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Brown sworn in as new Canton City Clerk

By Courtney Warren

Debra Brown knows the ins and outs of Canton.

Brown has worked for the city of Canton since 1995 in several capacities, including accounts payable, purchasing, payroll, and human resources.

Because of this experience and more, Brown was recently named the Canton City Clerk and sworn in by Mayor William Truly at a March Canton Board of Aldermen meeting.

A graduate from Ashford University with a degree in business and human resources management, Brown is ready to see Canton shine even brighter.

"I'm hoping to bring positive change, better bookkeeping. I came under Valerie, and I'm familiar with what it takes to be our city clerk. I hope to motivate our employees in a positive way to better serve the Can-

ton community," said Brown.

Brown is also a certified Mississippi Municipal Clerk through Mississippi State University Extension. She is married to Johnny Brown, and the two have two sons, Jontarius and Jarvis Brown.

The Department of City Clerk and Finance is responsible for all accounting, purchasing, information systems, debt management, investments, accounts payable, and payroll functions of the city.

Additional responsibilities of this department include minutes preparation of the mayor and Canton Board of Aldermen meetings, maintaining the official city records and documents, city elections, city licenses, and working alongside the Canton Mayor and Canton Board of Aldermen.

For more information about the city clerk or to contact the department, visit: www.cityofcantonms.com.

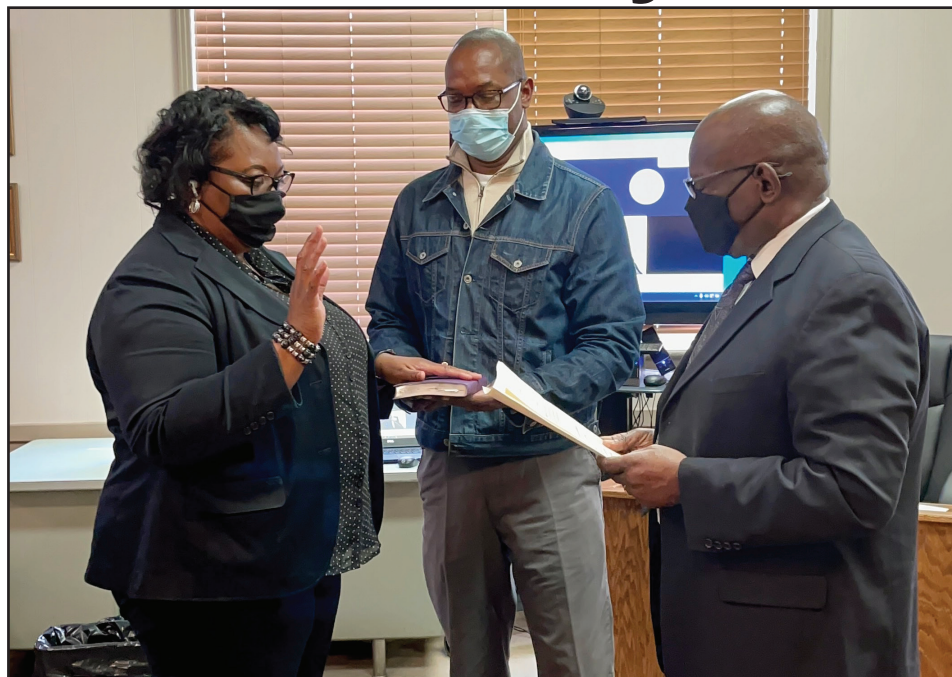


Photo by Courtney Warren

Brown was sworn in by Canton Mayor William Truly

Ella Collier named CPSD Teacher of the Year

By Courtney Warren

Canton Public School District (CPSD) has been celebrating their teachers of the year, and recently Ella Collier was awarded Canton Public School District District Teacher of the Year.

With a B.S. in child development from the University of Southern Mississippi and an M.S. in early childhood from Walden University, Collier has taught in public school for six years.

"I started out in kindergarten as a teacher's assistant. I started out as an assistant, because I was waiting to pass the math part of the Praxis exam to become certified. One day, the superintendent at the time came to me and said that he was starting a pre-kindergarten program in our district, and he wanted me to be one of the teachers," said Collier.

"At first, I was like, 'no way, I want to stay in kindergarten.' Then I thought to myself, why not? I know that I would do

great in that position because of my degree background. I passed my final part of my certification exam and became a certified teacher, and I have been teaching Pre-K since then. I absolutely love teaching this grade level," she said.

Collier said she strives to develop lasting relationships with her students, their parents, and she has a passion for engaging students in learning.

While Collier loves being in her classroom, teaching during a pandemic has brought about



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Ella Collier in her classroom at Reuben B Meyers School of Arts and Sciences

new challenges. "I cannot physically be around my stu-

dents. That is so hard for me because I love that close interaction and hugs from my students," she said.

"Another challenge is I cannot provide as much hands-on learning as I usually would. However, we still do lots of hands-on things, but it would be so much more if we were in the actual classroom," Collier added.

Despite new challenges and virtual learning, Collier said there are several things that keep her motivated.

"Knowing that I am influencing our future leaders at an especially important stage in their lives. As a pre-k teacher, I am giving children the foundational skills they need to become successful lifelong learners in our ever-changing society. I am not only teaching academics, but I am teaching the whole child, which nurtures all developmental domains," she said.

"Some say preschool is babysitting, which is far from true, as these are foun-

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A piece of Canton history lost to flames

By Courtney Warren

The old Canton Compress on North Canal Street caught fire during a late afternoon. Canton Fire Department and Canton Police Department responded to the large flames. Dressed in protective gear from head to toe, Canton Fire Captain Steve Grant said, "The fire is contained, and firefighters are controlling the flames to protect the surrounding areas. We're going to make sure everyone is safe." At one time, the Federal Compress Warehouse stored cotton bails but has been vacant for over 15 years.



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Chinn honored for contributions

By Dr. Flonzie Brown Wright

Two Canton and Madison County Mississippi civil rights legends were recently honored by Pastor Dr Jerry Young and New Hope Baptist Church during an annual celebration of black history.

The “Back in the Day” Black History Ministry celebrated its 10th annual and first virtual program on February 11, 2021. Each year, activists of the civil rights Movement are recognized.

Judge Mamie M. Chinn is a local Canton resident, where she and her family were actively involved in Canton, Madison County, as well as on a state level. Judge Chinn was the first African American female elected as Circuit Court Judge and served for more than 34 years on the bench. She serves on several boards, including Women for Progress, Inc., Madison County Branch of the NAACP, Mississippi Families for Kids, Notre Dame Literacy and Adult Education, Trustee and Secretary at the Madison General Medical Center Hospital, and has received many service awards.

She is married to former Judge C.

O. Chinn, Jr., and they are the parents of five children, two of whom are deceased, and seven grandchildren.

Retired Tougaloo College professor John Garner has served as secretary of the Madison County Mississippi

involved in school and church desegregation in Madison and Hinds Counties. He was arrested in 1963 for allowing an African American student to accompany him to Galloway United Methodist Church, where he was an active member. He attended the mass meeting with Medgar Evers on June 12, 1963, just hours before Medgar’s assassination. John describes that day as “the saddest day of his life.” John taught physics for 20 years and math and computer science for 10 years while at Tougaloo College. After retiring, he continued to teach at Holmes and Hinds Community Colleges. He is married to Switzerland-born Margrit Garner-Schmid. They are the proud parents to two children, one of whom is deceased, and two loving grand children.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Dr. Flonzie Brown Wright has served as project director for the Back in the Day Black History Ministry Celebration since its inception ten years ago. Dr. Wright pays special recognition to a faithful funding partner, the Mississippi Humanities Council.



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Canton Retired Judge Mamie M. Chinn was recently honored for her contributions to the civil rights movement

Freedom Democratic Party and later served as state secretary. He attended both the 1968 and 1972 National Democratic Conventions and was in-

Holmes announces ‘21 Creative Writing Winners



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Pictured (l to r) are the 2021 Holmes Goodman Campus Creative Writing Contest winners, front row: Tninyah Jones of Kosciusko, Camillia Goodloe of Canton, Dara Neagle of Goodman and Isabella Branch of Kosciusko; and back row: Justin Porter of Yazoo City, Miranda Ahner of Goodman, Samantha Endsley of Flowood and Brayden Cargile of Madison.

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Letter from the editor: Whose eyes are watching?

By Courtney Warren

My daughter Berit may look like her daddy, but she does so many things that I do—from sleeping the same to poking her lip out when she’s sad—a classic baby Courtney trademark.

When I first became pregnant, I remember this overwhelming feeling of anxiety.

How am I supposed to teach this little person to be a good big person?

My dad said for me to just be a good person, so she would know what one looks like.

Lately, I’ve had to focus on what I say. Whether I’m talking on the phone, talking at school, or chatting with my husband, she is always listening to me.

Before I was pregnant, I went to church with Brett’s family; and one of his little cousins, who was around 2 at the time, was in the arms of her grandmother.

As her grandmother lifted her hands during the song and said, “Hallelujah,” baby Abbie closed her eyes and lifted her hands the exact same way to say “Hallelujah.”

I remember my jaw dropping, as this little girl mimicked what she saw in the most genuine way.

I immediately thought: I want my child to do that.

Flash forward to several years later, and Berit and I are in the car singing one of our favorites, “O’Lord” by Lauren Daigle.

Berit is bobbing her head, and then the chorus hits.

“Oh, O’Lord O’Lord I know You hear my cry/ Your love is lifting me above all the lies/No matter what I face this I know in time/You’ll take all that is wrong and make it right.”

I have my elbow resting on the armrest and my hand up and open.

I glance in the back, and both of my child’s chubby little arms are up and above her head as she bobs along to the song.

It took my breath away.

It was the purest, most innocent worship I’ve ever seen, and it was beautiful.

How we act, what we say, and what we do impacts everyone around us; but most importantly, it impacts the very people we are charged with raising.

I won’t always be here, and I find myself wondering how she’ll remember me? What will I have left behind? With technology and social media, now more than ever we have to be careful with what we say and do. Will she remember me for being quick to anger and posting something rude on Facebook? Will she remember me for getting angry at that stoplight last week?

Or will she remember me for trying to see the best in people, even when they’ve hurt me? Trying to always be a helper? Hitting my knees in prayer and asking forgiveness when I’ve made a mistake?



Photo by Courtney Warren

Forgiving those who will never ask for forgiveness themselves?

Oh, I know she’ll grow up someday, but I hope she takes her time, because one day

she too will worry about who is watching.

I hope, and pray, she’ll remember the most important one watching is the one she’s lifting those hands for.



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Canton Municipal Utilities now offers texting alerts

By Courtney Warren

After the ice storm in February and the water system issues that followed, city officials realized a better communication system needed to be in place for residents.

At the most recent Canton Board of Aldermen meeting, Canton Municipal Utilities (CMU) gave an update after the ice storm and informed the board of a new texting service.

Canton Mayor William Truly said, "It is better for the residents to have this communication in the event of having a catastrophic event. It's great for the citizens

to know what is pending, so we can respond accordingly. CMU handled

this situation the best they possibly could. We have older water pipes and infrastructure, but CMU did all they could to ensure the best for our citizens."

"They worked day and night trying to take corrective action in the best interest of this community. I would give them an A for the work they did and the time they put in. Several aldermen were in contact with CMU to make sure things were handled. They constantly gave me updates, and I am very grateful," said Truly.

To better ensure communication, CMU has set up a mobile alert system. To receive mobile alerts, text CMU to 74121.



Photo by Courtney Warren

CMU directors give report at the Canton Board of Aldermen meeting

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Collier

ditional years for a child's education." Collier said, "Preschool is important for young learners because it is the foundational opportunity for growth. Their brains are like sponges soaking up so much knowledge. We need to take advantage of those early years and provide good influences and lots of impactful learning opportunities."

"Research shows that from birth to early childhood age, a child's brain develops more during that time than any other time in life. Ninety percent of brain growth happens before kindergarten. Wow! So, this alone explains the importance of a good quality pre-school for young learners," said Collier.

Being named CPSD Teacher of the Year was an honor for Collier, and she said especially so because this is the first year that a pre-K teacher has ever been recognized with this title.

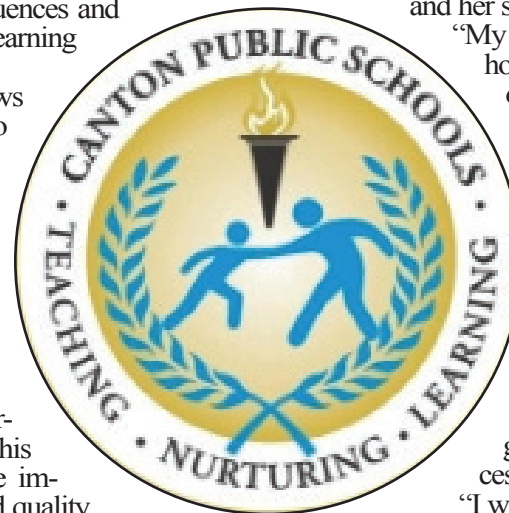
"It is an honor and a privilege. I feel like this will bring awareness to the

importance of a pre-K teacher. It will also help others realize that our job as an early childhood educator is just as important as other educators. Being recognized with this title has fueled my passion even more," said Collier.

With a bright future ahead of her and her students, Collier said,

"My biggest prayer and hope for our school district is for all, the school board, superintendent, curriculum coordinators, directors, administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents, and the community, to start each year with an open mind geared towards success."

"I want us all to work together to provide a quality education for all students. I want us to give it our all and show our students that we care about their future. I pray that our graduation rate continues to increase. I pray that our district rating continues to increase. I feel that we can do this, if we all work together and give it our all," she said.



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Beta club hosts week of service



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Shirley D. Simmons Middle Beta Club members hosted a week of service that included teacher care packages, a small group guest speaker, and a school-wide food drive. During their week of service, Beta Club collected over 500 cans of food, which were distributed to two local food banks. Pictured (l to r) are: Jordyn S., London L., Samecia B., Jala G., and Mauntrel T.

Check smoke alarms to save lives



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As Mississippians spring forward, State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney reminds everyone to test their smoke alarms.

“There were 69 fire deaths in 2020,” Chaney said. “In 41 of those fires, there were no working smoke alarms in the home. If you cannot afford smoke alarms, call your local fire department. They may be able to install alarms for free.”

The Mississippi State Fire Marshal’s Office recommends the following safety tips: Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button; Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond; Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old;

Replace the smoke alarm immediately if it doesn’t respond properly when tested; Smoke alarms should be placed in every sleeping area and common hallways and on every level of the home.





Large homes may need extra smoke alarms. A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove. Create an escape plan and make sure all family members know where to meet outside of the home. Once outside, never go back into a burning building.

Go to the Mississippi Insurance Department website for more smoke alarm and fire safety tips: <http://www.mid.ms.gov/preparedness/fire.aspx>


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Canton High baseball team receives donation



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The Canton High School baseball team recently received a donation from Omega Psi Phi.

By Courtney Warren

The EKK Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc. recently donated \$2,200 to the Canton High School (CHS) baseball program.

According to Dex Brim, head baseball coach, "It feels so great to get this. The school provides everything the team needs, and to have this added donation is such a plus to the program. We have the support

from the community to help build our program, and it's a blessing."

Brim said the donation will be used to purchase additional equipment for the team, and he hopes to get a pitching machine and exercise equipment for the players.

"I want to give a special thanks to Fernandeis Frazier of Omega Psi Phi Inc. for informing and assisting with the Uplift program," Brim added. The Uplift program is a phil-

anthropic program put on by the fraternity. Uplift is named for one of the main principals of the fraternity.

With a young team, Brim said they can only go up from here.

"We have four seniors playing for us, and the rest are early high school and even a seventh-grader. We've definitely got a young team with a very bright future," said Brim.

Creston Burse, the immediate past

president and board member of Uplift, Inc. said, "The donation came on behalf of my chapter. We serve the Madison County area, have a good working relationship with Madison County, and give away scholarships each year. We work in the middle school, elementary, and high school levels. We learned about some needs of the baseball team and wanted to give back to them."

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State Farm awards CNGA the Pay It Forward Grant



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State Farm Agent Arnel Bolden presented the Canton Ninth Grade Academy (CNGA) a check for \$2,910 for being awarded the State Farm "Pay It Forward" grant. The grant will provide incentives to the teachers and students to help encourage them to stay motivated during this school year.

CNGA principal Kari Johnson and staff say they were elated. Johnson says with the recent challenges students and educators have faced due to the pandemic, such as switching to a virtual learning environment, these resources will help motivate students and teach-

ers to continue to increase the progress they have made in previous years.

"Our educators and students have had to instantly change their entire way of thinking, teaching, and learning. Teachers have taken it upon themselves to become more tech-savvy to find ways to keep students engaged and learning during these unprecedented times. Students have adapted. They are being more responsible, punctual, and self-disciplined. We thank State Farm for this generous grant," said Johnson.

She encourages other community partners to adopt schools and offer incentives to keep scholars encouraged during this time.

Canton News, Canton Rocks!

By Courtney Warren

The sun is finally shining again, and Cantonians are preparing for warmer weather. With spring fast approaching, many are trying to find ways to get outside. *The Canton News* would like to introduce readers to Canton Rocks!

Canton Rocks! is an activity inspired by several other communities with the idea of creating a fun adventure for residents. By painting and decorating rocks, then hiding them throughout the downtown area, a scavenger hunt is created. What kind of rock will you find? Where will you hide your own? Discover rocks, rehide the ones you find, and place new rocks with kind messages or brightly colored decorations. *The Canton News* has placed around 50 rocks in the downtown area for

Canton residents to find and rehide. Each month, *Canton News* will place ten more rocks, including a rock with the Canton Square painted on it. Any resident to find this rock will also receive a coupon to a local business.



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Step 3: "Hide" them in plain sight around your neighborhood or downtown Canton.

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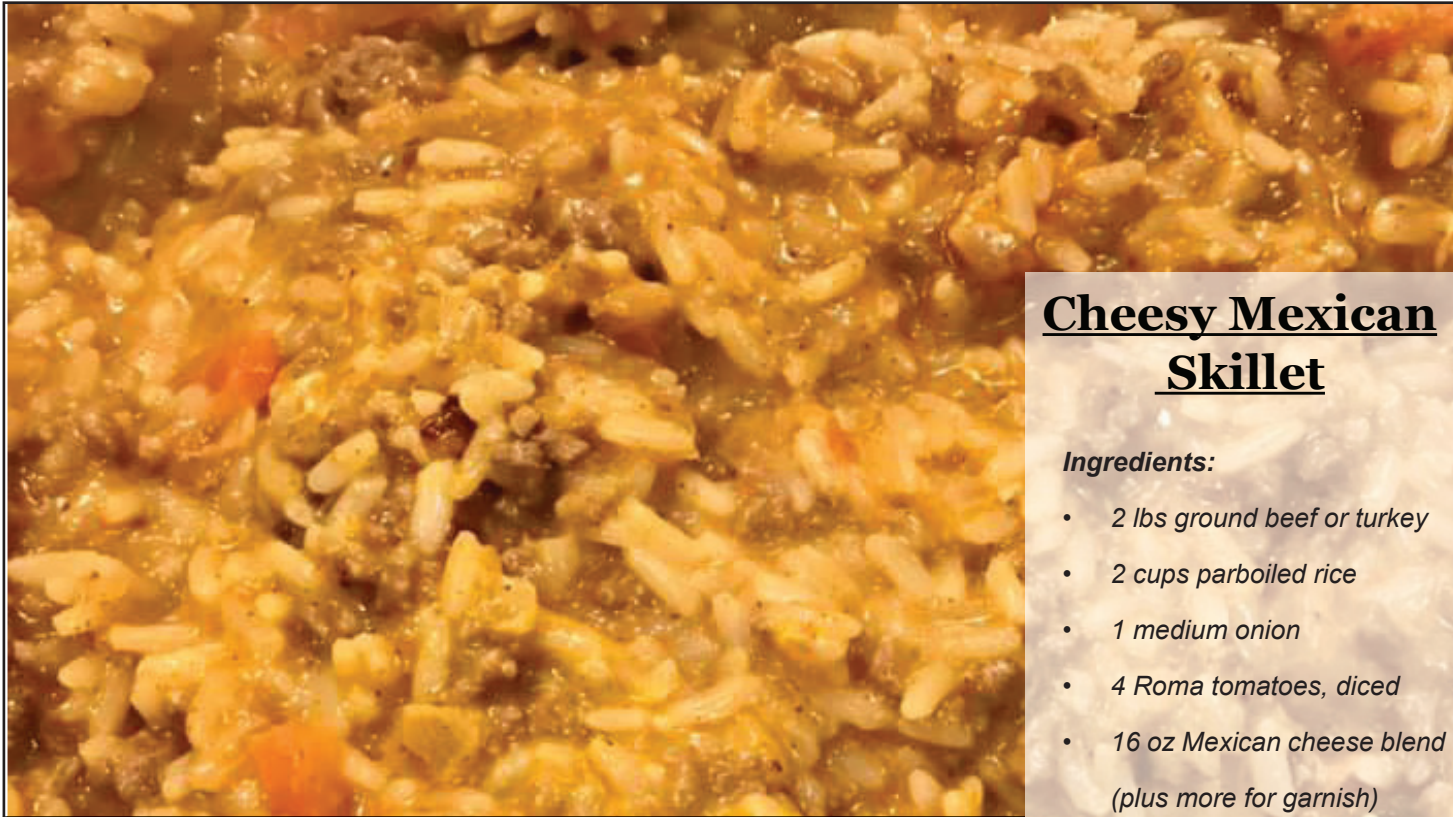


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ON THE TABLE: CHEESY MEXICAN SKILLET

By Courtney Warren

Tameka Amos is known for several things, and her cooking is one. At Canton Academy, the question is always “Did Ms. Tameka cook today’s lunch?” Because if so, the students will have to hurry to get a spot in line. She’s known for her sweets and treats at Assembled Blessings Baking and Catering. More importantly, she’s known for her love of good food and even better fellowship as she brings people together with “just a little something from my kitchen.” According to Amos, this is not Hamburger Helper, but something much better. This easy recipe is sure to be a crowd-pleaser for both adults and children. “And everything in it, you probably already have at home, so you can skip the grocery store!”

Directions:

1. Brown and drain the meat.
2. Add in onion, rice, water, milk, and seasoning
3. Let come to a boil.
4. Turn your skillet down to simmer on medium-low.
5. Let cook until rice is firm but tender. (Depending on the stove, you may want to add water to finish cooking the rice; so watch carefully.)
6. Add in tomatoes and cheese, and stir until combined.
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Volunteers gave a Saturday to keep Canton beautiful



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Canton Tourism director Jana Padgett said this year's cleanup day was a success.

By Courtney Warren

Canton Tourism took to the streets on a Saturday morning to keep Canton beautiful.

Armed with trash bags, buckets, and pickers-uppers, volunteers went on pre-selected routes to pick up trash.

Jana Padgett, the Executive Director of Canton Tourism, said, "It was a great day to see so many people from our community come together and walk the main entranc-

es to our town, picking up litter, cleaning curbs, and bagging leaves. The Canton Beautification Committee has several more projects on our list, and we look forward to calling on our community again."

The trash and debris included liquor bottles tossed absentmindedly into the streets, cigarette butts, face masks, and fast food bags.

Organizations and volunteers included Canton Lions Club, Canton Garden Club, First Baptist Church of Canton, Canton



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Volunteers bagged leaves, picked up trash, and pulled weeds along the square.

Academy, First Presbyterian Church of Canton, 100 Black Men, Center Terrace Baptist Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Alderman Tim Taylor, Alderman Rodriguez Brown, Alderman Fred Esco, and Alderman Lafayette Wales.

Several shop owners on the square stopped volunteers to thank them for taking care of the community with the hopes that others will see the effort being made and clean up after themselves, as well.

Organizers say that it is vital to keep Can-

ton clean, not only for aesthetic reasons, but for several others.

According to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, litter rates along rural roads in Mississippi are thirty percent higher than in other states. Sixty-two percent of all Mississippi litter is deliberate and is mostly disposable items such as take-out, snack, and beverage containers.

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The partnership between the Hinds Diesel Equipment Technology program and Empire Truck Sales has turned into potential high-earning careers for 11 newly-registered Diesel Mechanic Apprentices at the company's Richland location, including Cordarryl Nichols of Canton.

"I grew up on a farm, around all the equipment I used to work on with my family. I've always been hands-on – tearing down things and rebuilding them," said Dustin Tew, of Magee, among the apprentices who achieved their Registered Apprentice status through the U.S. Department of Labor.

All graduated from the program at Hinds and have moved seamlessly into the industry. The 11 were recently selected to participate in the Empire Truck Sales Apprenticeship Program which is sponsored by Hinds Com-

munity College. The full list consists of: Colby Cockrell, of Magee; Jordan Coleman, of Jackson; Trey Harris, of Brandon; Austin Hill, of Florence; Darius Jackson, of Clinton; David McGowan, of Byram; Cordarryl Nichols, of Canton; Jacob St. Amant, of Flowood; Kade Stennett, of Magee; Keith Steen, of Georgetown; Dustin Tew, of Magee.

Supervisors at Empire are mentors to the apprentices along the way, providing invaluable insight and career guidance.

"Having a mentor is most important, because you always have to look up to somebody who already has experience," said apprentice Darius Jackson, who is pursuing a full Associate of Applied Science credential from the college. "The fun part is when the job is done, when you have the finished product."

Combining hands-on training with

a chance to talk to longtime industry professionals will give them a leg up on their careers.

"I grew up around mechanics," said apprentice Trey Harris. "My dad was a trailer mechanic, and my grandfather was a diesel mechanic. When I was at the academy, we were doing transmissions. The next day I went to work, I ended up applying what I learned in the transmission and put it toward the job."

Bob Bullard, general service manager for Empire Truck Sales, touted the value of the Diesel Equipment Technology program being certified in certain areas by Daimler Trucks North America as a huge plus toward quality workmanship.

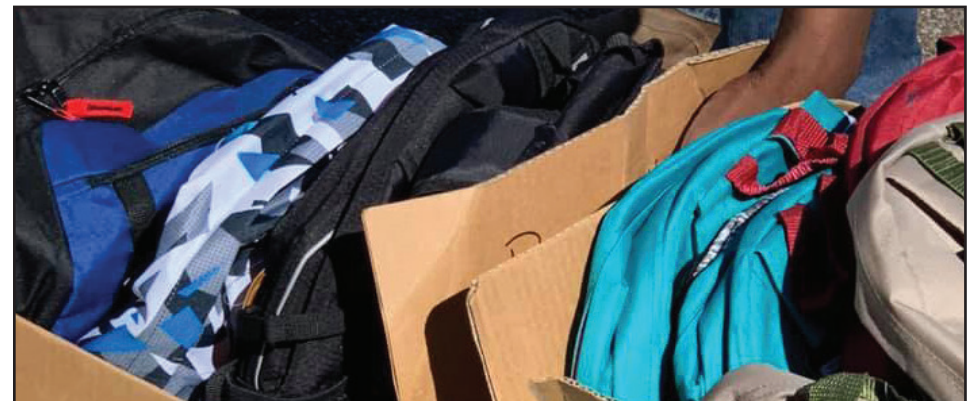
"The importance the apprenticeship program brings is a structured way of making sure you get a well-rounded employee. The partnership Hinds has developed with Empire has made the

end product better than it's ever been before."

Hinds Community College is a partner of the Mississippi Apprenticeship Program (MAP). Funding for the MAP program is provided by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security and via the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. WIOA is an equal opportunity program.

As Mississippi's largest community college, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution offering quality, affordable educational opportunities with academic programs of study leading to seamless university transfer and career and technical programs teaching job-ready skills. With six locations in central Mississippi, Hinds enrolls about 12,000 students each fall semester. To learn more, visit www.hindscc.edu or call 1.800.HindsCC

JA of Madison County donates backpacks and supplies



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Kizzie Small and JA members delivered backpacks and boxes of school supplies to several schools in Canton.

By Courtney Warren

The Junior Auxiliary of Madison County (JAMC) stuffed hundreds of backpacks full of school supplies for students in the Canton Public School Districts.

JA members delivered these backpacks to each school.

Donations included folders, bags, paper, writing utensils, and more.

"Serving Canton in the JAMC backpack project was an experience that proved to be much more than gratifying! Being a product of Canton myself, it was with great pride and pleasure that I delivered backpacks and school supplies to the very

community from which I blossomed. I am so thankful to JAMC for pouring into the children of Canton in this way, and for allowing me to serve the city, that I love so dearly," said Kizzie Small.

According to Small, the Spring into Backpacks Program was created by the Junior Auxiliary of Madison County's provisional class of 2016-2017 as their provisional service project. Each year, the new incoming class of JAMC Provisional Class is charged with creating and implementing a new project. This project was chosen because, at the time, there were no projects focused on the donation of school supplies to high school and middle school students,

only to elementary kids.

The project's timeline focused on the second semester, as many secondary school students changed classes/courses and were required to obtain new supplies for the start of the new semester.

"This year, the organization added boxes of supplies to distribute to schools that needed help with just supplies, as many schools were virtually learning, so actual backpacks weren't necessarily needed," said Small.

In 2020, approximately 250 students received backpacks and boxes of school supplies, including Canton Public Schools. Junior Auxiliary of Madison County's

Crown Club members also contributed supplies and backpacks for this project.

"We are thankful and blessed to have had the opportunity and ability to help so many children to focus on school academics without having to worry about where supplies would come from. It is important to ensure that every child has the supplies needed to grow academically and prosper with confidence as they prepare for success in the next phase of their journey in life."

"Serving the children and families of Canton and Madison County is such a blessing, and the feeling is amazing," said Small.

CA hosts Who's Who and Beauty and Beau Pageant



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Most Handsome Matthew Fokeladeh and Most Beautiful Maggie Claire Thomas

By Courtney Warren

Recently, the Canton Academy (CA) Relections Yearbook Staff hosted the annual Who's Who and Beauty and Beau pageant.

This year's theme was Written in the Stars, and 16 contestants participated in a beauty pageant portion before then being awarded various superlatives.

Senior yearbook editor Abbie Parkinson said, "The entire night was wonderful and went very smooth. It was a fun event. I wouldn't have done anything differently, because this was such a good beauty and beau for my last year at Canton Academy. My favorite part was seeing everything come together and seeing all of my friends looking beautiful."

Mr. Canton Academy was senior Kyle



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Mr. Canton Academy Kyle Brasher and Miss Canton Academy Sara Kennedy Lampkin

Brasher, and Miss Canton Academy was senior Sara Kennedy Lampkin.

Mr. and Miss Canton Academy nominations are awarded to the senior girl most valuable in many phases of school life who has clearly made manifest her many qualities, acceptable scholarship, and effective support for the best interest of CA. Students must have been enrolled at CA since the ninth grade, and students

must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

The superlatives were voted on by their peers, while Most Beautiful and Most Handsome was determined by Mississippi Pageant Judges Association members.

Most Handsome was senior Matthew Fokeladeh, and Most Beautiful was second-time winner junior Maggie Claire Thomas.



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Canton's Everhart brings the South to *Idol* judges

By Courtney Warren

Canton's very own Hannah Everhart, 17, is showing the world her true self as she competes on *American Idol*.

Everhart said she never imagined herself pursuing music, because it never seemed a true possibility.

"I've been singing since I was little. My daddy plays guitar and sings. I never thought I'd get a big opportunity for my music and never labeled it as one of my dreams. It takes so much money, and we didn't have a lot growing up, so it wasn't planned," she said.

Trying out for *American Idol* was also unplanned. Everhart said all it took was a text from a friend and a little encouragement.

"I had a friend text me and say *American Idol* was coming to Mississippi. I signed up and did it on Zoom, and it worked out in my favor. I felt a lot more comfortable because of the Zoom. I was still a little nervous. I don't sing anywhere, and I don't play an instrument," she said.

When Everhart walked into her audition, she immediately stood out for her humor and Southern accent.

"I feel like because I'm real--I don't try to be nobody else, they liked me. I'm solid through and through. I am who I am on and off camera. They saw that authenticity in me. I do have a huge personali-

ty," she added.

Everhart said she had a few difficulties during her audition due to nerves.

"Even though my voice was tight and my throat was dry, I felt like they could hear the parts of my voice that were good. I don't sound like everyone else and they loved that about me," said Everhart.

During her audition, Everhart received feedback from each judge. While many struggle with constructive criticism, Everhart was excited to take those lessons and continue to work on her craft.

"I'm finding confidence in myself. I've always tried to compare myself to other people and felt like I wasn't good, but I realize that I can't compare myself to other people, because I do have a unique voice. I took the idea of not playing it safe, give 100 percent of yourself. I love how they said to start rolling the dice on your life. Take that risk, put in the work," she said.

American Idol airs on Sunday and Monday nights. To learn more about Everhart and her music, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/thehannahjeverhart>.



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American Idol continues its journey to find the next superstar as the original music competition series airs Sunday and Mondays (7 to 9 p.m.), on ABC. (ABC/Christopher Willard)

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Word of Prayer: Even now, Jesus is your help

By Elder Bertram Goodloe, Sr.

Who could have ever imagined or predicted that, a few days after spring break 2020, our country would shut down due to a global pandemic? Who knew that many would die alone, spend weeks on ventilators, experience job loss, homelessness, suicidal thoughts? No one could have predicted having loved ones die without having a sufficient homegoing or seeing church doors shut and pulpits empty. Here we are a full year later, and many of these circumstances still exist. What has been your response?



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I challenge Christians to be careful how you respond during trying times. In John 11: 21-22, Lazarus was sick, and his sisters, Mary and Martha, requested that Jesus come to heal him. Jesus did not come immediately and Lazarus died. During dreadful times, the human side of us may feel things are too far gone, but this passage encourages us to have an “even now” attitude. “Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou had been here, my brother had not died. 22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.”

After Lazarus died, it is believed that Jesus’ tears were not a response to his death, but rather for the condition of humanity. Jesus was hope in the flesh, yet the people did not see it. Jesus was healing in the flesh, but man rejected him. Today, Jesus is assurance, but

many do not seek his presence. Jesus is salvation, forgiveness, help, hope, grace, mercy, healing. Don’t look past Jesus. He is your high priest. One of my favorite scriptures is Hebrews 4:14-16, which reads, “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Is your marriage broken? Have you been diagnosed with a terminal illness? Are you jobless? Are your children wayward? Do you have an addiction? Are you lonely or depressed? Remember, even now, no situation is too com-

plex for Jesus. Look to Him today for your eternal hope. Give Him your life. Confess your sins, and ask Christ to come into your heart. Then, turn all of your “even now” issues over to Him. Psalm 34:17-19 reminds us that God’s children can boldly cry out to Him and He responds. “The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.”

Even now, Jesus is your very present help.

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