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## David Rich goes from engineer to entrepreneur

By Susie A. Wolfe

Twenty-nine year-old David Rich is following his dream in opening Rich Grain Distilling Company on Peace Street.

Though from Madison, his family likes doing business in Canton. His brother, Tom, has a law office, with partner Tommy Savant, above Sub-



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David Rich, owner of Rich Grain Distilling Company

way on the Square, and his dad, Neal, owns Asset Engineering located next to Bank Plus off the Square.

The building that houses Rich Grain Distilling Company is a refurbished 7,000 sq. ft. historic building located in "the hollow." With help from the

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## Canton Gospel Music Association salutes Canton's hometown talent

By Susie A. Wolfe

Canton native Cynthia Goodloe Palmer, an internationally-recognized recording artist and considered "Canton's Gospel Sweetheart," had a musi-

nated, and the CGMA casts votes.

CGMA also presents a Thanksgiving Concert, choir workshops and other programs each year to benefit the community. Palmer also produces the Canton Gospel Fest Homecoming

music and praise and worship leaders of all denominations.

"The vision includes investing in music for the next generation of musicians, choir directors, soloists and song writers," said Palmer. Music schol-



Photo special to The Canton News

Canton Gospel Music Association in concert

cal vision to salute hometown talent, and that vision became the Canton Gospel Music Association (CGMA) in April, 2004.

Palmer, founder and president, produces each year's CGMA Scholarship Awards & Music Celebration, held the fourth Sunday in August, which recognizes local artists in 12 different categories, including Pastor of the Year, Choir of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, and Female Soloist of the Year, etc. Individuals and groups are nomi-

each July 4, which is sponsored by the Black Heritage Committee and the Canton Convention Visitors Bureau and Film Office.

"My vision is to have a gospel music association that brings all denominations together," said Palmer.

CGMA currently has 32 members from churches in Canton, and membership is open to choir directors, recording artists, songwriters, musicians, radio announcers, choir presidents, soloists, pastors, minister of

arships can be awarded to students taking music lessons or graduating seniors who wish to continue their music education. Some recipients have gone on to record CDs and become leaders of choirs and groups throughout Madison county and abroad. "We have awarded approximately \$20,000 to 100 students."

Ashford Sanders, who is internationally-recognized in today's market due to his appearance on BET's Sunday Best, is a past recipient.

## Women in Unity for Christ prayer breakfast

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Women in Unity for Christ, Inc., located on Pilgrim Road in Camden, will host a Community Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 5, from 10-noon at the Valley View Fire Station on Stump Bridge Road.

The group, which is focused on making a difference in the lives of children, celebrated 20 years of community ser-

vice in October, 2015. They released balloons on Annual Founder's Day at the local headquarters at Valley View Community Center.

Monthly events include: monthly women's bible study, every second Saturday; Madison County Nursing Home/Canton Manor, every third Saturday; youth ministry, every fourth Saturday; and community outreach, time varies.

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