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McGruder returns to Canton with a passion for education

By Inesha Jackson

Newly appointed assistant principal Dr. Shelethia Manning McGruder says she is excited to be back home at Canton High School for this school year. Dr. McGruder graduated from Canton High School in 1991. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Mississippi Valley State University. Afterward, she earned a Master of Arts, Educational Specialist, and Doctorate degrees in Educational Leadership from Mississippi College. Dr. McGruder has worked in the field of education for over twenty years, sixteen of which have been dedicated to the Canton Public School District. She has served as a middle and high school English teacher, coached cheerleading, softball and track, and served as assistant principal for Nichols Middle School. In May of 2021, Dr. McGruder was appointed to serve as an assistant principal for Canton High School.

“There were few adjustments to be made in the transition from middle school assistant principal to high school assistant principal. I am elated to have the opportunity to return to where I started my career in the Canton Public School District. This high school is home for me. Since most of my teaching experience was at the high school level, I am accustomed to interacting with high school scholars and teachers, and I look forward to serving in this new role to help our district reach its goals,” McGruder said.



Dr. Shelethia Manning McGruder

“One of the things I believe teachers, staff and students can learn from me is patience and perseverance. We have all been forced outside of our comfort zones, and we all have to switch gears to read-

just . . . We have to persevere if we want to realize the end goal, and that is producing scholars that will ultimately leave a positive footprint on this school, community and society. Our district motto states, ‘Perseverance Conquers All,’ and, with us all working together, we can accomplish the goals we desire to achieve,” McGruder said.

Dr. McGruder, a product of the Canton community, says she is committed to serving students and assisting them in academic and personal growth.

“Things are off to an amazing start here at Canton High School. Returning students came eager to get reacquainted with staff and reconnect with friends they have not socialized with since the pandemic. New students came

filled with curiosity and ready to meet their new teachers and step into their first experience of high school. Our staff came determined to ensure that the transition from virtual learning to in-person learning was seamless as possible,” McGruder said.

Some of her goals are to assist scholars with readjusting to in-person learning, to make sure that students and staff are safe and healthy, and to assist in filling in any gaps that may have occurred during virtual learning. To achieve these goals, the administration has hosted parent and student grade level meetings to keep everyone updated on the procedures and expectations for this school year. To keep everyone safe from the virus, students and staff are following CDC guidelines for in-person learning. COVID-19 vaccinations are also available on campus.

“The expectations for students and staff this year are the same as they

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Last one out, see the Canton Academy family at home

By Reese Willis

With over fifty percent of Canton Academy (CA) faculty having students enrolled, family is the name of the game.

From the smallest Panthers in 3K to the seniors who rule the school, both buildings are full of families.

Headmaster Tripp McCarty said, “It’s all about unconditional love. Family are the people you can make mad, and they’ll still talk to you the next day, because it’s not optional...because your family is family, whether you like it or not. I imagine my own son is sitting in every seat. Because at the end of the day, despite our flaws, we still have an unconditional love for each other.”

A handful of the faculty have been here for many years, however some

of them have recently arrived and were welcomed with open arms.

Victoria Cado, sixth grade teacher and mother of three, feels that from the moment she walked in the doors, everyone was welcoming and friendly. She said, “It felt like I had known them for years.”

4K student Berit Warren, daughter of high school teacher Courtney Warren, said, “I really like that my mom works at the same school I go to. I also really like when my mom works on the yearbook. When I get older, I want to be just like my mom and be a teacher.”

With the idea of being better when we’re together, faculty, staff, and students have an unbreakable bond.

Families included are: the Bailey Family, the Cado Family, the Cook Family, the Durham Family, the



Photo by Eliza Lighthouse

Over fifty percent of CA faculty have students enrolled.

Ellis Family the Gaughf Family, the Griffen Family, the Hutchinson Family, the Lambert Family, the

Lampkin Family, the Laster Family, the Lloyd Family, the Martin

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Goodloe Elementary celebrates Heritage



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Goodloe Elementary students enjoyed learning more about various cultures while celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month during the month of September. September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month. This celebration is to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic Americans who have inspired other to achieve success.

According to the National Archives, The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President

Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

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Carson graduates from Kellogg program

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Canton native Angela Carson is a recent graduate of the W.K. Kellogg Community Leadership Fellowship Program. A great accomplishment, she is one of eighty persons chosen nationally for this class of cohorts. Carson brings twenty years of management and training experience to her work building nonprofit, corporate and government organizational capacity. She founded her own business, Carson Consulting Services LLC, to “help clients develop their leadership skills and achieve their changemaking goals,” she explained.

Carson is also the host of “Be in the Know” on WMGO radio, connecting residents with information and resources. A dedicated member of numerous boards, youth programs and community development initiatives, Carson is driving transformation in her community and beyond.

The Center for Creative Leadership (CCL®) and W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) recently announced Class Two of the WKKF Community Leadership Network, a model program for developing local leaders who can unite people to create transformational change toward a more equitable society for all.

The eighteen-month fellowship program brings together eighty dynamic and diverse leaders from across the United States and sovereign tribes. The class is organized into cohorts based in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans – the foundation’s priority places – along with one national cohort.

“We are very impressed with the high caliber of these fellows, and we are excited to work with this talented

new class to explore what’s possible for creating equity at the local, state, tribal, regional and national levels,” said CCL President and CEO John R. Ryan. CCL was asked to lead the program based on its fifty-year track record of cutting-edge research, practice and training that develops leaders for the benefit of society.

Fellows come from all walks of

unite communities around solutions.

“Our founder understood that visionary leaders have the power to bring communities together and create lasting change for children,” said La June Montgomery Tabron, president and CEO of the Kellogg Foundation. “Class Two is part of our legacy of developing local leaders.

They join a network of thousands of fellows that span decades of work in communities. Their ideas, passion and wisdom are crucial to creating equitable opportunity for children and families.”

Fellows go on to lead meaningful change in their communities. Several have run for elected office, including the mayor of Albuquerque and a city councilwoman in New Orleans, to create more equitable policies and foster economic growth that benefits the whole community. Alumni are also engaging Latino families to improve early childhood education in Michigan and advancing racial justice for African Americans in Mississippi.

In addition, fellows become part of a vast network of 1,700+ alumni through the Kellogg Fellowship Leadership Alliance, who collectively are working to effect systemic change.

The first fellows’ gathering will be held in Battle Creek, Michigan, in March 2019, where they will begin to get to know each other, explore their own leadership styles, learn ways to be agile in leading change and practice communicating with vision and purpose.

For more about the WKKF Community Leadership Network with the Center for Creative Leadership and a complete list of fellows, visit wkkf-cln.org.



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Carson, third from the left, attended the W.K. Kellogg Community Leadership Fellowship Program.

life – tribal leaders, elected officials, health practitioners, youth advocates, educators, businesspeople, attorneys, civil rights activists, conservationists and faith leaders. The class includes a state senator, pediatric dentist, comedian, street food entrepreneur, doula and civil rights historian.

More than 800 people applied to the WKKF Community Leadership Network program. The inaugural class was held in 2014 to 2017.

Through hands-on training, mentoring and practical experience, the fellowship prepares leaders to rise to the challenges of their time. The program offers opportunities to understand the embedded racism in systems and learn practical approaches to heal and

Harris celebrates 100 years of life

By Inesha Jackson

Ida Mae Matlock Harris celebrated turning 100 years of age on September 4, 2021, with family, friends, and those that cherish her life and legacy. On this day, Mrs. Harris was celebrated with many testimonials, songs, dances, and more by people that were positively influenced by her.



Ida Mae Matlock Harris

Harris was born August 27, 1921, to Thomas and Mandy Matlock.

Among her 14 siblings, only one other sibling remains today, Rev. Frank Matlock of Carthage, Mississippi.

On July 9, 1942, Ida Mae Matlock married the late King Roger Harris. To this union of 52 years, ten children were born. Four of them have already passed on: Manda Mae Thigpen, George Harris, Lillian Harris, and Billy Harris. Their remaining children include Erma Truss, Roger Harris Jr., Jerry Harris, Lucille Thigpen, Ed Harris, Teacola Seals, and a granddaughter she raised as her own, Edna Brown.

During the earlier years of her life, Harris loved and enjoyed things like

farming, gardening and raising farm animals with her husband and family. Together, they planted many crops, such as sugar cane, corn and cotton. While the other crops were very successful, the cotton was short-lived, due to her children setting it on fire while playing. In her spare time, she also loved making beautiful quilts and cooking. Aside from farming, cooking and spending time with her family, she also did full time work. Harris worked at the Madison County Nursing Home, where she retired after thirty years of service.

With 100 years of life, Mrs. Ida Mae Harris’s life and legacy is celebrated by all that love her.

Math literacy with Citizens Bank



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Tuesdays are for showing your math skills. Rueben B. Meyers School of Arts and Sciences fourth grade champions had an opportunity to add to their math skills by learning the value of financial literacy. Math engagement was in full effect as students worked with representatives from Citizens Bank for the lesson.

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Letter from the editor: An open letter to the coach I love most

By Courtney Warren

I see you after the football games. Your mood is oftentimes a direct reflection of the numbers on the scoreboard. You know you're about to have to face those conversations that may be good or bad, but those conversations can uplift or deflate you.

Most times, you're loved on and told you're an amazing coach. You're given encouragement by your mentor, you're told you matter by your players and parents, and you're given pats on the backs and high fives as you leave the field. But, unfortunately, sometimes - and it's rare this year - but sometimes you're told you're the worst coach ever and anyone could call a better play than that. Sometimes you doubt yourself when a player full of heart is injured and out for the season. It's those words, those doubts, we always seem to hear the loudest, isn't it?

Of course, they could coach it better when standing in the stands. We all could.

You stay at the school hours after everyone else has gone home, drawing up plays and making lists. Those are the same plays and lists I find on scraps of napkins as I turn out pockets to do the wash.

On days when you feel defeated, both on the field and off, I want you to remember for whom you coach.

It's so easy for you to believe that you're coaching for the administration that hired you.

But that's not why you coach.

It can sometimes feel like you coach for the parents - ever so careful you don't say anything that might upset them or get twisted in translation... might make them think you're pushing their child too hard or being unfair.

That's not why you coach.

You don't coach to ensure their child gets the same amount of playing time as everyone else.

That's not why you coach.

You can even think you coach for a school, a mascot, colors on a banner, or another coach.



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None of that is why you coach.

You coach to ensure their child understands that their playing time is a direct reflection of what they do in their off time.

You coach for the group of boys that show up to school an hour early, smaller and younger than everyone else, but lifting heavier weights than some seniors.

You coach for the college sophomore that texts you every single holiday to tell you how much he appreciates all you did for him his senior year. He's at your games every Friday night.

You coach for the other college sophomore that looks into the stadium seats to find you. Because he knows you're there, whether he steps onto the field or not.

You coach for the player that runs into your room to show you camp letters, college letters and recruitment texts.

You coach for the players that find you in Wal-Mart as we're out shopping to tell you how much they love you.

You coach for the babies that wanted a Pee-wee football team.

You coach for the Okra Campers that needed someone as enthusiastic and goofy as you as their leader.

You coach for the elementary kids that walked up to you at church and said "Hey, Coach," with a deep Southern drawl.

You coach for the cafeteria workers that always slip extra snacks "for Coach."

You coach for the little boy still inside you that stood on the sidelines all through elementary school watching the big boys play football.

You coach for the little boy that said, "Throw the ball, Daddy," when he was still learning to run well.

You coach for your own little girl, who

asks every Friday, "Are we going to see Daddy's game?"

You even coach for me.

And, most importantly, you coach because it's what God made you to do. You coach because He gave you a passion. A fire. A true gift to be a light to every player you come across. To show them what humble looks like. To show them what Christ's love looks like. To show that God never gives up on them - and neither does their coach.

There will be wins and losses. That's life, and that's football. I know there will be more wins, but I pray for enough losses to appreciate the victories.

But, as I see you come home and drop your soaking wet shoes at the door, hang your whistle and hat on the wall, and love on our daughter with tired eyes, I'm just grateful - along with hundreds of others.

I'm so grateful that you coach.

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The family of Frank William "Will" McMullen, Jr. wishes to thank the family and friends who showed their love and respect to my son Will and to his children, Wes McMullen and Mary McMullen.

Sandra Endy Salmon
Wes McMullen
Mary McMullen

Special thanks to Chap McMullen, Lee McMullen, Johnny Stewart, Mike Brown and Breeland Funeral Home.

Skittles and science at Reuben B

Lions say goodbye to members



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Who says candy can't be used for learning? PK champions at Reuben B Myers School of Arts and Sciences had a little hands-on fun with their first science experiment of the year. Don't worry, they got a chance to taste the rainbow with another bag of skittles!

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The Canton Lions have lost some longtime members this year, beginning with Gil Kyker (member 20 years), Dr. Morris Taylor (member 54 years), Melvin Ray (member 57 years) and, this past month, James Chandler (member 53 years). These men were role models in the community and very supportive of our Canton Lions. The Lions would like to extend sympathy to the families and express the loss the Lions feel in losing these great leaders. September meetings had low attendance all month, with Chan Chandler out with the sickness and later death of his dad, James. Shirley and James Shavers had COVID and were out for two weeks. Rolanda An-



person's child had COVID, and she was quarantined. Work for many of the members kept them away on Wednesdays, however, the September programs were informative and entertaining. October is shaping up to be a good program month, as well.

On October 13, 2021, Gluckstadt Mayor Walter Morrison and Kerry Mininger will come and talk to the Club about the newest town in Madison County. President Moses Thompson said, "Hopefully, our members will be healthy in October, and we can move our attendance back to the 25-30 range."

Lions meet every Wednesday at noon at the Canton Country Club, and the public is invited to come and join the meetings.

OBITUARY

Margaret Montgomery
Canton, Mississippi
October 14, 1944 - September 15, 2021

Margaret Anne Riley Montgomery passed away peacefully on the evening of September 15, 2021, at her home in Canton, Mississippi, surrounded by loved ones. Margaret was 76 years old.

With her husband of 55 years, Margaret loved and nurtured her family that includes four daughters, four sons-in-law, twelve grandchildren, and two aging golden retrievers.

Margaret graduated from Provin High School in 1962. She attended Millsaps college for two years, and then transferred to the University of Mississippi. There, she majored in English and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts.

Margaret was an avid reader and appreciated well-written stories. She loved flowers, antiques, and hosting friends and family in her home. Margaret's warmth, kindness, and encouragement to others was evident to every person she met. She had such a positive outlook on life, and her faith in God not only

sustained her but others around her.

She loved gathering her family together for meals, beach trips, and birthday celebrations. She enjoyed travel with friends and overnight visits with out-of-town grandchildren. She cherished the beautiful friendships formed through Bible studies, book clubs, and yoga classes. Margaret connected deeply with each daughter, son-in-law, and grandchild, and each one feels uniquely loved and appreciated by Margaret.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Martin Luther Riley and Clara Conn Riley of Jackson, Mississippi. She is survived by her husband, C.R. "Bob" Montgomery of Canton, Mississippi; four daughters, Kathleen Mitchell (Mack) of Jackson, Mississippi; Meg Fuller (Brian) of Bir-



Margaret Montgomery

mingham, Alabama; Sarah Largen (Tim) of Madison, Mississippi; and Polly Haley (Jason) of Dallas, Texas; her twelve grandchildren, Mary Margaret Mitchell, Mont Mitchell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Rob Fuller, Clara Fuller, Lewis Fuller, Henry Largen, Ruthie Largen, Max Largen, William Haley, Charlie Haley, and Maggie Haley; and her two sisters, Martina McRae (Ed) of Simi Valley, California and Connie Burns (Pat) of Natchez, Mississippi.

Margaret's entire family is grateful for the medical teams that cared for her at Jackson Oncology in Jackson, Mississippi, and MD Anderson in Houston, Texas.

There will be a service celebrating Margaret's life on Saturday, October 2, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 202 East Peace Street, Canton, Mississippi. To honor Margaret, please consider contributing to the First Presbyterian Church of Canton or the First Methodist Church of Canton.

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Huey Porter Tigers play hard

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The Huey Porter Middle School volleyball team lost a heartbreaker to Northwest Middle School 2-1, with scores of 25-22, 21-25, 7-15. The team will continue their season with grit and enthusiasm as they continue efforts to secure a win.



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By Courtney Warren

Although the Canton High School (CHS) varsity football team started off the season slowly, they picked up the pace with a victory against Callaway High School.

“It was an all team effort,” said Head Coach Calvin Bolton. “It’s

incredibly difficult to pick a most valuable player for this game, because the offense and defense truly game together for this win.”

The Tigers look to continue the momentum in their upcoming games as they make a playoff push.

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TRICOUNTY ACADEMY VS. CENTRAL HOLMES

41 0

Most Valuable Offensive Player: *Zac Clark, senior*
Most Valuable Defensive Player: *Hayden Tyler, senior*
Most Valuable Play: *Brodie Thompson 46 yard int return for a TD*

SEPTEMBER 10
TRI COUNTY ACADEMY VS. RIVERFIELD

48 7

Most Valuable Offensive Player: *Zac Clark, senior*
Most Valuable Defensive Player: *Hayden Walker, sophomore*
Most Valuable Play: *Kamp Shepherd, junior with a 23-yard interception return for TD*

SEPTEMBER 17
TRICOUNTY ACADEMY VS. MADISON ST. JOE

52 28

Most Valuable Offensive Player: *Rouse Boyce, senior*
Most Valuable Defensive Player: *Tanner Lee, senior*
Most Valuable Play: *Kamp Shepherd, junior, with 68-yard touchdown reception*

SEPTEMBER 3
VELMA JACKSON HIGH VS. YAZOO COUNTY

43 6

SEPTEMBER 10
CANTON HIGH SCHOOL VS. VICKSBURG

0 45

SEPTEMBER 10
VELMA JACKSON HIGH VS. RAYMOND

12 26

SEPTEMBER 17
CANTON ACADEMY VS. HILLCREST

42 16

Most Valuable Offensive Player: *Daniel Ford, Junior*
Most Valuable Defensive Player: *Jordan Price, senior*
Most Valuable Play: *Marcus Goodloe, senior, with a 55-yard punt return for a touchdown*

SEPTEMBER 17
VELMA JACKSON HIGH VS. YAZOO CITY

40 20

SEPTEMBER 24
VELMA JACKSON HIGH VS. LEAKE CENTRAL

33 25

SEPTEMBER 24
CANTON HIGH SCHOOL VS. HOLMES CENTRAL

24 22

SEPTEMBER 10
CANTON ACADEMY VS. OAK HILL

62 27

Most Valuable Offensive Player: *Chris Hunter, sophomore*
Most Valuable Defensive Player: *Barnes Wadford, senior*
Most Valuable Play: *Chris Hunter with a pick six*

SEPTEMBER 17
CANTON HIGH SCHOOL VS. CALLAWAY

19 14

Most Valuable Offensive Player: *Total team effort*
Most Valuable Defensive Player: *Total team effort*
Most Valuable Play: *Nicholas Davenport, junior, with an interception*

SEPTEMBER 24
TRICOUNTY ACADEMY VS. CANTON ACADEMY

40 0

Most Valuable Offensive Player: *Trace Dearman, senior*
Most Valuable Defensive Player: *Tanner Lee, senior*
Most Valuable Play: *Trace Dearman, 40-yard run to inside the 5 that led to a touchdown*

Editors Note: The Canton News will begin covering local sports contests. Coaches from each team will award their players Most Valuable Player awards as well as the Game Changer Play.

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Tigerettes bring spirit and moves to Canton High games



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Canton High School Prancing Tigerettes (left to right) are Monica Huntley, Ashiyla Cain, Ty'Keyria Ross, De'Arriyal Clark, Jakiyah Hawkins and Khaliyah Murry.

CA honors the 13 fallen soldiers



Photo by Courtney Warren

The varsity football team walks onto the field with thirteen flags.

By Courtney Warren

The Canton Academy (CA) Panthers walked onto the field with thirteen flags to honor the thirteen fallen servicemen who gave their lives in Afghanistan. The community is forever grateful for all of those who have served and are currently serving in the military.

CA also extended their thanks to the National Guard members who presented the colors before the game. SSG. Ronnie Welch said,

“We were very honored to be a part of this. Thank you Canton Academy. We don’t do this for us. We do this for every single one of y’all.”

Mary Morgan Reams, cheerleading sponsor who gathered the flag and set up the event, said, “This was the favorite thing I have done so far being cheer sponsor. CA moms donated their flags, and we were able to put this together. It made me proud of my school and proud to be an American.”

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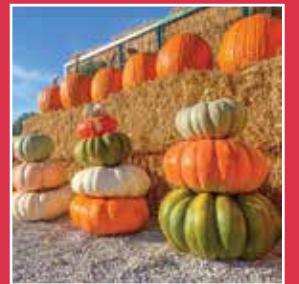
A respect for God and country begins early, and the Canton High School Junior Reserves Officers' Training Corps has just that. The JROTC can be seen each morning raising the flag over CHS.

The U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) is one of the largest character development and citizenship programs for youth in the world. The National Defense Act of 1916 established organized JROTC programs at public and private educational institutions. In 1964, Congress expanded

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Canton High School Homecoming Court



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Canton High School (CHS) recently announced their 2021-2022 Royal Homecoming Court and Student Government Association winners. They include Mr. CHS: Jontravius Smith; Miss CHS: Lorrin Nichols; Miss Homecoming: Jamijah Day; SGA President: Marquicia Douglas; SGA Vice-President: Jessica Vanburen; SGA Secretary: Azariya Shields; SGA Treasurer: Alexanjria Washington; Mr. Senior: Christopher Collins; Miss Senior: Javariah Horn; Mr. Junior: Dwight Luckett, Jr.; Miss Junior: Atundria Williams; Mr. Sophomore: Jeremy Bates; and Miss Sophomore: Jerrica Johnson. Coronation and crowning will be October 13 at the CHS Auditorium at 6:30 p.m., and homecoming and crowning will be October 15 at the CHA football field at halftime.

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Taylor – Streeter



It is with great pride that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Streeter and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor announce the marriage of their children Sallie Kaye Streeter and Matthew Taylor.

Sallie Kaye was born in Madison and attended Madison-Ridgeland Academy. Matthew was raised in Madison and attended Canton Academy. Matt went to college at Belhaven University, earning two degrees,

Sports Administration and Education, minoring in History. Matthew currently works at Southern Pipe and Supply in Richland, Mississippi.

Matthew and Sallie Kaye became Mr. and Mrs. Taylor on September 12, 2021. The wedding was held at the chapel of Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church. Bridesmaids were Anne Rivers Streeter, maid of honor, Reagan Taylor, and Abby McCoy. Groomsmen were Clay Taylor, best man, Joseph Smith, and Aaron Fiesel.

Burnside – Woods



It is with great pride that Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Burnside of Brandon, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fox of Canton announce the marriage of their children James Bailey Burnside and Sarah Bailey Woods.

Bailey Burnside was raised in Canton and is a graduate of Canton Academy. Bailey is now the owner of Bailey Burnside

Concrete in Canton. Bailey Woods was raised in Madison and is also a graduate of Canton Academy. Bailey is now an esthetician at Lash and Brow Gal in Ridgeland. Bailey and Bailey will say their vows before family and God in October. The wedding will be held at the Bridlewood of Madison. The wedding will be officiated by Rev. Guy Odom of Sunrise Baptist Church in Carthage. Proud grandparents include Ms. Donna Burnside of Canton, John and Sarah Deal of Yazoo City, Ms. Louise Hutchinson of Cleveland, and Richard and Susan Bushmiaer of Ozark, Arkansas.

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Canton Academy 2021 Homecoming Court



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Canton Academy recently announced their 2021 Homecoming Court. Pictured left to right are seventh grade representatives Mary Alice Holmes and Zayn McCalman; ninth grade representatives Kennedy Callahan and Ian Choppala; junior representatives Cooper Hardin and McKenzie Pace; Senior Maids Madi Cochran, Starr Spivey and Maggie Claire Thomas; sophomore representatives Summer Hederman and Stratton Choppala; and eighth grade representatives Tillie Oglesbee and Rhett Hale. Ring bearer was Foster Penn, and flower girl was Ann Bryan Penn. The Canton Academy Panthers will play the Central Holmes Christian School Trojans on October 1. Homecoming Court will be presented at halftime.



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Another day of saving bees



Photo by Courtney Warren

Hope Galloway keeps bees on her farm and took them home after they calmed down.

By Courtney Warren

Did you know almost 90% of wild plants and 75% of leading global crops depend on animal pollination?

One out of every three mouthfuls of our food depends on pollinators. Crops that depend on pollination are five times more valuable than those that do not.

When Canton Academy Panthers discovered a swarm of honeybees outside of the high school, saving the bees was at the top of their priority list! Hope Galloway, mom to current sophomore Matthew, came fully prepared to move the bees to a safer home where they can continue their hard work. It was another successful day of saving the bees!

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McGruder

have always been. Our scholars are expected to commit to doing their part to make sure that they receive a quality education from some of the most gifted teachers in our state and they are expected to focus on making academic gains despite the issues we all are facing because of the COVID-19 pandemic," McGruder said.

"The advice I want to give students

for this school year is to believe that you can, then work to make it happen. I would encourage students to stay focused, stay positive, seek guidance from those who are invested in enhancing and uplifting them. Do not wallow in negativity. Seek the positive. Prepare for greatness. Contribute positively to someone else's life, and reap blessings from the Lord," McGruder said.

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Family, the McCarty Family, the Penn Family, the Peoples Family, the Reams Family, the Seward Family, the South Family, the Taylor Family, the Watson Family, the Wadford Family, the Warren Family, the Watson Family, the Williams Family, the Willis Family, and the Winborne Family.

EDITOR'S NOTE: With the Canton Academy Reflections Yearbook Staff celebrating the 50th volume of the yearbook, it was

important to choose a great title and an outstanding focus. The staff announced the title "Last One Out, Hit the Lights," and Editor-in-Chief Eliza Lighthouse was inspired to present a family feel for the book. With that in mind, Managing Editor Reese Willis knew she wanted to explore the idea of family within CA. The following is an excerpt from the upcoming volume.

Letter to the Editor: Creamery History

By Guest Columnist Mary Jane Boutwell

When Herman Mosby, Sr. opened a creamery in Canton, it was on Center Street just behind where the Subway restaurant is today (the corner of Liberty Street and Center Street). In the beginning, the milk was handed to someone inside the front doorway in five- or ten-gallon milk cans. Later, the milk was delivered in the alley behind the store; and, in 1951, the creamery relocated south of Canton on the west side of Highway 51.



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The Mosby Creamery operated by selling milk to local schools and the hospital, always outbidding Pet and Borden for the milk business until Mosby, Sr. sold out to Flav-O-Rich.

When the Creamery was located on the corner of the square, the telephone office was across the al-

ley. To make a call back then, one picked up the receiver and told the operator who they wished to call. The operator, which was always a woman in those days, would connect the call.

The need for a creamery was created by the government encouraging farmers to diversify and add milk cows to their row crops. The failure of one crop was bad, but not a major disaster, with this second income. I can remember in my family the twice-monthly milk checks made life easier, even though major purchases still had to wait for the fall row crops' income.

Herman, Jr. told me Madison County Agent Sam Estess and local veterinarian Billie Flynn persuaded his father to move from Meridian to Canton to start the creamery. The Mosbys had owned and run a creamery in Meridian.

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Hoco festivities cause creative juices to flow



Photo by Courtney Warren

Makayla Walley and Reese Willis used expanding foam to create coral.



Photo by Courtney Warren

Heath Dodson carves a pool noodle into curling shapes to add to his class' decor.

By Courtney Warren

You can always tell homecoming week is around the corner when paint tracks and cardboard cutouts litter the

halls of Canton Academy (CA). With the theme of "Back to the Future" for 2021, the CA Student Council, advised by Kathleen Penn and Garrett Smith,

planned for a week of festivities. Each grade chose a movie scene from "Back to the Future" and decorated a section of the school hallways in order to create

a hoco spectacular. From sea creatures to cowboy boots to jukeboxes, the CA Panthers are ready to celebrate school pride, spirit, and tradition.



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- 1 onion (chopped)
- 1 8 oz package of shredded cheese
- Salt and pepper (optional)

ON THE TABLE:
MS. GEORGIA BRANSON'S
HAMBURGER CASSEROLE

RECIPE FROM MELISSA BENNETT

By Melissa Bennett

The Hamburger Casserole was one of my late mother, Georgia Branson's, favorite dishes to prepare. When she was still here with us, everyone wanted a taste of her delicious hamburger casserole. Over the years, I have kept all of her memories and recipes that she passed down to her children, with hopes of one day passing it down to the next generation. The hamburger casserole will be a part of our family tradition for many years to come.

For most of our family gatherings, I usually make time to prepare it, because it is sentimental to us. When in preparation, I often feel like she's here with me, telling me whether I've done something wrong or put too much of a certain ingredient into her dish. Although cooking is not one of my favorite things, it still brings me joy to carry on the legacy of my mother.

Directions:

1. **Brown ground beef, and drain excess grease.**
2. **Cook noodles as directed on package, and drain water.**
3. **Mix all ingredients together, and pour them into casserole bowl.**
4. **Place it in the oven, and bake at 350 degrees until cheese is bubbly.**

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When it comes to the spirit stick, the Panthers mean business



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We've got spirit, yes, we do! We've got spirit, how 'bout you? The Canton Academy (CA) spirit stick has become the coveted item

on Thursdays and Fridays for all students. From shakers to hula skirts, the Panthers will do whatever it takes to prove their class has the most spirit. The junior class currently has five

spirit stick wins under their belt; but the seniors, refusing to be beaten, recently showed out and claimed victory with the promise of more to come. No matter who wins the stick, these

pep rallies are more spirited than ever, and students, players, parents, and faculty say they are having a great time showing their pride for their school.

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P. Buffington to chair 2021 Metro Jackson Heart Walk

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The American Heart Association (AHA), the world's leading non-profit organization focused on heart and brain health for all, has named Phil Buffington, Partner of Adams and Reese, LLP, as chair of the 2021 Metro Jackson Heart Walk. In this role, Buffington is focused on driving equitable health for every member of our community, with a special focus on raising critical funds to support the lifesaving work of the organization.

Phil Buffington

"I believe everyone has an obligation to try and help make their community a better place," said Buffington. "I have always been involved in the community and feel a personal obligation to help improve the lives of others. I'm looking forward to bringing the tri-county area together in a unifying environment to support the worthy cause of the AHA."

Buffington has a lengthy personal history with heart disease. Four

of his immediate family members have been affected by heart disease stroke, including his maternal and paternal grandfathers, who both died of heart-related issues; his sister Sharon, who had a heart attack and ultimately passed away; and his mother, Gwin, who had a stroke in 2019 and has been able to recover.

Buffington will lead a months-long campaign, culminating in the 28th annual Metro Jackson Heart Walk, to be held on November 13, 2021, at the Mississippi Museum of Art. The Metro Jackson Heart Walk unites the community in celebrating progress toward equitable health and honoring survivors of heart disease and stroke. Buffington has coordinated Adams and Reese's involvement in past Metro Jackson Heart Walks, Heart Balls, and Go Red For Women Luncheons. His daughter, Avery Buffington Truitt, has donated her works of art for the Metro Jackson Heart Ball.

"We are thrilled to have Phil's experience, conviction and passion to help raise critical funds to advance the science and the policies that will lead to longer, healthier lives for all," said Jennifer Hopping, Executive Director for the Metro Jackson American Heart Association.



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The dollars raised by the Metro Jackson Heart Walk campaign fund the mission of the American Heart Association to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives while supporting priority issues in Mississippi. The Heart Walk propels the American Heart Association towards its 2024 Health Equity Impact Goal, reducing barriers to health care access and quality.

Buffington is working with a committee of volunteer leaders on the campaign, which aims to raise

\$250,000. The volunteers include: Addy Keith of Community Bank, Andrew Lester and Rodney Grogan of MMC Materials, Bobby Morgan of Atmos Energy, Bridget Galatas of Molina Healthcare of Jackson, Inc., Candie Simmons of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Gerard Gibert of SuperTalk, Hunter Lipscomb of AnderCorp, Jennifer Hall of Mississippi Manufactured Housing Association, Megan McKinnie of BKD CPAs & Advisors and Robert Leard of Regions Bank.

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Spooky snacks and literature

By Courtney Warren

“Because,” she said, “when you’re scared but you still do it anyway, that’s brave.”

— Neil Gaiman, *Coraline*

Mrs. Courtney Warren’s seventh grade class wrapped up reading *Coraline* and celebrated with Spooky Breakfast. From mummy cinnamon rolls to a breakfast casserole graveyard, the Panthers said they

enjoyed both the book and their meal. The standout treat was Blake Bitner’s creation with cocktail weenies.



Photo by Courtney Warren

“This group has been so much fun. They always approach every lesson with a smile and make teaching a joy. I look forward to starting my mornings with this crew, and I can’t wait to see what they cook up next,” said Warren.

Positive character traits recognized



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Canton Academy recognized the monthly character trait, respectful behavior, during elementary chapel. Students recognized were (l to r) back: Sadie Stewart, Addy Reams, Ashton Teer, Hunter Peoples and Owen Winborne; middle: Aranza Mendez, Nealie Turner, Wyatt Gaughf, Lilly Stacy and Keegan Spires; and front: Luke Parker and Luke Middleton.

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