THE CANTON NEWS

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

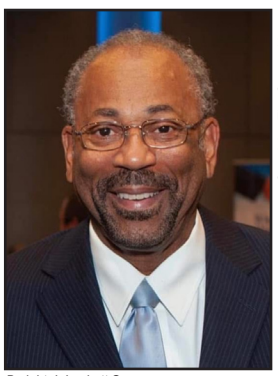
Canton News
P.O. Box 1163, Canton, MS 39046

Good News You Can Use ▪ August 7, 2025 ▪ Vol. 11, No. 8 ▪ Canton, Mississippi

Canton Public School District announces new interim superintendent

Special to The Canton News

Canton Public School District (CPSD) Superintendent Gary Hannah has officially announced his resignation, accepting a new position as Chief of Staff for Memphis-Shelby County Schools.



Special to The Canton News

Dwight J. Luckett Sr.

In a message to the CPSD community, Hannah said the decision came after "careful consideration and prayer" and cited the opportunity to be closer to home and spend more time with family.

"As I reflect on my tenure as superintendent of Canton Public Schools, I find myself filled with a mixture of gratitude and nostalgia," Hannah wrote. "My time here has come to a heartfelt conclusion, and I want to take a moment to express how deeply I appreciate each one of you."

Hannah's farewell letter highlighted his appreciation for the CPSD staff, board members and the greater Canton community. He acknowledged the district's collective efforts in supporting scholars and fostering a nurturing educational environment.

"The memories we've created together - filled with triumphs and challenges - will forever hold a special place in my heart," he wrote. "I will genuinely miss the camaraderie, the collaborations and the laughter we've shared."

Hannah extended his gratitude to the CPSD Board of Trustees, stakeholders and families for their continued support during his tenure.

There was no immediate announcement regarding interim leadership or the process for selecting a new superintendent. The Canton Public School District has named veteran educator and administrator Dwight J. Luckett Sr., Ed.S., as its interim superintendent, marking his second appointment to the position.

Luckett brings more than three decades of experience in public education, including previously serving as the district's full-time superintendent from 2006 to 2014 and as interim superintendent in 2018. Known for his transformative leadership, he helped raise student achievement, increase graduation rates, and improve the district's academic standing during his earlier tenure.

"We are excited to welcome Mr. Luckett back to the Canton Public School District," the district said in a statement. "His proven track record and commitment to student success make him the ideal leader to guide us through this period of transition."

Under his previous leadership, Luckett oversaw the construction of two new schools and a state-of-the-art football stadium—all without the need for a bond referendum. He also helped establish pre-kindergarten classes and implemented a five-year strategic plan for the district.

Beyond Canton, Luckett has served in multiple interim leadership roles, including interim superintendent for Kosciusko Public School District and interim principal of Nichols Middle School. Earlier in his career, he held key roles such as principal of East Side High School in Cleveland and assistant principal at Velma Jackson High School.

Luckett holds a bachelor's degree from St. Edward's University and both a master's and specialist degree in educational leadership from Delta State University. He is also a past president of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents and currently serves on the Madison County Economic Development Authority board, where he was chairman in 2018.

District officials said they are cofident Luckett's return will bring stability, continuity, and renewed momentum for students, educators, and families alike.

"We look forward to working together as we continue elevating minds and empowering possibilities," the statement read.

Canton Board of Aldermen covers operations, safety and budget in July meetings

Special to The Canton News

The City of Canton Board of Aldermen and Alderwomen met several times in July to address citywide priorities, ranging from infrastructure and public safety to personnel matters and financial approvals.

The July 1 regular meeting opened with presentations from Jackie Ard, Courtney Rainey, Stan Beasley, Neel Shaffer and Waggoner Engineering. Department heads, including Police Chief Otha Brown, Fire Chief Kenna Pierce and Public Works Director Tony Coffer, provided updates on ongoing operations. During the meeting, the Board authorized the mayor or his designee to respond to the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), selecting the Sponsorship Agreement as the City's preferred funding method for watershed plan development under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations Program.

The Board also entered executive session to discuss two personnel matters related to job performance or mental health, one under supervision and finance, and the other in building and zoning.

Later that same day, the Board held a special-called meeting. Among the actions taken was the approval of a $65.71 payment due to a Fuelman card malfunction and authorization to purchase ten Mobile Field Interview (MIFI) units for the Police Department at a monthly cost of $369.90. The Board passed a resolution to change authorized signatories on City accounts and made an appointment for Mayor Pro-Tempore. They also approved municipal bond renewals for City officials and employees, authorized the cleaning and marking of Nissan City vehicles, and designated a point of contact for audit coordination with the Department of Revenue and the Mississippi State Auditor's Office. Additional business included approving a change of locks and codes for City Hall and the Mayor's office, granting access to specific City officials. The Board also considered the installation of speed bumps on Martin Luther King Drive and Adeline Street, and approved minutes from two previous meetings held on June 17 and June 23.

cont. on page 20

BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO HEALTH!
Mississippi Discount Drugs keeping Madison county healthy - We provide FREE Multi Vitamins to all customers.
MOSBY'S DRUG STORE
Stacey Cauthen Sanders & Bill Mosby
8:30-6:00 M-F
1301 East Peace Street, Canton 39046
601-859-4212
CheckFree

Canton native reflects on personal growth at Hinds S.O.A.R. Camp

Special to The Canton News

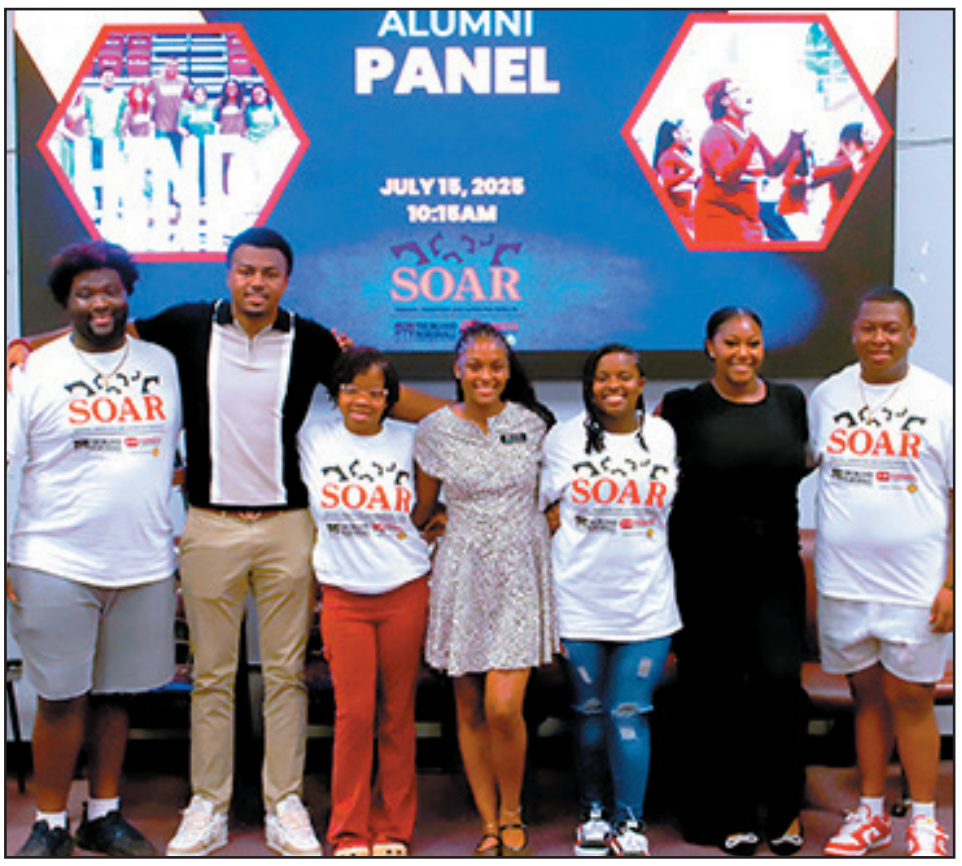
When Ezekiel Harris of Canton stepped onto the Utica Campus of Hinds Community College, he described himself as "sheltered." But through the support of faculty, staff and peers, Harris said he found the confidence to lead — and to shine.

Harris, a 2023 graduate of Hinds with an associate degree in mass communications, returned to the Utica campus this summer to speak to high school students attending the inaugural Thurgood Marshall College Fund S.O.A.R. (Seeking, Observing and Achieving Results) Summer Camp. During a panel discussion on July 16, Harris reflected on how the college helped him grow into a confident student leader.

"The faculty and staff helped. They are not just teachers and administrators," Harris told the audience of about fifty campers. "You've got mom and dad and cousins — it's a family. It shaped me."

He credited his transformation to the strong sense of community in the campus residence halls and the encouragement he received to get involved. Harris was voted both Mr. Freshman and Mr. Utica during his time at Hinds.

"We motivate each other," Harris said of campus life. "Living in the residence halls, we're all we've got, so we supported each other."



Special to The Canton News

Hinds Community College graduates who attended the Utica Campus donate their time to share their college experience with rising high school seniors attending the Thurgood Marshall College Fund S.O.A.R. Scholar Program, a weeklong residential camp on the HBCU campus. Members of the alumni panel, from left, were Joseph Anthony of Jackson, Jereimy Wright of Utica, Zoe Griffin of Raymond, Jaylan Blount of Jackson, Utica Campus Director of Training Dr. Tasha Thigpen, Mya Kennedy of Jackson and Ezekial Harris of Canton.

The S.O.A.R. Summer Camp was held July 13-18 and gave approximately one hundred rising high school seniors a chance to experience life on a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) campus. The program included exposure to academic programs, career paths, financial aid guidance and panel discussions with Hinds alumni like Harris.

Other panelists included Jaylan Blount of Jackson, who is now studying psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi, and Zoe Griffin of Raymond, currently pursuing an early childhood education degree at Alcorn State University.

The event was hosted at Hinds' Utica Campus, a site with deep historical roots as an HBCU and a longstanding commitment to empowering students academically and personally.

Harris' journey from a quiet freshman to a campus leader continues to inspire students from Canton and beyond.

"I love to be the center of attention now," he said with a laugh, crediting his growth to the opportunities and support he found at Hinds.



See Why We're the #1 Auto & Home Insurer
Call now for a free quote
601-859-8554
Auto • Home • Life • Health
Arnel D. Bolden
Agent
927 E Peace St
Canton, MS 39046
We're honored to be #1 in life insurance.
StateFarm

THE CANTON NEWS
P.O. Box 1163
Canton, MS 39046
601-667-4667
MISSISSIPPI press ASSOCIATION

Volume 11, Issue 8
Circulation 6,000

Publisher
Clay Mansell
ClayMansell@CantonNews.net

Editor in Chief
Stephanie Tracy

Editor
Courtney Warren
News@CantonNews.net

Office Manager
Doris Bynum

Distribution
Joyln Michael

Sales Representatives
Clay Mansell
Lori Lycette
Courtney Warren

Graphic Designer / Layout
Megan Moss
Designer@CantonNews.net

The Canton News is published on the first Thursday of each month in Canton, Mississippi.

For submission information, email news@cantonnews.net

Copyright © 2025. All rights reserved.
Materials may not be reproduced in whole or in part without the written permission of the publisher.
For reprints of any article, please contact the editor.

www.cantonnews.net

New leaders announced across the CPSD

Special to The Canton News

The Canton Public School District recently announced a slate of new leaders for the 2025-26 school year, with district representatives saying the appointments represent a renewed commitment to academic excellence, student empowerment and community-focused leadership. From returning alumni to seasoned educators, district leaders say the new appointments bring vision, experience and passion to their roles.

Dr. Kyairra Thomas named principal of Canton Elementary School


Special to The Canton News
Dr. Kyairra Thomas

Dr. Kyairra Thomas has been appointed principal of Canton Elementary School (CES). With over twelve years of experience in education, Thomas has served as an administrator, interventionist and teacher. Most recently, she was the assistant principal at Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts and Sciences. She also served as an interventionist and fourth-grade teacher at Goodloe Elementary and began her career as an eighth-grade teacher at Whitten Middle School in Jackson and a lead teacher at the Capital City Alternative School.

"With a steadfast commitment to academic excellence, student-centered learning, and cultivating a positive, inclusive school culture, I am eager to bring my leadership experience and passion for education to Canton Elementary School," said Thomas.

A graduate of Tougaloo College, Thomas also holds a Master of Arts in Education and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Belhaven University, as well as a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Mississippi College.

She said she is "deeply grateful to be part of such a vibrant, purpose-driven community" and looks forward to building strong partnerships as she equips CES scholars for a future of promise and possibility.


Special to The Canton News
April Anderson

April Anderson appointed assistant principal at Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts and Sciences

April Anderson brings more than sixteen years of experience in education to her new role as assistant principal at Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts and Sciences. Her previous roles include academic strategist, lead teacher, math coach, interventionist, testing coordinator, and MTSS coordinator in various districts, including Canton.

"I am incredibly honored and thrilled to embark on my new journey as assistant principal at Reuben B. Myers," Anderson said. "Having spent the last six years as an interventionist within these very halls, I've witnessed firsthand the dedication of our staff, the resilience of our students, and the unwavering support of our parent community."

Anderson holds degrees from Grinnell College, Mississippi College, Arkansas State University and Jackson State University.

Her leadership philosophy is built on intentionality and empowerment.

"What we do most is what we do best," she said.


Special to The Canton News
Dr. Selethia McGruder

Dr. Shelethia Manning McGruder named principal of Nichols Middle School

A familiar face in Canton, Dr. Shelethia McGruder has been named principal of Nichols Middle School. She has worked in education for more than twenty-five years, including twenty within Canton Public Schools. Her roles have included English teacher, coach, assistant principal at both Nichols and Canton High School, and district-level instructional coordinator.

McGruder, a graduate of Canton High School, is deeply invested in her hometown.

"I am committed to helping district leaders achieve their goals and am also committed to serving students and assisting them in academic and personal growth," she said.

She holds degrees from Mississippi Valley State University, Nova Southeastern University, and multiple degrees from Mississippi College, including a doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Dexter Brim joins Nichols Middle School as assistant principal

Canton native Dexter Brim has been named assistant principal at Nichols Middle School, where he once walked the halls as a student. Brim has taught history for eleven years and is recognized for his classroom excellence, earning Teacher of the Year honors in 2019, 2022 and 2024.


Special to The Canton News
Dexter Brim

"It is not only a professional milestone, but also a deeply personal privilege," said Brim. "I am proud to give back to the community that shaped me."

Brim earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Jackson State University and a Specialist degree from Arkansas State University. He is known for dramatically improving student proficiency in U.S. history and holds to the belief that "all students are capable of learning."

Yotunga Grant named assistant principal at Canton High School

Yotunga Grant, a 1998 graduate of Canton High School (CHS), returns to serve as an assistant principal at her alma mater. Grant brings both classroom and administrative experience to her new role.

"I am honored to be back home and to have the opportunity to serve as one of the assistant principals of Canton High School," Grant said.


Special to The Canton News
Yotunga Grant

She holds degrees from Tougaloo College and Jackson State University and is committed to fostering a supportive learning environment where collaboration and excellence thrive.

"As one of the assistant principals of CHS, my goal is to provide a supportive climate and culture that is conducive to teaching and learning," said Grant.

The Canton Public School District welcomes these new leaders with confidence and excitement for the academic year ahead. District leaders say their collective expertise and deep commitment to student achievement set a strong foundation for continued growth and success across the district.

Five tips to get you back to school ready

By Courtney Warren

Summer flew by. I know that's cliche and we always say it, but here we are again preparing to return to school. Your own children or grandchildren might already be back in their classrooms! However, it's never too late to do these simple tasks to ensure your school year is off to a great start.

1. Clean the backpacks.

Hunt down and clean those backpacks! I am not a fan of buying a new backpack every year, so I try to grab a high quality LL Bean backpack when they go on sale. You can get them embroidered with your child's name, and they last for years to come. I hunt it down, clean it out, and send it through the washer before letting it air dry in the sun. You can do the same with the lunchboxes...barring that your child didn't leave it in the garage full of last year's lunch.

2. Set school year expectations.

If you're like me and allowed your child to be a summer goblin with unlimited screens, indoor/outdoor access, and all the snacks, it's time to reign it back in! Sit your child down, and have an age appropriate discussion about screen times, bed times, and morning prep, so you are all on the same page and ready to rock the new school year. For us, that conversation includes getting a bedtime routine established, making a fresh chore list, and having a discussion about no screen time during the school week. Expect tears! They'll be just fine.

3. Find the shoes.

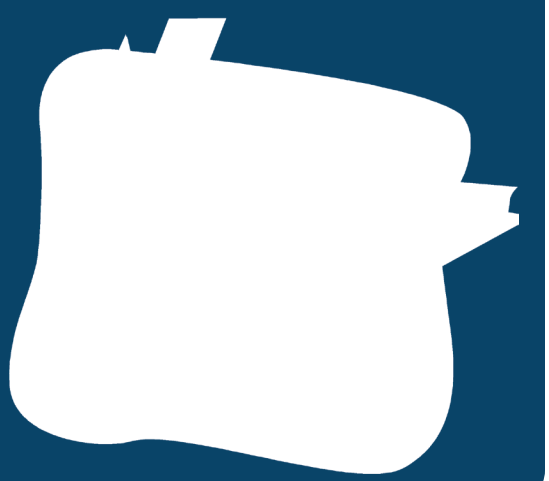
Where are they? Are they clean? Do they still fit? Do we need to make a last minute order? What about the socks? Same questions. Do they match? Find them, and place them by the door.

4. Lunches.

School lunch is probably my downfall. It's so easy to toss a bajillion prepackaged items into her lunchbox and call it a day, but I know I can do better. Have a conversation about what school lunches will look like. What about after school snacks? Set up a place for those snacks and items, so they are easy to find and you're not frantically searching the kitchen for some stale pretzels and Christmas napkins, praying the elementary teachers don't see it and think you've lost your mind. Your child eats school lunch? Perfect! Find that water bottle, and have it ready to go for the school day.

5. Take a breath.

Life is about to get busy again! The school year is a brand new chapter. Whether your child loves school or hates it, you can set the tone for their school day and school year. Remember, it's never too late to start the morning over if someone wakes up grouchy. It's always a good day to have a good day.



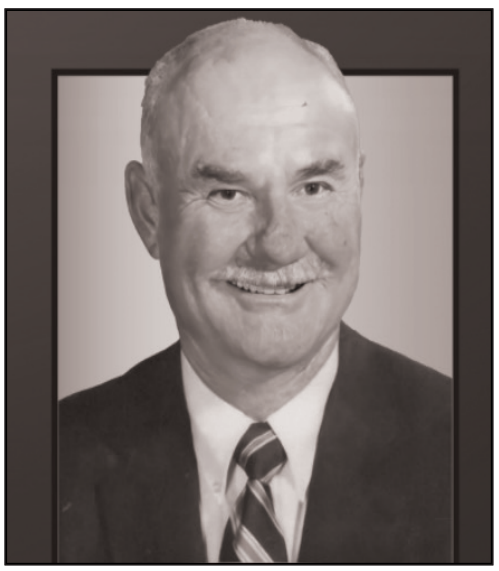
Provided by
NETSPEEDMS
WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE
Get Connected with
HighSpeed Internet with no contracts!!
We are locally owned & all customer service is handled locally
NO CREDIT CHECK
NO CONTRACT
NO DATA LIMITS
WWW.NETSPEEDMS.COM
601-859-3433

OZBORN SELF STORAGE, LLC
Locally Owned & Operated Since 1985
201 N. Hargon St. Canton, MS 39046
ACCESS 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
ELECTRONIC GATE ACCESS
FENCED & LIGHTED
SECURITY CAMERAS
601-859-3433
Sales@ozbornselfstorage.com

Robbie Webb to be inducted into Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame

Special to The Canton News

Robbie Webb, the longtime head golf coach at Canton Academy and a beloved figure in the Canton community, will be posthumously inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame this weekend as part of the class of 2025.



Special to The Canton News

Robbie Webb

Webb, widely known among Mississippi golfers as the "Godfather of Mississippi Golf," enjoyed a distinguished career spanning nearly three decades coaching the Panthers at Canton Academy. Under his leadership, the team claimed multiple back-to-back state championships, and individual golfers broke several school records and earned college scholarships.

Beyond his work at Canton Academy, Webb served as the head golf professional at both Canton Country Club and Deerfield Country Club. He also coached at Madison-Ridgeland Academy and Canton High School, mentoring hundreds of junior players who would go on to achieve success in collegiate and amateur golf.

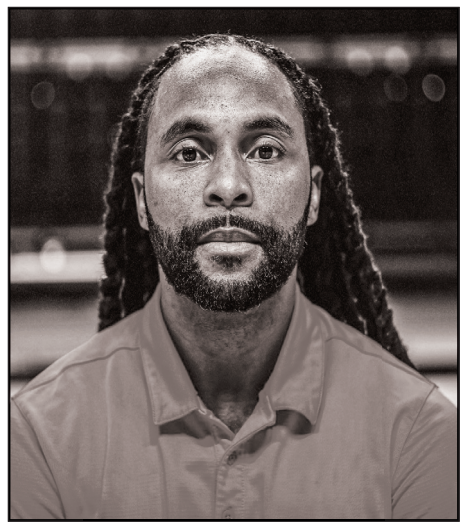
Robbie Webb's legacy is further defined by numerous honors during his lifetime. He was a multiple-time recipient of the PGA Gulf States Professional of the Year award and Gulf States PGA Junior Golf Leader Award. Webb was inducted into the Gulf States PGA Hall of Fame in 1998 and is celebrated by the Mississippi Golf Association through the annual "Robbie Webb Award," created in 2000 in his honor.

Officials at Canton Academy voiced pride in his inclusion among the 2025 inductees.

Dameon Brown named head football coach at Canton High

Special to The Canton News

Canton High School has announced the hiring of Dameon Brown as its new head football coach for the 2025–2026 school year, bringing a new era of discipline and determination to a team that narrowly missed a deeper playoff run last season.



Special to The Canton News

Dameon Brown

Brown, a Canton native, returns home after serving five years as head coach at Callaway High School and three years as an assistant coach at Callaway. His coaching career also includes two years as head coach at Powell Middle School.

"Canton Public School District is proud to announce Mr. Dameon Brown as its new Canton High School Head Football Coach," said Melissa Word, CPSD athletic director.

Last season, the Tigers fell just one point short in the second round of the playoffs. Brown plans to build on that momentum by implementing his unique coaching style and putting a strong emphasis on strength and conditioning—particularly in the weight room.

Players say they are energized by the new structure and discipline Brown has already introduced to the program.

The Tigers will open their season on the road against longtime rival Velma Jackson High School on Aug. 29. The matchup is expected to draw significant local attention, as both teams look to set the tone early in the 2025 season.

"We're excited for what's ahead," Word said. "Coach Brown's leadership, work ethic, and connection to the community are already making a difference."

THE CANTON NEWS

SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

$12 YEARLY



GET A MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION FOR ONLY $12 A YEAR.

Get a one-year subscription to *The Canton News* deliverd right to your mailbox for only $12

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number

Mail this form and a check for $12 to:
The Canton News
P.O. Box 1163
Canton, MS 39046



RENAISSANCE CINEMA GRILL
RENAISSANCE AT COLONY PARK
RIDGELAND, MS

Boutique Theatre
Featuring Luxury Reserved Recliner Seating

Premier Selection of Local Brews & Specialty Cocktails

Conveniently Located Within Ridgeland's Premier Upscale Shopping Experience

CHECK MALCO.COM OR THE MALCO APP TO VIEW THE CURRENT SCHEDULE
@MALCOTHEATRES / @MALCOTHEATRES1915

Malco MARQUEE REWARDS EARN. REDEEM. REPEAT.

RELAX AND RECLINE LUXURY RESERVED RECLINER SEATING

I LOVE TUESDAYS Available For A Limited Time Only At Participating Locations

CHECK OUT MALCO'S TUESDAY TICKET PRICES!

Featuring Luxury Reserved Recliner Seating

Dolby Digital Presentations

Conveniently Located off Interstate 55 at Exit 107/Grandview Blvd



The Only Mississippi IMAX

GRANDVIEW CINEMA & IMAX
THE FORUM AT GRANDVIEW
MADISON, MS

MIDWEEK AT THE Malco
GRANDVIEW CINEMA & IMAX

FAMILY FAVE FILMS
- 10AM WEDNESDAYS -
JUNE 4 - JULY 30

Chancellor Cynthia Brewer honored for helping open doors to women in the legal profession

Special to The Canton News

Chancellor Cynthia L. Brewer of Madison was honored on July 10 for her exemplary work and service as a role model for women in the legal profession.

The Women in the Profession Section of the Mississippi Bar selected Judge Brewer as the 2025 recipient of the Susie Blue Buchanan Award. The award was presented on July 10 at the Price-Prather Luncheon during the Mississippi Bar Convention in Destin, Fla. The annual award honors an outstanding woman lawyer who has achieved professional excellence and has actively paved the way to success for other women lawyers.

Judge Brewer told the room full of lawyers and judges, "Thank you very much for this recognition and this honor. Each and every one of you have had an effect upon me....You have inspired me to be better than I thought that I could ever be."

She recalled watching every episode of Perry Mason as a child. She wanted to be a criminal defense lawyer defending the innocent, as the character portrayed, but became a prosecutor in her early career. She was drawn to further public service as a judicial special master, County Court judge and Chancellor. She encouraged lawyers in the audience to seek out opportunities to serve as special masters, and as judges.

"I didn't plan on being who stands before you today. I planned on being Perry Mason – with a skirt – and nice handbags," she said, prompting laughter.

Referring to the list of 26 former Susie Blue Buchanan Award honorees on the awards luncheon program, Judge Brewer said, "I would like to say thank you to the people that you see on the back of your programs, especially the ones that I've had an opportunity to serve with." She said of Lt. Gov. Evelyn Gandy, former Mississippi College School of Law Professor Carol West and former Mississippi Court of Appeals Judge Mary Libby Payne, "when they walked out with their law degree, they were not welcomed. We have [been] welcome, for the most part. I got called 'little girl' recently, but that's another story. We are welcomed in the courtroom.... These ladies fought hard to improve the legal system, as well to improve females in the profession; and I say thank you to each and every one of them."

She recalled an old picture of herself, Lt. Gov. Gandy and former Mississippi College School of Law Dean Patricia Bennett from a time when there were few women lawyers working in Hinds County. They made a difference.

"I say to each of you, stay. Make a difference. Think about what is our goal - and that is to improve or open the door for improvement, whatever way you can."

She has served for many years as a visiting instructor at the National Judicial College in Reno.

"It has been my privilege and honor to serve as a judge, to inspire one another, to take newly elected and/or appointed judges from all over our nation and be a part of their professional lives." A few of the Mississippi judges who she mentored were in the audience.

Former Mississippi Bar President Jennifer Ingram Johnson, the luncheon speaker, recalled appearing before Judge Brewer in Chancery Court as a young litigator, "and I was scared to death....And Judge Brewer welcomed me into her court, not only with her words, but just by her presence, her openness and her bright light."

Johnson, of Hattiesburg, wore former Lt. Gov. Gandy's pearls at the luncheon. The first woman statewide officeholder was her mentor and cherished friend. Gandy was the fifth recipient of the Susie Blue Buchanan Award. Johnson held up a copy of the pale pink luncheon awards program. "These are the trailblazers. These are the women who have paved this path for each and every one of us to be here and to be able to be leaders in our profession. Judge Brewer, you are very well suited to be added to the list of Susie Blue Buchanan Award winners today."

Susie Blue Buchanan of Brandon became the first woman lawyer qualified to practice before the Mississippi Supreme Court in 1916. The Price-Prather Luncheon, now in its 27th year, is named for the state's first woman judge, Washington County Court Judge Zelma Wells Price of Greenville, and the first Mississippi woman chancellor, Supreme Court Justice and Chief Justice, Lenore Loving Prather of Columbus. Chief Justice Prather received the Susie Blue Buchanan Award in 2005.



Special to The Canton News

Chancellor Cynthia Brewer, at left, is pictured with former Mississippi Bar President Jennifer Ingram Johnson at the Susie Blue Buchanan Award presentation on July 10 during the Mississippi Bar Convention.

Judge Brewer is senior chancellor of the 11th Chancery Court, hearing cases in Madison and Leake counties. She became a chancellor in January 2007. She served twice as chair of the Conference of Chancery Court Judges, having been elected by her colleagues. She is a member of the Board of Governors of the Mississippi Judicial College. She served on the Commission on Judicial Performance as the alternate Chancery Court member. She previously served for four years as Madison County Court Judge, where her duties also included part of the docket for the Madison County Youth Court. She also previously served as a special master in Chancery Court, and as a Municipal, County and Youth Court prosecutor in Hinds County.

Judge Brewer earned her undergraduate degree from the University of South Alabama, and her Juris Doctor from Mississippi College School of Law. She previously served as an adjunct professor at Mississippi College School of Law.

The number of women in the legal profession has increased dramatically since Judge Brewer graduated from Mississippi College School of Law in 1985. Men outnumbered women graduates at MC Law by more than two to one in 1985; there were 67 male law school graduates and 30 female graduates that year at MC Law.

During the past five years, ratios of women to men entering Mississippi's two law schools have fluctuated.

At the University of Mississippi School of Law, women outnumbered men among first-year law students in three of the past five years. The 2024 fall class of first-year law students included 91 women and 72 men. The 2021 entering class was 95 women and 86 men. The largest male class in the past five years was in 2022, with 98 men and 79 women first-year law students at the University of Mississippi School of Law.

At Mississippi College School of Law, first-year law students included 76 men and 64 women in fall 2024. Men outnumbered women first-year law students three of the past five years; 2021 enrollment was 82 women and 58 men starting law school, and 2023 first-year law students were evenly divided at 65 women and 65 men.

Of the 8,824 active members of the Mississippi Bar, 2,865 are women, according to data from January 2025, the most recent numbers available. Of those women lawyers, 2,191practice in Mississippi and 674 practice out of state.

THE CANTON NEWS

It's your community.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Low Income Home Energy Assistance

LIHEAP Program

This public hearing will be held at the **Canton Public Library at 102 Prestley Street in Canton, MS, on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain Citizens' input into the development of the application for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

The Madison County Citizens Services Agency of Madison County, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Department of Human Services for this grant to provide energy assistance in Madison County.

Teachers Participate in Staff Development with Bob Jones Press Representative



Special to The Canton News

Special to The Canton News

Canton Academy teachers recently took part in a school-wide professional development session Monday led by Seth Redmond of Bob Jones University Press.

BJU Press is the Christian educational publisher behind the curriculum used across the school. The curriculum emphasizes a biblical worldview through its textbooks and instructional materials.

School officials said the curriculum supports the school's mission to "nurture hearts and challenge minds in a Christ-centered environment."

Canton Elementary Staff Kicks Off School Year with Energy and Generosity for 2025-26



Special to The Canton News

Special to The Canton News

Canton Elementary School staff returned for the first day of the 2025–2026 school year energized and unified, marking the start of the new academic year with the theme "Integrate, Innovate, and Inspire."

The day also included a generous donation made in memory of the late Dr. Christopher Bennett, a Canton native and founder of Healthy Smiles in Gulfport. His wife, Dr. Kinyatta Bennett, donated book bags for CES students, which were delivered by his mother, Ms. Linda Bennett.

School staff described the day as a strong start to a bright school year.



Yes, you can have fun on a budget!

Article sponsored by Veritas Federal Credit Union

C.U. Smarter: A financial education focus of Veritas Federal Credit Union, located at 276A Nissan Parkway in Canton

Living on a budget doesn't mean life has to be all spreadsheets and sacrifice. In fact, a little planning can help you keep your wallet and your social calendar happy.

At Veritas FCU, we believe financial wellness includes room for fun. You deserve it—and with a few smart moves, you can enjoy life without derailing your goals.

Build a "Fun Budget"

First things first: give yourself permission to play. Set aside a specific portion of your budget for entertainment and leisure. Knowing exactly what you can spend makes fun guilt-free. No more Monday morning regrets.

Discover Affordable Adventures

Look around—your community is probably bursting with free or low-cost things to do. Local parks, community events, festivals, outdoor concerts and game nights with friends are just a few ways to have a blast without breaking the bank.

Snag Those Discounts

From student deals to app-based coupons and cashback offers, there are plenty of ways to save. A little research before you head out can lead to big wins (and more money for your next adventure).

Budget-Savvy Fun Tips

- Set a monthly fun budget
- Explore free or low-cost local events
- Use student or young adult discounts
- Host budget-friendly gatherings—think potlucks or movie nights
- Be mindful of impulse spending (we see you, late-night online shoppers!)

Remember: Fun and financial health aren't mutually exclusive. With a little creativity and planning, you can have a vibrant social life while keeping your financial goals on track.

So go ahead—budget smart, live well, and make those memories.

Learn more or connect with us at veritasfcu.org or 855-663-8328 (yes, you can text us too!)

CANTON ACADEMY



NURTURING HEARTS CHALLENGING MINDS

SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY

- CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT
- QUALITY EDUCATION
- FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

WWW.CANTONACADEMY.ORG

$1 Move-In Special ON SELECT SIZES
Limited Time Offer
601-391-4120

StowAway SELF STORAGE
CLIMATE CONTROLLED

CANTON LOCATION
314 Soldiers Colony Rd.
Canton, MS 39046
601-391-4120

5% Discount on:
- Multi-Unit (3 or more units)
- First Responder
- Military
www.stowawayms.com



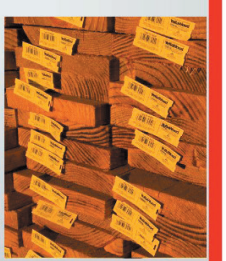
Est. 1954
Barnett
PHILLIPS
Lumber & Home Center
One Stop Building Supply Store
515 West Fulton Street • Canton, MS 39046
(601) 859-2812 • (800) 844-9663 • Fax: (601) 859-1292
www.phillipslumber.com

Full Service Lumber Yard with Delivery Capabilities









- Windows & Doors
- Moulding
- Insulation
- Owens Corning Shingles
- Drywall
- Paints
- Treated Lumber
- Hardware

Families encouraged to review insurance as new school year resumes

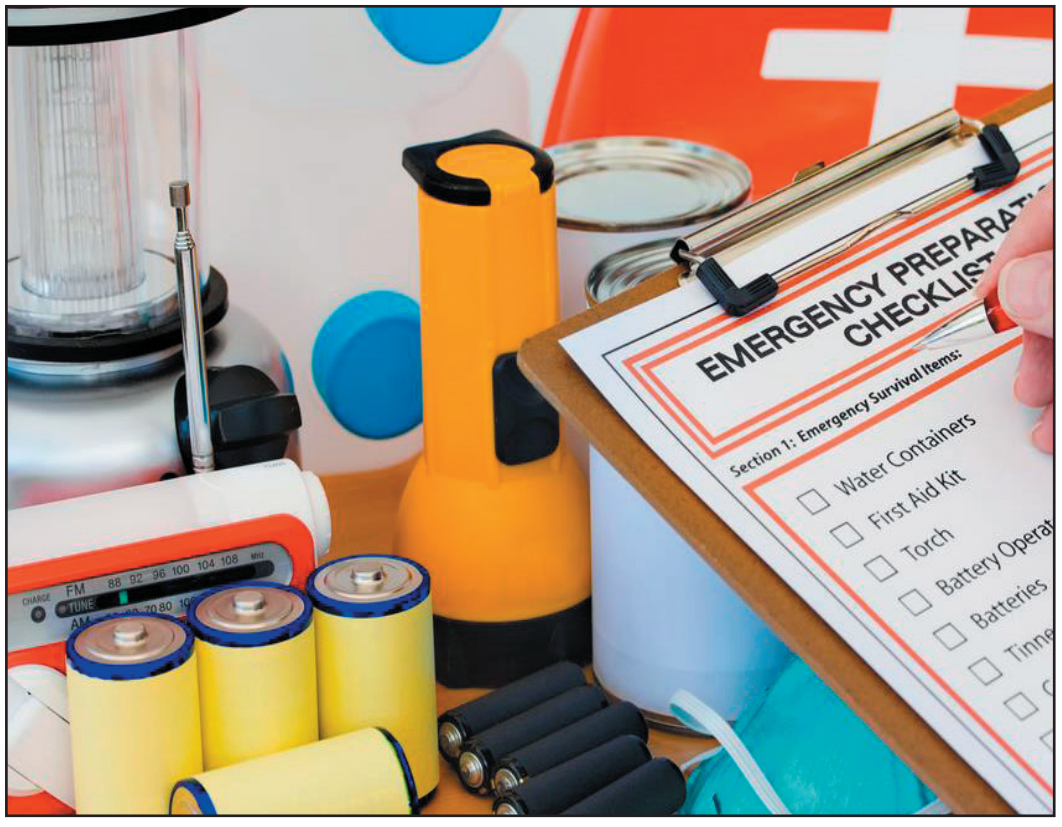
Special to The Canton News

As students return to school or enter college this fall, Mississippians are encouraged to consider how their insurance and preparation needs may evolve.

"We're in the midst of hurricane season now, so get kids involved in building their own emergency kit," said Mississippi Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney. "Make sure to include your child's medication and supplies in your go-bag. For school-aged children, update school records and discuss emergency contact numbers with them. If your child is home alone after school hours, make sure they know how and when to dial 911, how to evacuate your home, and where to meet in case of an emergency."

Families with teenage and college drivers are advised to review their current deductibles to ensure they are affordable in the event of a claim. On older vehicles, consider lowering or eliminating the physical damage deductible, unless required by the bank.

Parents and guardians can also control student auto premiums, in some cases, with accident forgiveness, and students may also qualify for a good student discount on auto insurance.



Special to The Canton News

For college students planning to live off-campus, Chaney advises that looking into renters' insurance is crucial. If the student will share a rental property with one or more unrelated roommates, they should each buy their own individual renter's policy.

Whether living on or off-campus, documenting students' valuables is important. Students are advised to create an inventory of expensive items like laptops, tablets and phones, which will make filing an insurance claim easier if these items are stolen, lost or damaged. Mississippians can download the NAIC Home Inventory app at content.naic.org/consumer/home-inventory.

Before a child heads off to college, parents and guardians should provide them with copies of all of their insurance cards for any medical needs, as well as discuss the distinction between in-network and out-of-network health providers and locate a nearby hospital or clinic close to campus, in case they require medical attention.

College students are particularly vulnerable to identity theft, due to the abundance of personal information and the casual way it is often handled. Identity theft insurance can cover the expenses of reclaiming financial identity, including the costs of copying documents, mailing paperwork, lost wages from taking time off work, and hiring legal assistance.



HARVEST OF HOPE CHRISTIAN CENTER
HARVEST OF HOPE Presents
PRAISE WORSHIP
PASTOR ALLEN
Sunday School 10AM
Sunday Church 11AM
Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30PM
30091 South Liberty Street, Canton, MS | www.harvestofhopems.com

Grace Episcopal Church
161 East Peace Street, Canton, MS 39046
601-859-2680
Services – Sunday Morning
9:00 Morning Prayer (Zoom)
10:00 Holy Eucharist
Wednesday – 10:00 – Holy Eucharist
All are welcome!

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
202 EAST PEACE STREET CANTON, MS 39046
601-859-4738
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9AM
WORSHIP
10AM
ALL LOVED, ALL WELCOME

ADVERTISE HERE!
CLAY MANSELL | THE CANTON NEWS
claymansell@thecantonnews.com | 601-397-4442

THE CANTON NEWS

39046 SCAVENGER HUNT



Explore Canton in a whole new way with a zip-code-inspired challenge! The Canton News' citywide scavenger hunt is based on the numbers of Canton's own zip code: 39046.

Designed to help locals rediscover the charm of their hometown while supporting small businesses and enjoying family-friendly activities, the 39046 scavenger hunt is now officially underway.

Participants are invited to use each digit of the zip code as a clue to complete five specific challenges across town. The hunt is open to all ages and can be completed at participants' own pace between now and Sept. 1.

Those who complete all five challenges and submit their entry will be entered to win a Canton prize pack, including local gift cards and Canton swag.



3 FIND 3 MURALS OR HISTORICAL MARKERS IN CANTON.

FROM MOVIE SET MEMORIES TO CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY, CANTON'S WALLS AND PLAQUES TELL POWERFUL STORIES. SNAP A PHOTO AT THREE DIFFERENT SITES THAT CELEBRATE THE CITY'S HERITAGE.

9 Discover 9 handmade items from local artisans.

Visit Canton Tourism, downtown boutiques, or weekend pop-ups to find nine different handcrafted items—everything from pottery to paintings to soap counts!Unleash your inner explorer!

0 Visit a zero-guilt treat shop.

Visit a zero-guilt treat stop. Find a spot in town that offers a refreshing, healthier summer treat. Smoothie spots, fruit cups, or low-cal frozen yogurt options are all fair game - OR eat a giant ice cream cone and feel zero guilt! It's summer, after all!

4 COMPLETE 4 ACTS OF KINDNESS IN THE COMMUNITY.

SPREAD JOY IN CANTON– WRITE A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND LEAVE IT FOR SOMEONE, DONATE TO A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY, OR SURPRISE A NEIGHBOR WITH FLOWERS. BE SURE TO DOCUMENT EACH ACT.

How to Enter

Submit your completed scavenger hunt proof in one of the following ways by Sept. 1:

- Email your photo evidence to news@CantonNews.net
- Tag @TheCantonNews and use #39046Hunt on Instagram or Facebook
- Message all of your photos at once to our Facebook page
- The winners will be announced in the September edition of The Canton News.

6 Stop by 6 well-known landmarks in Canton.

Visit six notable locations that represent the city's past and present. Possibilities include the Madison County Courthouse, the Canton Multicultural Center, the Depot, and the city's historic square. Be sure to take a picture at each.

Building our present, investing in our future.

VEHICLE ASSEMBLY PLANT NISSAN CANTON EST. 2003

$21+ million donated

15,000+ volunteer hours worked

200+ organizations helped

www.NissanManufacturing.com

Uni-Tea planned for August 16



Special to The Canton News

Seated left to right are Jackie O'Quinn and First Lady Carolyn McCallum. Standing left to right: Kizzy Smalls, Bonita Fisher, Yotunga Grant, Rochelle Thompson and Neshay Jackson

By Guest Columnist Rochelle Thompson

The Heart 2 Heart Women's Ministry recently announced its inaugural Uni-Tea. The theme of event is "One Heart, One Mind, One Spirit... United in Christ, Steeped in Love." the public is invited to join the event on Saturday, August 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Multipurpose Building of Priestley Chapel, located at 177 Virlilia Road in Canton. The planning committee is working to ensure that all ladies and young girls are treated like royalty. Attendees are encouraged to dress in your best hat or fascinator, as the afternoon promises to be filled with fashion, fun, and faith. This event is open to the public. Tickets are priced at $10 for women and $5 for youth. For ticket information, text 601-540-4859.





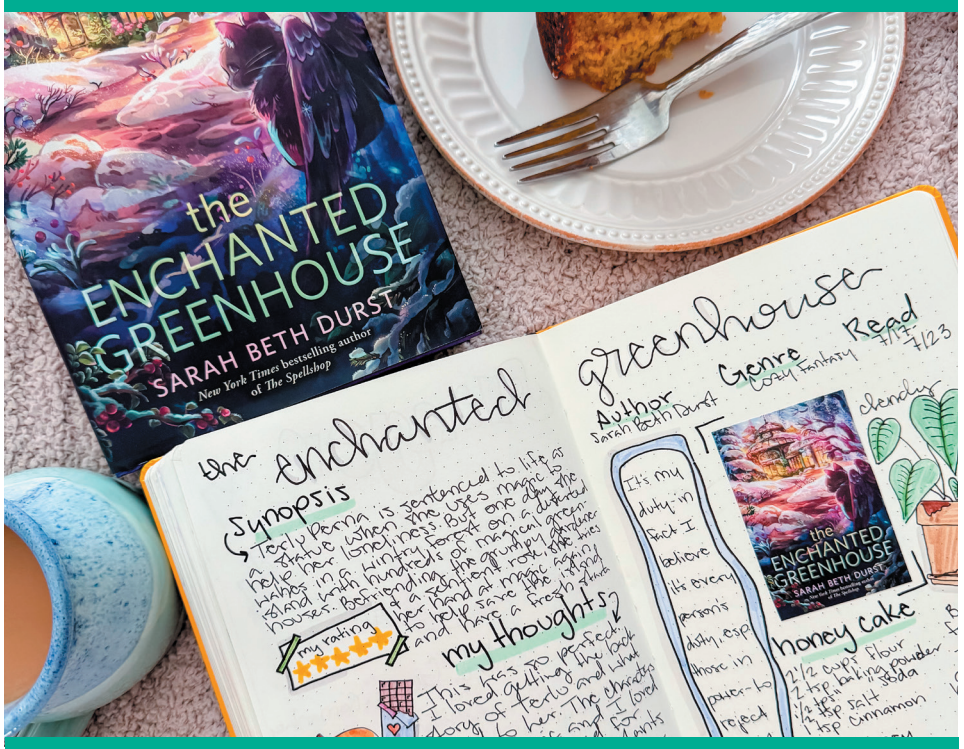
ON THE TABLE

By Courtney Warren

The moment the doors of the Barnes and Noble opened, I was there and waiting for The Enchanted Greenhouse *by Sarah Best Durst. One of my favorite books of all time is her book* The Spellshop, *which I have written about previously. This new creation transports readers to a snowy island with an enchanted greenhouse and a main character who must figure out how to keep the plants alive. She's fueled by honey cake and new-found friends, which led me to want to bake my own cake. The cake is tender, subtly sweet, and perfect with a cup of tea — preferably while reading under a shady tree or in a greenhouse of your own.*

ENCHANTED HONEY CAKE

Yields one 9-inch loaf or an 8x8-inch cake



INGREDIENTS

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt
1 ½ tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp ground ginger
½ tsp ground nutmeg
½ cup neutral oil (like canola or sunflower)
¾ cup honey
½ cup brown sugar
2 large eggs
½ cup brewed black tea (cooled)
1 tsp vanilla extract

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 9-inch loaf pan or 8x8-inch square pan and line with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt and spices.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together the oil, honey, brown sugar, eggs, tea and vanilla until smooth.
4. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet, stirring until just combined. Do not overmix.
5. Pour the batter into the prepared pan, and smooth the top.
6. Bake for 40–45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
7. Let cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Madison County Co-Op
Fertilizer • Feed • Seed • Farm Supplies
COME SEE US!




323 West Fulton Street
601-859-1271
7:30-5:00 M-F
7:00-Noon Sat

1215 E. PEACE STREET • CANTON, MS
KYLIE MELONS MARKET EST. 2011
FRESH PRODUCE WITH A SMILE
OPEN MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

"It all started with a
WATERMELON"
1213 E Peace St. Canton, MS • (601) 667-3478

www.GACFHC.org

NOW SEEING PATIENTS

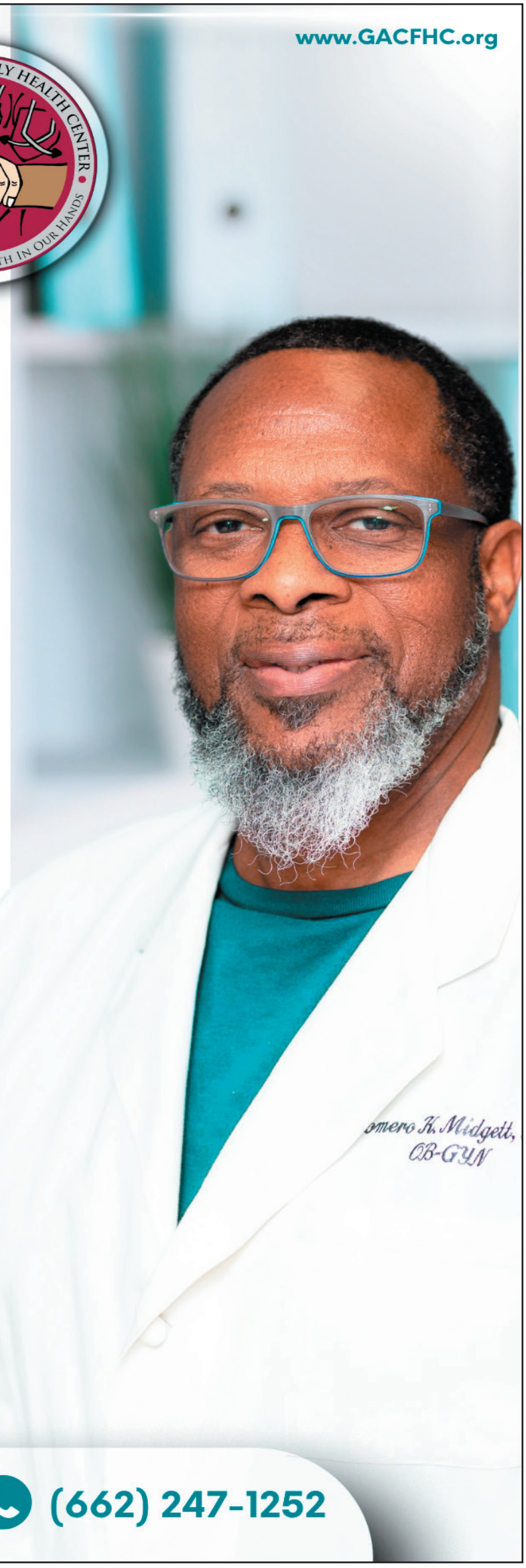
IN CANTON, BELZONI, AND YAZOO

Dr. Midgett brings years of experience, a compassionate approach, and a deep commitment to caring for women at every stage of life. Whether you're expecting, planning, or prioritizing your health, he offers expert care that feels personal and close to home.

Women's Health Services Include:

- Prenatal Care
- Labor & Delivery Planning
- Postpartum Support
- Well-Woman Exams
- Birth Control & Family Planning
- Menopause & Hormonal Health

ROMERO MIDGETT, M.D., OB-GYN

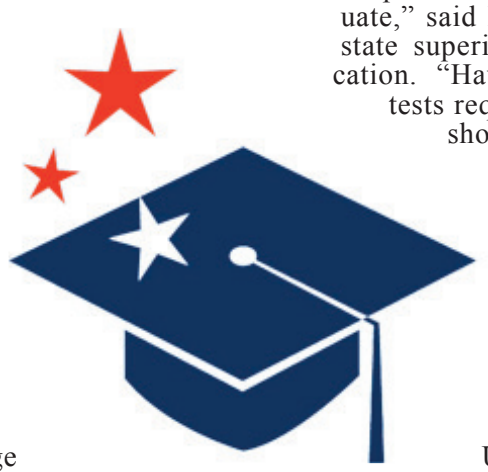


16463 US 49 BELZONI, MS 39038 (662) 247-1252

U.S. history state test removed as high school graduation requirement

Special to The Canton News

The Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) recently voted to eliminate the administration and graduation requirement of the U.S. history statewide assessment beginning in the 2025-26 school year. All students will still be required to take and pass the high school U.S. history course to qualify for graduation.

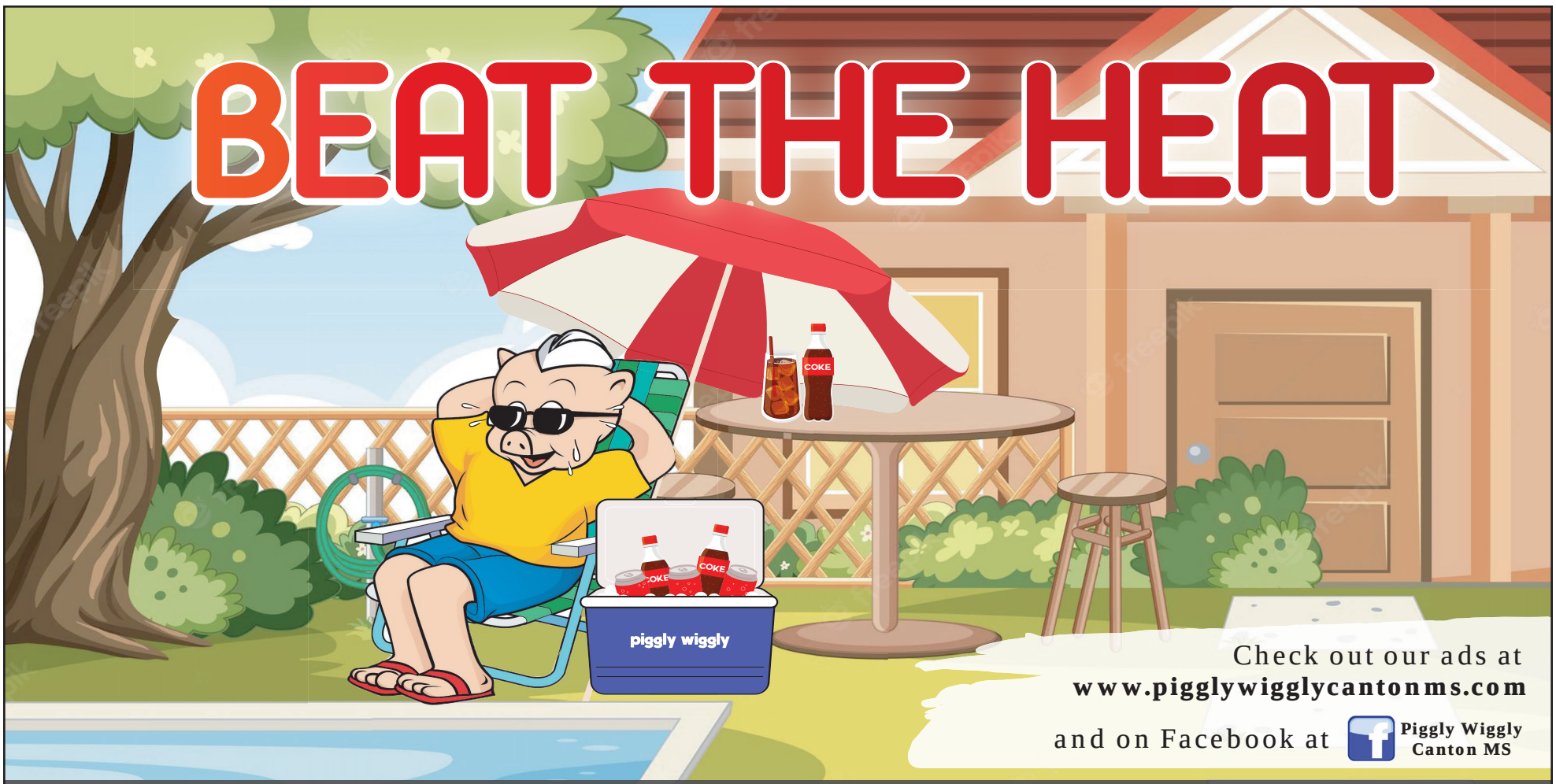


State assessments in algebra I, biology and English language arts will continue to be administered and remain a graduation requirement. The U.S. history assessment was the only one not required by state nor federal law. The SBE's actions included updating Board policies and accountability standards to reflect the elimination of the assessment.

"Though the U.S. history statewide assessment will be eliminated starting next school year, it's important to emphasize that students will still learn U.S. history and will be required to successfully complete the course to graduate," said Dr. Lance Evans, state superintendent of education. "Having fewer state tests required to graduate should be less taxing on educators, students and families alike."

The Commission on School Accreditation voted to propose eliminating the U.S. history assessment in April. The SBE voted to accept the proposal for public comment during its regular monthly meeting in April. The proposal cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments. The public comment period was open from April 17, 2025, through 5 p.m. May 19, 2025.

5% APY*
855-663-8328
HIGH-YIELD CHECKING
VERITAS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
276A NISSAN PKWY
CANTON, MS



piggly wiggly | 110 East Academy Street, Canton, MS
Phone: 601-509-4527 | Store Hours:
Mon. - Sat. 7am-8pm
Sun. 8am-7pm

CA graduate shines in Miss Mississippi Teen Volunteer Pageant

Special to The Canton News

Amelia Rose Cook, a recent graduate of Canton Academy and the daughter of Dr. Jay and Kristi Cook, recently competed in the Miss Mississippi Teen Volunteer pageant, marking a milestone in a journey that began with overcoming childhood stage fright.

Cook, who grew up in a musical family, said performing wasn't always easy.

"When I was a little girl, I had extreme stage fright," she said. "Growing up in a musical family, that obviously didn't mix."

Years of anxiety made singing in public a daunting task — until her brother, Jameson, stepped in.

"He learned that if I kept my eyes on him and if he kept his eyes on me, I could do it," she said. But singing solo was another hurdle.

Three years ago, Canton Academy was searching for someone to sing the national anthem at home games. Joey Butler, a local police officer who worked the press box at the school, encouraged Cook to volunteer. At first, Cook declined repeatedly.

"He finally convinced me, telling me I wouldn't be seen by people and that I could be alone in the press box," she said. "When it came time to singing it for the first time, I looked at Mr. Joey and asked him to stay. He stood behind me the entire time. My stage fright was gone."

Since then, Cook has performed the national anthem around 200 times before crowds of all sizes. Her growing confidence led her to the Miss Mississippi Teen Volunteer stage — where she faced her biggest audience yet.

"Yes, I was comfortable singing," she said. "But, then again, I had never sung anything other than worship music and the national anthem. I prayed for hours before I competed and walked off with nothing but joy. I cried for about five minutes backstage, just because of how proud I was of how far I've come."

Cook chose "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" for her performance.

"It reminds us that there's always hope, dreams really do come true, and there is ALWAYS somewhere over the rainbow," she said.

In addition to the talent portion, Cook reflected on the confidence she gained through the pageant's fitness phase — a segment she initially feared most.

"I wasn't scared anymore to show my body on stage, I was excited," Cook said. "But that didn't come from me alone: it came from the Volunteer System. They make you feel like you're one in a million every



Special to The Canton News

single second of every single day."

She also credited The Barre, a local fitness studio, and owner Erin Tate with helping her feel strong and supported.

"Not only do they get you fit, but they form personal relationships with you," she said. "Without these people, I wouldn't be half the person I am today and would not have the confidence to walk on that stage."

Cook said the pageant experience was transformative and that she is filled with gratitude.

"Little Amelia would think people were CRAZY if they told her she can now sing anything anywhere at any time," she said.

Self introduces new initiatives for special programs in Canton School District



Special to The Canton News

Special to The Canton News

Dr. Pamela Self, executive director of special programs for the Canton Public School District, is preparing to roll out new initiatives across the three departments she oversees: Federal Programs, Child Nutrition and Exceptional Services.

In a recent meeting with her team, Self led strategic planning discussions focused on strengthening services and better addressing the varied needs of students and stakeholders in the upcoming school year, according to district officials.

The meeting included collaborative brainstorming aimed at improving the delivery and effectiveness of each department's offerings. Self emphasized the importance of tailoring programs to support both academic outcomes and overall student well-being.

"The goal is to design services that are responsive, inclusive and student-centered," Self said during the meeting, according to a statement from the district.

The three departments under Self's direction play key roles in the district: Federal Programs coordinates funding and compliance efforts; Child Nutrition ensures access to healthy meals; and Exceptional Services provides specialized instruction and support for students with disabilities.

Canton Public School District officials said more detailed plans will be released as the school year approaches.

Canton showcases cinematic legacy as Mississippi's Film Capital



Special to The Canton News

Special to The Canton News

Known for its rich cinematic history, Canton is proudly spotlighting its title as the "Film Capital of Mississippi." Canton Tourism invites visitors to explore its renowned Film Museums, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the iconic productions and sets that helped put the city on the Hollywood map.

From *A Time to Kill* to *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, Canton's picturesque square and surrounding locations have served as the backdrop for numerous major motion pictures. The Film Museums house memorabilia, photographs, and interactive displays celebrating the town's contribution to the film industry.

"Canton's film history is something truly special," said a Canton Tourism spokesperson. "We love sharing these stories and spaces with guests from around the country."

Visitors can book guided tours by calling Canton Tourism at 601-859-1307. For a more flexible experience, a self-guided walking Movie Tour is also available for download on the organization's website at www.cantontourism.com.

Tourism officials encourage film lovers and history buffs alike to step into the spotlight and experience firsthand the cinematic charm that continues to define Canton's legacy on the screen.

At 90, Cantonian credits faith for long life and unshakable joy

Special to The Canton News



Special to The Canton News

Mollie Ross

At 90 years old, Mother Mollie Ross is not just marking time — she's declaring purpose. In a personal essay titled "I'm 90 — and I'm Glad to Be Alive!", Ross reflects on the spiritual convictions and Biblical promises she says have sustained her across generations of family and faith.

"If you want to live long, you've got to obey God," she writes, citing scriptures and personal revelations that form what she calls her "Covenant of Long Life, Obedience, and Blessing." Her testimony, a mix of encouragement and exhortation, emphasizes God's faithfulness and the power of speaking life through words.

Ross draws heavily from biblical examples, comparing her own journey to that of Sarah and Abraham.

"If you claim Abraham's blessing, will you claim his years, too?" she recalls the Holy Spirit asking her. Her answer: a resounding yes.

Quoting Genesis, Psalms, and Proverbs, she asserts that long life is not only possible but promised to those who live by faith.

Her message also critiques modern church culture.

"Too many church folks today are confused," Ross laments, urging unity and love over division. "This fight ain't about jealousy, hate or church hurt. It's about souls."

The matriarch, who raised sons and daughters as a single mother, says her family is her daily testimony.

"My children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and spiritual children remember me and visit me," she writes. "I am here to share in and see the blessing and favor of God in their lives in my old age! I am not alone."

In June 2025, loved ones from across the country gathered to celebrate her 90th birthday — a moment she describes as "joy unspeakable." She credits her longevity not just to faith, but to the spoken word: "No matter what it looks like, speak life. Only speak life."

Ross closes her reflection with a promise she intends to keep: "I shall live. I shall not die. I will finish the number of my days by God's grace in strength, in peace, in health, and in the blessing and favor of the Lord."

Her voice—firm, faithful, and filled with gratitude—resounds as both testimony and call to action for generations behind her: choose life, speak life and live it fully.

THE CANTON NEWS

YOUR AD HERE!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ADVERTISING
IN THE CANTON NEWS
PLEASE CONTACT LORI: 601-667-4667 EXT.5

HAVE YOU HEARD THE GREAT NEWS?



www.CantonNews.net

Canton's 5th Annual CHAN Retreat



Special to The Canton News

Pictured (l to r) are front row - Beverly Plummer, Doris Gillum Theresa Kelly Reed, Gwen Love; back row - Curtis Day, Rochelle Thompson, Pearl Wales Peyton, Tony Powell, Pauline Wales, James Sims.

By Guest Columnist Rochelle Thompson

The Canton Community Health Network Advisors (CHAN) recently attended the 5th Annual CHAN Retreat on Wednesday, June 4 at Sheraton Refuge Conference Center in Flowood. The retreat was held in collaboration with the Mississippi State Department of Health Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference. The Canton CHAN is dedicated to supporting, promoting, and connecting community members to enhance individual, family, and community health. Volunteers organize events aimed at reducing chronic disease risk factors, such as high blood pressure, unhealthy diets, physical inactivity, and smoking. CHAN is a health initiative supported by the Mississippi State Department of Health, and they are currently seeking volunteers to join their efforts. This committed group of health advocates meets at the Canton Library on the third Monday of each month from noon to 1 p.m.. To volunteer, reach out to Doris Gillium, the president of CHAN, at 601-260-3192.

Our roots. Our home.
Our greatest investment.
At BankPlus, every decision we make is driven by community. We've done it that way for over 100 years. Learn more at bankplus.net.
BankPlus®



© Copyright 2025 BankPlus.
Member FDIC.

StorageMax®
Have you reached your Max?
MOVIETOWN SELF STORAGE IS NOW STORAGEMAX CANTON!



CALL OR VISIT US ONLINE TODAY!
(601) 859-7990
SMCAN@STOMAX.COM
109 MOVIETOWN DRIVE CANTON, MS 39046
WWW.STOMAX.COM



CHAN seeking volunteers



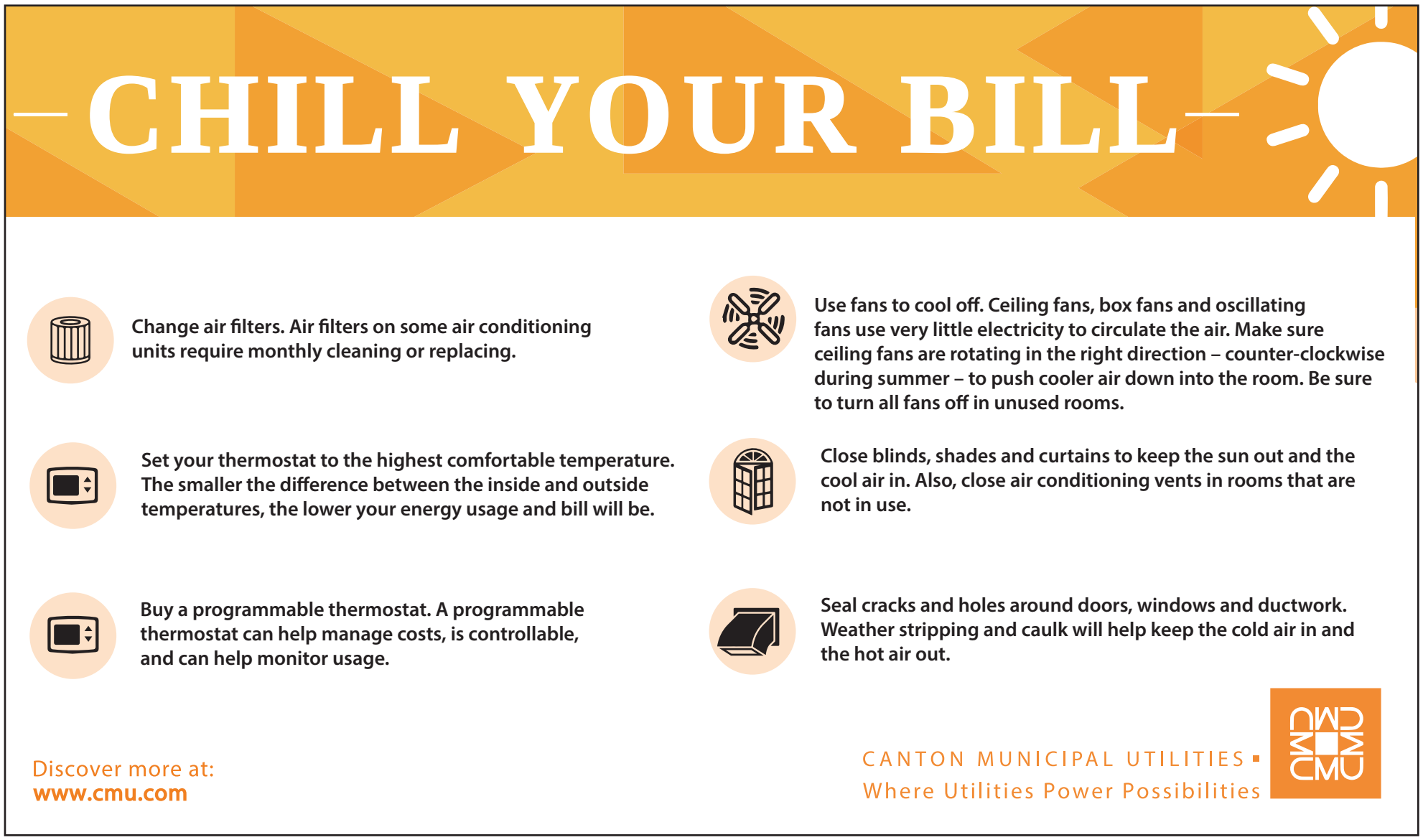
Special to The Canton News

Seated from left to right: Doris Gillum, Paulette Wales, Pearl Wales Peyton, Beverly Plummer; standing: Theresa Kelly Reed, Sylvia Hunter, Jeraline Sims, James Sims, Sarah Steele, Rochelle Thompson, and Carle Norton

By Guest Columnist Rochelle Thompson

The Canton Community Health Network Advisors (CHAN) support, promote, and link community members to improve individual, family, and community health. Volunteers organize events that help reduce chronic disease risk factors like high blood pressure, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, and smoking. The CHAN is a health initiative supported by the Mississippi State Department of Health. The Canton CHAN is seeking volunteers. This dedicated group of health advocates meet at the Canton Library on the third Monday of each month from 12 pm to 1 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Doris Gillium, the president of the CHAN, at 601-260-3192.





Canton student crowned Miss Teen Madison County



Special to The Canton News

Special to The Canton News

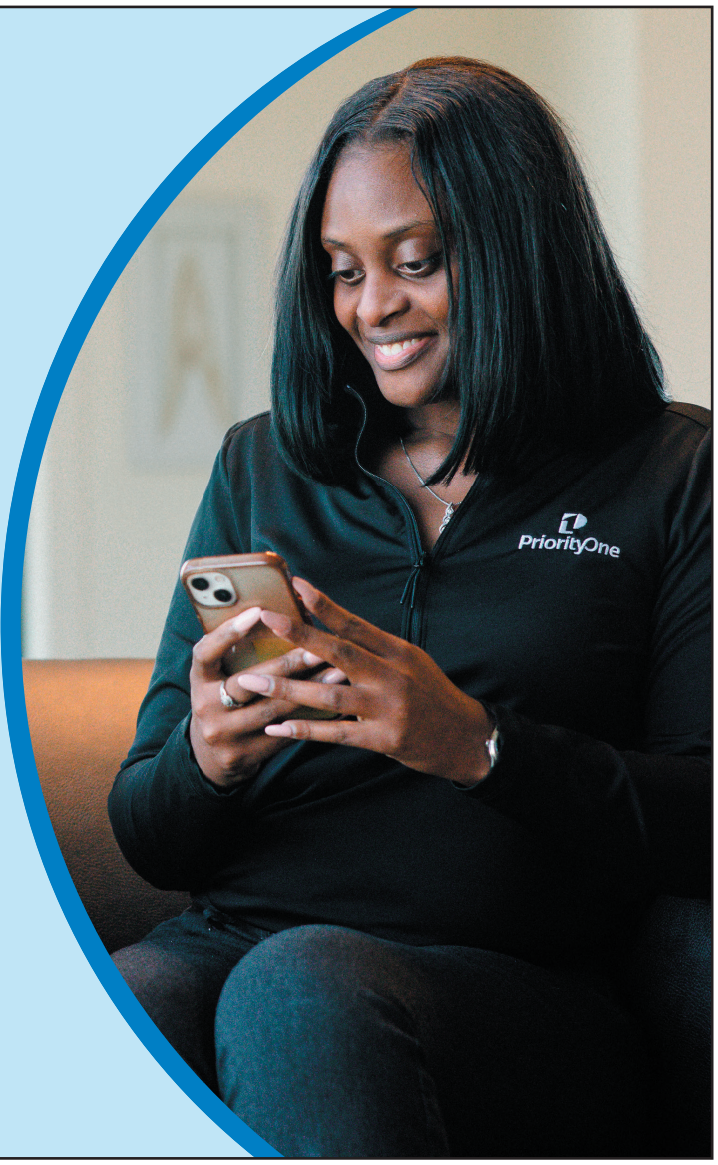
Maggie Carsyn Pace, a student at Canton Academy, was recently crowned Miss Teen Madison County.

Pace, the daughter of Wesley and Lauren Pace, is completing her tenth-grade year and is a member of the school's varsity cheerleading squad. She is also active in community service projects throughout the metro area.

She will go on to represent Madison County in the state competition, scheduled for November in Vicksburg.

SHELBY SMITH'S
TV & APPLIANCES
"We Service What We Sell"
CANTON'S APPLIANCE HEADQUARTERS
FOR 80 YEARS!
GET READY FOR SUMMER SALE
Zeros from $80/mo
Husqvarna
3356 N. Liberty St. —East Side of the Square—Canton
Next Door to Subway—601-859-2303

PriorityOne
MEMBER FDIC
High-Tech Tools. Hometown Service.
At PriorityOne Bank, we believe progress should never come at the cost of personal connection. That's why we invest in the latest technology; to make banking faster, safer, and more convenient; while staying grounded in the service and relationships that have defined us since 1905.
www.priorityonebank.com



CHS ball team honored by Priestly Chapel



Special to The Canton News

Special to The Canton News

Priestley Chapel MB Church recently honored the Canton High School Basketball Team for winning the 5A State Championship. Pastor Robert McCallum poured into the young men with uplifting words and expressed how proud the church is of the team, coaches, and all those who "supported them on this amazing journey. Their dedication, teamwork, and perseverance have inspired our entire community." After the service, there was a small celebratory reception in the Fellowship Hall for the team, in addition Pastor McCallum awarded them a victory dinner at their favorite restaurant.

cont. from front page

Canton

At the regular meeting on July 15, the Board approved a payment of $1,782.64 to address stormwater drainage issues at 302 West Peace Street. Favorable notice was given to the Canton Garden Club for a city beautification initiative. Waggoner Engineering was authorized to conduct a transportation study in coordination with the Delta Regional Authority. The Board approved hiring Joann Garrett as a temporary employee to support the City Clerk's office during an upcoming municipal league conference. Several financial items were addressed, including a $27,893.75 payment to Pinnacle Construction for the South Madison Street project and $31,500 to replace City Hall's front doors with ADA-compliant glass entrances. The Board approved a $3,625 annual software support agreement with Delta Computer Systems and authorized advertising for engineering services to support landfill expansion. Approval was also given to purchase a camera system for garbage trucks at a cost of $378 and to authorize travel for a City representative to attend a conference in Biloxi.

The Board concluded the July 15 meeting with an executive session to discuss ten personnel matters across departments, including finance, fire, police, and parks and recreation. Two litigation items were also considered.

UNDERSTANDING YOU
RENASANT BANK
Understanding You®
3330 South Liberty Street | 601.859.1831
Canton, Mississippi | renasantbank.com
All loans subject to credit approval. MEMBER FDIC


Arnel D. Bolden, Agent
601.859.8554
927 E Peace Street
Canton, MS 39046
arnelbolden.com
See Why We're the #1 Auto and Home Insurer
StateFarm®
Voted Best Insurance Agency Three Years in a Row!
Bring this receipt to our office for your free gift!
New customers only



Randall Strong's CANTON DISCOUNT DRUGS
Home of Low Prescription Prices
www.cantondiscountdrugs.com
(601) 859-3827
726 East Peace Street
Canton Discount has been the home of low prescription prices for over 40 years!