton



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Square is still home to many local businesses and restaurants for you to explore.

5. Visit the Mississippi Blues Trail Markers

Canton is part of the famed Mississippi Blues Trail, which celebrates the state's role in shaping American music. Visit the trail

markers in town to learn about Canton's contributions to the blues genre and its connection to legendary musicians. It's a must-see for music lovers and a great way to connect with Mississippi's cultural legacy.

6. Immerse yourself in the Can-

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Williams honored in pinning ceremony for Luckyday Scholars



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Bella Williams is among the new cohort of Mississippi State Luckyday Scholars recently honored in a pinning ceremony featuring MSU President Mark E. Keenum and the Board of the Luckyday Foundation. Williams is a freshman interior design major from Canton.

Established by the late Frank Rogers Day, the Jackson-based Luckyday Foundation provides scholarship funding of up to \$6,000 per year, for a total of up to \$24,000 over four years, to each student selected for the program. Luckyday Scholars are exemplary students with the goal of becoming college graduates who possess invaluable

leadership skills, a strong work ethic and a commitment to community stewardship. Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 high school GPA and participate in an intensive application process. Luckyday Scholars are actively engaged in this holistic program, which includes a freshman-year seminar and mentoring, designat-

ed housing to encourage connections, and opportunities to grow as leaders through servant leadership programming. Participants commit to a minimum of ten service hours per semester with a single agency, which enhances the program's fundamental principles: scholarship, community, service and leadership.



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Comcast broadband celebrates expansion



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Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F) officials say they were excited to celebrate the recent commencement of Comcast’s broadband expansion project in northwest Madison County. They noted that it is a “great step forward for our community.”

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends, Family, and Fellow Community Members,

I am excited to share a decision that fills me with immense pride, purpose, and a deep sense of responsibility. I am honored to announce my candidacy for mayor of Canton. I am an experienced former Alderwomen who enjoyed serving the citizens of Canton for 8 years.

I have always believed in the strength of our community, and the way we support each other and celebrate together when things are good. We need leadership that is transparent, inclusive, and committed to action.

Let me be clear: I am not running because I think the work will be easy. I am running because I know our community deserves better, and I am willing to work tirelessly for every single one of you.

I will lead with integrity, and honesty, and focus on listening to the voices of those often unheard. My campaign will focus on high taxes, gas prices, crime, economic development, improving our schools, community clean-ups, and much more.

If given the chance to serve as your mayor I will fight, fight, fight, for you!

Sincerely,
Daphne Johnson Sims

Discover

ton Christmas Festival
Canton transforms into a winter wonderland during the holiday season. The annual Canton Christmas Festival, also known as the “City of Lights,” is a magical event featuring dazzling light displays, horse-drawn carriage rides, and visits with Santa. This festive tradition brings the community together and draws visitors from far and wide, making it an excellent opportunity to shop local and support the town’s businesses.

7. Relax at the Canton Multi-cultural Center and Museum
This museum is dedicated to celebrating Canton’s diverse heritage. Through its exhibits, visitors can learn about the cultural and ethnic influences that have shaped the town over the years. The center also hosts events and educational programs that foster community connections and appreciation for the town’s rich diversity.

8. Enjoy outdoor fun at Natchez Trace Parkway
Just a short drive from Canton, the Natchez Trace Parkway offers a scenic escape into nature. Whether you enjoy hiking, biking, or picnicking, this historic trail provides a serene setting for outdoor activities. Visiting the parkway is a great way to unwind

while appreciating the natural beauty that surrounds Canton. Looking for a place to stay when you’re not outdoors? Canton is home to several hotels.

Why Supporting Local Matters
Canton thrives on the dedication of its residents and the support of visitors. By shopping local, dining at family-owned restaurants, and attending community events, you play a vital role in sustaining the town’s economy and preserving its unique character. Small businesses are the backbone of Canton, and every purchase helps keep the town vibrant and welcoming for future generations.

As you explore Canton, remember that each historic site, artisan shop, and locally-owned restaurant contributes to the fabric of this charming Mississippi town. Whether you’re discovering its past or savoring its present, Canton offers countless reasons to celebrate and support your hometown.

Canton, with its blend of history, culture, and community spirit, invites everyone to slow down, savor its beauty, and become a part of its story. Make a day—or a weekend—of exploring this Southern gem and rediscover the joy of supporting local.

Holmes Community College celebrates recent AWS graduates



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Holmes Community College successfully launched Mississippi's first Amazon Web Services (AWS) Information Infrastructure Pre-Apprenticeship (I2PA) program, designed to equip participants with in-demand skills for careers in information infrastructure. There have only been two other I2PA programs in the nation so far. The four-week program ran from Nov. 4-Dec. 6, concluding with an opportunity for graduates to network with subject matter experts from AWS as well as other vendors and contractors on the last day.

Graduates of the program included Nicole Arbour, James Austin, Nicholas Beasley, Robert Burgess, Romello Carter, Alysia Green, Brendon Groves, Brittany Hobson, Gabriel Hopkins, Bryant Jackson, Travis Johnson, Nathaniel Jones, Ryan Korn, Andrew Levine, John Munn, Daniel Rosenbloom, Bre Anna Sanders, Brian Shook, Mikel Stephen, Albert Taylor, Hanson Tran and Alana Woodruff. Cham Blain, Ben Kay and Larry Tait served as program instructors, with various industry representatives coming in to lead trainings, as well.

During the AWS I2PA program, participants completed 30 hours of hands-on training each week, learning the skills needed to build, connect, pow-

er and operate the infrastructure that drives the global information economy. Training was conducted using the tools and materials found in the field, providing practical, job-ready experience in AWS cloud technology, networking and security. Participants explored key elements of mission-critical building projects, including fiber optics, electrical and mechanical systems, computer servers, and the software used in the design and construction of these facilities and systems. They gained insights into high-demand careers and performed work functions typically found in real-world job settings.

Additionally, the apprenticeship program sharpened participants skills applicable to any career, including problem-solving, time management, teamwork, persistence and effective collaboration. While completing the training, they earned industry-required certificates—including AWS I2PA and OSHA 10—and were compensated. The program was part of AWS's broader commitment to creating a more diverse and inclusive tech workforce by providing accessible pathways into high-growth careers. It aligned with Holmes' mission to provide relevant, high-quality educational opportunities that empower individuals to succeed in a global society.

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Recently, Canton Academy elementary students and families made numerous donations to the Christmas Missions Market. CA fifth graders got to deliver hundreds of blankets, Christmas decorations, books, socks, slippers and more to the residents of the Madison County Nursing Home.



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Make sure your car is ready for winter travel

Check antifreeze level and have radiator system serviced.

Replace worn tires and check tire air pressure.

Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in tank and fuel lines

Make a winter emergency kit to keep in your car.

Bring your pets indoors as temperatures drop!



Dress warmly and limit exposure to the cold to prevent frostbite.

Avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.



Prepare yourself for exposure to winter weather.



Bryan places second in essay contest



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Canton Academy seventh grader Heath Bryan recently placed second in the state of Mississippi for the Farm Bureau essay contest, winning a \$75 cash prize. The topic of the essay was, “Why is Agriculture Important?” Bryan wrote, “Agriculture is important, because it provides food, jobs, and helps protect the environment. That is why we should all appreciate

farmers and the hard work they do to make sure we have what we need to live.” He discussed how agriculture isn’t just growing crops and raising animals; it’s more than that. Agriculture is also the truck drivers who deliver the food people eat, the chefs in the restaurants who are cooking the meals, and all citizens protecting the environment so that everyone can eat tomorrow.

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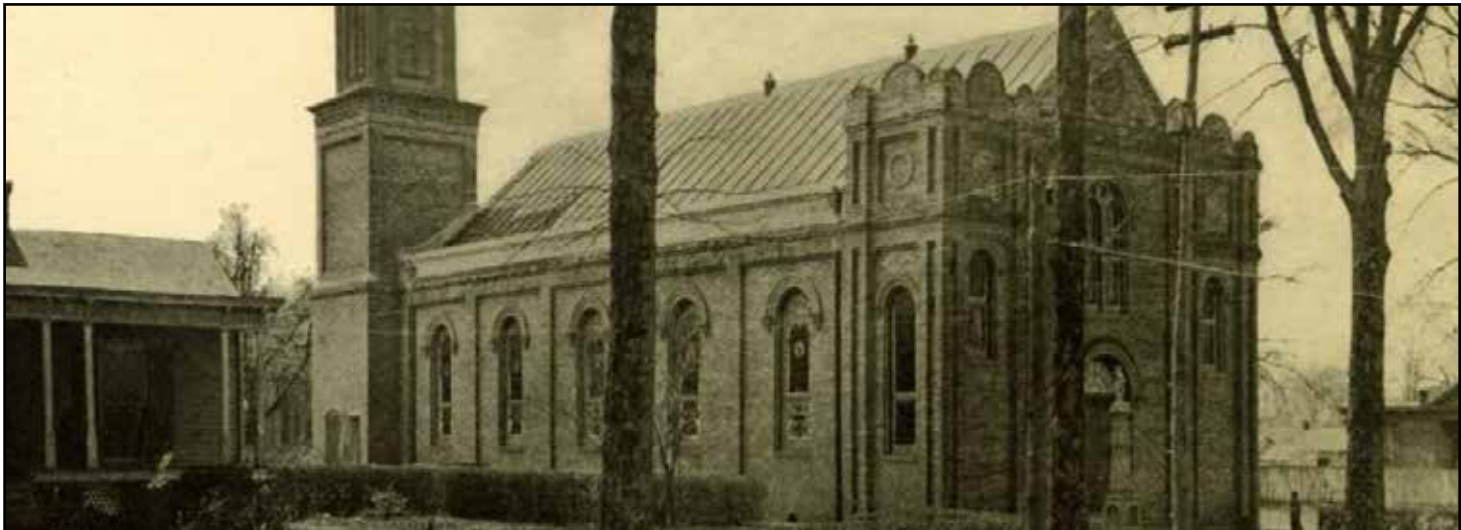
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A timeless piece of history: Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Canton, MS – date unknown. This beautiful landmark has been an integral part of our community’s story, and we’re proud to help preserve its rich heritage.

Join us in honoring the legacy of Sacred Heart and other historical treasures of Canton-Madison County. Stay connected for more glimpses into our local history and ways to get involved with the Canton-Madison County Historical Society.



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