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# \* 50 Years of Lights: \* \* A Time to Thrill \*

#### Special to The Canton News

Known to be the "City of Lights," Canton is no stranger to the big screen. For half a decade, Canton has celebrated filmmaking, from documentaries to major feature films. Canton."

In over fifty years, the Canton Film office has played host to four great and noted Mississippi literary figure films, including Eudora Welty, John Grisham, Willie Morris and William Faulkner.

Beginning in 1973, Canton film made a name for itself with the production of "Thieves Like Us". The film is based on Edward Anderson's 1937 Depression novel of the same name. Anderson's fluently written novel centers on three desperate, doomed convicts who have no other purpose in life but to rob banks. The film was originally planned to be shot in Missouri; however, the director was asked by the Mississippi Film Commission to visit Mississippi before making a final decision. Canton won the hearts of the director and producers, and the rest was history.

Recently, Canton filmmakers were awarded and recognized at "A Time To Thrill," an event hosted by the Canton Convention and Visitors Bureau and Film Office highlighting filming in Canton as well as the Young Filmmakers.

Canton Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Jo Ann Gordan expressed how much she loves the Young Filmmakers Workshop.

"It's one of the most proud moments of my life," said Gordon. "It kind of goes back to when I was a little girl growing up in Winona, Mississippi. All I ever wanted to do was act. I wanted to be a movie star. We had a cousin that lived in Los Angeles. My family would travel every summer, and, one summer, we went out to L.A. and saw the Hollywood sign. I came home and told my mom and dad I wanted to drop out of school. I was in the sixth grade, maybe going into seventh. I said, "All I want to do is go to L.A. and be a movie star."

While she didn't drop out to be a movie star, she continued on with her passion for performance and film.

"We were on Ted Mack's "Original Amateur Hour", which was like "America's Got Talent" during those days. I've always kind of had this little bug, and there was always something intriguing to me about the process of movie making," she said.

Gordon beamed with pride as she talked about the Young Filmmakers

and those who were honored for their achievements in film.

At a recent event Gordon said, "Along with the Mississippi Film Office, this year we are celebrating over fifty years of filmmaking in Canton, the movie capital of Mississippi. Canton has been at the center of film in the state dating back to Rober Altman's "Thieves Like Us" in 1973, through major productions, like "A Time to Kill", "My Dog Skip", and "O, Brother, Where art Thou?" in the mid- to late-90s, to recent productions like "The Minute You Wake Up Dead" and the upcoming "Finding Faith."

Those honored included William Lindsey, Colton Comans, SK Pollard, and Ceili Hale, all products of the Canton Young Filmmakers Workshop through the years. Also honored were Cantonians Christie Herring and Matthew Morgan, who Gordon said, "We are so proud as Cantonians to see how they have grown professionally in the film industry after getting their start in Canton."

Gordon said the filmmakers program truly teaches young filmmakers how to create. "They work in small groups

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William Lindsay Alum of Canton Young Filmmakers

Worked with SEC/ESPN Directed over 15 games for ESPN+

CYFW instructor

**Colton Comans** 

CYFW participant

Set dresser in Atlanta

Worked on Ant-Man

and the Wasp, Creed

III, Blue Beetle, and

Stranger Things

**Christie Herring** 

Canton native

Director of documentaries

including The Campaign and Singing for Justice

Producer and editor for Death is our Business, The Big Scary S Word, Bias,

The Point of No Return,

and Code:Debugging the Gender Gap

Matthew Morgan

Canton native

First film job was on A

Casting director in Canada Worked on films, including

As I Lay Dying, Blackbird,

The History Channel's Greatest Escapes, The

Card Counter, Master Gar-

dener, and Rumble Through the Dark

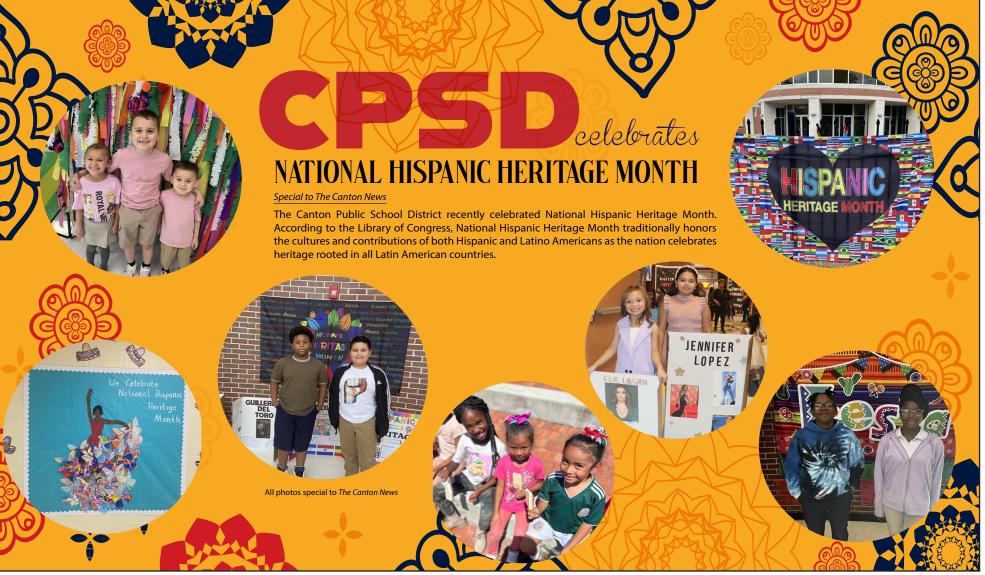
Alum of CYFW Filmmaker In post production on her debut feature film, *The Jacksons* 

Ceili Hale Alum of CYFW Cinematographer and editor Wrote the short film, *Liz* Shot the feature film, *The Jacksons* in 2022

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## On the shelf: top five reads for spooky season

#### By Courtney Warren

It's spooky season! Let's be honest, my daughter Berit has been asking to dec-

orate for Halloween since September 1. With our mornings finally getting cooler, it's time to dive into cozy reads. Here are five cozy or spooky reads to look forward to

this month! By the way, THANK YOU sharing for your

reads with me. Whethyou've er emailed, stopped by Kylie Melons, or called, I love hearing what you thought of On the Shelf and getting your book recom-

mendations! 1. The Unfortunate Side Effects of Heartbreak and Magic by Breanne Randall

Do you like the show Gilm-ore Girls? What ore Girls? about the movie Practical Magic?

This is the perfect crossover and reached the bestseller list before it was even published! It just released and I've already started reading.

2. Cackle by Rachel Harrison

This is perfect for a Halloween lover who likes to keep it weird. The main character gets pushed around. A lot. After meeting a new friend, a witch, who seems too good to be true, she learns to take her magic into her own hands and find the power within her. 3. Hallowe'en Party by Agatha Christie

We could all use more Agatha Christie in our lives. She is the true queen of crime. In this Hercule Poirot mystery, a little girl tells her family she witnessed a murder. After her family doesn't believe her, Poirot gets involved to investigate the "spirit" in their home.

4. Scary Stories to Tell in the

#### Dark by Alan Schwartz

I will promote this spooky short story collection until the end of my days. It traumatized me as an early elementary school child who read well above my level. I recommend it for upper elementary or a fun read around the campfire. But be warned!

5. In Charm's Way by Lana Harper

This is the fourth book of a fourbook series, and it's for those

read. Delilah Harlow is strug-

loween

gling to regain what she has lost and casts a forbidden spell-only to discover much more than she expected.

## Canton High hosts ribbon cutting for new turf



Canton High School held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of its new artificial turf football field.

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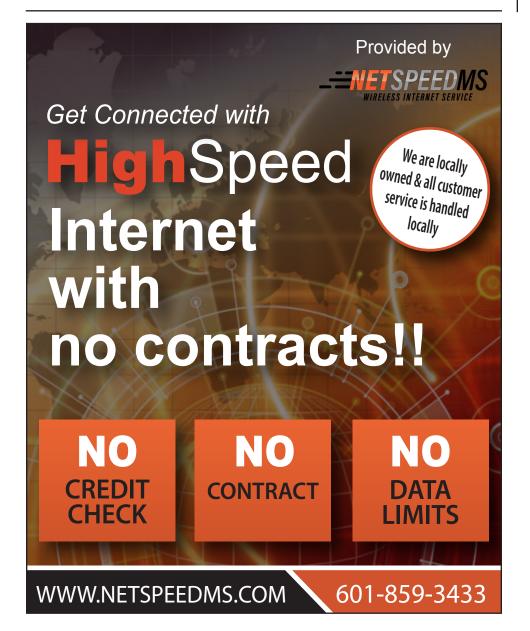




## **Prayer team covers CPS in prayer**



The Canton Public School District administration says they are grateful to the School Prayer Team for their exceptional prayers. According to CPSD representatives, "Their unwavering dedication and commitment to our school community are greatly appreciated.





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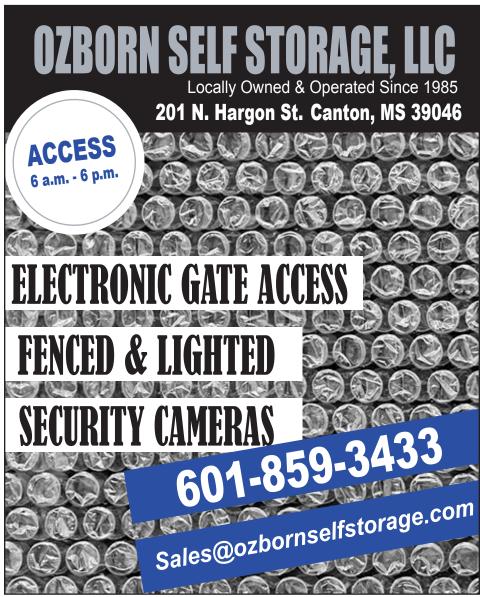
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# **MSU Wood Magic Science Fair educates youth**



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Denessa Fontenot's third-grade class and Angela Brown's and Corin McGruder's fourth-grade classes from Luther Branson Elementary in Canton recently attended MSU's Wood Magic Science Fair. The Fair, celebrating its 30th year, educates the next generation about forest products. Approximately 4,000 third- and fourth-graders from across the state were on campus to learn about forestry and the impor-

tance of forest products. Students were taught that wood is renewable, recyclable, biodegradable and durable in an exciting and engaging format. The Wood Magic Science Fair was hosted by the Department of Sustainable Bioproducts, College of Forest Resources and sponsored by the Mississippi Forestry Association; the Mississippi Lumber Manufacturers Association; the Sustainable Forestry Initiative; Viance, LLC and the Forest and Wildlife

Research Center.

**News from Madison County FB** 

#### By Guest Columnist Joy Foy

The Madison County Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) recently hosted the annual meeting of their membership, at their office at 211 North Hargon Street. The purpose of the Federation is to promote, protect, and represent the general

welfare of its members. MFBF is known as an advocate for farmers. They lobby state and national legislators for needed rules and regulations. Madison County Farm Bureau serves as the medium for MFBF's interest at the local level. Kevin Brown, MFBF Regional Manager serving Madison County, said at the September meeting, "One of the important things that MFBF accomplishes every year is getting proposed legislation killed

that would adversely affect farmers." Farm Bureau accomplishes many goals similar to this. For example, MFBF recently worked with the University of Nebraska (UN) to identify drought areas in Mississippi. The data had to be supplied to UN to enable farmers to qualify for benefits due to this summer's drought. Because of the efforts of MFBF, many

#### Mississippi counties qualified.

Madison County was identified as a D3 drought county. This classification automatically triggers relief from the Livestock Forage Program, which entitles livestock producers to government assistance payments based on livestock inventory num-

bers. This aide provides payments under the USDA guidelines, available at www.fsa. usda.gov.

You can contact Jeff Tuberville, Manager at the Madison County Farm Services Agency office (601-859-4272) for a complete application and to learn more about the program. Membership in the Madison County Farm Bureau Foundation is \$35 yearly. Scholarships are available to high school se-

niors and college students with this membership. Other member benefits are outlined on the Mississippi Farm Bureau Foundation website under the options EDU-CATE and PARTICIPATE. You can also call the Madison County Farm Bureau office in Canton at 601-859-3215 and ask for Adrian Garrison to inquire about Farm Bureau programs or to ask about membership.

## **Canton Garden Club Update**



#### By Guest Columnist Jessica Stein

Tuesday, September 12, the Canton Garden Club gathered at the Duncan M. Gray Center in the Rose Hill House, part of the original Allison's Wells spa facility built in the late 1800s. The verdant conference center and campgrounds held the first meeting administered by the new president Susan Buttross Riddell.

Hosts Patty Clark and Joy Foy received twenty-three members and guests for the selected program and proceedings. Rev. Beth Foose pre-

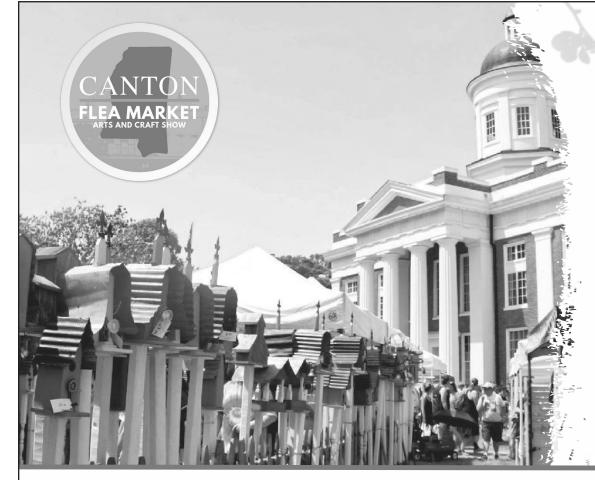
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sented mother-daughter owned business, Little Bluestem Farm. Little Bluestem specializes in seasonal cut flowers and sustainably grown bespoke arrangements, especially for weddings planned at their idyllic venue.

Canton Garden Club members left with hand-tied herb bundles, party favors from the hostesses. Individuals may join Canton Garden Club meetings upon invite from a member. The club was founded in 1935, shortly after Jackson's first national club origination in 1929.

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## Wright signs books and visits CHS



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Flonzie Brown Wright, a Civil Rights activist and Canton native, recently gifted ninety-two auto-graphed copies of her latest book to students and teachers at Canton High School (CHS). Her book, Looking

Back to Move Ahead, chronicles her life of service. During her visit, she shared stories about the challenges she faced in her fight for justice and equality for all. She encouraged the scholars at CHS to continue the work of those who came before them and to strive for more progress.



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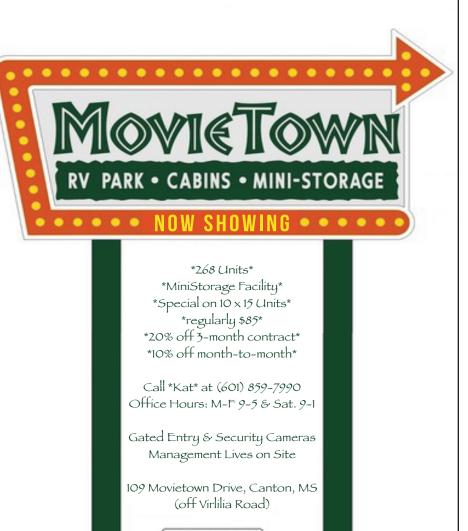
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## **Canton native promoted to Lieutenant Colonel**



LTC Kenesha D. Pace

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MAJ Kenesha D. Pace of Canton was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel (LTC) during a ceremony held in Washington, D.C.

Pace's new rank was presented and pinned on her uniform by her parents, Clarence and Ellawease Pace of Canton, as retired COL Gwendolyn Thompon presided over the ceremo-

"It was my pleasure to mark this great milestone for LTC Pace and her Special to The Canton News

family," said Thompson. "Making it to lieutenant colonel is the evidence of a successful career. I am ecstatic about this new rank and the confidence the military has shown in selecting LTC Pace.

Pace currently serves as the Chief of Program Management, Informatics Integration Branch within the Healthcare Operation Support Division of the Defense Health Agency, where she manages health information technology programs and the pharmacy workflow automation systems portfo-



LTC Kenesha D. Pace, with her parents, Clarence and Ellawease Pace

lio, including the total cost, scheduled and performance maintenance, and lifecycle replacement activities valued at \$550 million.

"It is truly an honor to reach this milestone in my career, and I am thankful that my family and friends are able to share in this moment," said Pace.

"My grandfather was part of the greatest generation that served in the United States Army during WWII. I know he would be proud of me today.'

Pace is an honors graduate of Canton

High School. She began her military career as an Army Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) cadet at Tulane University Orleans Battalion. She commissioned into the Army as a second lieutenant in 2005. Pace's education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Xavier University in Louisiana in 2005 and a doctorate in pharmacy from Xavier University College of Pharmacy in 2009.

Pace is board certified in pharmacocont. on page 17

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# **Canton Gospel presents scholarships and awards**



The Canton Gospel Music Association presented eight music scholarships.

#### By Guest Columnist Cynthia Palmer

The Canton Gospel Music Association presented eight music scholarships to students of the Love and Unity Music Ministry at the annual Scholarship Awards & Gospel Music Celebration on August 27, 2023. Special guest attendees included Congressman Bennie Thompson of the 2nd Congressional District.

On hand to receive their certificate and \$100 check were: Minister Jearlean Jones (CGMA Vice-president), Abby Woodard (CGMA member), Rev. David Jackson

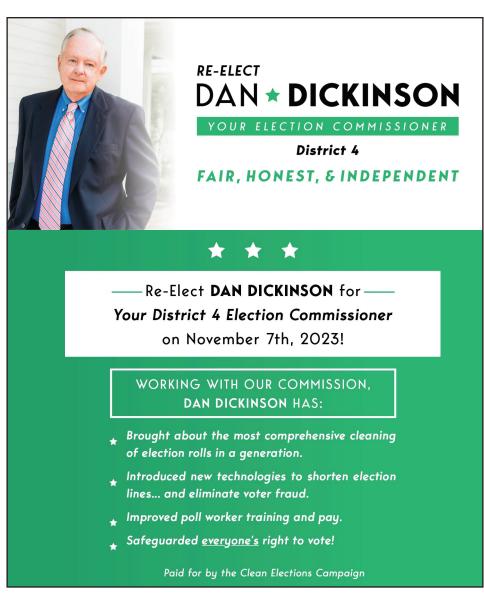


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Pictured are Congressman Thompson, Randy Abram (CGMA member) Mr. Henry and Mayor Truly.

(accepting the award for Wesley Dinkins, Jr.) Victoria Garrett, Jeremiah Smith, Jaleah Chandler, Layla Garrett, Jorden Whitehead and Kingston Wiley, LeeAndrea Chandler, Congressman Bennie Thompson and LaJesca Woodard (CGMA member). Mr. John Henry, 103 years old, was presented the Mayor's Award by Mayor William Truly. Mr. Henry has been singing for over sixty years. Congressman Bennie Thompson also presented a proclamation on behalf of the 2nd Congressional District.







# **MCYL class announced**



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Pictured (I to r) are, front row: Georgia Love Greenlee Doty, Jackson Preparatory School; Connor Young, St. Andrew's Episcopal School; Thomas Blanks, Jackson Academy; Julia Lever, Germantown High School; middle row: Amelia Rose Cook, Canton Academy; Bryce Perry, Tri County Academy; Warren Hutchinson, Madison Central High School; Destinee Stewart, Ridgeland High School; back row: Connor Odom, St. Joseph Catholic School; Serenity Chesser, Velma Jackson High School; Jamarion Fleming, Canton High School; Blayne Williams, Madison-Ridgeland Academy.

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The Madison County Business League & Foundation and MCEDA Announce the 2023-2024 Madison County Youth Leadership (MCYL) Class. All public, private, and parochial schools in Madison County, plus Jackson Academy and Jack-

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### **Canton Academy Panthers test in the lab**



Seniors Anna Claire Mabry and Hannah Dill.

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Ms. Moseley's advanced biology classes at Canton Academy recently had a macromolecule lab, testing nine substances for lipids, starches and proteins. Macromolecules are composed of much larger numbers of atoms than ordinary molecules.







## CA announces homecoming class representatives



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Canton Academy recently named their homecoming representatives. Pictured (I to r) are, back row: seventh graders Cash Johnson, Addy Reams and Garrett Moore; eighth grader Piper Cooley; freshmen Knox Butler and Morgan Holden; seniors Hannah Dill, Riley Lambert, Anna Claire Mabry and Ashlyn Thompson; juniors Jordyn Claire Watkin and Zach Smith; sophomores Mac Stacey and Kaitlyn Warren; and, front row: Crown Bearer Sawyer Canoy, and Flower Girls Sadie Curro, Amelia Cado, Quinn Coleman, Cooper Lloyd and Livie Joy Bennett.

## **Canton Lions October update**

#### By Guest Columnist Joy Foy

The Canton Lions' have made it through this hot dry summer, and shave been en-

tertained with

some interest-

ing programs.

On August 2,

Dr. Vibha Vig

talked to

the



Joy Foy members about the changes in her practice at the Sunshine Medical Clinic. She is a pediatrician working in Canton for years and has been a fellow Lion with the Canton group.

The following week, Madison County Economic Development Authority's Civil Engineer, Chad Wages, fascinated the group with some unknown recruiting stories of Nissan and an update on the new mega site located along Highway 22 West. Central District Public Service Commissioner Brent Bailey accepted an invitation to present an update from his office. He brought his wife, Rhonda, and a staff member.

Another recent program was Judge Jim Herring. He talked about his new book, *The Switcher*.

The Lions voted to sponsor the Canton Garden Club's upcoming Upstairs Downtown event, supported the Velma Jackson Foundation fundraiser, and offered scholarships to Canton high school seniors. The Lions will also be parking cars at The Day in The Country Festival on September 30 to raise money. These earnings will be used to help ensure that the civic club can continue their support

to the community. The Canton Lions meet every Wednesday at the Canton Country Club at noon. Anyone wishing to be involved in making Canton a better place to live is welcome. cont. from front page

with two instructors, create their storyline, write scripts, decide who will act in it, work camera, direct, do music, edit. It's tear jerking to watch. When you see that it changed these children, especially a child that's shy or one trying to find themselves, it hits their buttons and they bloom. They learn how to pull their creativity out. These instructors are so good."

"My granddaughter participated for the first time this year," continued Gordon. "As I was sitting at the library and watching Sophia run the camera, I teared up, because it gave her confidence and a skill."

"I love that the filmmakers is skill development. What we need in Mississippi is to raise up the crew. We don't have enough crew. Even the little independent movies need crew. You teach them how to be a PA, how to edit, how to run a camera–whatever the position is, they get a taste of it. When they get older, they can get recommended," said Gordon.

Of those honored, Gordon touched on a few and said, "Colton Comans, he is in Atlanta busting it. He's working on noted films, Christie is also over here creating her own material and making movies. Matthew is casting in Canada, New Orleans, all over. William Lindsay, we love honoring him as he came up through the program, became an in-

up through the program, became an instructor, and is now working for Hail State. He will make a mark in film, and I'm so proud it's because of his start in Canton filmmakers. They are all out there using these skills," she said.

Hale is a cinematographer and editor from Jackson. As a child she began exploring the world of comedic storytelling, turning the camera on her friends and neighbors to create shorts for Youtube and school projects. After honing her skills in the CYFW, then at Tufts University, she shot and edited the short film Liz, and went on to win awards at several festivals. In late 2022, she shot the feature film The Jacksons, which is currently in post production.

Pollard is a filmmaker based in Jackson. She has written and directed a number of short films and is currently in post production on her debut feature film "The Jacksons," which she worked on with Pollard after the two of them became fast friends at CYFW. Her goal as an artist focuses on capturing a cultural moment and shedding light on truths.

"These honorees are all a testament to the outstanding curriculum and instruction that has been designed and implemented to ensure their success in the industry," said Gordon.



## **Canton Academy Panther first graders learn about first responders**



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Canton Academy first-graders took their first field trip of the year, and they all said they had a blast! They started their adventure by visiting the Gluckstadt Fire Department, then the Madison Police Department. After they visited local heroes, they had lunch at the park and topped it all off with treats at the Mississippi Candy Company.





## **Volunteers of MC give back**



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The Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers of Madison County recently presented quilted banners (along with other contributions/donations) to the Mayoral Councils of Rolling Fork and Silver City, Mississippi, in light of the devastation that struck their communities only six months ago, in March 2023.

The organization said, "Let their volunteer efforts remind us that the charge in rebuilding these communities is ongoing and belongs to us all."

The group welcomes contribu-

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therapy from the Board of Pharmacy Specialists. Her military awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

COL Randy Dorsey, who is a Defense Health Agency (DHA) Pharmacy consultant, is a colleague and mentor to Pace at the DHA and attions to the effort and are asking that donations be provided in the form of nonperishable items and supplies such as:

- •Bottled water
- •Canned goods
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- Personal hygiene itemsLaundry detergent
- •Cleaning products
- •Cleaning supplies

Donations can be dropped off beginning Tuesday, October 10, through Friday, November 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Canton Public Library, located at 102 Priestley Street.

# Colonel

tended the promotion ceremony.

"The ceremony was rich in Army tradition and was carried out professionally," said Dorsey. "LTC Pace is a stellar officer. She is a dedicated leader who will continue to lead from the front."

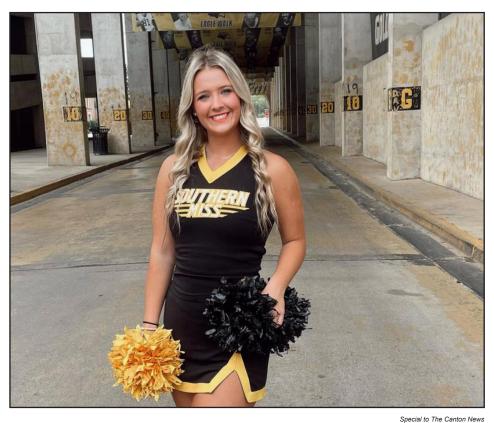
Pace was recently transferred to Falls Church, Virginia, the headquarters of the Defense Health Agency. This promotion makes her one of many rising Black female senior leaders in the Army Medical Service Corp.

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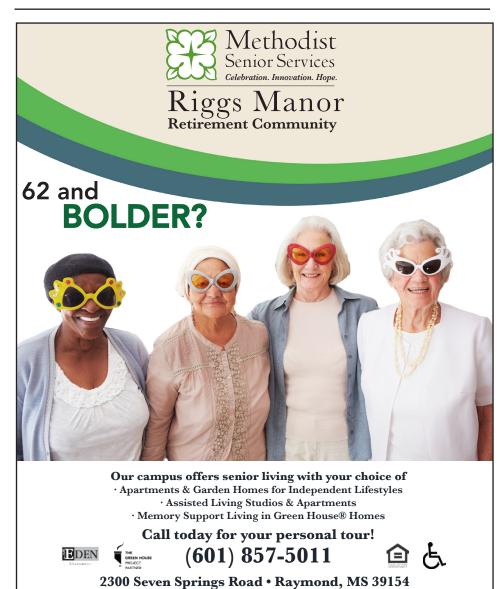
## CA alum and Cantonian cheers on



Aislynn Cochran is now enjoying her time at USM.

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Cantonian Aislynn Cochran, a 2020 Canton Academy graduate, recently graduated from East Mississippi Community College, where she played softball and cheered. She is now cheering on the Eagles at the University of Southern Mississippi.



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## Letter from the editor: All he's ever been is kind

#### By Courtney Warren

This year, our school theme is "shine your light." I was asked to speak at our chapel in front of over 300 middle schoolers. With October being suicide prevention awareness month, now more than ever we have to remember to shine our lights into others. I wanted to share with you all what I shared with our middle school students.

All semester, we have talked about shining your light. We've talked about how we need to be kind to others and why God wants us to do that. I think it's safe to assume that you all can agree with me when I say I'm a pretty loud and shiny person. I love to talk to people, I love to be involved, and I love to know what my students are up to.

My favorite verse is Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

When admin said this would be the theme this year, I was pumped. It's a verse we have in our home and a verse I have tried to commit to memory. But I want to tell you about a time when I definitely didn't feel shiny.

Middle school and high school are supposed to be these wonderful years, with awesome events and memories that should last a lifetime. But unfortunately, not all of us have that experience.

I went through an incredibly difficult middle school and high school experience.

Because of some difficulties going on at home, I found myself alone and angry.

There were so many times that no one showed up for me.

When I was bullied by an older student and told "Courtney, you're pathetic. That's all you'll ever be," no one showed up for me.

When I had soccer tournaments and started on the varsity team, no one was in the stands.

When I had a spot in my senior

showcase, no one was in the audience for me.

I didn't get invited to church. I didn't have a church family. And God was something that seemed conditional. You behave this way or do this thing, and only then will He love you in return. spoke out. I was aggressive. I was angry.

I was a light, but in all of the wrong ways.

So...I was still in darkness.

I love seeing the amazing friendships the students all have in our middle school. I know so many



No one shined a light for me. So I stayed in darkness. And then that darkness turned to

anger. I found myself ready to fight, more often than not. I walked around as if my skin was boiling, because I was so out of control and felt like I had no one in my corner, so I might as well tell everyone exactly what was on my mind. I was pathetic anyway, right? Those were the words that were spoken over me, so why not live up to that? I used my voice. I Photo by Lindsay Peco

of them will last the rest of their lives. It wasn't until I graduated high school and moved two states away that I found my best friend. Like the song "Kind," by Cory Asbury says, "I've tried to run from Jesus, I've started holy wars/I've tried the patient waitin' and the kickin' down the doors/ I've cursed His name in anger with my fist raised to the sky."

Y'all, I was not a good friend. I was mean. I was selfish. I didn't put this friend first.

And, just like our song, just like

Jesus - all I ever got from this friend....was kind.

This friend showed up for me. They were at my sorority plays cheering me on. They listened to me cry after a really hard test. They sat with me on rainy afternoons when I was so homesick for my family. I didn't deserve this kindness. But this friend shined their light on me.

It didn't take long for me to realize it actually wasn't a light this friend was capable of. The light this friend was shining came directly from their relationship with Jesus.

Now, I didn't realize it at the time, but I learned that God was preparing me for this friend. Had someone tried to speak God over me in high school, I wouldn't have listened. It was going to take this friend to do it. It was going to take the love of a best friend to show me the love of Jesus.

This friend never gave up on me. They never let me down. They always showed up for me.

I never had to search in the bleachers. This friend was there. I never had to look on the sidelines. This friend was there.

In my darkest moments, in my saddest days, through this loss of two babies, this friend showed me nothing but love.

When I responded in anger, when I cried out to God and didn't understand, when I alienated myself from everyone, this friend only gave me kindness.

So, while we might feel alone right now, I want us to remember, all of God's promises are Yes and Amen. He says we aren't meant to be alone. This friend used God's light. They shined his light into me over and over and over again until there was absolutely no room for darkness.

I want you to remember that it's not all about you. Who can you save by being kind? By shining a light in someone's darkness?

Because I sure am blessed to be his wife, but I think I'm even more blessed to be Coach Warren's friend.

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