



THE CANTON NEWS

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

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

Good News You Can Use • November 1, 2018 • Vol. 4, No. 11 • Canton, Mississippi

Nissan celebrates 15 years and all-new Altima

Special to The Canton News

In addition to celebrating their fifteen-year anniversary, the Canton Nissan Vehicle Assembly Plant also recently celebrated the start of production of the all-new 2019 Nissan Altima.

"This is a great day for Nissan and the Canton plant," said Philip Calhoun, vice president, Manufacturing, Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant. "As we celebrate fifteen years of manufacturing in Mississippi, more than four million vehicles produced, and now, the all-new Altima, we have much to be excited about."

Building on twenty-five years of success and more than 5.6 million sales to date, company



Special to The Canton News

Nissan employees celebrate the start of production of the all-new 2019 Nissan Altima. The automobile is one of five models produced at the Canton plant.

officials report that the all-new Altima is bringing excitement back to the mid-size sedan seg-

ment with expressive styling, an uplifting interior and two new engines. Altima is also the

first Nissan sedan in the U.S. available with Intelligent All-

cont. on page 2

School accountability results show huge jump

Special to The Canton News

Two of Canton's public schools increased their accountability ratings this year, with one school making an enormous leap. Canton Elementary, which was rated an "F" for the 2016-17 school year, jumped to a "B" rating in the results of the 2017-18 scores. Goodloe Elementary also improved by a large degree, from a "D" to a "B."

The Canton Ninth Grade Academy earned an individual "A" rating, sharing a joint "C" rating with Canton High School. The high school rating remained unchanged from last year.

Reuben Myers and McNeal Elementary Schools both have "D" ratings, also unchanged from last year; and middle schools Huey Porter and Nichols both declined in ratings, with Huey

Porter moving from a "C" to a "D," and Nichols moving from a "D" to an "F."

The overall rating for the Canton Public School District is a "D," the same as last year.

The Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) approved letter grades for schools and districts last month based on Mississippi's A-F accountability system that evaluates how schools and districts performed in the 2017-18 school year.

The A-F grading system is set by State law, and is designed to inform parents and communities how well their schools are educating students.

Accountability grades are

based, in part, on how well students perform and progress from year to year on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) tests for English language arts (ELA) and Mathematics. The tests are aligned to the Mississippi College and Career Ready Standards and are

administered annually to students in grades 3-8 and in high school.

"The 2017-18 accountability grades reflect the hard work that our teachers and school leaders do each day on behalf of their students," said Dr. Jason Dean, Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) chair. "Mississippi students have achieved un-

precedented outcomes in recent years, and these grades prove they can meet, and exceed, high expectations."

The grading system considers several indicators, including how well students perform on state tests, whether students are showing improvement on those tests from year to year and whether students are graduating on time. The system also factors in how well schools are helping their lowest achieving students make progress toward proficiency.

Along with the release of accountability grades, the MDE launched the new Mississippi Succeeds Report Card, an interactive online tool designed to help parents and communities more easily evaluate schools across the state. The tool in-

cont. on page 17

See our related article, "Understanding the Accountability System," on page 20.



Cancer/Genomics Testing

Hereditary genetic testing looks for specific inherited changes in a person's genetic make-up. Proper genetic testing can be used to determine an individual's risk for cancer. Let us expedite the process to get you started. Stop by our store today to discuss further with one of our pharmacists.

Stacey Cauthen Sanders
& Bill Mosby

8:30-6:00 M-F
8:30-12:30 Sat

1301 East Peace Street, Canton 39046
601-859-4212



Canton Academy crowns 2018 Homecoming Queen



Photo courtesy of Michelle Foreman

Jenson Williams was recently crowned Canton Academy Homecoming Queen. She was escorted by her father and CA Athletic Director Ben Williams.

cont. from front page

Nissan celebrates 15 yrs. in Canton and new Altima

Wheel Drive and advanced Nissan Intelligent Mobility features, including ProPILOT Assist.

"The thriving automotive industry in Mississippi started with Nissan over fifteen years ago, and we celebrate with the entire

Vehicle Assembly Plant, where production began in August 2018. The all-new model will arrive in dealer showrooms in the U.S. this fall.

The Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant is celebrating fifteen years

NISSAN

Nissan team on today's launch," said Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant. "The all-new Altima embodies the success of Mississippi in leading the world in bringing cutting-edge technologies to market through advanced manufacturing."

The sixth-generation Altima is being built at Nissan Canton and at Nissan's Smyrna, Tennessee,

of manufacturing operations in 2018. The plant employs more than 6,500 people and has built more than four million vehicles since opening in 2003.

Nissan Canton currently produces five models: Altima, Murano, Frontier, TITAN and TITAN XD, and NV Cargo and NV Passenger vans.

Mississippi Discount Drugs



www.msdiscountdrugs.com



**We can also handle
your postal needs
7 days a week**

8:00 am - 7:00 pm weekdays

With two convenient locations in Canton:

195 E. Peace Street | 276 Nissan Parkway | 601.859.3939 | 877.727.4780



CANCER GENOMICS TESTING

Hereditary genetic testing looks for specific inherited changes in a person's genetic make-up. Proper genetic testing can be used to determine an individual's risk for cancer. Let us expedite the process to get you started. Stop by our store today to discuss further with one of our pharmacists.



Total average savings of \$763*
Let me show you how combining home and auto policies can really add up. Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.*
CALL FOR A QUOTE 24/7



Joel D. Dabbs, Agent
601-667-4667
www.joeldabbs.com

State Farm



P.O. Box 1163
Canton, MS 39048
601-667-4667

press
PUBLICATION

Volume 4, Issue 11
Circulation 14,000

Publisher
Clay Mansell
ClayMansell@CantonNews.net

Managing Editor
Stephanie Tracy
601-667-4667 x5
News@CantonNews.net

Sales Representatives
Leon Whitehead
601-667-4667 X3
Suselyn Bennett
601-667-4667 X4

Graphic Designer / Layout
Megan Smith
Designer@CantonNews.net

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

For submission information, email
news@cantonnnews.net

Copyright © 2018. All rights reserved.
Materials may not be reproduced in whole or in part without the written permission of the publisher.
For republishing of any article, please contact the editor.

www.cantonnnews.net

Know Your Neighbor: Wallace Dabbs

By Guest Columnist Jim Ritchie



Special to The Canton News

He's adamant about it. Emphatically, ardently adamant about it. He will NOT, repeat NOT own, use, or become addicted to a computer. And that goes for a smart phone, too. He uses a flip-open \$6 cell phone and a Smith-Corona typewriter. The cell phone does exactly what he wants, which is to talk on it, and that's all. The only problem with the typewriter is that he can no longer find print ribbons for it.

Meet Wallace Dabbs, newspaper reporter, editor, owner and columnist, building contractor, baseball player, oil field worker, acquaintance of state governors and legislators, U.S. senators, congressmen and presidents, book author and Mississippi's first Press Secretary to the State Governor.

Born in Becker, Mississippi, Dabbs attended school in Columbus, graduated from Lee High School and attended the University of South Carolina, where he played on the university's baseball team. After his freshman year there, he transferred to Ole Miss, because "South Carolina was too far from home." Having completed a plethora of journalism courses at Ole Miss, he accepted a job with the *Clarion-Ledger* as police reporter at a salary of ten dollars per day (and no benefits).

"That was the best job I ever

had," he says. "I loved it. It was here that I received one of the best pieces of advice I ever got. One of the old heads at the paper told me to report what I saw - paint a word picture." He left the *Clarion-Ledger* to become the managing editor of the *Commercial Dispatch* in Columbus for a year, then returned to the *Clarion-Ledger* as a full-fledged reporter, where he was on the road on occasion for two or three weeks at a time covering, among other things, the civil rights movement. During this time, he earned the reputation among politicians as one who reported facts and who kept his word when he was given "off the record" information, and this esteem aided him in gaining access to an impressive array of famous and powerful people.

There is no way to begin here to tell the stories that rolled off his memory as he was interviewed for this article, but fascinating tales involving names, among others, of Senators Jim Eastland and John Stennis, Governors J.P. Coleman, John Bell Williams and Bill Waller, Congressmen Tom Abernathy, Jamie Whitten and Bill Colmer, Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant, and Robert Kennedy and his brother were spellbinding. Wallace says, "I probably am the last man standing in Mississippi who knew on a personal basis John F. Kennedy before and after he became President."

After this stint with the *Clarion-Ledger*, he became the editor and part owner of a weekly newspaper in Indianola, and, three years later, he received a call from Brad Dye (who was later to become Lieutenant Gover-

nor for three terms). Dye offered Wallace the position of the newly-formed Press Secretary to the Governor, serving under Governor John Bell Williams. He served here for Williams' term and then entered the construction business.

Wallace moved to Canton because he "liked small towns and the Canton golf course and folks like Robbie Webb and Charlie Riddell." His book *Stories From The South Country - A Reporter's Journey* completely sold out and is out of print now. This writer is fortunate to own a copy and is fervently lobbying Wallace to write another one. If he does, I'll be first in line to pick up my copy.

He'll be soon be writing again on his Smith-Corona typewriter. After interviewing Wallace, I found several sources for him to purchase print ribbons by Googling "Smith-Corona typewriter ribbon" on a dadblamed computer. Hopefully, he'll produce a book and many more of his tightly written, cogent, thoughtful word pictures. If he does, you can bet they will be produced on the typewriter. Never mind how the ribbons were found.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Ritchie is a published author, storyteller, entertainer and grandfather of eleven. He is amazed at the number of talented and accomplished people who live in the Canton area, and he thinks local citizens should know about some of them. Ritchie and professional artist wife, Perry, live in the Shocco community out from Canton. View their work at www.southernstories.com.

FBC celebrates their 175th anniversary

Special to The Canton News

The congregation and staff of First Baptist Church, Canton will celebrate the church's 175th anniversary on Sunday, November 4. All former members and staff, as well as community members, are invited.

The event will begin with a fellowship gathering at 9 a.m., followed by worship service at 10 a.m. Former music ministers, musicians and pastors will be in attendance. Also, a group photo will be taken immediately



Special to The Canton News

ly after the service. Lunch will be served in the church's Family

Life Center following the worship service.

2018 - 2019 Youth Leadership Class announced



Special to The Canton News

The Madison County Business League and Foundation recently announced their 2018-19 Madison County Youth Leadership Class. The twenty-four high school juniors represent twelve Madison County and Canton public, private and parochial high schools, plus Jackson Academy and Jackson Prep. All are Madison County residents. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Joseph Crum, Madison Ridgeland Academy; Emory Ware, Madison Ridgeland Academy; Joseph Jones, Tri County Academy; Anna Cate Strong, Madison Central High School; and Cade Shepherd, Tri County Academy; middle row: Kennedi Miller, Velma Jackson High School; Bethany Biggers, Canton Academy; Arrington Robinson, Germantown High School; Maggie Rutledge, Jackson Prep; Charity Brock, Ridgeland High School; Benjamin Johnson, Jackson Prep; Logan Dorsey, St. Joseph Catholic High School; Reese Anderson, Jackson Academy; Christian Johnson, Velma Jackson High School; and Alyssa Nelson, Canton High School; and back row: Kallen Mitchell, St. Andrews Episcopal High School; Brooks Stewart, Madison Central High School; Hunter Newell, St. Andrew's Episcopal High School; Lane Martin, Canton Academy; Jacques Ratliff, Jr., Canton High School; Steven Chustz, Jackson Academy; Stephen Shelton, St. Joseph Catholic High School; and Claire Applegate, Germantown High School. Not pictured is Reginald Washington, Ridgeland High School.

Est. 1954

Barnett PHILLIPS Lumber & Home Center One Stop Building Supply Store

515 West Fulton Street • Canton, MS 39046
(601) 859-2812 • (800) 844-9663 • Fax: (601) 859-1292
www.phillipslumber.com

*Full Service
Lumber Yard
with Delivery
Capabilities*



- Windows & Doors
- Insulation
- Drywall
- Yeti Coolers
- Moulding
- Owens Corning Shingles
- Paints
- Hardware

**It's time to prepare for hunting season!
Visit our new inventory today!**



Madison County Co-Op
Fertilizer • Feed • Seed • Farm Supplies



323 West Fulton Street
601-859-1271

Appreciate and support Canton's existing industry

By Guest Columnist Joy Foy



Special to The Canton News

Walter E. Williams, a professor of economic at George Mason University, published an article in the *Clarion Ledger* entitled, "Mayors must keep cities' best." In this article, he states, "... net positive fiscal residue has to be the first order of business." Another way to say this, take care of what is bringing in the most revenue for the city! I offer to you that our industrial parks play a huge role in positive fiscal residue for the City of Canton.

Madison County's unemployment rate of 3.5% ranks as one of the lowest statewide. Only seven counties are under 3.8%, according to the MDES.MS.gov website. Both Governor Phil Bryant and former Governor Haley Barber have pushed for manufacturing jobs to have a higher profile in the minds of Mississippians.

Canton industry includes long-

time operations like Canton Sales and Storage, Electro National Corporation, Sun Pine Corporation, PECO Foods of Mississippi, as well as Nissan and its suppliers who are relatively new. This many companies competing for the workers makes for good wages and oftentimes creative benefits packages. For example, to show appreciation and add to the benefits of employees, one company uses a "buy back" of vacation time. This allows an employee to draw double pay for "vacation time" worked, which in turn allows additional spending money to fully enjoy earned vacation time. These Canton companies, allow employees to earn more time off, bonuses and have a system in place for wage and/or benefit increases. Average tenure for employees at some of the city's plants is twenty years.

The value of long-time companies to an area goes much deeper than the number of jobs they create and the salaries they pay. Future success in industrial development depends largely upon the success of these existing companies. Nissan did not choose the Canton site

until they had visited with existing industry leaders and questioned them about the business atmosphere and the industry support programs in place.

The vitality of a city is much more positive with good companies. Buildings being occupied, grounds being maintained, employees and visitors coming into Canton equals more tax dollars, more food, fuel and merchandise purchased. The Canton address is then shipped all over the United States, expanding the image of Canton.

While some of the truck drivers come into the Love's Truck Stop for a night in their trucks, others stay in local hotels. Manufacturing, in general, provides good working conditions, competitive salaries, educational opportunities and, in some plants, insurance to the employees.

Joey Deason, the current executive director for the Madison County Economic Development Authority, recently reported to me that a Norman Canada report shows Madison County's true growth is up \$500 million over the last fifteen years, and seventy

percent of that growth is attributed to manufacturing. As one would expect, most of the growth is Nissan-related. Deason said that existing industry is the backbone for economic growth, and, fifteen years later, Nissan is still making life-changing contributions to our city, county and state. This has all contributed to the growth rate, including a 4.4% population growth in the last four years. Having a bigger and more educated workforce helps in recruiting additional jobs.

The local industrial parks exhibit those traits that Professor Williams calls positive fiscal residue. Taking care of these areas that bring in the positive benefits will keep the magnets of opportunities alive and well.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joy Foy is married to James Foy and is retired from the Mississippi Development Authority. Foy is an active participant in the community of Canton. She is a member of the Lions Club and the Keep Canton Beautiful Committee.



Shop at any of our retail advertisers and you have the chance for The Canton News to pay for your purchase!!

To Enter: Simply take a picture of your receipt and message it to us on Facebook or mail to P. O Box 1163, Canton, Ms 39056

Shop at any of these fine businesses, send us your receipt and you are entered!

- Mosby's Drug Store
- Seafood Kind
- Madison County Co-op
- Barnett Phillips
- Mississippi Discount Drugs
- LaDiDa Gifts
- Machel's Graphic Creations
- Canton Discount Drugs

Winner will be announced in next month's issue! Contest will be ongoing.

Seafood King Restaurant

162 Feather Lane, Suite C
Canton, MS (Next to Tractor Supply)



We accept Visa, Mastercard, and American Express
No personal checks, please

Crawfish CRAB LEGS
OYSTERS FRIED FISH
SHRIMP GUMBO



We Cater

Monday- Closed, Tuesday - 11am-8,
Wednesday - 11am-8, Thursday - 11am-8, Friday - 11am-9,
Saturday - 11am-9, Sunday - 11am-7

Phone: 601-859-1144

B&B Electric breaks ground, bringing 300 new jobs

Special to The Canton News

B&B Electrical and Utility Contractors, Inc. recently broke ground on its new headquarters in the Canton Commercial and Industrial Center. The company plans to invest \$6.5 million at their new location over the next two years.

B&B Electrical and Utility Contractors, Inc. is a family-owned company that has been in continuous operation since 1982 and is a one-stop electrical contractor. They are considered to be one of the most comprehensive electrical contractors in the industry, offering a full array of electrical and utility services, including substations, overhead distribution, underground distribution, street lighting, electrical wiring, storm restoration and traffic signalization.

"B&B is excited about our move to Canton, which will provide more desirable access, updates and space as we continue to serve our clients not only in Mississippi but throughout the Southeastern United States," said Brien Blak-



Special to The Canton News

B&B Electrical and Utility Contractors, Inc. is locating its new headquarters in Canton. The company expects the new facility to be completed next summer.

ney, owner/president of B&B.

"MCEDA [Madison County Economic Development Authority] has been working with B&B for over a year on this project, and we are pleased to be able to announce their expansion beside their current operation in the Canton Commercial and Industrial Center," said Joseph P. Deason, Executive Director of MCEDA. "Job creation and capital investment are key performance indicators of economic health, and Madison County continues to flourish

because of investments made through expansions."

"The Madison County Board of Supervisors is thrilled that B&B has chosen to expand and locate its new headquarters in Madison County," said Sheila Jones, President of the Madison County Board of Supervisors. "We are truly thankful for the company's continuous commitment to our area."

"The City of Canton is extremely excited about B&B Electric moving its headquarters to the City of Canton. This company will be an

important part of our growth and development and an important asset for this community," said Dr. Truly, mayor of Canton. "We also thank MCEDA for helping this city in this joint effort. We cannot wait for the first day of the massive expansion of B&B Electric Company."

Construction of the 53,000 square foot headquarters will begin this fall, with completion scheduled for the summer of 2019. The new headquarters will be located at 530 Soldier Colony.

Mid South STORAGE



ATTENTION!

We feature Derksen portable buildings with no credit check and only the first payment down to schedule delivery.

**101 AULENBROCK DRIVE CANTON, MS
601-201-3326 | fb.me/midsouthbuildings**



Building the Future

**First Baptist Church
of
Canton, Mississippi**

Cordially invites you to the

175th Church Anniversary

**Sunday
November 4, 2018**

**Fellowship
9:00-9:45 A.M.
Fellowship Hall**

**Worship
10:00 A.M.
Sanctuary**

**125 East Fulton Street
Canton, MS 39046**

**Lunch following the worship service
Family Life Center**

Group photo following worship service

RSVP BJ Barnes 601.559.6960



NOVEMBER 23 — DECEMBER 23, 2018

Featuring

ANIMATION MUSEUMS, CAROUSEL/CAR RIDES, HORSE AND BUGGY RIDES,
TROLLEY RIDES, TRAIN AND FIRE TRUCK RIDES, CHRISTMAS VILLAGE,
AND PHOTOS WITH SANTA

LIGHT AND CHARACTER PARADE
MERCHANTS OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND
12TH ANNUAL "SIP 'N CIDER"!



601.859.1307 | 800.844.3369
VISIT CANTONTOURISM.COM
FOR EVENT DETAILS.



Pulsera Project a mission at Canton Academy

By Reagan Cole

The seventh grade girls small group is bringing a special mission to Canton Academy this month. Called the Pulsera Project, students say it is making its way through many of the kids' hearts and holding a special place.

According to the Pulsera Project and Courtney Warren's seventh grade class, the project is a non-profit organization that educates, empowers and connects Central American artists with students in more than 2,100 U.S. schools in all fifty states through the sale of colorful hand woven bracelets, or "pulseras" in Spanish, coloring hallways and classrooms with Central American art and awareness of social justice issues.

The Central American artists are, most of the time, living in poverty and were struggling to support their families. Woven bracelets bring them profit so they can survive in their country.

Anna Claire Mabry, a Canton Academy seventh grader, said, "I'm super excited about the Pulsera Project, because they are super

cute bracelets - and it's for a good cause."

She says she is really passionate about sharing more about the people in Central America.

Courtney Warren, small group leader, was happy about bringing this project to Canton Academy.

"I'm excited about the Pulsera Project. We did it at Washington School [her former school], and sales were great. I'm encouraged to see how much these girls care about this project, and I'm anxious to see how it will do here at Canton," said Warren.

The school doesn't earn any money by selling these bracelets.

Warren says she hopes that the school is impacted, especially her small group.

"They are very excited about this project; they are very eager to know more, and they just have good hearts," she said. "The sales of these bracelets show our students what it's like living in poverty in other countries. Students need to care about helping them out, because they are part of our society and our sisters and brothers in Christ."



Special to The Canton News

Canton Academy students look through pulseras, which are being sold as a mission project at the school.

Within a few hours, sales at Canton Academy had reached over \$100.

Warren said sales at Washington School reached about \$500 at the end of two weeks.

The sale is available to any and all schools by contacting a represen-

tative at www.thepulseraproject.com. There are many different patterns and styles to choose from.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reagan Cole is a journalism student at Canton Academy.

Best Thanksgiving Ever

Partner with MadCAAP in making this Thanksgiving the best for 700 families & the elderly who live in poverty in Madison County.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- 1400 cans of corn
- 1400 cans of sweet potatoes
- 1400 cans of cranberry sauce
- 1400 boxes of mac & cheese
- 1400 boxes of stuffing mix
- Funds for turkeys & rolls



Choose an item and let us know what you will collect. Items are due at MadCAAP by Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Canton ladies in Hinds' 2018 Homecoming Court



Special to The Canton News

Hinds Community College celebrated Homecoming last month with the presentation of the Homecoming Court and naming of the queen during the halftime of the game between the Hinds Eagles and the East Central Community College Warriors. Included in the court were LaBrittany Daughtery and Kanajah Brown of Canton. The Homecoming Court, pictured (l to r), includes, front row: sophomore maids Khaliah Anderson, of Vicksburg, representing the Raymond Campus; LaBrittany Daughtery of Canton, representing the Raymond Campus; Amalita "Ami" Derrick of Clinton, representing the Jackson-Nursing/Allied Health Center; Deserae Dunbar of Vidalia, Louisiana, representing the Vicksburg-Warren Campus; Julia Rester of Jackson, representing the Rankin Campus; Tikayla Rollins of Jackson, representing the Jackson-Academic/Technical Center; and Jasmyn "Jas" Bolar of Chicago, Illinois, representing the Raymond Campus; and back row: freshman maids Antwinette McCloud of Pearl, representing the Raymond Campus; Aarionna Dumas of Columbus, representing the Raymond Campus; LaDonna Stigger of Jackson, representing the Jackson-Academic/Technical Center; Kanajah Brown of Canton, representing the Rankin Campus; Anaya Peoples of Vicksburg, representing the Vicksburg-Warren Campus; and Donshalai Anderson of Sawyerville, Alabama, representing the Raymond Campus.

FREE
SERVICES

Families First
FOR MISSISSIPPI

Impacting the **WHOLE** Family

STOP BY OUR CANTON LOCATION
AT 276 NISSAN PARKWAY
BLDG. B, STE. 200 & 300, CANTON, MS

PARENTING | YOUTH DEVELOPMENT | LITERACY
EDUCATION/DIPLOMA | WORKFORCE | JOB READINESS

FamiliesFirstForMS.org

A service provided by Mississippi Community
Education Center and Family Resource Center

NON-DISCRIMINATORY

Attitude Ability Awareness

BOONDOCKS
FTACADEMY

BOONDOCKS FIREARMS TRAINING ACADEMY

The Boondocks is an all-inclusive training facility designed for both men and women to learn safe gun handling and defensive firearms training for multiple skill levels.

- ★ Monthly TAW Chapter Meetings
- ★ State of the Art Facility
- ★ Skilled and Certified Instructors
- ★ Safety is our Priority
- ★ Education is Key
- ★ Enjoyment is Goal

Class Descriptions on Website
www.BoondocksFTA.com

Sign up online for your class
Click on Class Title to receive class description/prices/etc.

11771 Highway 18 **769-972-2382** Raymond, MS 39154

TAW Shooting Chapter Clinton/Raymond MS
www.TAWshootingchapters.org

Canton celebrates National School Lunch Week

Special to The Canton News

The Canton Public School District recently celebrated National School Lunch Week with the theme "Lots 2 Love." The celebration encouraged students and school nutrition professionals to share what they love most

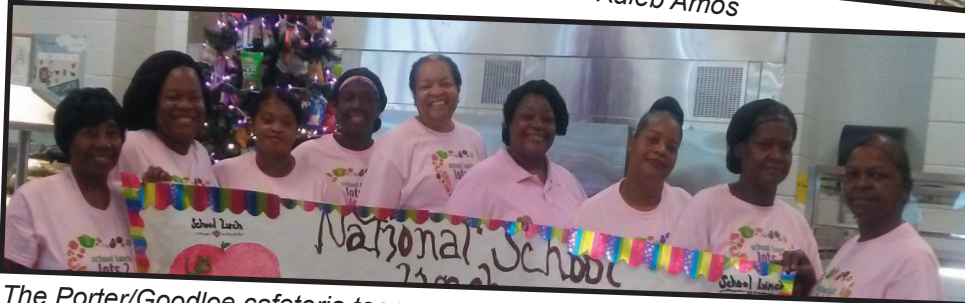
about school lunch programs, emphasizing the healthy foods and appealing choices that are offered daily. CPSD's Child Nutrition managers say that school lunches are healthier than ever, with more fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and less fat and sodium.



Jakhari Lewis and Meagan Esco



Kaleb Amos



The Porter/Goodloe cafeteria team



First graders from the class of Mrs. Perry and Ms. White



The pre-kindergarten class of Mrs. Collier and Ms. Smith

All photos Special to The Canton News



Santa Fe
Grill & Bar

LUNCH | DINNER

Full Bar Now Open

1038 E. Peace St. Canton, MS 39046
(601) 407-6217

OZBORN SELF STORAGE, LLC

Locally Owned & Operated Since 1985



• **Electronic Gate Access**

• **Fenced & Lighted**

• **Security Cameras**

201 N. Hargon St.
Canton, MS 39046
601-859-3433

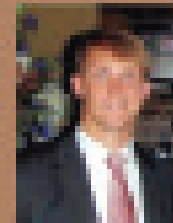
Sales@ozbornselfstorage.com



100 Depot Drive
Canton, MS 39046
(601) 859-5816
www.canton-mississippi.com



Chamber President
PAMELA CONFER



President Elect
DAVID RICH



The Canton Chamber Main Street was excited to host the Burn Fast on the Square on a October 13th. Thanks to everyone that came out!

Our Website Feature, MEMBERS IN THE NEWS!

If you or one of your co-workers is featured in any news outlet, company publication, etc, please send us the info so we can share on Facebook and our Website. Click on **"MORE"** on our website to see **"Members in the News!"**

Key Investors



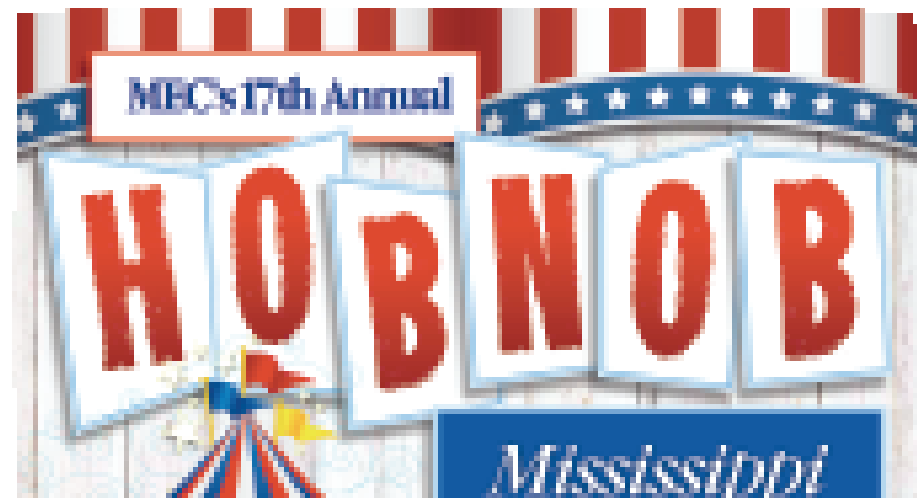
Supporting Investors



CHAMBER MEMBER Highlight



Congratulations to Marlon BBQ for winning their recent BBQ competition! We love having award winning BBQ in Canton!



Your Canton Chamber Main street was proud to be a co-convenor with Mississippi Economic Council for Hobnob Mississippi that was held on Thursday, November 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Uptown Brewmasters

**Nov. 1st
4:00 p.m.**

Sip N' Q&A

**Dec. 14th
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Christmas Festival

**Nov. 23rd - Dec. 23
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Patron Investors

Local students awarded with music scholarships



Special to The Canton News

The Canton Gospel Music Association recently awarded music scholarships to the several Madison county students at their fifteenth annual Scholarship Awards & Gospel Music Celebration. The recipients included Aubrey Chambers, Isaiah Chambers, Wendolyn Towner, Makayla Francis, Aaliyah Dawson and Meckel Primer. Awards were presented by Rev. James Sims, scholarship chairman, and Mrs. LaJesca Woodard.

2018 Annual City of Canton

Christmas Parade

Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Theme:

"Christmas Toyland"

Sponsored by:





Fill the sidewalks on North Liberty Street to East Peace Street to North Hickory Street to see enchanting floats, classic cars, bands, schools and more. Keep an eye out for Santa too!

Parade entry application available at Canton Parks and Recreation Dept. or Canton City Hall



Entry deadline is November 26.

EVENTS SCHEDULE:

5:00 pm - Parade line up at the Canton Police / Fire Department Parking Lot

5:30 pm - Tree Lighting

6:00 pm - Parade begins

For more information, call 601-859-4358 or email lisa@cantonparksandrecreation.com

Madison County groups host 10th anniv. luncheon



Special to The Canton News

The 2018 Vision Award was presented by Madison County Economic Development Authority Chairman Dwight Luckett (left) to Mireille and Peter DeBeukelaer (center and right).



Special to The Canton News

Madison County Business League and Foundation Chairman Phil Buffington (left) thanked Brad Maley (center) of Bancorp South and Brad McMullan (right) of bfac.com for their four years of service on the board of directors for the Madison County Business League and Foundation.

Special to The Canton News

The Madison County Business League and Foundation and the Madison County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) recently hosted the 10th anniversary Vision Cel-

ebration luncheon. MCEDA Executive Director Joey Deason was the keynote speaker. The 2018 Vision Award was presented to Mireille and Peter DeBeukelaer with DeBeukelaer Corporation, the makers of Pirouline cookies.

Library gives away Kindle



Special to The Canton News

Special to The Canton News

Francis Edward Hayes was recently named the winner of a Kindle from the Canton Public Library, which he was awarded as part of the Madison County Library System's Library Card Sign Up Challenge. The library used the event to encourage patrons to download the library system's smartphone app, show or replace their library card, or sign up for a new library card.

Canton Library receives Beautiful Business award

Special to The Canton News

The Canton Library recently received Canton's Beautiful Business award, after the library staff teamed up with the Canton Lions Club and the Canton Public Works department to spruce up their entrance space. Led by Lawrence Morris, the team worked to beautify the surroundings of the facility, which draws people of all ages from both inside and outside the city.

Tonja Johnson, the library's director, expressed her thanks to the individuals who edged, planted,

trimmed, and mulched.

"We feel the love from our Canton community each day as we walk through our doors," said Johnson, "and we are very thankful to be nominated and chosen



Special to The Canton News

to receive this award from Keep Canton Beautiful, the Canton Garden Club and Canton Tourism."

To nominate a business in the City of Canton for the next round of considerations for the Beautiful Business award, visit

the Canton Tourism website or Keep Canton Beautiful on Facebook.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



202 EAST PEACE STREET
CANTON, MS 39046
601-859-4738

Weekly Worship
Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.



Canton teams celebrate championship wins

Special to The Canton News

Three Canton teams recently brought home championship titles for their football prowess. The Canton High School JV Tigers sealed the Big Black Conference championship win, beating Yazoo County 46 to 8. Huey Porter Middle School

beat Hazelhurst 20 to 8 to capture the Central Mississippi Athletic Conference Championship, and Nichols Middle School won the Middle Mississippi Junior Athletic Conference Championship with a 26 to 0 victory over Shirley Simmons.

CHS JV Team (right)



Porter Middle School Team



Nichols Middle School

All photos Special to The Canton News

© Copyright 2017 BankPlus. Member FDIC.

Friends of Children's Hospital CheckCard
The Friends Card cost \$12 per year, 100% of which is donated to Friends of Children's Hospital. BankPlus makes a donation to Friends each time the card is used. Available via instant issue. Since inception, the Friends CheckCard has raised over \$1,000,000.

BankPlus
BankPlus.net

Friends of Children's Hospital supports Batson Children's Hospital, part of University of Mississippi Health Care, Mississippi's ONLY hospital designed for the care and treatment of sick or injured children. *NOTE: All donations subject to change on an annual basis.

Elect Justice Court
JUDGE BRUCE MCKINLEY
FOR
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

MADISON AND RANKIN COUNTIES

PAID FOR BY THE BRUCE MCKINLEY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY BRUCE MCKINLEY.

VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE.

Welcome New Advertisers

MACHELLE'S
GRAPHIC
CREATIONS

TAYLOR JONES &
ASSOCIATES, PLLC

BUSY BEE IN
HOME CHILD CARE

BOONDOCKS

LA-DI-DA



SUBSCRIBE TODAY!



Get a one-year subscription to *The Canton News*
delivered right to your mailbox for only \$6

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number



Mail this form and a check for \$6 to:
The Canton News
P.O. Box 1163
Canton, MS 39046

What are you thankful for?

By Guest Columnist Pastor Guy Odom,
First Baptist Canton

Of course, the traditional thing to do is to write about Thanksgiving!



Special to The Canton News

It is finally here, and, boy, has the time flown by once again.

Here in Canton this is, to me, the best time of the year, with all of the decorations soon to be up and Christmas just around the corner. I may have written this last year, but, the older I get, the more important family becomes. It is very important to spend time with family throughout the year, especially during the holidays.

Time goes so fast, and no one is promised tomorrow; so it should come as no surprise that life and life here on earth should be treated as the Bible treats it. We were put here as believers, to make the most of the opportunity, because

the days are evil. We should value what is most important, and one of those values is family.

We see today through media and technology that the family unit is slowly dwindling. Sin has crept by the main enemy, Satan, to destroy the family unit of a man and woman. There are so many children who grow up not knowing their mom or dad. This truly breaks my heart.

My greatest memories of life center around Thanksgiving and Christmas. Of course, anyone who knows me knows how much I enjoy eating, but just being with family in our day of busyness is just needed. I do know one thing - this tall drink of water doesn't take this for granted.

This Thanksgiving, I want to encourage everyone, when you gather either around a table or in a living room setting, to take some time and share how much you love one another. It can go a long way!

Happy Thanksgiving, Cantonnians,

- Pastor Guy

MadCAAP holds food drive



Special to The Canton News

Special to The Canton News

MadCAAP (Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty) is collecting food for over seven hundred families and the elderly for Thanksgiving. All food is given to those who live in poverty in Madison County.

The organization is asking for community support of the project, which has the goal of collecting 1,400 cans each of corn, sweet

potatoes and cranberry sauce, as well as 1,400 boxes of macaroni and cheese and stuffing. They are asking for monetary donations to purchase turkey and rolls.

Donations are needed by November 14. Volunteers are also needed to deliver food. For more information or to help, call 601-407-1404 or visit www.mad-caap.org. The center is located at 181 Watford Parkway Drive in Canton.

CANTON ACADEMY PRESENTS
— the 2018 —
Holiday Hustle 5k



Thurs., December 13 • 6pm

See Canton unlike ever before as hundreds of runners dressed in holiday spirit, race along the Historic Canton Courthouse Square taking in the City of Lights, music, and so much more. Race proceeds go to further academic excellence at Canton Academy.

www.msracetiming.com
www.CantonAcademy.org
Nurturing Hearts. Challenging Minds.




Busy Bee's
in Home Child Care



Gentle, Loving, Experienced, & Affordable!

Hours:
M - F 7am - 6pm

Full-Time Rate:
\$100 per child
\$180 for two
\$260 for three

Drop-In Rates:
\$30 per day, per child

- Breakfast, Lunch, & Snacks provided
- Preschool Lesson & Arts/Crafts included

ABOUT HELDI DARROW:

- 17 YRS. EXPERIENCE AS CHILDCARE PROVIDER.
- LOVES HER CAREER.
- ONLY A FEW SPOTS OPEN LEFT FOR AGE 6 WKS - 5 YRS.
- FOR MORE INFO. PLEASE CONTACT ME!

601-278-2599 | busybees1969@yahoo.com

cont. from front page

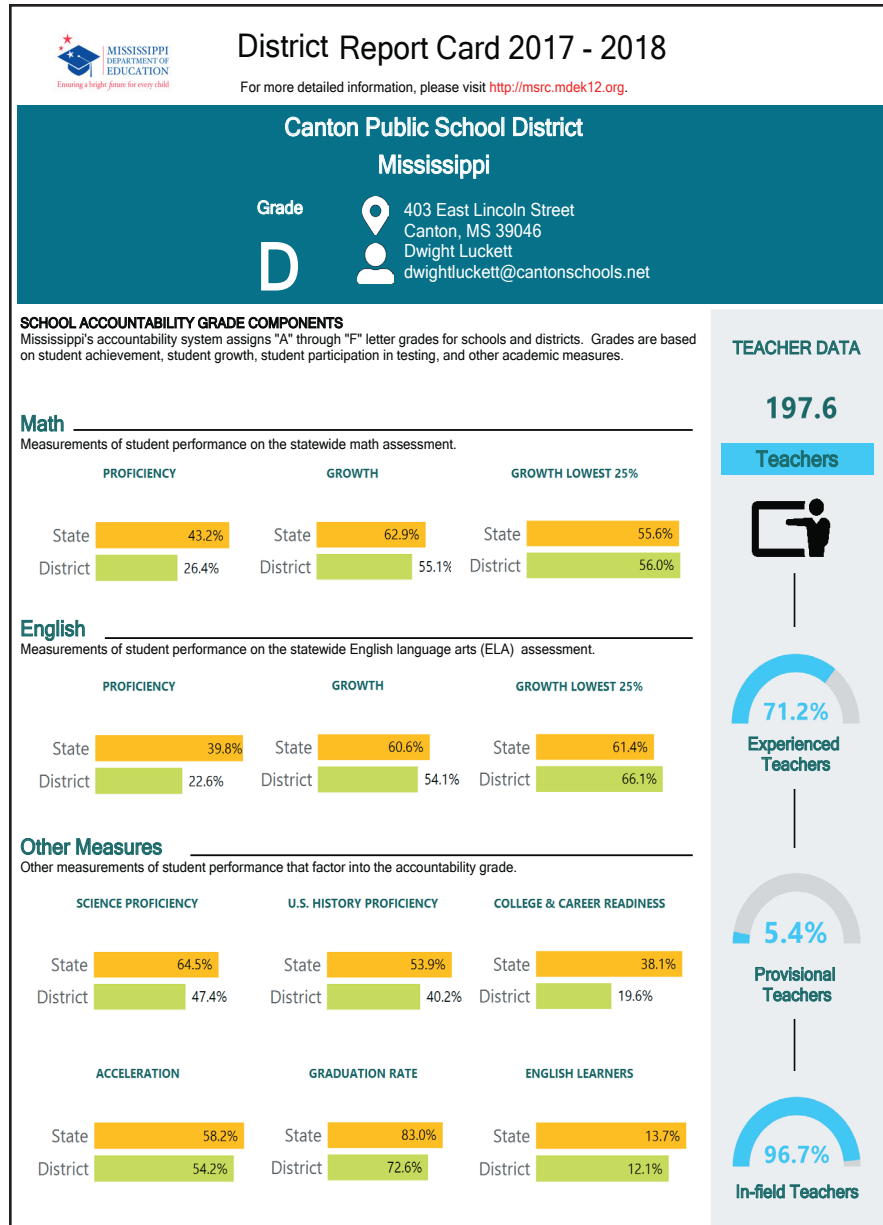
School accountability results show huge jump

cludes detailed information about each school and district's academic performance and new indicators of school performance including chronic absenteeism rates and teacher qualifications.

Also new to the accountability report this year are grades for districts and schools that include the progress that English Learners (EL) made toward achieving proficiency in the English language. The grade that includes EL progress is unofficial this year and is included for informational purposes only. The official 2019 grades will include the EL component.

"Our state goals aim to ensure that all students are proficient and showing growth," said Dr. Carey Wright, state superintendent of education. "Including an indicator for English learner progress in accountability grades, while federally required, is a natural outgrowth of what we are doing in Mississippi to continue to improve student achievement."

The accountability system places an emphasis on the progress students make in ELA and Mathematics from year to year, particularly the lowest



CONGRATULATIONS

to Canton and Goodloe Elementary Schools, who improved their Accountability Scores this year! And also to the 9th Grade Academy, which received an "A" rating!

performing 25 percent of students, and factors in how well students perform on science tests in grades 5 and 8. Accountability grades for high schools and districts include the four-year graduation rate, student performance on Biology, U.S. History and ACT tests, and student participation and performance in advanced coursework such as Advanced Placement and dual credit/dual enrollment courses.

District officials said that they commend the hard work of all of the students and staff, but are mindful that the ratings reflect the challenges they must stay focused on overcoming as the district continues to strive for higher academic performance at all of its schools. Officials say they are already taking action to provide targeted instruction to address areas of weakness to ensure all students are college and career ready.

Canton Community Sing planned for November 24

Special to The Canton News

Canton residents are invited to join the Canton Music Study Club to usher in the Christmas season with a "Community Sing."

A Community Sing is about ordinary people joining their friends and neighbors in a public place to sing - just for the fun of it. Everyone is welcome, and there will be no rehearsals or performances. Club members stress that the event

is not a concert, and there will be no audience; everyone sings!

The event will be held in the Henry/Hargon Auditorium of the Madison County Library's Canton location at 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 24. The repertoire for the afternoon will include traditional seasonal favorites. Following the Community Sing, attendees are encouraged to enjoy Canton's Victorian Christmas celebration on the Square.



Special to The Canton News

THE CANTON NEWS

It's your community.

Find us on 

Academy Street Studio, LLC
Jud Meaders, owner



Email: academystreetstudio@gmail.com | rootintootin@mac.com
website: academystreetstudio.com
Phone: 601-668-0678



Autographed books from your favorite authors

www.southernstories.com

Mac Haik 

LEROY JENNINGS

140 Autobahn Loop, Madison, MS 39110

Main: 601-499-8700
Cell: 601-499-8711

www.machaikmadisonchevy.com
ljennings@machaikmadisonchevy.com

Music Study Club enjoys presentation, gives award

Special to The Canton News

The Canton Music Study Club met October 2 at the First United Methodist Church in Canton. The meeting was open to the community and welcomed twenty-three guests. Saralyn Teasley was introduced as Musician of the Month. She performed two piano solos for the group.

Dr. Timothy Coker presented the program "Music and the Brain." He shared recent research on the use of music in the treatment of Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease and dementia. His presentation included videos



Special to The Canton News

The Canton Music Study Club recognized Saralynn Teasley as Musician of the Month for October. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Teasley and a piano student of Kathy Hammack.

First United Methodist Church in Canton.

of the visible effects of music on dementia patients as well as MRIs measuring brain activities during this research. Dr. Coker also shared research on the use of music in the prevention and delay of dementia. Members and guests enjoyed a question and answer session following his presentation.

The Club will meet again on November 6 at 7 p.m. for its annual Parade of American Music program. The program will be presented by the Recorder Choir of Madison Station Elementary School. Meetings are held at

Women in Unity for Christ hold Founders Day Program



Special to The Canton News

Pictured (l to r) are Otha Cain, Canton Police Department Chief; Women in Unity for Christ Board Members Nettie Travis (vice president), Dorothy Davis (director), and Minnie Shaw (president); and Eugene Luckett of the Canton Police Department. The board members presented Luckett with a certificate of appreciation for speaking at the Women in Unity for Christ's 23rd Annual Founder's Day Program.

Special to The Canton News

The Women in Unity for Christ recently held their annual Founder's Day Program and Fellowship Tea. The organization, founded in 1995, is a non-profit whose mission is to share the love of God

within their community by teaching God's word, equipping God's youth, empowering God's women and being an advocate for the sick and less fortunate by giving of their time and resources. The JMG course is an elective, and students receive one Carnegie

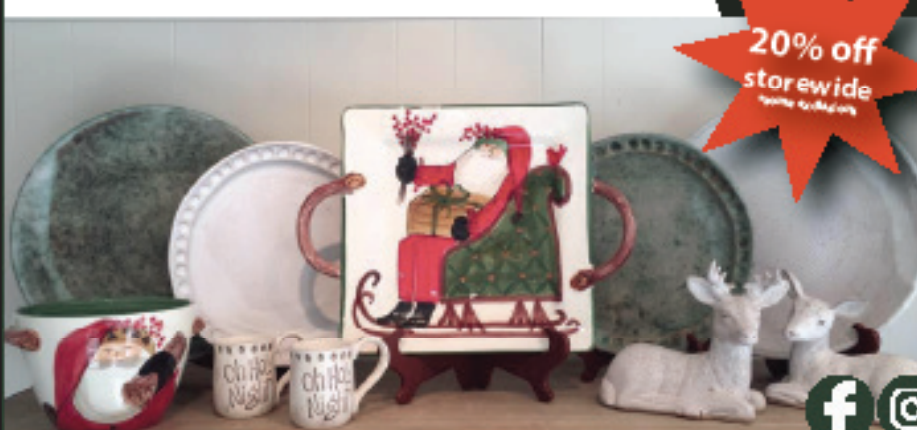


LADiD

Holiday Open House

November 23-25

Call for more details!



20% off storewide

3334 N. Liberty St Canton, MS 39046 • 601-859-8106 • shopladida.com

Magnolia

Woman's Clinic

163 River Oaks Drive, Suite 204
Canton, MS 39046
Phone: 601-855-4881

Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00

ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE ACCEPTED INCLUDING MEDICAID



Dr. Walter R. Wolfe, M.D.
Krestina S. Banck, MSN, FNP-C

- Hormone management
- Yearly physicals w/ cervical cancer screenings
- Management of irregular or heavy periods
- Full OB management

CHS holds initiation ceremony for JMG members



Canton High School recently held an initiation and installation ceremony for their Jobs for Mississippi Graduates program.

Special to The Canton News

Special to The Canton News

The Jobs for Mississippi Graduates program at Canton High School recently initiated new Career Association Members into its chapter and named officers for the group.

Jobs for Mississippi Graduates (JMG), Inc. is a private non-profit organization that was started almost thirty years ago to serve public school at-risk and disadvantaged young people. The mission of JMG is to establish programs at school sites across Mississippi to enhance the high school graduation rates of those youth assessed

as at-risk by providing a set of unique services including twelve months of post-graduation follow-up services. Services provided include employability skills training to reduce youth unemployment and dropout rates while increasing graduation rates, with the number one goal of combatting illiteracy by preparing youth to succeed in the workplace through a combination of innovative instructional methods; educationally sound, research-based curriculum; effective school/business partnerships; mentors; and work experience.

The JMG course is an elective, and students receive one Carnegie

Unit upon successful completion of the course.

The JMG Career Association Members for 2019 include Brenden Bell, Alislea Billingslea, KyAijah Branch, Tymeria Brent (Treasurer), Jeremiah Brown, Jameshia Brown (Vice President), Lamarcus Caldwell (Community Service), Kelan Edmond, Tyjuan Edmond, Christian Fields, Tyme-ria Fleming (Public Relations), Cierra Hughes, Javier Jackson, Rakia Jackson, Jamiyah Jackson, Khalaria Johnson, Destiny Lewis, Maribel Lopez, Kierra Luckett, Jarmarcus Merriweather, Kristen Morgan (Reporter), Sherrie Ollie,

Kayla Otto (Secretary), Daquan Payne, Jada Poston (President), Christopher Reynolds, Jermyia Rogers (Vice President for Social Awareness), Shunterika Shaw, Jimarquiz Shepherd, Freddie Smith, Ta'Preikah Sutton, NyKi-rianna Tart, Davion Thompson (Historian), Ashton Tillis, Marquis Travis, Zymeria Warren, Kentavius Watkins, Kaylan Wiley, Kamya Williams, Chemyah Winn and Courtney Young (Bulletin Board).

The advisory committee includes JMG Job Specialist Dorothy R. Scott, Dr. Pamela Self, JB Redd, Barbara Brown, Sandra McKinney and Dorcas Murphy.



TAYLOR JONES
& ASSOCIATES, PLLC

TAYLOR JONES & ASSOCIATES, PLLC REPRESENTS SMALL AND MID-SIZED BUSINESS IN A WIDE ARRAY OF MATTERS INCLUDING, EMPLOYMENT LAW, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, CONTRACT DISPUTES, DEFENSE OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LABOR AND DISCRIMINATION LAWS, DEBT COLLECTION, DEFAMATION UNFAIR COMPETITION, AND TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

WE ALSO REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS IN CLAIMS INVOLVING THE FOLLOWING:

- EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION
- WRONGFUL DEATH
- PERSONAL INJURY
- PREMISE LIABILITY
- SLIP AND FALL
- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
- CAR ACCIDENTS
- TRUCK ACCIDENTS

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE 30 MINUTE CONSULTATION.



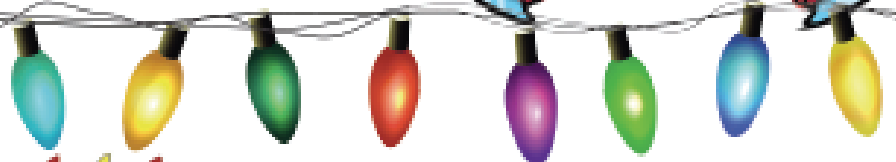
368 Highland Colony Parkway
Ridgeland, MS 39157
601-608-8604



New Items
Now
Available!

A full custom gift shop!
Monogramming, vinyl,
full color, graphic t-shirts
and more!







Located on the Historic Canton Square
3336 N Liberty Street
Canton, Mississippi
Call (601) 996-3811

Understanding the Statewide Accountability System

By Guest Columnist Rosemary Aultman,
At-Large Representative,
Mississippi State Board of Education

The Mississippi Statewide Accountability System grades schools and districts on an A to F scale because letter grades are easy to understand. If a school earns an A, parents know their child is in a good learning environment. If a school earns a D or an F, it is clear the school needs additional support. While letter grades are easily understood, the

formula that determines the grades includes multiple data points. All these indicators show how well a school is preparing its students for success beyond high school.

The Accountability System includes the following measures for students in grades 3-8 and high school:

- Students who are proficient and/or making progress in English and Math,
- English and Math progress among the lowest 25 percent of students - this helps ensure students who need the most help aren't overlooked,
- Progress non-English students make toward becoming proficient in English,

- Students qualifying for college credit or earning industry certifications,
- Students scoring above the benchmark scores on the ACT (18 for English and 22 for Math), and
- Students graduating within four years (grades 9-12).

State law established the A - F school and district Accountability System in 2012, and it meets the standards of federal law. The grading system also provides parents, schools, communities and state leaders the information they need to make sure every student receives a quality education. The new online Mississippi Succeeds Report Card, (msrc.mdek12.org)

makes it easy to evaluate schools across the state.

The A-F grading system has consistently raised the bar in schools across the state. Since its implementation, more students are performing at grade level, the high school graduation rate has reached an all-time high, and more students are prepared for college and careers. The bottom line is that the Accountability System drives the behavior of schools. What gets measured gets done.

I congratulate everyone who works daily in our state's school districts and who have dedicated themselves to setting high expectations so that our children can be successful.

UNDERSTANDING YOU



RENASANT BANK

Understanding You.

3330 South Liberty Street | 601.859.1831
Canton, Mississippi | renasantbank.com

All loans subject to credit approval.  MEMBER FDIC



Bring home the savings, along with excellent service. See why we are The Nation's #1 home and auto insurer

CALL OR STOP BY TODAY FOR YOUR FREE QUOTE!

Arnel D. Bolden, Agent
601-859-8554
www.arnelbolden.com






Randall Strong's CANTON DISCOUNT DRUGS

THANK YOU!!!



(601) 859-3827
726 East Peace Street

Home of Low Prescription Prices
www.cantondiscountdrugs.com