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MAYOR ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO ENJOY **SUMMER** SAFELY WHILE REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF PROGRESS

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As July temperatures settle across Mississippi, Canton residents are finding plenty of opportunities to stay cool, stay active and enjoy everything the City has to offer this summer.

From downtown dining and local attractions to parks, pools and reading programs, city leaders are encouraging residents to make the most of the season while keeping safety, health and community involvement at the forefront.

Mayor Tim Taylor recently shared a summer message with residents, highlighting both seasonal reminders and the progress made during his first year in office.

“Summer should be a season of fun, family and community,” Taylor said. “I encourage everyone to stay cool, stay hydrated and take advantage of the many opportunities available throughout our city.”

One of the most popular summer destinations is the City of Canton swimming pool, which is now open for the season. Families can also cool off at the city’s public splash pad and local parks, where children can enjoy outdoor recreation while escaping the summer heat.

For those looking for indoor activities, Canton offers several air-conditioned options. Downtown restaurants and shops provide a welcoming escape from the heat while allowing residents to support local businesses. The library continues to serve as a favorite summer destination, offering reading programs, educational resources and a comfortable place for students and adults alike.

Taylor emphasized the importance of summer learning, encouraging parents and caregivers to make reading part of their daily routine.

“Whether it’s a library book, a newspaper or an educational magazine, even 20 to 30 minutes of reading each day can make a tre-



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mendous difference,” Taylor said.

Local churches are also contributing to summer enrichment through Vacation Bible School programs, providing children with opportunities to learn, build friendships and stay engaged during summer break.

As residents enjoy summer activities, City officials are reminding everyone to take precautions against extreme heat by drinking plenty of water, limiting outdoor activity during peak afternoon hours, wearing sunscreen and checking on elderly neighbors and vulnerable family members.

The mayor also encouraged residents to remain mindful of community safety. Canton’s citywide juvenile curfew remains in effect, requiring anyone under age 18 to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

“Community safety is everyone’s responsibility,” Taylor said. “If you see something, say something.”

In addition to promoting a safe and enjoyable summer, Taylor reflected on the accomplishments achieved

during his first year as mayor.

Among the year’s highlights, the city implemented a 5% salary increase for municipal employees, expanded professional development opportunities and partnered with G.A. Carmichael to provide health services and workforce training programs for City workers.

Infrastructure improvements have included reopening the Public Works Department, hiring a new Public Works director, improving major thoroughfares, beginning sidewalk repairs and launching efforts to address longstanding flooding concerns. The City also secured funding for watershed improvements and flood mitigation projects.

One of the administration’s most notable initiatives was reestablishing a City-operated sanitation department. The transition to municipal garbage collection expanded service from once per week to twice weekly while creating a projected annual revenue stream for the City.

The City also strengthened code enforcement through its “Fight the

Blight” initiative, hiring additional personnel, purchasing vehicles and approving the demolition of properties that failed to meet code standards.

Economic development has remained a key focus as well. City officials approved two new residential subdivisions, Wood Creek and Park View, which are expected to bring approximately 150 new homes to Canton. Nearly 30 new businesses have opened during the past year, contributing to an estimated \$15.8 million in economic growth.

Public safety investments included hiring five new police officers, purchasing 10 police vehicles and securing \$600,000 for the development of a Canton Crime Center.

Taylor also highlighted progress in addressing longstanding financial challenges. The City completed its 2020 audit after it had remained unfinished for more than five years and has established timelines for completing subsequent audits.

Beyond infrastructure and economic development, the city launched the Mayor’s Health Council and Mayor’s Youth Council, both designed to invest in the future well-being and leadership development of Canton residents.

The mayor credited these accomplishments to collaboration among City employees, the Board of Aldermen, community partners and residents.

“The strength of our city has always been found in its people,” Taylor said. “Together, we can continue building a community that is safe, welcoming, prosperous and full of pride.”

As Canton residents settle into the heart of summer, City leaders hope citizens will take advantage of local amenities, support community programs and continue working together to keep Canton a place families are proud to call home.



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Reuben B. Myers students receive books to encourage summer reading



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Students at Reuben B. Myers CSAS received books and bookmarks before the start of summer break to encourage continued reading throughout the summer months.

School officials said summer reading helps students strengthen vocabulary, improve comprehension skills and maintain academic growth between school years. Research has shown that regular reading during the summer can help students retain skills and

prepare for academic success when classes resume in the fall.

Students were encouraged to read independently and share stories with family and friends throughout the summer. School leaders expressed hope that the books and bookmarks will inspire students to make reading a part of their daily routine.

Educators noted that even a few minutes of reading each day can have a positive impact on student learning and help build a lifelong love of reading.

CPSD community remembers retired principal Percy Cain, extends condolences to family

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The Canton Public School District is expressing its condolences following the passing of Percy Cain, retired principal of Nichols Middle School, honoring his decades of service and lasting impact on students, staff and the broader community.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, superintendent, faculty, staff and the student body, the district extended heartfelt sympathy to Cain's family, offering prayers and support during this time of loss.

Cain is remembered as a dedicated educator whose passion for chemistry and commitment to teaching inspired students throughout his three-decade career in the district.

Colleagues described him as a strong and influential leader who built meaningful relationships with students and staff alike.

Beyond his professional legacy, Cain is also remembered as a devoted father and trusted friend, known for his kindness, encouragement and steady support of those around him.



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The district noted that his passing leaves a significant void in the school community, adding that many are finding comfort in the outpouring of love and remembrance from those whose lives he touched.

Officials expressed hope that the family will find peace in his legacy and comfort in faith during this difficult time.



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Way Back When: Canton rich education



State's Largest Negro High Is Dedicated At Canton; For 1,500

By JOHN HERNERS

CANTON, Miss. (UPI)—Madison County had a new Negro high school today—the largest Negro school in the state—and Mississippi had a symbol of its hope of remaining in the public school business.

About 1,200 whites and Negroes attended dedication ceremonies here Sunday in the \$500,000 Senior-Junior Rogers High School.

The modernistic structure which sprawls over a large portion of what was a cow pasture was built under Mississippi's school equalization program. The program was designed to bring all public schools in the state—white and Negro—up to par.

It will accommodate about 1,500 students and replace a number of sub-standard one and two-teacher classrooms over half of Madison County.

White leaders have said that with recent Supreme Court decisions that state's only hope of retaining public schools in through a system of voluntary segregation. The gleaming new structure dedicated Sunday is an example of the state's chief means of keeping Negroes in their own schools—building good new schools for them.

But the Mississippi NAACP said "Negro citizens will not accept as satisfactory this frantic makeshift school program which is designed as an answer to the Supreme Court decisions" on integration.

State NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Evers said the school resembles an auction barn and "is ill-equipped and according to officials is overtaxed with students."

Evers, in obvious reference to those Negroes who joined in the dedication, said "Those Negroes who aid in keeping other Negroes in the deplorable condition under which we live here in Mississippi should be singled out for what they really are—profiteers at the inhuman expense of their fellow man."

The school was named in honor of the Negro supervising principal of all colored schools in Canton, A. M. Rogers, who had been serving in public schools here for a quarter of a century. It has 32 classrooms, two libraries, three science laboratories, two vocational shops, a three room suite for some economics classes, a cafeteria and a combined gymnasium-auditorium that will seat 2,000 persons.

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These photographs are preserved by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and offer a glimpse of the campus shortly after it opened.

A newspaper account of the school's dedication, published in the Delta Democrat-Times on October 27, 1958.

Courtesy of the Canton-Madison County Historical Society

Canton was once home to the largest high school for Black students in Mississippi.

In 1958, Canton dedicated A.M. Rogers Senior-Junior High School, a modern campus designed to serve 1,500 students.

Nearly seventy years later, that same campus continues to educate local children as Nichols Middle School, located at 529 Mace Street in Canton.

According to the school's online profile, Nichols Middle School currently serves approximately 388

students in grades 6–8.

Built at a cost of approximately \$500,000, A. M. Rogers replaced numerous overcrowded one- and two-teacher schools throughout Madison County and represented one of the largest educational investments ever made for Black students in Mississippi during the era of legally segregated public schools.

The campus included 32 classrooms, two libraries, three science laboratories, two vocational shops, a home economics department, a cafeteria, and a combined gymnasium-auditorium with seating for approximately 2,000 people.

The school was named in honor

of A. M. Rogers, who served for nearly twenty-five years as supervising principal of Canton's Black schools.

The campus today retains much of its 1958 layout. While new entrances, walkways, parking areas, and other improvements have modernized the school over the decades, its historic footprint remains intact.

The school was built as part of Mississippi's school equalization program, an effort to improve educational facilities for Black students while preserving segregated public education in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's desegregation rulings.



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CCC students advance to HOSA international competition



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Two Canton Career Center students will represent Mississippi at the HOSA International Leadership Conference in Indiana after earning top honors at the state level. Za'Leah Prophet and Katelyn Small qualified for the international competition through their outstanding performances in Health Science events and will compete against students from across the United States and around the world.

The students were recognized for their hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence. School officials also credited Health Science instructor Shirley Jones, the program's HOSA sponsor, for her leadership and guidance in preparing students for competition. The Canton Career Center community wished Prophet and Small success as they represent Mississippi on the international stage.

CantonTown celebrates grand opening with ribbon cutting



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Community leaders gathered recently to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for CantonTown. Canton Mayor Tim Taylor joined Canton Tourism President Ed Hutchison, Executive Director Jo Ann Gordon and representatives from the Madison County Chamber of Commerce to officially welcome the new business to the community.

The ceremony recognized owner David Murrell as he celebrated the opening of CantonTown. Community members and local officials gathered to mark the occasion and show their support for the city's newest business. The ribbon cutting highlighted Canton's continued commitment to supporting local businesses and encouraging economic growth within the community.

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Canton officials approve public safety measures, major facility upgrades in June sessions

By Courtney Warren

The Canton Mayor and Board of Aldermen advanced several infrastructure upgrades, facility renovations and public safety measures during their regular bi-weekly meetings this June. Led by Mayor Tim C. Taylor, City officials approved an array of municipal investments, heavily utilizing both American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocations and state Modernization Funds to update City infrastructure and public properties.

At the June 2 meeting, the Board prioritized substantial facility and infrastructure maintenance. Officials authorized \$46,923.53 in ARPA funds to paint the interior sections of the Multipurpose Complex and an additional \$10,649.68 for exterior painting. The Canton Community Center received approvals for \$14,810 in electrical and lighting upgrades, alongside \$3,720 for critical roof repairs. Major infrastructure developments included ratifying a contract and approving a

\$173,800 payment to Southeastern Pipeline for the Crisco Ditch project, as well as authorizing Canton Municipal Utilities to perform up to \$43,711 in water and gas utility work for the Adeline and Johnson Street Project.

The Board also utilized Modern-

ization Funds during their first June session to heavily upgrade the City's operational fleet. Purchases included a 16-foot dump trailer for \$11,999, a lawn trailer for \$6,691.40, two Cushman haulers for \$13,467.95 each, a bush cutter for \$6,895, and a Kubota

tractor equipped with a loader and bucket for \$46,503.64. Additionally, Drew's Design & Construction was awarded a \$21,565 contract to renovate Court Services, and the City entered a partnership with Revive to offer health benefits services to municipal employees.

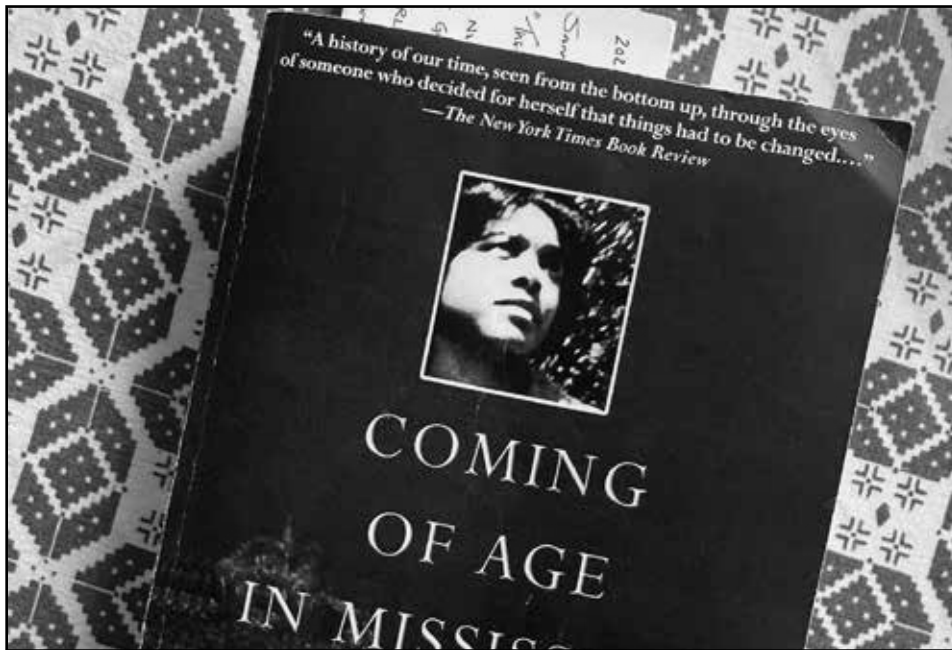
getting nuisance properties and inspections. To increase accessibility for residents, the Board also passed a resolution establishing a policy to reduce facility and equipment rental fees for both the Canton Multipurpose Complex and the Canton Community Center.

Renovations continued mid-month as officials approved a \$99,342 ARPA expenditure for GCE Glass Company to install new doors and windows at the Community Center, plus \$52,634 for new tables and chairs to be shared between the center and the Multipurpose Complex. Ahead of local holiday celebrations, the Board approved an inclement weather plan for the Juneteenth usage agreement, allowing for the temporary closure of a portion of Center Street if event grounds become too wet. Final operational updates included appointing Tedmond Whitehead to the Architecture Review Board, while the Canton Historical Society was tapped to provide architectural and engineering services for the Train Depot.



During the June 16 meeting, City leaders shifted their focus toward local policy updates and community safety. The Board enacted an Emergency Proclamation ratifying a City ordinance for a juvenile curfew and approved an amended ordinance tar-

Mayor recommends Anne Moody memoir highlighting Canton's Civil Rights history



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Courtesy of the Canton-Madison County Historical Society

During a recent Monday evening work session at City Hall, Mayor Tim Taylor recommended *Coming of Age in Mississippi* by Anne Moody, a memoir that offers a firsthand account of growing up in Mississippi during the era of segregation and the Civil Rights Movement.

First published in 1968, the autobiography follows Moody's life

from childhood through her activism, including her involvement in key moments of the Civil Rights Movement across Mississippi.

Moody, born Essie Mae Moody in 1940 in Centreville, Mississippi, later became known as "Anne" due to a clerical error on her birth certificate. When she requested a copy as a teenager, the incorrect name remained, and she chose to keep it.

The memoir provides a detailed and unflinching look at life for

Black Mississippians in the 1940s and 1950s. Moody later became a civil rights activist and participated in the sit-in at the Woolworth's lunch counter in Jackson.

She also worked extensively in Canton in 1963 on voting rights efforts at the Freedom House, which served as the Mississippi headquarters of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). The final sections of her book focus heavily on her experiences in Canton and the local Civil Rights Movement.

Moody passed away on February 5, 2015, in Gloster, Mississippi. Today, visitors to Centreville can find both a civil rights marker honoring her legacy and a literary marker recognizing the historical significance of her work.

Earlier this year, Canton's Freedom House was also honored with a Freedom Trail marker, recognizing its role in the Civil Rights Movement and its place as the last surviving CORE Freedom House in Mississippi.

Canton's Cameron Hill earns second consecutive selection to HBCU Swingman Classic



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Canton native Cameron Hill continues to make his mark on the national baseball stage after being selected for the second consecutive year to participate in the HBCU Swingman Classic, one of the premier events celebrating Historically Black Colleges and Universities baseball talent.

The 2026 HBCU Swingman Classic will be held during Major League Baseball's All-Star Week in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, bringing together many of the nation's top HBCU baseball players for a nationally televised showcase.

Hill, a standout outfielder at Grambling State University, has established himself as one of the most accomplished players in HBCU baseball. His repeat selection to the prestigious event highlights his continued excellence on the field and his growing reputation as one of the top players in the game.

This season alone, Hill earned recognition as Southwestern Athletic Conference Hitter of the Week and was named Golden Spikes Award Player of the Week, honors that reflect his exceptional offensive performance and impact at the plate. These accolades further solidify his standing among the nation's top collegiate baseball players.

Before transferring to Grambling State, Hill attended Hinds Community College (Raymond, MS), where he made history by breaking the school's

home run record during the BBCOR era. He launched 17 home runs during the regular season, setting a new benchmark for the program and cementing his place among the college's most prolific power hitters.

A 2022 graduate of Germantown High School, Hill's baseball journey has been defined by hard work, determination and consistent achievement. From his standout high school career to his record-breaking performance at Hinds and continued success at Grambling State, Hill has represented the Canton community with pride at every level.

The HBCU Swingman Classic was created by Major League Baseball and Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. to honor the rich tradition of HBCU baseball while providing student-athletes an opportunity to showcase their talents before professional scouts, coaches and baseball fans from across the country. Selection to the event is considered one of the highest honors in HBCU baseball.

His accomplishments continue to serve as an inspiration to young athletes throughout Canton and Madison County, demonstrating that dedication, perseverance and excellence can open doors to opportunities on baseball's biggest stages. Through his achievements, Hill is not only building an impressive baseball résumé but also making his hometown proud on a national stage.

Knights of Pillar Nurses Association awards scholarships to future nurses



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Joyce Conway-Adams' Scholarship recipients. Tynoka Lewis, Holmes JR. College, Bracey Geranderson, Hinds Jr. College and Deuana McGee, Hinds Allied Health and Jasmine Adams.

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The Knights of Pillar Nurses Association celebrated its 11th Annual Joyce Conway-Adams Scholarship Banquet on May 29 at Golden Paradise Venue on the Canton Square.

The event recognized nursing students from area colleges and honored

the legacy of Joyce Conway-Adams through scholarship awards that support future nurses.

The guest speaker was Angela Brown, a respected nurse in the Canton area. Brown was introduced by her mother, Gladys Hughes, a retired nurse. *cont. on page 16*

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CHS celebrates summer graduates



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Canton High School recognized seven members of the Class of 2026 who completed their graduation requirements during the summer, marking an important milestone in their academic journeys. School officials congratulated the graduates for their perseverance and dedication, wishing them success as they pursue college, careers and oth-

er future opportunities. **The Canton High School Class of 2026 summer graduates are:**

- Jason Berduo-Aguilon
- Bernardo Cortes-Zarate
- A'landriyah Ousley
- Jermerion Shields
- Nikolas Smith
- Deydin Tomas-Temaj
- Kyla Washington

4-H program teaches gardening and beekeeping in Canton



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Children and adults gathered in Canton recently for a hands-on 4-H learning experience focused on gardening and beekeeping. Participants learned from Mr. and Mrs. Boutwell, who shared their knowledge and expertise in planting, growing, and caring for gardens, as well as the basics of beekeeping and the important role bees play in agriculture and the environment.

The educational event gave attendees an opportunity to engage directly with nature-based skills while gaining a better understanding of sustainability and agricultural practices. Organizers thanked Cheyenne Stewart Weaver for coordinating the 4-H experience and providing the community with an interactive learning opportunity for all ages.

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41st annual Mississippi Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest held



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The 41st annual Mississippi Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest filled the skies over Canton with color and excitement as thousands of visitors gathered to celebrate one of the state's most anticipated summer traditions while commemorating America's 250th birthday.

Throughout the three-day festival, dozens of brightly colored hot air balloons took flight above Can-

ton, creating breathtaking views for spectators of all ages. As evening fell, the popular balloon glows illuminated the grounds, providing a dazzling display that became a highlight of the weekend.

Guests enjoyed live entertainment, family-friendly activities, food vendors, and attractions that offered something for everyone. Whether attendees were experiencing hot air balloons up close for the first time or returning to continue a cherished

family tradition, the festival provided a memorable experience that blended Canton's small-town hospitality with large-scale entertainment.

This year's event carried special significance as it joined communities across the country in celebrating America250, marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The patriotic theme was woven throughout the festival, reminding visitors

of the nation's rich history while celebrating the community spirit that has made the Balloon Fest a beloved Mississippi tradition for more than four decades.

As the final balloons descended and the festivities came to a close, another successful Mississippi Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest left families with lasting memories and reinforced Canton's reputation as home to one of Mississippi's premier summer events.

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Canton's story began just 58 years after America's

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As Americans celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence this year, it's the perfect time to remember that Canton has its own unique place in our nation's story.

Did you know that when the United States declared independence in 1776, the land that would one day become Canton wasn't even part of the United States yet? According to the Mississippi Secretary of State's "A Bicentennial History of Mississippi," much of present-day Mississippi remained under Spanish control until the late 1700s, and the Mississippi Territory wasn't established until 1798.

Madison County itself was created in 1828 and named after the nation's fourth president, James Madison, according to the *Mississippi Encyclopedia*. Just a few years later, surveyor John B. Pey-



ton selected the geographic center of the county as the site for a new county seat. Forty acres were purchased in 1834, laying the foundation for what would become Canton.

Canton was officially incorporated in 1836—only 60 years after the United States became an independent nation.

According to Canton Tourism, the city's historic courthouse square remains one of Mississippi's best-preserved historic districts and continues to serve as the heart of the community nearly two centuries later.

As America marks 250 years of independence, Canton can proudly celebrate being part of a young nation whose history continues to grow. From its historic square to its community traditions, our city's story is another chapter in the larger American journey—one that began with the pursuit of liberty and continues with each new generation.

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Leadership Madison County celebrates graduation of Class of 2026



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Members of the Leadership Madison County Class of 2026 are pictured (l to r), front row: Garland Baugh, Christian Jones, Brandi Gooden, Noelle Stanley and Elizabeth Purcell; back row, Dawn McKenzie, John Davidson, Erin Buchwald, Charles Edmondson, Lisa Cauthen Carmichael, James Permenter and Shalondria Wade Carter. Not pictured: Bradley Edmondson.

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The Madison County Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated the graduation of the Leadership Madison County Class of 2026, recognizing 12 emerging and established leaders who completed the Chamber’s nine-month leadership development program.

Leadership Madison County is designed to identify, educate and moti-

vate current and future leaders by providing participants with an in-depth look at the opportunities, challenges and resources that shape Madison County. Throughout the program, participants attended monthly sessions focused on community leadership, economic development, education, health care, government, public safety and quality of life.

As part of the program, the Class

of 2026 completed community service projects benefiting MadCAAP, In His Steps Ministry and the development of the Madison County Resource Booklet. The projects reflect the class’s commitment to serving the community and addressing local needs.

“The Leadership Madison County program continues to foster leaders who are committed to serving and

strengthening our community,” said Andy Clark, president of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. “We congratulate the Class of 2026 and look forward to seeing the positive contributions they will continue to make throughout Madison County.”

Applications are now being accepted for the Leadership Madison County Class of 2027.

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Simple summer energy tips from Canton Municipal Utilities



Small changes can help lower summer energy use.

Try these simple tips to stay comfortable while keeping your bill under control.

1 Change air filters

Clean or replace filters monthly so your A/C can run efficiently.

2 Set the thermostat wisely

Choose the highest comfortable temperature to reduce usage.

3 Use fans

Circulate cool air with ceiling or box fans, but turn them off in empty rooms.

4 Block the sun

Close blinds, shades and curtains during the hottest part of the day.

5 Seal air leaks

Use weather stripping or caulk around doors, windows and ductwork.

6 Use a programmable thermostat

Help control costs by adjusting temperatures around your schedule.

Stay comfortable this summer while helping keep your energy use under control.

Canton Municipal Utilities

ABC Adventure Camp combines learning and fun at Canton Academy



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Summer learning was in full swing at Canton Academy as students participated in Mrs. Bower-

ing's ABC Adventure Camp in the lower school.

Throughout the week, campers reviewed uppercase and lowercase letter names and sounds while tak-

ing part in hands-on learning centers designed to help them identify and pronounce the beginning sounds of words.

The camp concluded with a Let-

ter Fashion Show, where students celebrated their accomplishments by showcasing their creativity and the skills they developed during the week.

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CPSD employees participate in professional development on workplace communication and collaboration



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Canton Public School District (CPSD) employees recently participated in a professional development session focused on strengthening communication, professionalism, teamwork and collaboration between the CPSD Office of Child

Nutrition and Elior staff to better support student success and promote a positive work environment. The training was led through an invitation from Dr. Pamela S. Self, executive director of special programs, who invited Ms. Melinda Heath, supervisor of workforce manufacturing development at Nis-

san USA, to present a session titled "Interpersonal Relationships in the Workforce." Participants engaged in discussions and activities designed to strengthen workplace relationships, enhance communication skills and improve professional interactions across departments. Organizers

said the level of engagement reflected a shared commitment to collaboration and service. The session also provided practical strategies aimed at cultivating a positive workplace culture while advancing the district's goal of serving CPSD students effectively and efficiently.

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On the Shelf: Clean summer beach reads

By Courtney Warren

Jesus, have mercy on some of the books that have been hitting the shelves lately!

Now, I am not one to yuck anyone's yum, but let this be a public service announcement to all parents out there about the importance of vetting what their children are reading.

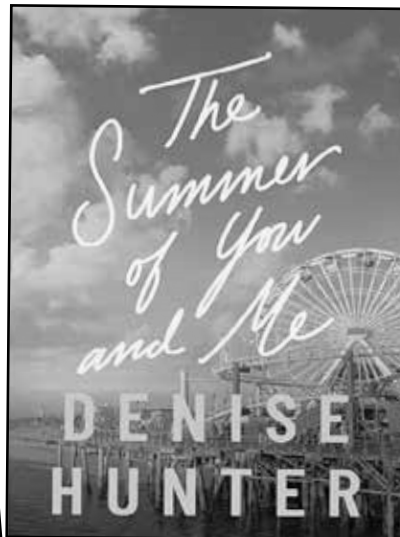
There have been so many times where I have seen parents buy any books for their children simply because they are so excited their child is reading. Me, too! However, it's important for us to realize that "Young Adult" does not mean what it once did.

Young Adult has begun to include "new adult" style content, from explicit language to open door sexual content. There have been several times where I have had parents reach out and ask for help in finding appropriate books for their children. Oftentimes, I ask them what their main concerns are and then go from there.

With the recent Amazon Prime series hit about hockey romance, we've seen an uptick in those book sales. Now, I have read them all and can assure you they are not for teenagers

by any means.

Firstly, the main characters are in college, and secondly, the language and spicy content could make a sailor ask for a wholesome alternative. However, these books have gotten super popular and, due to the covers depicting a cutesy romance, peo-



ple pick it up unaware. Again, I am not here to yuck

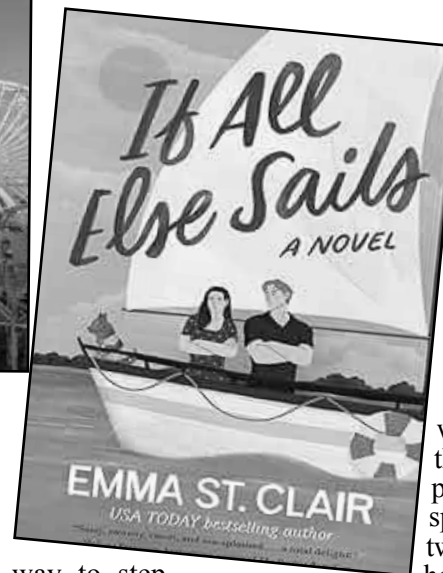
your yum—I will slightly judge you if you are handing these books to anyone younger than 21, but that's content for a different column. With the love of a beach read and the need for something that you can read without hiding the cov-

er, here are some fun alternatives.

Summer of Yes – Courtney Walsh

This one is so fun! I am a big Courtney Walsh fan, because she has a great way of writing romance that will make you get super excited for the characters, but it's clean at the same time.

A carefully-planned



summer takes an unexpected turn when saying "yes" becomes a way to step out of grief, control and fear. What starts as a list of small risks slowly grows into something much bigger, like healing, courage and a second chance at joy. It's a story about learn-

ing that sometimes the best moments come when life stops going according to plan.

The Summer of You and Me – Denise Hunter

Needing more mystery and less smooching? This one might be for you.

Two people with complicated pasts find themselves tied together during a summer that forces both honesty and vulnerability. As old wounds surface

and new feelings grow, they must decide whether protecting their hearts is worth missing out on something real. It's a tender, emotional romance about timing, trust and the risk of love.

If All Else Sails – Emma St. Clair

I am a sucker for an enemies-to-lovers story, PLUS this one has a cute dog sidekick.

A reluctant partnership on the water turns into something neither of them expected as forced proximity leads to plenty of sparks and even more chaos. Between misadventures, humor and heart, they discover that running from the past doesn't work nearly as well as facing it together.

It's a light, witty romance about surrendering control and letting love steer the course.

ON THE TABLE: Shuga's-Style Watermelon Gazpacho

By Courtney Warren

Okay, hear me out.

Cold soup is weird.

Honestly, the entire concept has always baffled me; but, when I visited Barcelona one summer, I gave it a chance. When in Spain, right?

Well, that opened my eyes to the idea of "gazpacho." Gazpacho is a traditional Spanish soup that comes from the Andalusia region, and it's served cold—no cooking involved. It's made by blending fresh, raw vegetables like ripe tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, garlic and onions with olive oil, vinegar, a bit of bread and salt.

The result is a smooth, chilled soup that's refreshing, simple and perfect for hot summer days.

That being said, I had the pleasure of visiting Colorado this summer on a teacher's professional development trip. After visiting Garden of the Gods (it was AWESOME), we stopped at Shuga's for lunch, where I tried the watermelon gazpacho. It was so good! So, here's to trying new things this summer.



ingredients

- 4 cups seedless watermelon, cubed
- 2 medium heirloom tomatoes, quartered
- 1 English cucumber, peeled and chopped (reserve half)
- 1/2 red bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 jalapeño pepper, seeds removed (optional, for a slight kick)
- 1/2 small radish, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 Tbsp sherry vinegar or white balsamic vinegar
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 tsp kosher salt, plus more to taste
- Fresh mint and basil leaves (about 10–15 of each)

1. **Blend the Base:** In a high-powered blender, combine the watermelon, quartered tomatoes, half the chopped cucumber, the red bell pepper, jalapeño (if using), mint, basil, vinegar, lime juice, salt and olive oil. Blend on high until completely smooth.
2. **Add Texture:** Transfer the blended liquid to a large bowl. Stir in the reserved diced cucumber and the radish for that restaurant-style crunch.
3. **Chill:** Cover and refrigerate the gazpacho for at least 2 to 4 hours so the flavors can marry and the soup gets ice-cold.
4. **Serve:** Taste and adjust salt, then ladle into chilled bowls.

Mississippi health experts urge “summer survival” habits as risks rise with heat, water and outdoor activity

Courtesy of the Mississippi State Department of Health

As summer begins across Mississippi, state health leaders are encouraging families to take basic precautions to prevent common seasonal injuries and illnesses linked to heat, water activities, travel and outdoor exposure.

In a recent episode of “Health Talk Mississippi,” hosted by Greg Flynn and produced by the Mississippi State Department of Health, experts across multiple public health fields outlined key safety concerns as children leave school and outdoor activity increases.

Tick bites, heat, and insect risks

State epidemiologist Dr. Renee Dodson warned that tick bites are rising nationally and can transmit illnesses such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease. She recommended long sleeves, EPA-approved repellents containing DEET, and thorough body checks after outdoor activity.

Officials also emphasized the growing risk of heat illness, noting that symptoms like heavy sweating, fatigue and confusion can quickly progress to heat stroke. Immediate cooling and medical attention are critical if symptoms worsen.

Water safety remains a top concern

Child health expert Claire Mazingo stressed that drowning is often silent and can happen in seconds. She urged constant supervision around all water sources, use of designated “water watchers,” and properly fenced pools with secure gates.

Families were also reminded to re-

move pool toys when not in use and to ensure children never access pools unsupervised.

Food safety, heat, and household hazards

Experts reminded residents to follow basic food safety rules: keep cold foods cold, hot foods hot, and discard perishables left out too long. Cross-contamination during grilling and outdoor gatherings remains a major risk.

Lead prevention specialist Crystal Vzy warned that older playground equipment, contaminated soil and even garden hoses can expose children to lead. Frequent handwashing and awareness of home environments were strongly encouraged.

Vehicles, water recreation, and coastal risks

Officials reiterated the dangers of leaving children or vulnerable individuals in hot vehicles, where temperatures can rise rapidly.

They also highlighted Vibrio bacteria risks in warm Gulf waters, especially for people with open wounds or weakened immune systems, and advised avoiding raw or undercooked shellfish.

Additional warnings included snake bites, ATV injuries, and the importance of proper protective gear and emergency response readiness.

“Safety is everyone’s responsibility”

Across all topics, the panel emphasized prevention and awareness as the most effective tools for avoiding summer emergencies.

For more information, visit the Mississippi State Department of Health at MSDH.ms.gov.

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nurse. Speaking on the theme, “Healing Hands, Rising Stars,” Brown encouraged attendees, particularly new graduates, to view nursing as a calling rather than simply a job or profession.

Scholarship recipients included Bracey Granderson of Hinds Community College, Deuana McGee of the Hinds Allied Health Center, Tynoka Lewis of Holmes Community College and Briana Johnson.

Recipients are nominated by the nursing dean at their respective colleges. Following nomination, students submit applications to the association for review. Applicants must meet established criteria, complete a notarized application and participate in an interview with the Knights of Pillar Nurses Association board before final selections are made.

Since establishing the scholarship program in 2016, the association has awarded 30 scholarships totaling more than \$12,000 to help students pursue careers in nursing.

Association leaders expressed appreciation to the Conway family for allowing the organization to continue honoring Joyce Conway-Adams’ legacy by supporting and inspiring future nurses.

The Knights of Pillar Nurses Association announced that scholarship applications for 2027 will be available in January. The organization also thanked the community for its continued support of the scholarship program.

Bertha McGruder is the founder of the Knights of Pillar Nurses Association, and Barbara Frazier serves as president.

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Canton native joins PryorMorrow as summer architecture intern

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PryorMorrow has welcomed Canton native John Hollis Hutchinson as a summer intern, providing him the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field of architecture.

Hutchinson will work alongside the firm's architects and design professionals, contributing to projects while learning how concepts and designs are developed and implemented in real-world settings.

According to PryorMorrow, Hutchinson is eager to immerse himself in architectural projects, learn from experienced professionals and see how designs come to life beyond the drawing board.

His interest in architecture began at an early age through drawing and building, activities that sparked a passion for design and creativity. He now brings that same enthusiasm and curi-



osity to the firm's team as he explores a future career in architecture.

Before pursuing architecture, Hutchinson competed as a Division I junior college baseball player at Hinds Community College, demonstrating the dedication and discipline that he now applies to his academic and professional pursuits.

A graduate of Canton Academy, Hutchinson is a lifelong Canton resident. PryorMorrow officials said they are excited to have him on board this summer and look forward to helping him develop his skills and gain valuable industry experience.

The internship provides Hutchinson with an opportunity to learn firsthand from professionals in the field while gaining exposure to the architectural design process from concept to construction.

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MadCAAP hosts annual Love for Lacey Arts & Crafts Camp



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Creativity was on full display as children participated in Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty's (MadCAAP) annual Love for Lacey Arts & Crafts Camp, a weeklong program dedicated to fostering artistic expression while honoring the memory of a beloved community member.

The camp is held each year in mem-

ory of Lacey, a cherished friend of MadCAAP whose legacy continues to inspire creativity, learning and joy among local children.

Throughout the week, campers explored a variety of hands-on art projects designed to encourage imagination and self-expression. Activities included painting canvases, creating paper bead jewelry, decorating pottery,

painting story stones, designing birdhouses and completing several other arts and crafts projects.

Organizers said the camp provided participants with opportunities to develop new skills, make friends and express their creativity in a supportive environment.

The week was filled with smiles, enthusiasm and artistic achievements as

children proudly showcased their creations. Camp leaders expressed gratitude to participants, families and volunteers who helped make the event a success.

MadCAAP officials said the annual camp remains a meaningful way to celebrate Lacey's memory while creating lasting memories for a new generation of young artists.

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MCYL Class of 2025-2026 concludes scholarship presentations



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Scholarship presentations for the Madison County Youth Leadership Class of 2025-2026 have concluded, marking the end of a program year recognizing outstanding student leaders from across the county.

Canton Academy expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the program, which highlights students who demonstrate leadership, service and academic achievement.

School officials also thanked the Madison County Business League & Foundation for its continued support and investment in developing future community leaders, noting the organization's role in encouraging and supporting students as they prepare for their futures.

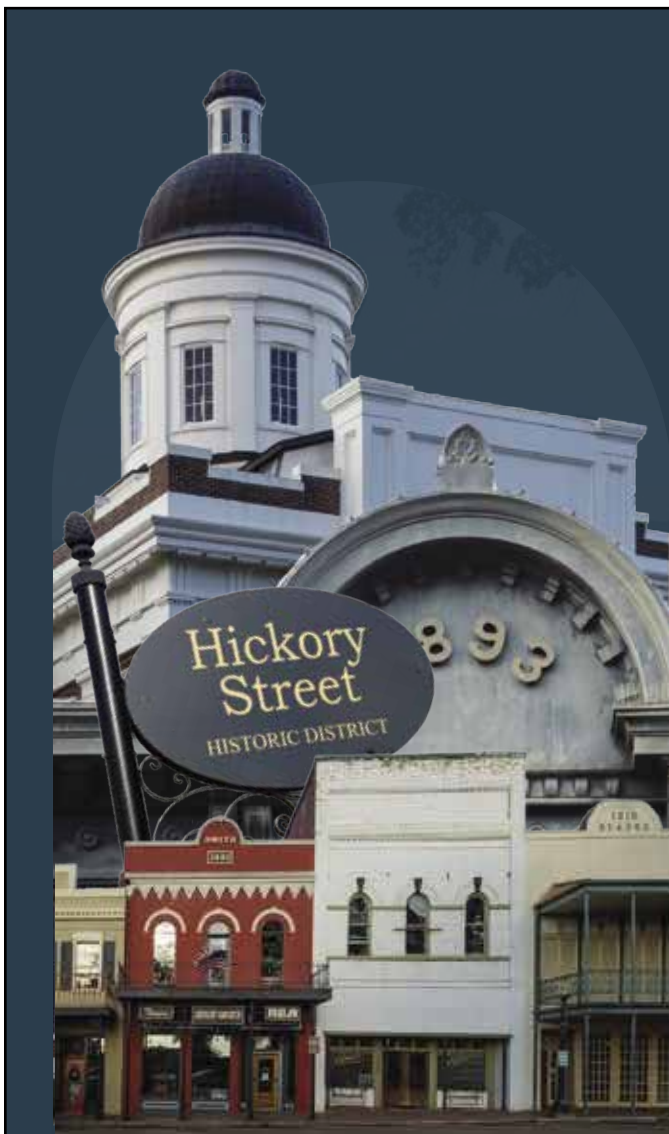
William Woods was recognized through the program, earning congratulations from Canton Academy for his achievement and involvement in the leadership initiative.



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Omega Psi Phi Partners with City of Canton for Juneteenth Celebration



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The Men of Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with the City of Canton to celebrate Juneteenth during a block

party honoring the Historic Hickory Street District, a cornerstone of the city's Black history and culture.

The celebration highlighted the district's businesses, traditions and lasting impact on the community while com-

memorating Juneteenth, which marks the day the last enslaved African Americans learned of their freedom in 1865.

During the event, chapter members hosted a voter registration and education table to encourage civic engage-

ment. Hundreds attended the celebration, including Canton Mayor Tim Taylor, as the community came together to honor the past, celebrate its heritage and strengthen connections for the future.

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