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A bright *future* for Canton

By Guest Columnist Joy Foy

The Sunday School lesson from the Standard Lesson Commentary used a line from the novel



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Anna Karenina: “Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.”

The Sunday School writer mused that this generalization is obvious in that a family’s happiness correlates to its level of commitment, love and respect for one another, while the unhappy family’s turmoil can come from a variety of things, including bad attitudes, unfaithfulness, favoritism, anger and addiction.

It struck me that this also applies to the livability of our towns. As long as we all do our part in respecting each other, keeping our streets clean, and supporting our local merchants, we who live here will benefit, and our city will be more likely to appeal to others looking to invest or relocate.

Will Burwell, the City of Canton’s Building and Development Director, presented a recent program for the Lions Club. He has only served in this position a short time, but he said he is committed to Canton. He has moved his family here, and they are building a new home on the back side of the Country Club. He has children in Canton Academy, and he is also a member of the Air National Guard.

It was encouraging to hear of the plans that he and Mayor Truly have outlined to clean up Canton and about the companies expressing interest in Canton. He told us that Love’s Truck Stop is expanding, and the Old Madison Furniture

along Highway 43 building has sold. According to Burwell, the old furniture plant will be demolished, and a new manufacturing company will build and operate on that site.

An entertainment district is in the works that would encompass the area from the railroad on the west side to City Hall on the east. It will span from North Street to the north and Fulton Street to the south. The plans for this

Civic clubs and volunteers alike give time and effort in helping Canton to be a desirable place to live. The Canton Garden Club is working in conjunction with Canton Tourism to keep the square

Golf Association, they had the largest crowd of golfers ever. Churches are back in full swing with Bible studies, Circle Meetings, and a full offering of



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area will begin with a thorough cleaning, which will include grubbing of the ditches.

Bids are being received for cleaning and maintaining all City-owned property. Every owner with neglected property will get a notice to clean up or be fined. Burwell talked for more than thirty minutes, without any notes, just telling of good things in the works and new development in Canton, including the new fancy drive through Magnolia Car Wash, owned by Doug Hutchinson, on the west side of town. Those are all things that should make us happy.

neat and blooming. The Lions and Rotary Clubs host programs weekly to keep citizens informed of news and development in and around the metro area. The Madison County Canton Historical Society has launched the fall version of the Old Jail Farmers Market. The Market is providing good entertainment for the community and a venue for local growers, bakers, and beekeepers to sell their products and showcase their talents.

The Canton Country Club had their annual 9/11 golf tournament, and, according to Nancy Cline, President of the Canton Ladies

church services after COVID. When you examine the city as a whole, there is much happening that is very encouraging. More reasons to bring happiness.

Canton’s attractiveness for investment is enhanced by its proximity to Jackson. However, another reason to be happy in Canton is the good people and the sense of community that is so strong among those of us who live here.

Burwell moved here with his construction company for the opportunities available here, but has decided to build a home here, because

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Grateful hearts at Reuben B. Meyers



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Reuben B. Meyers recently received donations to begin their school year. Walmart in Pearl donated school sup-

plies, Angela Boyd donated sanitizer and masks, In His Steps Ministries donated backpacks, and the Canton High School class of 1993 donated school uniforms.

Lions update: Golf Fundraiser



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Pictured left to right are Kevin Wisnoski, Larry Johnson, Bill Replogle and Allan Phillips.

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The new slate of Lion Club officers started the year off with a golf tournament fund raiser at the Canton Country Club. President Tamika Liddell sends a very heartfelt gratitude to all the players, sponsors and the Country Club for their support to the Lions.

She said, "It makes me feel so good to see so many people willing to help the Lions by giving of their time and money to make the golf tournament a fun and successful event."

Chairman for the tournament was Lion Mark Hopkins, and all club members were on board to solicit golfers, sponsors, and the varied details of the day.

Among the teams was Canton Country Club Ladies Golf Association President Nancy Cline, whose team included other local women golfers Laurie Dinkins and Sissy Kern.

Larry Johnson's team won first place and received \$500.

Simon Collier's Bank Plus team came in second, and they won \$400.

Hopkins said, "Even with the weather threatening rain, all had a good time making new friends and enjoying the beautiful greens of the Country Club."

The Lions Club thanks all who came out and played. The money raised will go to support the programs and scholarships Lions offer the community.



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Tigers looking to turn things around

By Jameson Thompson

As of press time, the Canton Tigers Varsity Football team has started their season with a record of 1-4, with three losses coming against district opponents: Callaway, Vicksburg, and Holmes County. The Tigers are currently in seventh place in class 5A region two.

Despite these losses, Head Coach Calvin Bolton said he is optimistic about the rest of the season.

“We still have a chance to turn this thing around and make the playoffs,” said Bolton. “We have to improve on being better teammates to each other. We have the tools, but we have to hone in on those things and consistently get better. Our guys and our coaching staff believe, but we have to correct some things if we want to make it to the playoffs.”

The Tigers’ road to the playoffs will not be an easy one. With teams such as Neshoba Central and Ridgeland still left to play on the schedule, the Tigers will have to show their grit in these face-offs.

Bolton has been without several players due to numerous issues. Playing with his full roster for the first time allowed the team to truly prove what they are capable of.

“Last night against Callaway was the



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first time we had all of our roster available. We haven’t had all of our players due to sickness and disciplinary issues. I believe that now we will be able to put everything together and become a better team,” said Bolton.

Although Bolton and his team will have to help the returning players get adapted quickly, he is very proud of his coaches and his players who have played the whole season.

“Our guys put in the work week in and week out,” said Bolton. “I have seen them improve each and every week, which means we are heading in the right direction. The coaching staff has been great so far. To know that our coaches and our players are

working really hard week in and week out makes me very proud.

The Tigers will be looking to turn things around in their district. They will play a district opponent every game for the rest of the season. Their opponents include Neshoba Central High School, Forest Hill High School, Jim Hill High School, Provine High School, and Ridgeland High School.

While the journey won’t be easy, Bolton believes that his athletes have everything it takes to get things back on track.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Jameson Thompson is serving as a student writer for The Canton News and its sister publications.

Canton JROTC participates in luncheon



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JROTC cadets, under the leadership of Chief Lorenza Myers, participated in the Constitution Day Luncheon given by the newly chartered River of Pearls Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. It was held at the Country Club of Jackson on September 15 to celebrate the Constitution of the United States of America and featured Attorney General Lynn Fitch as the keynote speaker, who spoke on the importance of the national constitution in preserving the liberties and freedoms of U.S. citizens.

Canton High donates to rival school in need



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Canton High School scholars donated forty-five cases of water to help ease Callaway High School's water crisis. Students wanted to extend a helping hand to those in need. After showing love to their rival school, the Tigers faced off against the Chargers at Tiger Stadium during their annual homecoming.

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Letter from the Editor: Knowing when to come out of the rain

By Courtney Warren

Last column, I talked about healthy competition and the importance of closing my rings against my little brother Jack. This month, my new topic is knowing when to be a quitter.

I have a really hard time leaving things unfinished or walking away from a commitment. I'm a "yes" person and an "I can help" person. I want to be fully invested in something.

However, it's important to know when to walk away.

I saw that on Friday night at our football game at Madison-Ridgeland Academy. My daughter is a Little Pat, and she was so excited to cheer with her friends. They had a long practice earlier in the week, she was in her new t-shirt, sporting a new cheer skirt, and was ready.

Her sweet kindergarten principal called all of the babies by name, explaining what they would do and how excited she was to run out with them. She gave high fives, encouraging hugs, and cheered for the Pats with the babies. She was ready. They were ready. Honestly, I was ready to run on out there with all the hype that was surrounding me! Hand me a helmet!

However, the rain was also ready. The forecast predicted a torrential downpour, and that is exactly what happened. Right before the Patriots

were set to step onto the field, the elementary and kindergarten students lined either side of the walkway behind the inflatable helmet.

And then the heavens opened.

And then the rain poured.

Berit was in a pink unicorn raincoat, so, as she ran onto the turf, I was able to easily follow behind. However, the rain never let up. As she took her place on the sidelines with the varsity cheer squad, she was filled with trepidation. She cheered for the entirety of the first quarter. She even did a stunt! With her sweet little hands in the air cheering "Go Pats!" she squinted into the stands to find an equally soaked me, huddled under my raincoat and umbrella. Neither did me any good.

As I continued to watch, I realized several things at once. First, the first quarter might say twelve minutes, but it's actually a lifetime to a little girl. Second, her lips were turning blue. Third, she was still supposed to cheer at halftime.

She told me before she ever got out there that she was nervous. It's a new school, new friends, and even new football players. I was so proud of her for going out there, anyway.

Then, with two minutes left on the clock, she looked back into the stands. She pointed at herself. She pointed at me. And then the little stinker made the driving car motion.



Photo by Courtney Warren

"Let's go."

Were we quitters? Sure. But was it a moment we needed to quit? Maybe.

She had completed an entire quarter and would have had to sit for another quarter before she got back up to cheer again. Right as we got into the car to leave, the bottom fell out. Part of me longed for Mrs. Frizzle's Magic School Bus so we could submarine it back to the house.

But the point of all of this is that, sometimes, we need to quit things for the betterment of ourselves. Sometimes we need to leave places because they are no longer healthy (and could

potentially give us pneumonia!)

I'm sure I'll always struggle with leaving something in a world that tells us to "hustle, hit, never quit," or "be a boss lady," and even "rise and grind."

No thanks.

Sometimes we don't need to rise or grind. Sometimes we need to leave the pouring rain of a situation, the freezing cold of a situation, the utter despair of a situation, to go somewhere warmer and brighter.

In Berit's case, that place was Baskin Robbins, for a double scoop of rainbow sherbert.

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- 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- Pinch of salt, to taste

Pumpkin Scones

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/3 plus 2 Tbsp. heavy cream, divided
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (204°C).
2. Make the scones: Whisk the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice, and salt together in a large bowl. Grate the frozen butter, add to mixture, and combine with a fork. Set aside.
3. Whisk 1/3 cup heavy cream, the egg, blotted pumpkin (see note), brown sugar, and vanilla extract together in a small bowl. Drizzle it over the flour mixture and then mix it all together until everything appears moistened.
4. With floured hands, press dough ball into a neat 8-inch disc and, with a very sharp knife, cut into 8 equal wedges.
5. Place scones at least 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheet(s). Brush scones with the remaining heavy cream and sprinkle with coarse sugar, if desired.
6. Bake the larger scones for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned.
7. Make the glaze: In a small saucepan over low heat, melt the butter and maple syrup together, whisking occasionally. Once melted, remove from heat and whisk in the sifted confectioners' sugar. Taste and add a pinch of salt if desired. Drizzle over warm scones.



By Courtney Warren

In memoriam of the Queen passing, I wanted to share a treasured recipe in our house. Berit and I love to have tea parties with the fine china. When I say tea parties, I mean a full-blown afternoon tea with a tower of treats. This is one of our favorite teas, as well as treats. I also paired it with a fun story to gear up for fall and Halloween. *The Ex Hex* by Erin Sterling is about Vivienne Jones, who, while nursing her broken heart, cast a curse on an old boyfriend. It's not until years later, when Grave Glen, Georgia, is under attack from murderous wind-up toys, a ticked-off ghost, and a talking cat with some interesting things to say, that she realizes she probably had something to do with it. Break out the hot tea, pumpkin scones, and this book for a quirky rom-com to get you in the mood for the spooky holiday. This pumpkin scones recipe is from Sally's Baking Addiction. Pair it with Earl Grey Moonlight tea from Adagio Tea Company.

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"It is fitting that Canton with its rich heritage, deep spiritual roots and strong church affiliations hosts an event to honor one of music's finest genres. The highlight of the celebration each year is the awarding of music scholarships to up and coming musicians. To date, the CGMA has awarded 181 scholarships to students of Madison County", says Cynthia Goodloe Palmer, Founder/President.



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The Canton Gospel Music Association (CGMA) held its 19th Annual Scholarship Awards & Gospel Music Celebration on August 28, 2022, at the Canton High School Auditorium.

Lifetime Music Achievement Award recipients were Gerald Nichols (music producer, musician, songwriter, arranger), Rev. Jessie Primer, Jr. (retired band director, music producer, musician, songwriter) and Dr. Quentin Ransburg (Minister of Music, Recording Artist, Choir Director). In addition, The Mayor's Award was presented by Mayor William Truly to Mrs. Evelyn Jones of WMGO Radio for her 41 years at WMGO playing gospel music.

This year the audience was treated to musical selections from 6 of the scholarship recipients. Musical guests included Jessica Poston, Evangelist Elizabeth Brister, DoxaMuziq, Jean Ellis & The DB Singers, Dr. Jessie and Yuric Primer and Police Chief Otha Brown. Rev. Jonathan T. Phillips Jr. gave the opening prayer.

Several sponsors were in attendance to receive awards including; (Earl Nichols accepting for Ethel Doris Lucille Nichols - presented by Veda Archie and Georgia Sims); Pastor John & LaJesca Woodard accepting for The Ark of Safety Ministry - presented by Veda Archie and Georgia Sims); and Rev. James Sims accepting for UAW Region 8 - presented by Veda Archie and Georgia Sims).

Nichols focuses on suicide prevention



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Students at Nichols Middle experienced a workshop on suicide prevention.

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Recently, Nichols Middle School informed their students about the importance of being knowledgeable about suicide prevention. Although it is a sensitive and scary subject, it's unavoidable as a discussion topic.

Students learned about the importance of communication, the dangers of social media and self-esteem. Students and faculty say they were blessed to have a speaker come and encourage their scholars to focus on academics, true friendships and staying actively involved in school.

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Remember When: an introduction to Dr. A. P. Durfey

By Guest Columnist Mary Jane Boutwell

Every family has its characters. Just think of your family and then a small town's worth. With permission (I really did ask), I would like to introduce newcomers and youngsters to Ole Durfey, A.P. Durfey, Sr.

Any time I write "Dr. Durfey," that is who I mean.

To start with, Dr. Durfey, Sr. was not Senior. He was Junior on his birth certificate. When his father died, Dr. Durfey followed an old custom. Dr. Sr. (as we would call him) moved up from Jr. but never managed it legally.

Dr. Durfey made a house call 70-plus years ago to check on a family member. He asked about washing his hands, and Mama sent him to the kitchen sinks. He used the hot tap water and Tide detergent. (Tide was the only soap that worked in our water - detergent, bath soap, dish soap, and shampoo). When he finished drying his hands, his comment was "When you say hot water, you mean hot."

During the polio epidemic, Dr. Durfey diagnosed one brother with the virus and sent him to Vicksburg in a hearse (the only ambulance) on a dark, dreary day. There was not a lot of hope. After

he came home and learned how to walk again, he was always called "cripple." Even still, he had a wonderful, fulfilled life.

Years later, our son cut the web between his thumb and forefinger. As I took him to Dr. Durfey, the cut was bad enough that it needed to be sewn up. Dr. Durfey poured alcohol over the cut and tried to staple it. The skin was too tough, so Dr. Durfey took a needle and some thread and sewed it up. No pain medication, just needle and thread. When done, Dr. Durfey said, "keep it clean and wash it with alcohol several times a day." Tough doctor, tough patient!

Jim Lacey's second history bits on Canton and Madison County tell of Dr. Durfey's first driving experience - around the Square. No one told him about cars having brakes, so he ran into a wall in the stable his father ran in the Hollow. At the time, (I have been told), there were ditches around the Square and no traffic lights. The stable was on the north side of West Peace Street, possibly in the first block off the Square.

I have been told that Dr. Durfey graduated from Ole Miss with the highest GPA until the last twen-

ty or so years. Percy Durfey, the youngest doctor, went off to college and came back to the high school and told the administrators they needed to do a better job. The school was not preparing students for college.

(Personal note, I came along after this conversation and got the benefit of tougher teaching. Thanks, Percy.)

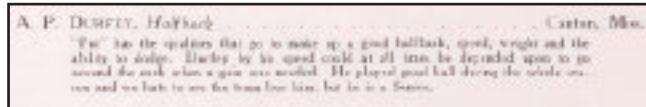
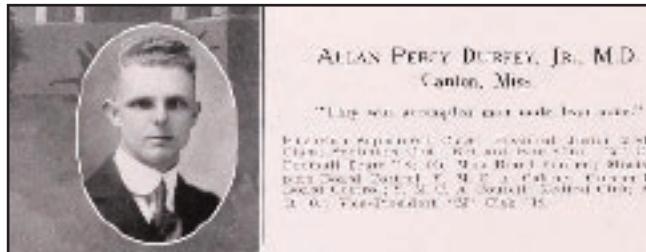
Ole Dr. Durfey also played football at Ole Miss around 1918. I have seen a picture with him in his uniform wearing a leather helmet. With it on and fastened, it looked like an old bowling ball with a face - no cushioning. A head hit meant head-to-head... and still the highest GPA?

Dr. Durfey was around during the Yellow Fever epidemic that killed so many people. It was told that he could walk into a patient's room, smell and diagnose the fever. All of this started when Percy Durfey Jr. told me his father's death certificate - Allan Percy Durfey Jr. - was signed by Allan Percy Durfey Jr.

Also, the family has now worked all the way to Allen Percy Durfey IV.

One final Dr. Durfey story. When he was born in the late 1800s, he was so small, it was felt he would not survive. They put him into a small box in a warm oven. No incubator, but one healthy individual. The stove was a wood stove.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary Jane Boutwell is a passionate historian and is thrilled to share stories about "way back when."



After retiring, Dr. Durfey was drawing Social Security and decided to buy a new car. Heavy rains flooded Center Street just east of the Square. He drove into the depths of the water, and his car was ruined. Someone at the hospital asked him what he was going to do. He said, "Get another! Social Security is paying for it."

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Charter school set to open next fall in Canton

By Jameson Thompson

The city of Canton will be gaining another school for the will for the 2023-24 school year. The SR1 College Preparatory and STEM Academy (CPSA) will be a charter school focusing on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

SR1 is a nonprofit organization that provides education and technology to lower-income areas.

A charter school is a free school that is publicly funded and privately managed. They are required to teach to the regular academic standards, just like public and private schools.

Starting next year, SR1 CPSA will be accepting students who are entering kindergarten through first grade. Each year, a new grade will be added until the school reaches the fifth grade. Any students that went to a school in a school district rated a "C" or below can apply to CPSA.

Kymberley Hutchinson will be the provost of the school when it opens. She has worked in school systems for fourteen years. Eleven of those years were spent at STEM academies located in San Antonio, Texas. Hutchinson expressed how thrilled she was when talking about this new journey.

"I am extremely excited about our endeavor in Madison County," said Hutchinson. "Our campus will be located four miles north of Canton on over 200 acres of land, with plentiful opportunities for students to foster their inquisitiveness and curiosity of the world around them."

Moving from Texas to Mississippi can be a huge change, but Hutchinson talked about her motivation to take on a new challenge in Mississippi.

"I moved from Texas because I truly believe in the vision Mr. Green, founder of SR1, has for the school, community and state. I've been involved with

STEM for ten years in San Antonio. To know I will be an integral part of bringing the first public charter STEM academy to Mississippi is an amazing opportunity I could not pass on."

There will be an application process for students to be able to attend the school, Hutchinson explained.

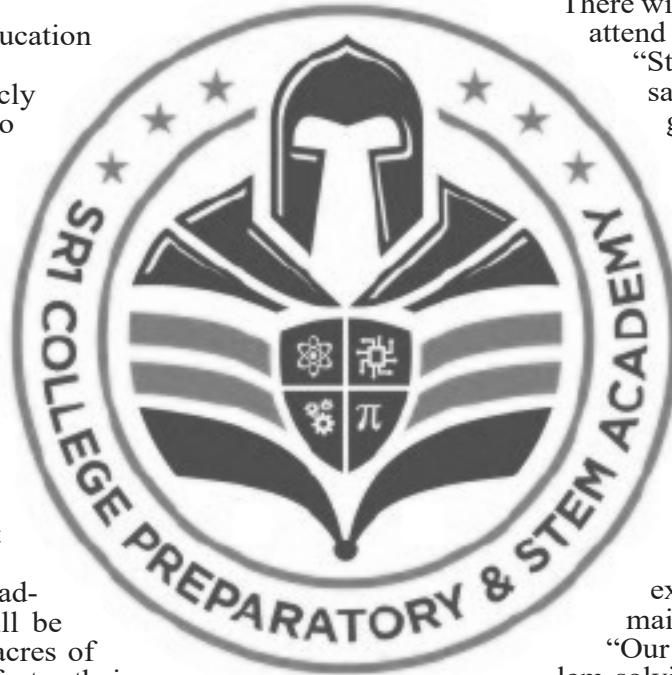
"Students will be able to apply online at www.SR1cp-sa.org. We will have seventy-five seats for kindergarten and first grade. Should we have more than seventy-five students apply to enroll for each grade level, all applicants will be entered into a lottery process to select the seventy-five students to continue through the registration process. As a seat comes open, we will contact the next student/family on the lottery list to register their child to attend."

Hutchinson has high hopes for the school, as she hopes to see diversity within the program.

"I hope we have a diverse group of students attending. This will create another layer of authentic learning that will prepare students for a globally competitive environment by creating cultural acceptance."

Since the school will be new, there are a lot of high expectations. Hutchinson expressed what one of their main goals were.

"Our goal is to focus on habits of mind to enhance problem-solving and critical thinking skills that prepare students for higher education and careers through the STEM method of teaching that blends curriculum."



EDITOR'S NOTE: Jameson Thompson is serving as a student writer for The Canton News and its sister publications.

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Canton is a good fit for his wife and children. Nancy Cline lives in Clinton, but she prefers to play golf at the Canton Country Club. Her love and contributions of the Club help to attract a host of women golfers from all over to come play.

Our little country church, Thornton Chapel, has a wonderful Bible study on Monday afternoons at 5:30, where Muffett Hailey is leading a study on "The Power of a Woman's Words" by Sharon Jaynes. We welcome all to come and explore the Bible with us.

We all can tell stories about how our local friends or neighbors have endeared themselves to us through their caring ways. Our local post office isn't usually on my radar when I think about the positive things that Canton has to offer. I usually just take having a post office for granted. Last week, I mailed pictures, a check and a birthday card from the Canton Post Office.

In about four days, I got my check back in the mail saying this has been found loose in the mail. The pictures were some of my children when they were babies and could not be replaced. I was very upset, so I called Gloria Bilbrew, the Post Office Manager, to complain. She was out sick with COVID, but took

my call. She explained that the sorting machine in Jackson probably tore my envelope and that my check has a return address, but the pictures had no markings that would match it back to my address for return. She explained to me how to proceed to locate those pictures. I wasn't very hopeful at all, but, because Ms. Bilbrew was so kind, I did as she instructed.

Three phone calls and two days later, I got the birthday card and all my pictures back from the Jackson Post Office, where the sorting machine had indeed ripped my envelope, just as Ms. Bilbrew thought.

Cantonians have lots of reasons to be a happy family. Yes, there are a number of things that can cause a feeling of turmoil. However, with happiness correlating to a high level of commitment, love and respect for one another - all of those good traits are alive and thriving in Canton. I know I am glad I live here.

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



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Allison's Wells Quilt Guild Update

Johnson recruits CA Panthers



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Allison's Wells Quilters with this year's donations for the Canton Parks and Recreation Cancer Survivors Luncheon.

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The Guild has been busy this month completing their yearly donation items for the Canton Parks and Recreation Cancer Survivors Luncheon. This is the 4th year that the Guild has provided several items for this worthy cause.

This year the Guild has made and donated to The Canton Parks and Recreation; a 1-Lap Quilt, 2-Quilted Pillows, and 1-Quilted Tote Bag. In October the Guild will be present-

ing an educational sewing class on "Quilt As You Go" table runners. The Quilt Guild meets every Tuesday from 10am till about noon. February through October they meet at the Canton Visitor and Convention Center and after the fall Canton Flea Market they meet at First Presbyterian Church through the end of January. Their business meeting is on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Contact canton@cantontourism.com for more information.



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Johnson and CA art teacher Mark Millet

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United States Air Force Airman Shelby Johnson (Canton Academy Class of 2019) stopped by to drop off information for students interested in the Air Force. Johnson reminisced

with some of his former teachers, as well as visited with students. Johnson reports to Beale Air Force Base in California next month, and he said he was excited and assured to know that his CA family proudly supports him.

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CA faces new softball season

By Riley Lambert and Lauren Wright

After losing a large group of seniors, the Canton Academy softball girls have big shoes to fill. We've only just begun an amazing season with our new coach, Megan Cummins.

Even with losing the older girls, we have had many girls step up in the roll.

Sophomore-Gates Welch said, "Being around older girls has allowed me to mature faster in the game of softball. Now that I'm the oldest, and the girls younger than me have not always had the same discipline as me, I have to remind myself to keep calm and just be the person to keep them positive and not get down on themselves. I think that my friends that I have

met through playing softball have kept me going the most. I love playing this sport with some of my best friends. Although I say I want to quit a lot, I constantly have my friends being positive for me."

With our new coach, Megan Cummins, the girls have lots to learn.

We asked Coach Meg what it was like having such a small team with young girls, and she said, "I enjoy having a young team. The girls work so hard for me and their teammates. With them being so young, it is exciting to see what comes next. Everyone has done such an amazing job helping me get started here, and all the encouraging words are very appreciated."



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100 Black Men ready to serve

By Inesha Jackson

Mark Sandridge, Madison CounThe 100 Black Men of Canton, Inc., an organization focused on mentoring, is geared up and ready to serve students for the 2022-2023 school year.

Executive Director Dr. Leroy Lacy said, "Our number one goal is mentoring and making sure the national office works with us in keeping track on what we do for our students. . . That's what we do every year to try and change the climate on students and their study habits and grade habits."

Established in 2003, the Canton chapter is one of at least 118 local chapters across the United States and London with the vision of upholding the four focus areas established by the national organization.

"The first focus is mentoring. We go into the elementary, middle and high schools to mentor students. Under our second focus, education, we go into the schools and talk with superintendents and principals about educating our students and getting them what they need. The third focus is health and wellness, which goes on as students are not healthy, are not able to get their lunches, and are not studying. We do that in the community for our senior citizens, as well. For our last focus, economic development, some of the city leaders come to us and ask for different items that they

are trying to bring into the city and to see what we think about certain things," Lacy said.

The organization's mentorship reaches beyond the city of Canton and extends to schools across Madison County, including Camden Elementary School, Canton Elementary School, Huey L. Porter Middle School, Jimmie M. Goodloe Elementary School, Nichols Middle School, and Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts and Sciences. Along with mentoring students, the 100 Black Men awards ten scholarships to two deserving students at Canton High School, German-town High School, Madison Central High School, Ridgeland High School, and Velma Jackson

High School. In the past, they have given over \$150,000 in scholarships.

"While mentoring is our number one feature, we still intend to give scholarships, and, if the climate allows, we still intend to go on field trips," Lacy said. Each year, the 100 Black Men of Canton sponsors events for community outreach, mentoring and recruitment, such as a softball team during summer, a catfish rodeo, an annual gala, and field trips for mentees.

"We want people to know we are live and well and are living out our slogan 'what they see is what they will be.' We are real men giving real time," Lacy said.



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Canton Academy announces homecoming court



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Canton Academy recently announced the 2022 Homecoming Court. Homecoming festivities this year are on Friday, October 7. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Crown Bearer Fisher Bennett and Flower Girl Olivia Baldwin; and back row: Cooper South, Harper Lampkin, Tanner Floore, Addison Cado, Redding Walker, Hannah Dill, Kenzie Pace, Reese Willis, Makayla Walley, Mary Palmer Tupman, Easton Smith, Marley Barr and Jayden Wilder.

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CHS basketball ready for October



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Canton High School Tigers senior varsity basketball players Dwight Lockett, Jr., Deanthony Lewis,

James Taylor, Quantrell Brown, and Marcus Johnson can't wait to show off their skills and bring the heat when their final basketball season starts in October.

Baby Canton Academy Panthers adopt seniors



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EJ Lockett with his 5K Panthers

By Courtney Warren

To ensure all Panthers, both young and old, are involved in the football festivities, each elementary school class at Canton Academy "adopted" a senior. They make

rally signs and cheer on their senior football player at the pep rallies and even get visits. Senior EJ Lockett stopped by his K5 class for high fives, hugs, and some tips for Friday night games.

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