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Mac Haik buys Harreld Chevy, moves to Gluckstadt

By Dan Evans

Mac Haik, the largest private auto dealership in Texas, entered the Mississippi market November, 2015. The Haik group opened their first site in Jackson at 5395 I-55 North. Soon a dealership was opened in Flowood on Lakeland Drive. In purchasing Canton's Harreld Chevrolet in July, they completed their tri-county entrance into the Magnolia state.

The Haik group began in Houston, Texas, in 1982 under the leadership of Mac Haik. Originally from Meridian, Haik starred on the Ole Miss football team in the 60s and with the Houston Oilers of the AFL.

Andy Leeper, the General Manager of the local dealerships, said that this is their first Chevy dealership in the state. He said, "The best thing about our purchase of Harreld Chevrolet is their peo-

ple. We retained all 28 employees. Some of them have worked there most of their lives, and we

"I expect everyone to make the move with me. We know our longtime customers, and they



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are glad to have their knowledge and experience with us."

Lee Gilliland, General Sales Manager in Canton, will operate Mac Haik Chevrolet when they move from South Liberty Street to their new site in Gluckstadt in early 2017.

know us. We intend to provide the same hometown service to our loyal customers and everyone else that has made Harreld Chevrolet successful since 1932." The Gluckstadt site will be shared by the Mac Haik Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge dealership.

The Haik group stresses community service. In the short time they have been in the area, they have participated in events for Blair Batson Children's Hospital, Bikes for Vets, and the American Cancer Society. Gilliland said that the Madison County dealership is already making plans for additional community service and involvement.

"Our Canton staff has no problem giving customers that 'great Mac Haik feeling' because, in our way, we were already doing that. We are excited by our new building on I-55 in Gluckstadt and are already ordering new inventory," Gilliland said.

Andy Leeper said they plan to open the Gluckstadt operations in February, 2017 and that "we look forward to serving the Madison County community."

Nissan has donated millions in Canton, Mississippi

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Representing the state's second largest employer, the Nissan Foundation has made \$12.3 million in corporate contributions across the state since 2003. In Canton, specifically, Nissan-Canton employees have volunteered more than 400 hours within the Canton Public School District, and have given \$500K to Canton Public Schools to be put towards the interventionist program, according

to Parul Baja, corporate communications manager.

In June, the Nissan Foundation awarded Jackson nonprofits a total of \$95,000 in grants to support innovative programs that promote the value of cultural diversity in American society. This year's recipients include:

- Jackson 2000 Inc., "Community Dialogue on Race" – \$25,000

- Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, "Our Global Society: We Are All In It Together" – \$50,000

- Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, "Sit In for Change: Jackson Woolworth 1963" – \$20,000

The mission of the Nissan Foundation, created in 1992, continues to be to support educational programs that foster a greater appreciation and understanding of America's diverse cultural heritage. Over the past 23 years, the Foundation has disbursed more than \$8 million to more than 100 nonprofit organizations throughout the United States.

Within Mississippi, \$500K has been given to Mississippi histori-

cally black colleges and universities over the last two years; \$500K to support MS History and Civil Rights Museums; \$400K to Dolly Parton Imagination Library Literacy Program (Madison, Hinds and Rankin counties); has provided long term support of 100 Black Men of Canton and Jackson; has dedicated a seventh Habitat for Humanity home; and has donated more than 17,000 units of blood to Mississippi Blood Services. To apply for funding, The Nissan Foundation accepts letters of intent from potential grantees each year. For more information, visit: www.tgci.com or email: nissanfoundation@nissan-usa.com.

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McGraw named First Pres kindergarten director

By Susie A. Wolfe

Lacey McGraw is the new kindergarten director at First Presbyterian Kindergarten. The Camden/

resources, the A Beka Christian curriculum, and "Handwriting Without Tears" for a hands-on,



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Pisgah native has an elementary education degree from the University of Mississippi and five years' experience as a kindergarten teacher in Pisgah and Yazoo City.

She serves as director and 5K kindergarten teacher. Other teachers include Katie Murphy and Robin Hunt, 4K, Candace Derryberry, 3K, and Haley Vendevender, 2K. A ministry of First Presbyterian Church, the kindergarten has approximately 30 children aged 2-5 enrolled in the half-day program. They also offer after-school and summer programs.

The kindergarten, founded in 1943, is MAIS-certified and uses a combination of teacher-created

play-based learning experience. Serving as an outreach ministry of the 175-year-old historic church which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the kindergarten takes weekly trips to the Madison County Library across the street. They also have chapel once a week and P.E. twice a week.

McGraw and her husband, Spencer, have lived in Canton for four years. He operates Hope Power Sports on Highway 51.

The kindergarten is currently enrolling students. For more information, call the kindergarten at 601-854-3052, the church at 601-854-4738 or www.facebook.com/firstpreskindergarten/.



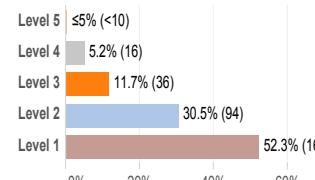
Literacy-Based Promotion Act Annual Report of Performance and Student Retention

The Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA) was enacted to improve the reading skills of Kindergarten and First through Third Grade students enrolled in the public schools so that every student completing the 3rd grade is able to read at or above grade level. This report displays the components required under the guidelines of the LBPA, which include the number and percentage of students: scoring at each performance level on the state assessment in reading and math, taking the alternative assessment, being retained at each grade level Kindergarten through 8th grade, passing for good-cause exemptions; and any revised district policies for promotion and retention.

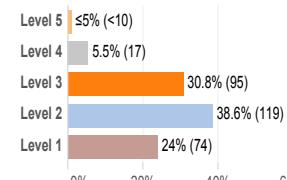
District: CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST (4520)

School Year: 2014-2015

State Assessment - 3rd Grade Reading



State Assessment - 3rd Grade Math

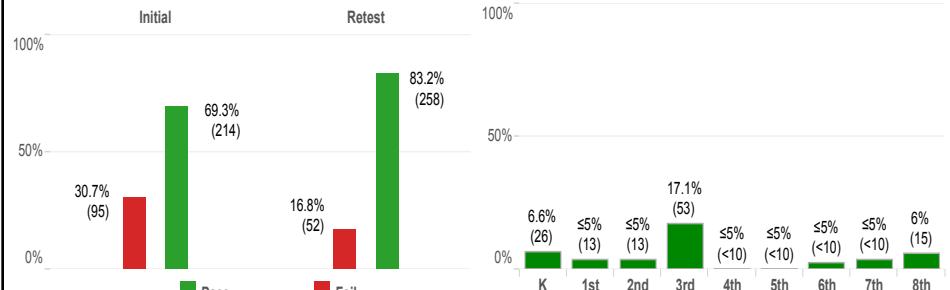


Levels 4 and 5 indicate proficiency.

3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment



Students Retained K-8th



Students Promoted by Good Cause Exemption

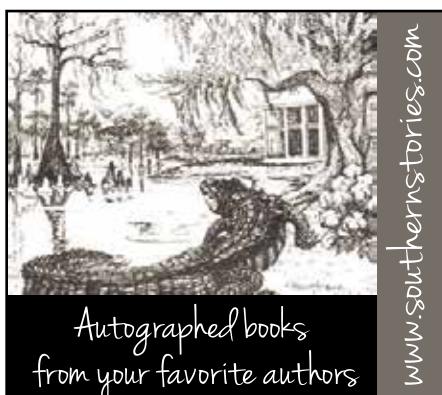
- A. Limited-English Proficiency with less than two Years in English Learner Program
- B. Students with disabilities for whom participation in statewide accountability system is not appropriate
- C. Students with disabilities receiving two years intensive remediation and previously retained
- D. Students tested on an alternative assessment (for 2014-2015 this is an alternate form of the 3rd Grade Summative Assessment)
- E. Students receiving two years intensive remediation and previously retained for two years

100% (0) TOTAL

Local School Board Promotion / Retention Policy:

<https://districtaccess.mde.k12.ms.us/curriculumandinstruction/LBPA/4520.pdf>

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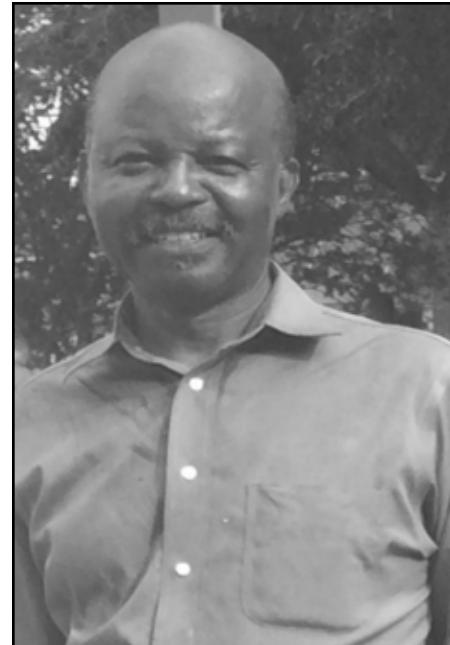
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A church with the community at heart

By Pastor Walter Veals

A question was asked in a leadership conference that if



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your church was to close its doors, would it matter to and within your community. Every church within its congregation should consider this question.

As pastor of the Greater Refuge Temple Church (GRT),

we carry the burden to affirmatively answer this particular question. Although not an easy task, the GRT Multipurpose has striven to minister to the whole man, spiritually and naturally. The GRT has provided employment, child-care services (both day care and after-school programing), a special events venue (facility rental, catering), an annual city-wide BBQ festival (giving away over \$4,000 in cash and prizes), a community prayer luncheon held every third Monday of the month, and a summer youth camp program.

The GRT Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith is a multicultural, multipurpose resource center that caters to the needs of all ethnicities and backgrounds. Although we are apostolic Pentecostal by faith and belief (Acts 2:38), the church and I have demonstrated the love of God by reaching across

denominational lines to find common ground to help educate our city's youth. By providing educational services to families, we believe we are doing what is necessary to help reduce poverty and crime in our great city of Canton.

God has given to every church the ability to help uplift our community. Contrary to popular belief, the church still matters. With the decline of moral standards in our nation, God's people in the church still have the answers to today's societal woes. We must strive together to help educate our children, so that we can have a better future for all.

***EDITOR'S NOTE:** Pastor Walter Veals is a native Mississippian who envisions a work to help uplift his community. At the ripe age of 70 years old (August 11), he is just now ready to roll up his sleeves taking on the monumental task of educating the city's youth.*

Martinez excels as Two Rivers' chef

By Dan Evans

Miguel Martinez, who came to the United States from Mexico,

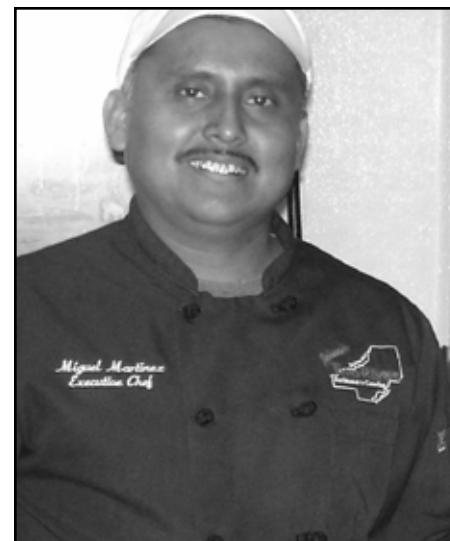


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15 years ago, is the executive chef at Two Rivers Restaurant. The owner, Johnny Stewart, personally trained Martinez in every kitchen job. Stewart said that he hired him because he was known to be a hard worker.

He proved to be just that.

His first job at Two Rivers was dishwasher. Due to his hard work and eagerness to learn, he was soon moved to food preparation. He excelled at that, and Stewart gave him more responsibilities. Stewart had been executive chef since the restaurant's inception, but saw that Martinez had the work ethic and desire to learn. Stewart trained Martinez for several years, eventually promoting him to executive chef, and turned the kitchen over to him.

Martinez said that "Life in Mexico, was very, very hard." His mother became blind and could no longer work, and his father also became ill. He began work at an early age to help support his family. One of his jobs was in a beef processing plant in Mexico. He said, "That's where I learned the different cuts of meat."

He said he came to the United States to improve his life and help his family. He worked at several jobs, including chicken processing plants. When he came to Two Rivers Restaurant, his life changed. His hard work and eagerness for knowledge was obvious to Stewart, and he was soon rewarded with more responsibility.

Martinez has a wife and two children. He happily said, "I own my home in Canton."

When asked what he prefers to eat, he said, "In Mexico, we lived near the coast, so we ate a lot of seafood." But with the help of his experience in the beef processing plant in Mexico, and with Johnny Stewart's tutelage on the grill, he learned to produce the succulent steaks the restaurant offers.

"I'm very happy to be here. Mr. Stewart has been a big help to me."

Know Your Neighbor: Julie Epps

By Jim Ritchie

She spent her childhood in Jackson, Tennessee, close enough to

in a first year law class of around a hundred students, she opted to



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Reelfoot Lake to accompany her entomologist father on fishing trips dodging cypress stumps in his little fishing boat and keeping a sharp eye out for the ever present water moccasons that frequented the lake. She opted to attend Ole Miss and major in English. Why Ole Miss? She says, "I don't know, since there were certainly no family ties, my father having graduated from Mississippi State." Meet Julie Epps, criminal defense lawyer, accomplished watercolor artist and former staff attorney for the Mississippi Capitol Defense Resource Center in Jackson. While working on her master's degree in English, she decided to switch and study law. One of only six women enrolled

concentrate in criminal defense, graduating in 1973. That decision led to a career not only in trying criminal cases, but specializing in appeals cases. Upon the advice of a contractor friend who had become enamored with an older home in Canton, she and her very large long-haired Rottweiler, Jagger, moved here and remodeled the home, which serves as her office. When asked if she might retire soon, she says, "Why quit something you love to do?" And when asked if she's pleased with the move to Canton, she says, "Yes." Asked why, she says she loves Canton for its small town atmosphere and friendly people. And maybe the absence of water moccasons?

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Immunization rates for MS help keep kids safe

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In the wake of recent U.S. outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles and pertussis, Mississippi children have remained safe, with one of the lowest rates of childhood diseases due to our strong immunization rates.

In 2015, 107 cases of measles – mainly in unvaccinated individuals – were linked to exposure at Disneyland, with cases crossing eight states. This April, closer to home, an outbreak of measles from a single unvaccinated person quickly spread through the Memphis area, causing seven of the 48 measles cases confirmed so far this year in the United States.

Through each of these and other outbreaks, Mississippi has remained measles-free, due to one of the highest immunization rates in the country. No cases of the measles have been reported in Mississippi since 1992.

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reminds parents that it is important to remember that childhood immunizations have a strong safety record, with far fewer side effects than the diseases they prevent.

"Immunization is a group effort that benefits the entire community," said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Thomas Dobbs. "When your child is immunized, not only does it protect

them, but it protects those children around them who cannot be immunized because of a medical condition or because they're too young."

Mississippi began a strong program of childhood immunizations in 1994 to bring the state up to national standards and has since become a national leader, with over ninety-nine percent of Mississippi kindergarteners fully up-to-date on their vaccinations.

The vaccination series required for children first entering a Mississippi school or kindergarten, some of which protect against multiple diseases include: DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis); IPV (polio); hepatitis B; MMR (measles, mumps and rubella); and varicella (chickenpox).

Because of evidence that the immunity from pertussis vaccination can decrease after a certain period of time, there is also now a requirement for children entering seventh grade to receive the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccination. In addition, human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal vaccinations (MCV4) are recommended for adolescents eleven to fifteen years of age.

For more information on immunization requirements or medical exemptions for school entry, visit www.HealthyMS.com/immunizations.

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From the mayor's desk

By Arnel D. Bolden, Mayor of Canton

I begin this month's article as a reflection of who we are as a city



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and the vision for our bright future ahead. As mayor, I am intimately familiar with the outstanding attributes that make our city so great to call home, and how others from outside our borders are paying closer attention. For instance, since my last article, we were listed in *House Beautiful* magazine as one of forty American towns you may not have heard of, but should visit ASAP. This is quite an honor to be listed in such a prestigious national publication. Also, as I look around, the positive spirit of the people who inhabit and have roots in our municipality is genuine and widely apparent. Several recent events I've attended, such as the Cantonian Ball in Detroit, MI and our local National Night

Out, have confirmed this truth.

I am honored yet humble to serve and continue to serve such a fine group of constituents. As many of you recall, prior to my election, my vision for our city included a seven-point plan of goals, which would be the foundation for what I hoped to work towards during my administration. These points were 1) Leadership, 2) Educational Improvement, 3) Economic Development, 4) Job Creation, 5) Community Development, 6) Government Resources, and 7) Healthcare Expansion. Quite recently, our Canton High School Tigers kicked off their football season with a tenacious spirit to hopefully bring home a championship. In that same vein, I will "kick-off" a series of informative updates for our readership next month to show the progress of our beloved city.

Canton can and Canton will be a prosperous and thriving community, and the foundation has been laid. Please remember that my door is always open. May God bless and keep each one of you.

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"Call before you dig" includes penalties next yr.

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During the 2016 legislative session, Senate Bill 2755, which added enforceable damage prevention rules to ensure the safety of all underground utility lines/pipelines, was signed into law. This includes transmission lines carrying energy products long distances in and out of state, as well as distribution lines delivering natural gas to businesses and households. Without these buried lines, the lives and livelihoods of Mississippians would be negatively impacted. When pipeline incidents occur, they can present significant risks to the public and the environment.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the Mississippi Public Service Commission (MPSC) are the federal and state agencies charged with the responsibility of pipeline safety regulation. Rickey Cotton, the head of MPSC Pipeline Safety Division, states, "Every second of the day, Mississippians are living, working and playing in close proximity to buried utility. By calling before you dig and respecting the marks, we are ultimately protecting our families, co-workers and friends." The Pipeline Safety Division also conducts safety inspections to ensure compliance with pipeline safety regulation.

Mississippi 811, Inc. serves as the link between persons who wish to dig (excavators) and those who own or operate the underground facilities (operators) in Mississippi. Prior to

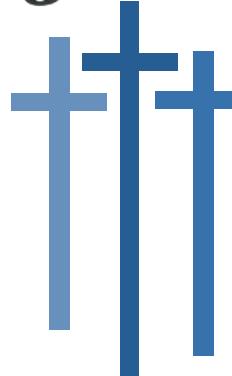
any activities which involve drilling, blasting, digging and/or boring, Mississippi 811 must be notified. Mississippi 811 will notify any affected member utility company (based on the geographic location of the dig site), who will then send a representative to the dig site and mark where the underground facilities are so that no lines/pipelines are impacted. This process could take up to 48 hours after notifying Mississippi 811. The newly-enacted law applies to all excavators, contractors, builders and private citizens.

Starting January 1, 2017, the law creates a system of enforcement/penalties and training for violations of dig laws. To avoid penalties, operators must become members of Mississippi 811 prior to January 2017. Central District Commissioner Cecil Brown, who serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner's subcommittee on Pipeline Safety, plans to work with industry leaders to ensure the safety of Mississippi's underground facilities.

People who may have questions about the new law should contact Mississippi 811 by dialing 811 or 1-800-227-6477.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was submitted by Alex Washington, Chief Policy Advisor for the Mississippi Public Service Commission-Central District.

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Safe Horse event set for Sept. 24 at Equine Center

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The Safe Horse Project is a partnership of equine organizations and volunteers who want to make a difference in the wel-

guards in place, not just for the sellers who want to keep their horses out of the slaughterhouse, but also for buyers.



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The Safe Horse Project is a partnership of equine organizations and volunteers who want to make a difference in the welfare of horses in Mississippi. Pictured, from left, Kenny Moore, Carolyn Moore, Charlie Crump with the Mississippi Animal Rescue League, Joy Dodson, publicity chairman, Stephanie Billingsley, with Mississippi Horse Rescue, Calypso a registered 15-year-old paint mare, Kelly Welch, auction chairman, Melanie McCrary co-chair.

fare of horses in Mississippi. The group is planning a safe horse auction and one day open shelter at the Equine Multipurpose facility in Canton on September 24. The event will give horse owners a safe alternative to traditional

auction houses, where kill buyers compete with people who are simply looking for a riding companion. Horse rescue organizations, veterinarians, farriers, feed representatives and trainers will be on site to help sellers as well as buyers. There will also be a tack sale at 10 a.m. Safe Horse event set for September 24 288A-7T-C-P that morning.

Kelly Welch, who is serving as auction chairman, became interested in the project because he feels there needs to be safe-

"I was in the auction business," he said, "and it was common to see horse traders sedating a horse to keep it calm until it was bought by an unsuspecting buyer. I've seen more people get out of the horse business altogether because they realize after they get the horse home that they were misled. It can cause you to become disillusioned with the whole process."

The Safe Horse Project team wants to encourage more people to join the ranks of horse owners, and they feel the best way to do that is to help people find the right horse that fits their experience level and lifestyle. That's not something that happens at traditional livestock auctions. For further information, visit: TheSafeHorseProject.org.

CHS Class of 1976 has celebration of 40th reunion



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The Canton High School Class of 1976 celebrated their 40th reunion July 29 -31. In addition to classmates from the area, members of the class of '76 attended from Michigan, Oregon, Georgia, Texas and Wisconsin.

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Amazing things happen when it's your time to shine

By Guest Columnist Kathy Amos

Everyone has a dream, whether it is big or small. But have you ever dreamed of something that was so incredible you knew it would



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take your full attention, a lot of energy and sacrifice to make it a reality? Let's

not mention all of the odds that are stacked up against you. Perhaps your dream is to become the CEO of your own business, but your current circumstances say you don't have the skills and finances to begin. Or maybe you want to become a homeowner, but your credit score isn't high enough or you, don't make enough income. At any rate, the odds are against you and you

must find a way to turn your current situation into a positive outcome.

The Bible tells us that Esther was an orphan who was raised by her cousin, Mordecai. She had no parents, but she had a great coach, mentor and teacher. She learned and grew until the time came for her to prepare for the next dimension of her life. Esther used the knowledge she gained from Mordecai, Hegai and her attendants to create a new life as a queen and a great leader in a place where she once only dreamed of living.

You can start that business or own your new home, but it starts with your decision to take what you know and learn how to grow.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Kathy Amos is a founding member of The John Maxwell Team and a certified coach, speaker and trainer. She serves as Executive Pastor of Turning Point Fellowship Ministries International Church, along with her husband.*

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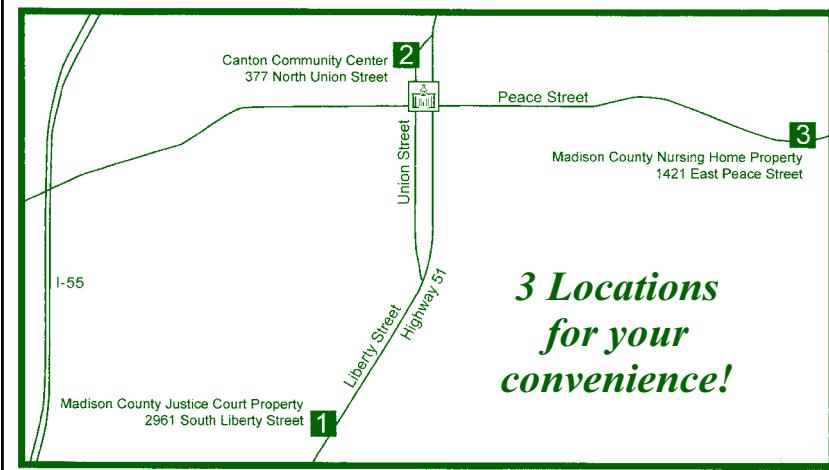
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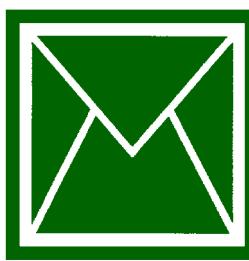
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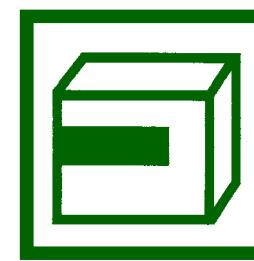
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Community votes for Best of Canton 2016



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The Canton Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of the Third Annual Best of Canton Party on August 25 at the Canton Multipurpose Complex. Paper ballots were placed in high traffic areas throughout the community during the month of July. Online voting was permitted as well.

The businesses showcased and the restaurants offered samples of their best for all to enjoy at the event. The Winners are:

1. Best Artist: Noel Webb – The Gallery
2. Best Employer: Canton Discount Drugs
3. Best Live Entertainment:

4. Best Local Business Owner: Erin Noble – Sulm's|The Gallery|K.Kouture
5. Best New Chamber Member: Jack's Italian Ice & Eatery
6. Best Customer Service: Canton Discount Drugs
7. Best Cleaners: Quality Cleaners
8. Best Retail: Sulm's|The Gallery|K.Kouture
9. Best Attorney or Accountant: Montgomery McGraw, PLLC
10. Best Auto Services: Kraft Auto Parts
11. Best Childcare Provider: Canton Academy
- Frazier Riddell – Small Town Music Etc.|The Cotton Gin
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22. Best Real Estate Agent: JD Johnson Realty & Investment
23. Best Casual Dining: Marlo's Backyard BBQ
24. Best Caterer: Penn's Restaurant
25. Best Event Venue: The Country Club of Canton
26. Best Quick Service: Wendy's
27. Best Restaurant: Two Rivers
28. Best Hotel or B and B: Hampton Inn
29. Best Special Event: Victorian Christmas (Canton Convention & Visitor's Bureau)

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Protect the latchkey kids by planning for safety

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Youngsters who take care of themselves for a few hours each day while parents are away are called "latchkey kids." In some communities, half of all children age five to thirteen spend part of their day at home alone. When school resumes each year, numerous parents return to work outside the home, and more children become latchkey kids.

To help protect children at home alone, American Medical Response urges parents to eliminate certain household hazards and teach their children how to stay safe.

Stan Alford, operations manager with AMR in the Jackson area, said, "Latchkey children are at greater risk than those supervised by adults to suffer a serious injury, become victimized or engage in delinquent behavior. Proper planning, emphasizing safety, will help protect boys and girls on their own at home. There are laws against leaving children under a certain age at home alone, and it's a crime in every state to leave a child in a dangerous situation. So, first of all, parents have to comply with such laws."

"Next, ask yourself if your child has the judgment to stay at home alone safely," Alford said. "There is no age at which children suddenly are able to deal with the challenges of being home alone. Some younger kids are more mature and responsible than older children. Parents must assess each child individually and see how well he or she retains the parent's safety instructions. It's wise to build up gradually the time the child is at home alone."

Parents who adopt the latchkey lifestyle must tend to these safety issues:

- Check your home thoroughly for safety risks. Eliminate the risks, or teach the child to avoid them. For example, you might teach the child never to use the stove, but, instead, to use the microwave. If there is a gun the house, be sure it is in a locked cabinet which only grown-ups can open.
- Post a list of emergency numbers in each cell telephone and on or next to every ground line phone in the home. Teach the child when and how to call 911.

- Be sure each child knows his or her full name, complete home address and home phone number, your full name, the exact name of the place where you work and your work phone number.

- Develop and practice fire escape plans. Involve the whole family in designing and practicing your escape plan. Child-friendly how-to advice is free at www.sparky.org or www.nfpa.org.

- Require your children to take the same route to and from school each day. Walk that route with the children more than once, to be sure they know the way. Counsel them to come directly home. If possible, have them walk with friends.

- To know your child's whereabouts at all times, use a cell phone app such as GPS Phone Tracker. Developed by Family Safety Productions, it's free at Google Play.

- Establish a check-in routine, so a responsible adult knows of the child's arrival home. If your child checks in with you at work, develop a back-up system, in case you are unavailable.

- Discuss with your children how to respond to strangers. Practice with your child to shout "No!" if approached by a stranger, then to get away from him or her and immediately tell a trusted adult.

- Don't let children carry bags or other items with their names on them. Don't let them wear keys in a visible place. Be sure keys don't have a name and address on them.

- Assemble an age-appropriate first-aid kit, with your child's help. Teach your child how to use its contents, such as band-aids.

- Practice with the children about how they would handle different situations, such as:

- They lose their key.
- What to do if they think they are being followed.

- The door is open when they first get home, or a window is broken.

- Someone they don't know or expect knocks at the door or calls by phone.

- How to answer the telephone without letting callers know they are alone.

- They receive a prank telephone call.

- A sibling gets injured or feels sick.

Nurturing our community, one student at a time

By Cassandra Williams, CPSD Superintendent

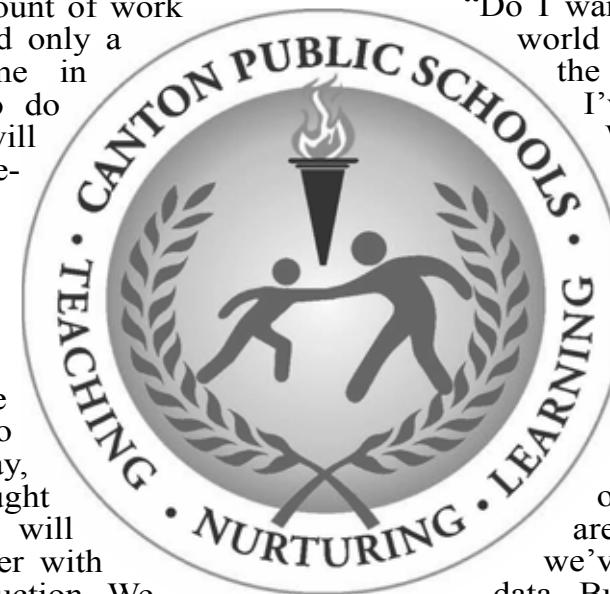
I am delighted to begin the 2016-2017 school year! With the new school year comes an enormous level of excitement. We are beginning a new year with a fresh start and a brand new horizon to anticipate. We know that we have a tremendous amount of work to do and only a little time in which to do it. We will focus specifically on how we are teaching. It will not be enough to simply say, "I've taught it". We will dig deeper with our instruction. We will ensure that we reach all students, whether they are performing on grade level, below grade level, or above grade level. That's what teaching really means.

Our greatest resources are our communities. We have a responsibility to the city of Canton as employees of Canton Public School District. Our responsibility is to shape the lives of young boys and girls so that they will graduate fully ready to compete with other students in college and other adults in the workforce. What we do with the boys and girls of Canton impacts the state, the nation, and the world. Simply put, teaching can't be just a job. Teaching is a calling. Our purpose will be based on the

concept that what we do with the children that we see every day will help shape the city, the state, the nation, and the world. We must ask ourselves these questions at the end of every day: "Am I proud of how I shaped the world today?" and, "Do I want to live in a world that is led by the children that I've taught?" We want the best for our students, and wanting the best for them means that we must have high expectations. We know where our struggles are because we've seen our data. But we see our

struggles as a challenge. It will be our mission to do what some people say we cannot. We know that we will do it.

Our district's new motto is "Nurturing our Community: One Student at a Time". The city depends on us. The state depends on us. The nation depends on us. The world depends on us. Our children depend on us.



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CGMA awards winners

By Cynthia Goodloe Palmer

The Canton Gospel Music Association recently awarded music scholarships to 13 students at the 13th annual Scholarship Awards and Gospel Music Celebration held on August 28. This was the largest number of scholarships awarded in one year since the organization was founded in 2004.

The scholarship "Hall of Fame" was established in 2005, which honors music legends and recognizes individuals who have been influential in the area of music in Madison County. Scholarships are awarded to students in honor of the following individuals: George Barnes, Rev. Curtis Brown, James Harris, Desiree Hart, Phillip Horn, Claude "Bubba" Nichols, Lucille Nichols Smith, Tommie Travis,

Rembert Washington, Samuel Whisenton, Flonzie Brown Wright. In 2015, two new scholarships were established in honor of Sister Thea Bowman and Vincent Randolph Watson.

Each year, students are awarded music scholarships to assist in paying for their music lessons or to high school graduating seniors. This year, scholarships were awarded to the following students: Collin Fortenberry, Chandler Greenwood, Mariah Harris, Inesha Jackson, Matthew Jordan, Paige May, Kendell Miller, Kayla Olive, Isaac Ratliff, Isaiah Smith, Leila Slaughter and Wendalyn Towner.

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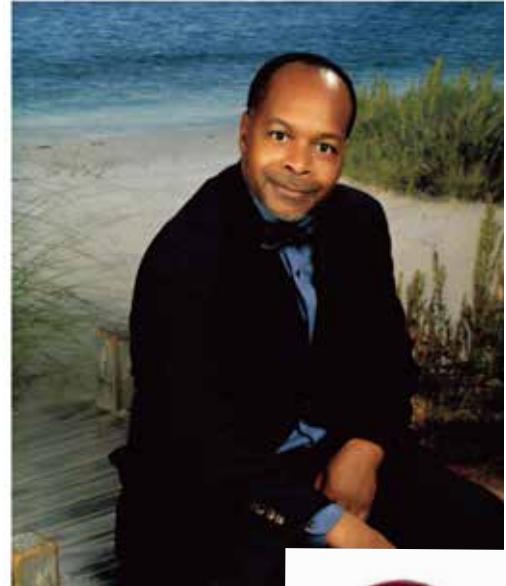
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- ✓ I am the owner/agent of Lacy's Insurance Agency, LLC in Canton Mississippi since 1990 to present
- ✓ I am presently serving on Canton Planning Board from 2003 to present
- ✓ I have served on Canton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 2012 to 2013
- ✓ I have served as President of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Canton Chapter, where we mentor young men in Elementary and Middle Schools in Canton Public Schools and Madison County Schools
- ✓ I have served on McKinley Theological Seminary Board of Directions in Jackson Mississippi from 2007 to 2011
- ✓ I am a graduate of Velma Jackson High School Class of 1973
- ✓ Attended Jackson State University and Oklahoma City University majoring in Business Administration

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Use of ENDS increases nicotine exposure

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Recently, Mississippi State Health Officer Mary Currier, MD, MPH, joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in calling electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), including electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), devices which increase nicotine exposure and which are not safe alternatives to smoking. ENDS and other devices that are used to deliver heated nicotine should be considered drug delivery systems. Nicotine, which is found in tobacco, is highly addictive.

"We know that more research on ENDS and similar products must still be done. There is not enough information on the effects of using ENDS for us to ensure the health and safety of all Mississippians," Currier said. "Nicotine use is known to have adverse health effects, and preliminary stud-

ies show that e-cigarette use leads to cigarette consumption."

The primary use of ENDS is to heat liquid nicotine and inhale its vapor, commonly referred to as "vaping". Liquid nicotine and other substances in ENDS increase exposure to nicotine and are hazardous to your health. The tobacco industry focuses its efforts on persuading a new generation of people – especially youth – into using ENDS. The use of ENDS by youth has increased rapidly since 2010.

ENDS, including e-cigarettes, are not an approved Food and Drug Administration (FDA) smoking cessation aid. In Mississippi, there have been over 40 cases of nicotine exposure related to e-cigarettes reported to the Mississippi Poison Control Center in the last five years. Although ENDS are now reg-

ulated by the FDA, consumers and their families are still exposed to unknown levels of nicotine, chemicals, metals and other impurities, both in e-liquids and their vapor.

"There is absolutely no way to know what additives are contained in liquid nicotine," adds Currier. "Much more research is needed regarding the health impacts of those exposed to ENDS vapor."

ENDS use can lead to traditional cigarette use and nico-

tine addiction. The liquids are manufactured in a variety of flavors, such as bubble gum, cotton candy and many others, making their use enticing to children and youth. These flavors and the use of marketing terms such as "e-juice" further mislead youth and adults into believing that these products are harmless and safe for consumption.

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Dane opening October 10

By Susie A. Wolfe

"God is my judge" is the meaning of the word "dane," according to Carol White, who, along with her husband Doug, are the own-

son, bought the 159 Peace Street building from JD Johnson Realty because "I fell in love with the Square 20 years ago riding



Photo by The Canton News

ers of Dane, the newest retailer on the Historic Canton Square. They are set to open October 10. She sought a one-word name with a distinctive meaning, as she seeks unique pieces for her "eclectic mixture of old and contemporary" products.

"My creativity is a God-given passion," said White, "that I will use in every area of the new store. We will have unique gifts for any occasion, including a wedding registry."

Dane will carry one-of-a-kind furniture, many made of reclaimed wood; home accessories; lighting; men's accessories; baby items; women's clothing; cowhide rugs; collegiate items; down-filled Turkish pillows; china and Peepers reading glasses.

The Whites, who are from Madison and also own four Capitol Body Shops around Jack-

through town. I told my husband then, that I wanted a store here."

White is an interior designer who has bought and sold antiques for 37 years, plus she and her husband have renovated houses and businesses, and understand what is involved. Doug even served as the sub-contractor of the building that was once a saloon, cotton broker and grocery store.

"Doug wanted the final product to be the best," said White "so we couldn't open until we were satisfied with the results. After an in-depth renovation, we salvaged as much of the original E & A Hesdorffer 1902 material as possible, like the original elevator, floor trusses and brick walls. I even have an old grocery cart."

"I love the Canton Square, and hope my store and others will draw shoppers back to town," White said.

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CPSD starts mentor program

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In the 2016-2017 school year, Superintendent Cassandra Williams envisions a district where members of the community,

pilot program to be implemented in the two middle schools and the ninth grade academy at the high school. After reviewing the first



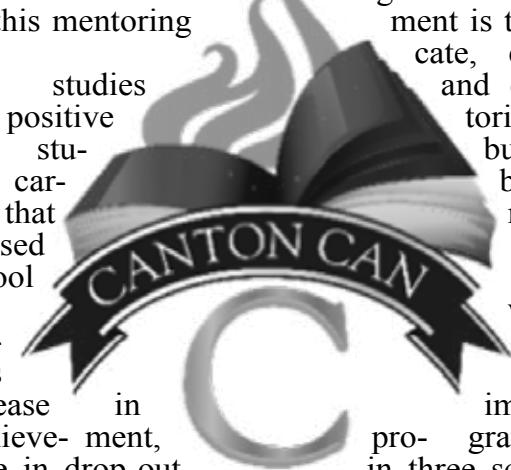
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Members of the CPSD Community Advisory Board (CAB), shown at the first meeting, standing, left to right, Isadore Harris, Victoria Johnson, Toya Veals, Veda Archie, Georgia Sims, Rev. Ronald Middleton, Juanita Sims Doty, Pearl Wales Peyton, Christy Bearden, Hurstine Watts, Yvonne Tate Anderson, and Rev. Charlie Smith. Sitting, left to right, Johnny Brown, school board chairman and honorary chairman; Cassandra Williams, superintendent; Jimmie Mae Goodloe, former school board member and honorary chairman of the CAB; Mayor Arnel Bolden, honorary chairman; and Dorothy Harris, school board member.

CPSD alumni members, the business community, and service and civic organizations become caring mentors for students in the district. The Community Advisory Board (CAB) has been meeting with Williams for months, and the school board has approved this mentoring initiative.

Countless studies have shown positive outcomes of students having caring mentors that include increased student school attendance, which ultimately leads to an increase in academic achievement, and a decrease in drop-out rates.

The I!CAN Mentor WE!CAN Mentor program is multi-faceted, where the community and faith-based organizations will take ownership of this initiative. It envisions members of the community and/or community organizations embracing the students and families by becoming mentors. The first year will be a



year evaluations and making any adjustments and modifications, it is anticipated that all schools in the CPSD will become a part of the I!CAN Imagine Mentoring Movement.

The overall goal of the I!CAN Imagine Mentoring Movement is to empower, educate, engage, execute and evaluate a mentoring program that builds a coalition between the community and its school district to help enhance the whole student.

The working strategy is to implement the pilot program the first year in three schools and begin the expansion to include all schools in the CPSD in the following years.

The entire City of Canton is encouraged to join and support this mentoring program. Contact Dr. Juanita Sims Doty at 601-366-8309/jsimsdoty@gmail.com or Dr. Karla McCullough at mccullough.karla@gmail.com with questions.

MS Discount Drugs offer free med sync and vitamins

By Susie A. Wolfe

Mississippi Discount Drugs (MDD) has two locations in Canton, 195 East Peace Street and 276 Nissan Parkway, which opened

blended experience in the independent pharmacy business. "We have extensive medical and gift products, as well as U.S. Post

a free medication synchronization service that improves adherence and provides quality care. "Med Sync" allows patients to pick

each month.

"We also offer assistance in selecting the best Medicare Part D plan," said Murphy. "Often, patients are confused about which plan is best to meet their specific needs."

MDD, a Good Neighbor Pharmacy, provides free delivery and drive-through pick up at both locations, and has computer interface between stores to allow customers to use either one. Prescriptions can also be refilled online.

To promote health and well-being, MDD offers a free vitamin program that allows residents to receive a free multivitamin for adults and children each month. A daily 81 mg aspirin is also available through that program.

Hours of operation include 8-6 Monday – Friday for the Nissan Parkway location, and 8-7 M-F, plus 8-6 on Saturday and 1-5 on Sunday at the Peace Street store.

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in 2010. The original downtown location opened in 1969.

"Convenience and service are our focus," said owner/manager Michael Murphy, who, along with his business partner/pharmacist David Berry, have 63 years com-

Office and Western Union services."

MDD has 24 employees, including eight pharmacists and seven technicians. The technicians work with assisted living facilities from Tupelo to Biloxi to provide

up all their ongoing prescription refills at the pharmacy on a single day each month and work closely with the pharmacist on sticking to their medication regimen. A packet with the medications by day and time is provided to each patient

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Travel safely to school

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Whether on foot, on a bicycle or in a bus, children need specific knowledge and skills to avoid getting hurt going to school and back home. Stan Alford, operations manager for American Medical Response in the Jackson area, advises parents to teach their children specific rules to stay safe when traveling to or from school.

School buses: While school buses are the safest way for children to travel to and from school, nearly 12,000 children are injured, and twenty die each year in school bus accidents. Most children injured and killed in school bus accidents are harmed while getting on and off the bus, not while riding.

Getting on or off the bus: Stay out of the "danger zone" around the bus. That zone is ten feet wide all the way around the bus (for little children, about six "giant steps"). At that distance from the bus, the driver can see a child. If you drop something near the bus, signal the driver, and tell him or her. Never try to pick it up first because the driver may not be able to see you. Always stay away from the wheels of the bus. Hold on to the hand rail, and that also applies to getting off the bus. Never assume other vehicles have stopped for the school bus. Keep watching for other vehicles as you walk in front of the bus.

Getting to the bus stop: Parents should walk smaller children to their stop. Each child should be dressed in contrasting bright colors. Leave home early enough to avoid running to the bus; running to the bus can be dangerous. Older children should watch the younger ones closely.

Children walking or standing in groups are easier for drivers to see than one child alone.

Waiting for the bus to arrive: Always stand at least ten feet from the curb or edge of the road. Do not run or play while waiting for the bus. Do not take anything out of backpacks while waiting, so that nothing gets dropped or blows away in the wind.

Getting on the bus: Be sure

the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver. Enter the bus in a single file, with the younger children first. Never walk behind the bus. Go straight to a seat.

While the bus is in motion: Stay seated, facing forward. Keep your hands to yourself. Talk quietly. Don't talk at all at railroad crossings, so the driver can listen closely for sounds of a train. Do not distract the driver. Keep the aisles clear. Do not block emergency exits with sports equipment or big musical instruments.

Getting off the school bus: If you have to cross the street, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus until you can turn around and see the driver. Make sure the bus driver can see you. Wait for a signal from the bus driver before beginning to cross. When the bus driver signals for you to cross, walk across the road while also keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes. If you leave something on the bus, never go back to get it. The bus may already be moving, and the driver might not see the child.

Walking to school: Always walk on the sidewalk when one is available. Cross the street only at intersections or street corners. Before you begin to cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to spot oncoming cars. If no cars are coming, it is safe for you to cross, but continue looking left-right-left as you cross. Walk, don't run. Do not dart into the street between parked vehicles.

Riding a bicycle to school: Always wear a helmet when riding your bicycle. Make sure that your helmet fits correctly. Ride on the right side of the road in the same direction other vehicles are going. If two or more bikers are together, ride one behind the other, not side by side. Come to a complete stop before crossing streets. Make sure clothes, shoes and the bicycle have reflective materials, so drivers can see you more easily.

For more information on back to school safety, visit the National Safety Council website, www.nsc.org.

MDE seeks public input for MS State Education

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The Mississippi Department of Education has announced a schedule of public meeting dates for the Mississippi Succeeds Listening Tour, designed to gather public feedback for Mississippi's plan to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the federal law that replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

"In the coming weeks, we will be connecting with stakeholders statewide to gather their feedback on the types of changes they would like to see that would better inform them on whether students and their schools are successful. We want to hear from a variety of stakeholders, including educators, parents, students, businesses and community organizations. We will use this feedback as we prepare a comprehensive state plan to submit to the U.S. Department of Education," said Dr. Carey Wright, state superintendent of education.

ESSA is the latest version of the nation's main K-12 law that has a longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students. The law aims to scale back the hands-on federal role in elementary and secondary education found in the NCLB legislation.

All states must examine the law and ensure they meet the

requirements of the law. The areas that will be addressed in the statewide meetings include:

- * Accountability and school quality;
- * Measures of student success;
- * School and district report cards, including specific metrics such as subgroup (race, English learners, economic status, etc.) results at the school and district level;
- * Teacher and leader quality; and
- * School improvement strategies.

Mississippi's plan for ESSA will reflect many of the state's educational priorities stated in the Mississippi State Board of Education's 5-Year Strategic Plan. The Board's strategic plan focuses on student growth and proficiency, high-quality classroom instruction and school leadership, every student graduating ready for college and career, high-quality early learning opportunities, effective use of data, and supporting low-performing schools and districts.

The Jackson meeting has been set for Thursday, September 29, at the Jackson State University Research and Development Center. Each date will have two meetings, one beginning at 3:30 p.m. and the other at 6 p.m.

For more information and to register for the regional meetings, visit www.mdek12.org.



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Blood supply short, more donors needed

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The end of summer is not a relief for some. The blood shortage crisis that plagued the country in the beginning of the summer has gotten worse, and blood supplies for many blood banks, hospitals and medical centers are now at critical levels.

Adding fuel to the fire, the Zika

University Nevada, National Blood Donation Week unites all states and blood banks all across America. In 2014, Wachs joined forces with United Blood Services and the American Red Cross to create Nevada Blood Donation Day; and its success led to the creation of the



crisis is preventing many people who usually donate blood to wait at least a month, following the February FDA deferral recommendations. And, recently, multiple Florida counties have halted blood donation entirely due to a confirmed local transmission of the virus.

National Blood Donation Week was created for this reason. The first full week of September, the fourth through the tenth, is National Blood Donation Week. Created by Dr. Daliah Wachs, a family physician, nationally syndicated radio personality and assistant professor at Tou-

ro University Nevada, National Blood Donation Week unites all states and blood banks all across America. In 2014, Wachs joined forces with United Blood Services and the American Red Cross to create Nevada Blood Donation Day; and its success led to the creation of the

campaign to create state blood donation days in every state. Recently, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant declared September 10 Mississippi Blood Donation Day. September 10 is also National Blood Donation Day.

Blood donation only takes about 10-15 minutes, and all blood is screened prior to delivery to the blood banks.

Any and all blood types are welcome. A, B, AB and O blood types will be gratefully received by blood banks throughout the United States. To host a drive or donate blood, visit: www.MSBlood.com.

Canton Academy 2016 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Site	Opponent	Time
Friday, August 12	Away	Jamboree(TCA)	TBA
Friday, August 19	Away	Leake	7:00
Friday, August 26	Home	Trinity Episcopal	7:00
Friday, September 2	Away	East Rankin	7:00
Friday, September 9	Home	Newton	7:00
Friday, September 16	Away	Greenville Christian*	7:00
Friday, September 23	Home	Central Holmes*	7:00
Friday, September 30	Home	Benton*	7:00 *Homecoming
Friday, October 7	Away	Clinton Christian*	7:00
Friday, October 14	Away	TCA*	7:00
Friday, October 21	Away	Greenville St. Joe	7:00
Friday, October 28	Away	1st Round of Play Offs	7:00

Marketplace held first Saturday in Canton



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The Marketplace Festival is a free public market event that is held the first Saturday of each month on the Square. Various product vendors and service providers offer food, arts, entertainment, educational recreational and ministries. The next Marketplace event will be held Saturday, September 3.

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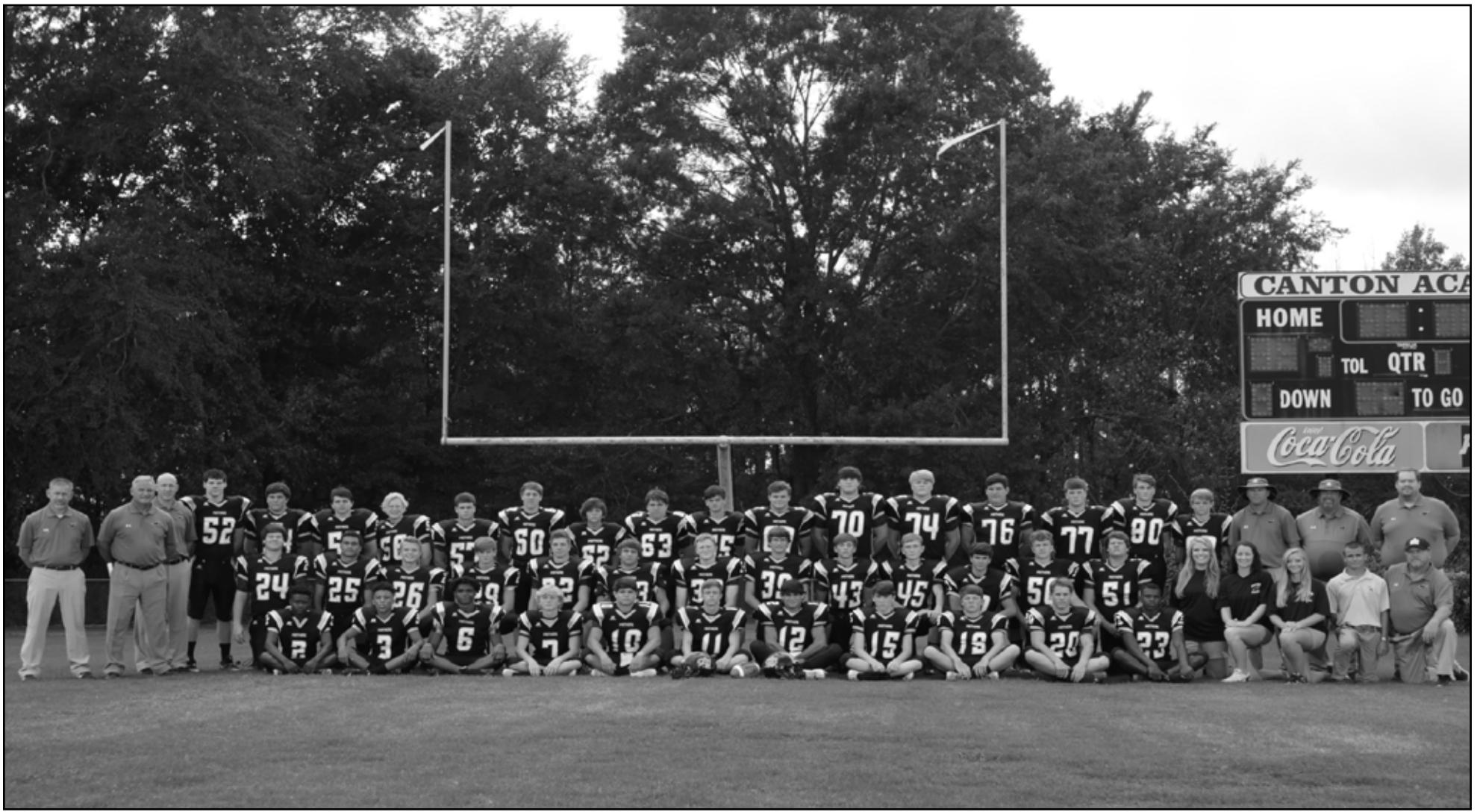
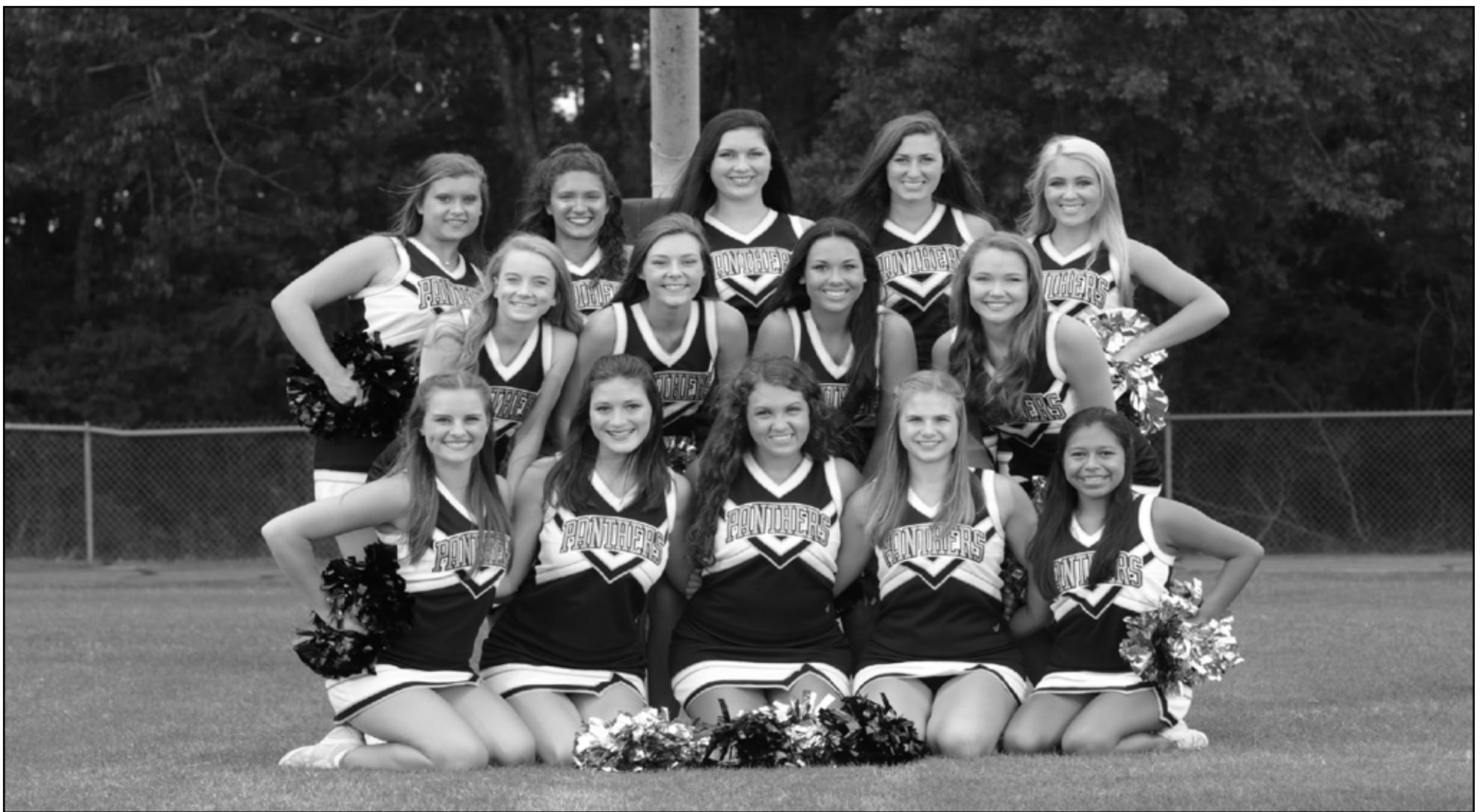
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September 2 | Yazoo City | Home , September 9 | Leake Central | Home , September 16 | Open , September 23 | Ridgeland | Away, September 30 | Holmes County | Home *Homecoming October 7 | Neshoba Central | Away, October 14 | Grenada | Home, October 21 | Vicksburg | Away , October 28 | Germantown | Home , November 4 | Lanier | Away

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Leroy Lacy announces run for District 5 election commissioner

By Leroy Lacy

I am Leroy Lacy, and I am running for the position of Election Commissioner, Madison County District 5. Before I tell you why I feel I have the qualifications for the position, I would like to share a little bit about myself. I served as Election Commissioner from 2004 to 2015. I served as chairman of the Election Commissioner, on the Board of Directors for the Election Commissioner Association of Mississippi (ECAM), and Assistant Vice-President of Legislation, at the State Capitol in 2012.

As chairman of the Election Commissioner of Madison County, parties were brought together to allow the Election Commissioners to assist them in running their elections with

signed contracts: this was the first time this had been done. I also assisted the cities of Madison County with their elections, enabling them to also get signed contracts. While serving as Assistant Vice-President of Legislation, I assisted in working with the House of Representatives and the Senate and was successful in helping pass a bill to increase poll workers' pay from \$70 per

day to \$125 per day. Further, I assisted in getting a bill passed that would pay the receiving and returning managers' mileage from the precinct to the courthouse. Because of my hard work and dedication, in 2015, I was voted full Vice-President of Legislation and continued to work on bills to help the election process.

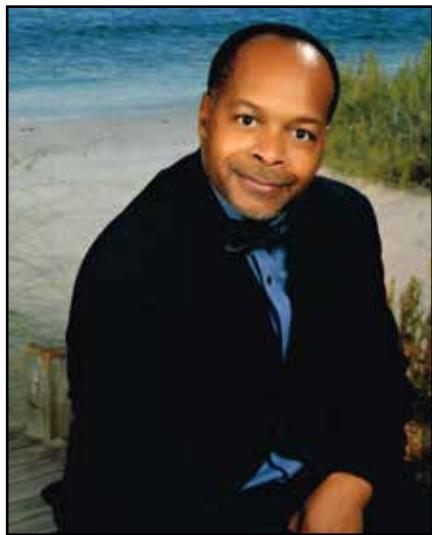


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These positions have helped me to gain a sense of what it takes to be an Election Commissioner. If re-elected, I will train and take voting machines to senior citizen's homes, churches, civil clubs, high schools and middle schools, to help them become familiar with the electronic voting process. I plan to work to keep the Madison County voter's roll purged, educate voters on the voting process, and train poll workers thoroughly for voting day as well as work with all of the Election Commissioners to

ensure that all voters receive a good voting experience on Election Day. I will work to move Madison County's election process forward for all citizens and work with our circuit clerk and fellow commissioners to make the voting experience one of the best in the state. I believe in keeping the community informed on the election process. Therefore, I will use my experience to work hard for fair and honest elections.

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