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MISSISSIPPI ART COLONY RETURNS TO CANTON

By Courtney Warren

Canton is known as the city of lights, however its history remains rich in other arts, as well.

Canton is proud to host the Mississippi Art Colony.

The Smithsonian lists Mississippi Art Colony as the country's oldest artist-run organization of its kind. Mississippi Art Colony has been guided by a collective of artist members for 75 years. Their activities are funded through fees from workshop sessions, grants from the Mississippi Arts Commission, and generous contributions from supporters who value the arts and appreciate the contributions of artists with a wide range of unique perspectives.

JoAnn Gordon, director of the Canton Convention and Visitors Bureau, said she was excited to see the Mississippi Art Colony return to Canton due to its roots in the city.

The late Inez Wallace of Canton helped found the Mississippi Art Colony and "We pay homage to the fact that it belongs to Canton. We used to have it every year, and now we are bringing it back, because it's part of Canton's history and heritage. Our Canton Convention and Visitors Bureau created the Allison Wells Center for Arts and Crafts. We support the arts and try to create an environment where we have artisans and craftsman year round." Canton has a plethora of artisans.

"We have painters, we have art exhibits, we have film makers, we have the Allison Wells quilters, we have the rug hookers, and we have rockers. We are all about the artisans and cultivating the art culture in Canton," said Gordon.

"Colony" is an invitation-only community providing arts learning experiences for adult artists. By providing week-long practicum experiences with a qualified guest artist facilitator, their goal is to help Mississippi artists develop their artistic abilities, build their professional skills, build community with other artists, and ultimately keep the visual arts scene thriving in Mississippi.

Colony members come together twice a year, spring and fall, to spend a week creating without the distractions and hindrances that everyday life often presents. Each session offers an opportunity for attendees to submit work for the Colony Traveling Show adjudicated by the session's guest artist. This current exhibit was curated by Mark Rigsby in April of 2024. A limited number of works is selected for this show and represents the spirit of Colony and the accomplishments of the artists.

"We are so excited to have the traveling show back. It's such an honor to have been selected and to be able to host this show for a month," said Gordon.

For more information about the Mississippi Art Colony, go to www.msartcolony.net. and for more on Canton visit cantontourism.com.

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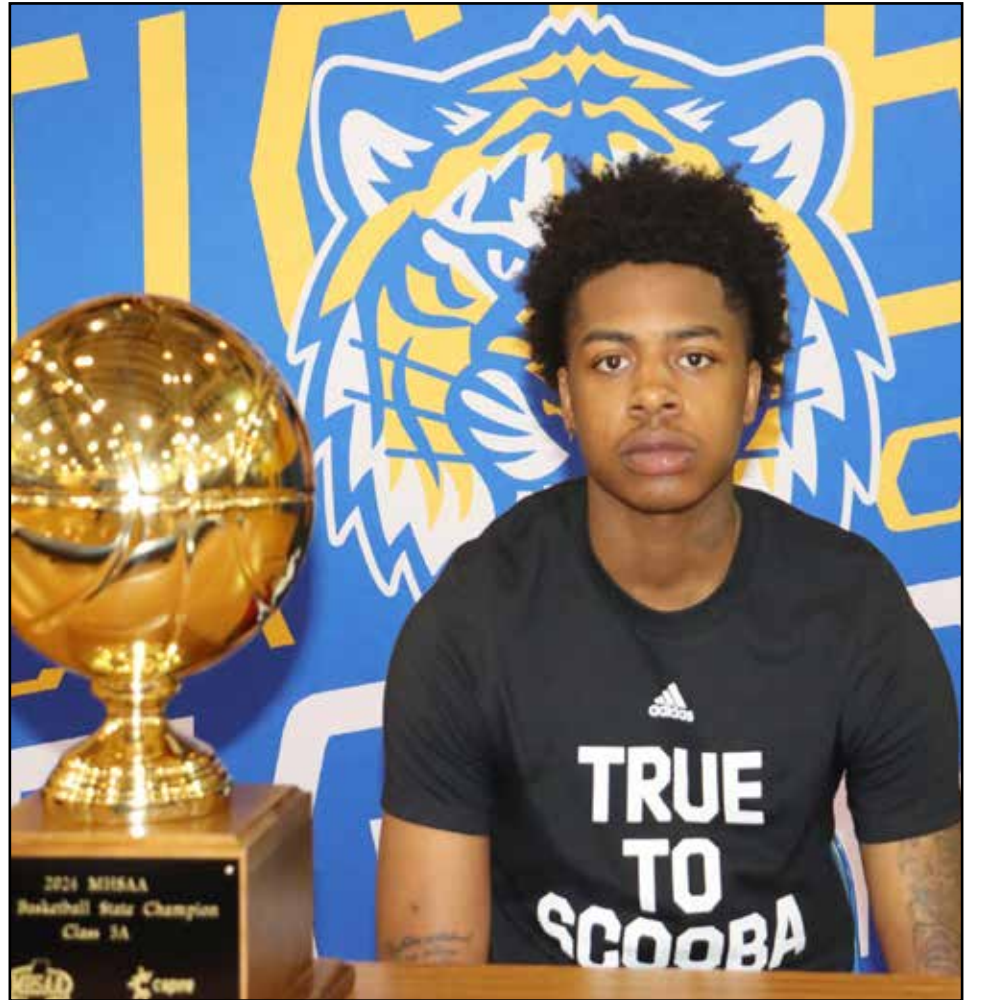
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CHS students Brown and Watson sign with EMCC



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Canton High Tigers Joshua Brown and Armani Watson recently signed scholarships with East Mississippi Community College to continue their basketball careers. Brown and Watson helped the School Tigers win the 5A State Championship.



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Canton High's Davis signs with NMCC



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Canton High School Lady Tiger Na'miya Davis was celebrated by friends, family, coaches and teammates as she signed a scholarship with Northeast Mississippi Community College to continue her basketball career.



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House of Representatives honors CHS team



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Representative Lawrence Blackmon of Canton and the Mississippi House of Representatives honored the Canton High School (CHS) boys

basketball team with a resolution for winning the 5A State Championship. Representative Blackmon also treated the team to a meal and a tour of the State Capitol. He and Senator Bradford Blackmon praised the team

for their dedication and hard work. Canton Mayor William Truly and CHS principal Dr. Pamela Self were also recognized for supporting the team and helping cheer them on to victory.

CPSD schools recognized by PREPS



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Canton Public Schools recently received recognition from the Program of Research and Evaluation for Public Schools (PREPS) for their outstanding achievement and growth for the 2023 school year. The Achievement Award is based on

a school/grade level having a “scale score” increase that was at least twice the state average increase. The Growth Award is based on a school being in the top ten percent of Mississippi schools in overall growth in Reading/ELA and Math. Canton Elementary received the Fifth-Grade Math Achievement Award.

Priestley volunteers at Our Daily Bread



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Pictured (l to r) are Priestley Chapel volunteers Layla Smith, Caleb Luciuos, Kaziah Jones, Patrick Brown Jr., Kyleah Jones, youth sponsor Reggie Jones, Ricky Smith Jr., Keith Small, Roderrious McDonald, Vargas Ervin, Omarion Small, sponsor Lepeacher Smith, sponsor Robert Richard, and sponsor Kizzie Small.

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Youth from Priestley Chapel Church volunteered at Our Daily Bread Ministries during spring break. The Youth Ministry and sponsors organized the event. Priestley Chapel’s Pastor, Robert McCallum,

encourages all members to be a servant for the Lord and show concern for others. He believes that Christian formation begins in the earliest stages of childhood. He says, “We want the youngest members of our family the BEST we can offer.”

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Canton Ninth Grade Academy attends Personal Finance Challenge 2024



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Four Canton Ninth Grade Academy (CNGA) students recently qualified to compete in the Personal Finance Challenge 2024 State Championship for the High School/Access Zone Division. The event is highly competitive, and only five teams statewide have qualified for this division. The competition was held in person in mid-April at the Mississippi Public Broadcasting Studios in Jackson. The CNGA Personal Finance Team included Alexandria Lockett, Jalynn Dunigan, Nelly Cardona-Rosales, and Henser Vicente. All participating students received prizes, and the first- and second-place teams from each division (middle school and high school) were awarded college scholarships.

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Two local nonprofits partner together to open a Blessing Box



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A Village, Inc. and Our Daily Bread are working together to help fight hunger with a new service called The

Blessing Box. The Blessing Box is open twenty-four hours a day to help individuals in need of food and is located at the Canton Police Station at 200

Park Drive.




For more information, contact Sherree Thompson with A Village, Inc. at 601-427-8801 or Theresa Kelly Reed

with Our Daily Bread at 601-859-9211. Monetary donations can be submitted online: <https://givebutter.com/SupportAVillage>

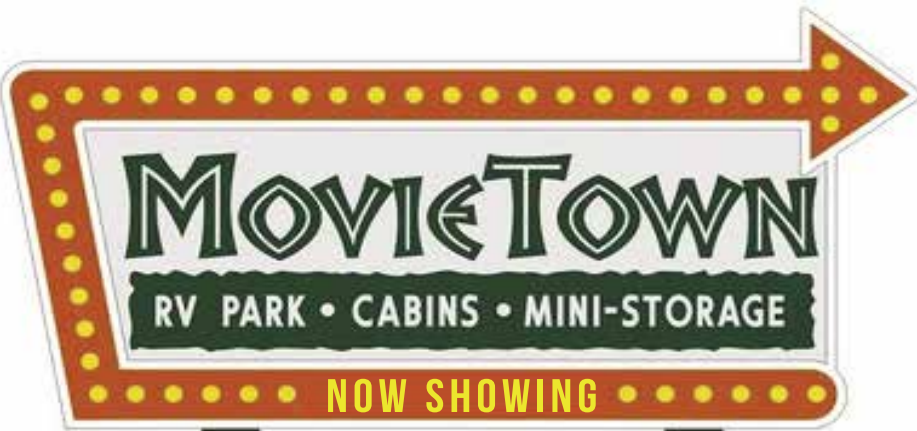
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Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity hosts Spring Kreme



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Recently, the Canton-Madison Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity hosted their annual Spring Kreme. The group thanked those who attended and said, "Your enthusiasm and generosity have made a significant impact on our scholarship fund, helping us foster future leaders."

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Old Jail Farmers Market returns

By Guest Columnist Misty Slay

In the spring of 2022, a couple of ladies with a vision, Maureen Simpson and Joy Foy, and a handful of neighbors who knew absolutely nothing about running a farmers market set out to do exactly that. Over the next few months, plans were made, signs and posters were printed, sponsors came on board, and word went out that a new market was coming to the grounds of the historic Old Jail in Canton.

The farmers market has changed a bit since that first drizzly market on May 24, 2022, but the mission has stayed the same. The Old Jail Farmers Market seeks to be the place where local growers can sell the prettiest, freshest produce, flowers, and plants around. We're always looking for local vendors! Young or old, whether you grow acres of row crops or in buckets on your back patio, there's a spot for you at the market. We want local artisans and bakers to bring their unique creations to share, and for everyone in our community to



have access to the amazing offerings their neighbors and friends work hard to produce right here in our community. The farmers market will meet every Thursday in June and July (except for July 4th) from 4-7 p.m., and the vendor fee is just \$10 for the whole summer!

We currently have vendors signed up to bring fresh veggies, flowers, eggs, baked goods, pottery, jams and jellies, snow cones, hand-crafted wood items and so much more!

So bring your kids, grab a neighbor, or just swing by on your way home from work and join us on the beautiful grounds of the Old Jail this summer for the 3rd season of the Old Jail Farmers Market. You're welcome to bring a chair or blanket to hang out with friends and neighbors. We'll see you there, rain or shine!

For application links and to stay up-to-date on the latest market news, be sure to follow the Old Jail Farmers Market on Facebook!

Allen inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

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Rakiam Allen of Canton was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Allen was initiated at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Allen is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top ten percent of seniors and seven and a half percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top ten percent

of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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Canton law enforcement celebrated and thanked by city



Photo by Courtney Warren

Canton Convention & Visitors Bureau, as well as the Canton Chamber of Commerce, visited with the Canton Police Department to thank and honor them during Law Enforcement Appreciation Week. Tourism director Jo Anne Gordon says she was thrilled to celebrate this department, who works tirelessly to not only make many Canton events possible but to keep Cantonians safe.

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On the shelf: Books that are more tame than *Fourth Wing*

By Courtney Warren

Fourth Wing has taken the reading world by storm. If you haven't heard or read the story, here is a teaser from the publisher.

Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. Now, the commanding general—also known as her tough-as-talons mother—has ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders.

But when you're smaller than everyone else and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away...because dragons don't bond to "fragile" humans. They incinerate them.

With fewer dragons willing to bond than cadets, most would kill Violet to better their own chances of success. The rest would kill her just for being her mother's daughter—like Xaden Riorson, the most powerful and ruthless wingleader in the Riders Quadrant.

She'll need every edge her wits can give her just to see the next sunrise.

Yet, with every day that passes, the war outside grows more deadly, the kingdom's protective wards are failing, and the death toll continues to rise. Even worse, Violet begins to suspect leadership is hiding a terrible

secret.

Friends, enemies, lovers. Everyone at Basgiath War College has an agenda—because once you enter, there are only two ways out: graduate or die.

Now, don't get me wrong, I absolutely loved this book. I inhaled it. It sold out when it was first published, and the printers had to do a second print run because of its popularity.

That being said, it is absolutely not for children. There are many salacious scenes that would make a pirate blush. However, because of social media, many young readers are gravitating to the fantasy world, the adventure, and the dragons.

Bookstores have caught on to this and, rather than shelving it in the adult sections, they will place the books on a table or end cap near the young adult section. It's not technically in young

adult, but it's close enough for parents to overlook the fact that kids are picking it up.

With that in mind, I have been on the hunt for books that are similar but significantly cleaner and more appropriate for my young readers.

Dragonfruit by Makiia Lucier checked all of those boxes for me.

This story was inspired by Pacific Island mythology and has romance that is appropriate for upper middle and high school readers.

It reminds me of the movie *Moana* mixed with the movie *Raya and the Last Dragon*.

The stunning cover only touches the surface of the beauty of this story.

The main character, Hanalei of Tamarind is the cherished daughter of an old island family.

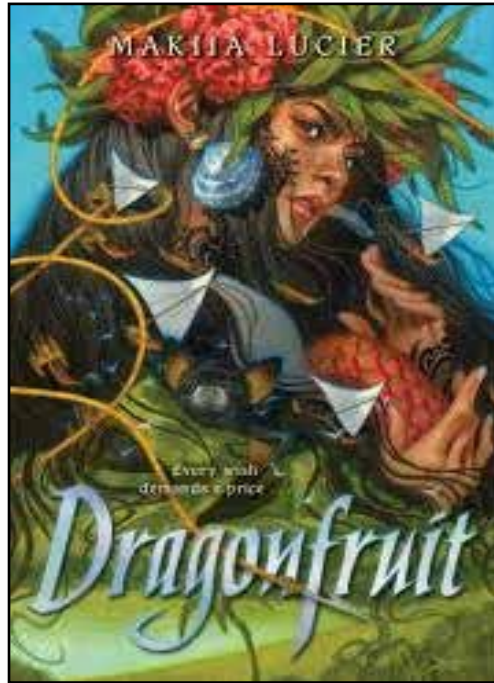
According to the publisher, when her

father steals a seadragon egg meant for an ailing princess, she is forced into a life of exile. In the years that follow, Hanalei finds solace in studying the majestic seadragons that roam the Nominomi Sea. Until, one day, an encounter with a female dragon offers her what she desires most. A chance to return home, and to right a terrible wrong.


Samahtitamahenele, Sam, is the last remaining prince of Tamarind. But he can never inherit the throne, for Tamarind is a matriarchal society. With his mother ill and his grandmother nearing the end of her reign, Sam is left with two choices: to marry, or to find a cure for the sickness that has plagued his mother for ten long years. When a childhood companion returns from exile, she brings with her something he has not felt in a very long time—hope.

But Hanalei and Sam are not the only ones searching for the dragonfruit. And, as they battle enemies both near and far, there is another danger they cannot escape...that of the dragonfruit itself.

It's important to be in the know with what our young readers are reading; however, that can also be difficult if they love stories. Hopefully, this recommendation will help! It was an immediate classroom purchase for this literature teacher.




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Cantonians recognized at Holmes Ridgeland Honors Day



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Pictured (l to r) are the 2024 Ridgeland Campus Awards and Honors Program recipients, front row: Emily Price of Vaughan, Mary Katherine Hamilton of Madison, Analise Johnson of Sandhill, Tori Dew of Canton, Brooke Barron of Brandon, Jenna Hood of Madison, Camille Scott of Brandon, Jaycelyn Russ of Madison and Greysen Lewis of Flora; middle row: Graham Lambert of Canton, Ornette Lee of Brandon, Presleigh Powers of Carthage, Emeree Moncrief of Madison, Braeden Adams of Madison, Ricky Tebo of Flora, D'Quevion Clay of Canton, Charles Mistich of Ridgeland, Jaden Gonzalez of Brandon and Lee Drake of Madison; and back row: Kyle Hawkins of Madison, Colin Crosby of Ridgeland, Kent Barrett of Madison, Antwan Tingle of Meridian, Jayvion Caston of Jackson, Caleb Hernandez of Madison, Patrick Vallean of Olive Branch, Aleesa Booker of Madison, Meagan Snyder of Madison and Hayden Tanner of Madison. Not pictured: Cedravious Davis of Canton, Ava Wages of Madison, Emily Rowlen of Hollandale and Troy Scott of Clinton.

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The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus recently recognized its students' achievements and honors during the 2024 Honors Day Program, which was held in the Pat McGowan Workforce Training Center on the Ridgeland Campus. Representatives from each academic and career-technical program presented awards to students who have shown excellence in their given major, program or extracurricular activity. Other special awards were given, as well, in various categories.

The evening began with a welcome from Ridgeland Campus Career and

Technical Coordinator Allison DeWeese and an invocation from Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham. Award presentations began with recognizing the 2024 Ridgeland Campus Hall of Fame inductees. Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can receive and recipients were voted on by faculty and staff based on academic achievement, campus involvement and community service.

The 2024 Hall of Fame inductees included: Brooke Barron of Brandon, Colin Crosby of Ridgeland, Cedravious Davis of Canton, Tori Dew of Canton, Jaden Gonzalez of Brandon, Mary Katherine Hamilton of Madison, Analise Johnson of Sandhill,

Graham Lambert of Canton, Presleigh Powers of Carthage, Jaycelyn Russ of Madison, Camille Scott of Brandon and Patrick Vallean of Olive Branch.

A few of the Hall of Fame inductees received other awards, as well.

Lambert received the Ambassador Award, Gonzalez received the Physical Science Award and Dew received the award for both Biological Science and Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Additionally, Crosby was the Engineering Award recipient, and Vallean was the Mathematics Award recipient.

Other awards include the Electro Mechanical Technology Award, which went to Braeden Adams of

Madison; the Engineering Technology Award, which went to Ricky Tebo of Flora; the Culinary Arts Technology Award, which went to D'Quevion Clay of Canton; the Associate Degree Nursing Award, which went to Emily Price of Vaughan; the Information Systems Technology Award, which went to Charles Mistich of Ridgeland; the Paralegal Technology Award, which went to Antwan Tingle of Meridian; and the Emergency Medical Science Award, which went to Troy Scott of Clinton.

The ceremony concluded with closing remarks by Dean of Academics Dr. Tonya Lawrence.

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April showers bring May flowers: Gardening Advice

By Guest Columnist Jessica Stein

This month the Canton Garden Club had to cancel our meeting due to the tornado warnings passing through our beloved area. Though we missed each other, we were equally grateful to get rain in our gardens. And never fear dear readers! I've gathered advice from the Canton Garden Club leadership for summer plantings. Default authority and longtime club mentor Joy Foy says "Passalong flowers are more hardy than store bought ones. They are more likely to live and they can add value to the stories you can tell as you tour friends through your yard." When club members have questions about our policies or history, we turn to Joy.

Current president Susan Buttross Riddell heads our group with enthusiasm and grace. Our executives typically help set the annual schedule, manage the budget, oversee committees, and most importantly, help show gratitude to our guests and hosts. Susan adds, "Zinnias are some of the prettiest and easiest flowers to grow by seed. Plant about ¼ in deep—you don't have to plant in rows, just scatter about. Now is the perfect time to plant them! You just need a good sunny spot and keep the soil damp until the seeds sprout. If you use mixed color seeds you can cut flowers all summer."

Going into the next year, Wanda Baldwin will continue the traditions of leading the club in some role. Her most expert advice: "May is a time to clear plants of dead leaves and remove old mulch." She knows that pretty soon many perennials will be "bursting through the ground



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Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Dr Andre Hines, Kathy Ozborn, and Keep MS Beautiful Board President Brandon Wynn

and I fertilize after breaking ground around them." For fertilizer, the author recommends your homegrown compost, which breaks down slowly and rarely causes chemical imbalance for other plants of choice. Compost can be started in a corner away from the house in a simple pile with leaves and vegetable waste. Turned once a week, it becomes an excellent amendment in as little as six months. We hope you enjoy the

excellent weather this spring and an "abundance of beautiful blooms," as so aptly put by Mrs. Baldwin.

Last year's president, Kathy Ozborn, directs the club's Keep Canton Beautiful committee with Dr. Andre Hines. The Keep Canton Beautiful chapter of Keep Mississippi Beautiful was just recognized with the Circle of Excellence Award for extensive community improvement (pictured). These efforts, including collaboration

with Canton Parks and Rec director Alvin Davis, culminated in the Great Canton Cleanup of March, with participation from Jackson State University's Public Policy students. Kathy says thank you for making our chapter one of the best in our state!

Next month, Canton Garden members will have our summer and end-of-club-year party hosted by President Susan Buttross Riddell, featuring a group plant swap.

Nissan receives 15th ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year award

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Nissan North America has been named an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This is the fifteenth consecutive year that Nissan has been recognized with this award, which highlights the company's ongoing commitment to energy efficiency and the effectiveness of its energy management programs.

In addition, for the thirteenth consecutive year, Nissan received the ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award. The U.S. EPA presents this award to partners who have earned ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year recognition for a minimum of two consecutive years and have demonstrated the surpassing of their annual achievements from previous years. The company, along with employees and suppliers, has achieved

a fourteen percent reduction in energy consumption per vehicle produced, contributing to a three percent reduction in total energy usage versus the prior year.

"This award, the highest level of recognition by the EPA, underscores our unwavering commitment to energy efficiency and environmental stewardship across the organization," said Chris Goddard, Nissan environmental and energy engineering manager. "Nissan's sustainability activities are conducted with consideration to how we can con-

tribute towards maintaining an enriching and sustainable life for all people, with a strong focus on climate change, air quality,

resource dependency and water preservation. We are committed to maintaining this standard of excellence and to pioneering innovations that ensure a sustainable and energy-efficient future."

Each year, the ENERGY STAR program honors a select group of businesses and organizations that have made significant contributions to energy efficiency and the transition to a clean energy

economy. ENERGY STAR award winners lead their industries in the production, sale and adoption of energy-efficient products, homes, buildings, services and strategies. These efforts have saved more than five trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity over the past thirty years.

"I congratulate this year's ENERGY STAR award winners for their innovation and leadership, in delivering cost-effective energy efficient solutions that create jobs, address climate change, and contribute to a healthier environment for all," said EPA administrator Michael S. Regan.

Winners are selected from a network of thousands of ENERGY STAR partners. For a complete list of 2024 winners and more information about ENERGY STAR's awards program, visit EnergyStar.gov/AwardWinners.



G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center benefits from donation



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Thanks to a \$50,000 donation from Amerigroup, the American Heart Association of Mississippi provided vital support to the G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center in Canton. Through this partnership, blood pressure cuffs and New Mom Kits were recently provided to the health center's staff.

The purchase of both standard and extended sizes of blood pressure cuffs enables the G.A. Carmichael staff to diligently monitor the blood pressure levels of expectant moth-

ers. This proactive approach facilitates the effective identification and management of hypertension during pregnancy.

Research published in the American Heart Association's journal, *Circulation*, says that a woman's blood volume can increase by up to forty-five percent during pregnancy. This places additional strain on the heart.

By equipping healthcare professionals with essential monitoring tools, Amerigroup and the American Heart Association of Mississippi

will help enhance maternal health outcomes and assist with the reduction of the incidence of complications associated with high blood pressure. In addition to the blood pressure cuffs, Amerigroup's donation facilitated the purchase of maternal self-care wellness kits. These kits will help mothers prioritize their physical, mental and emotional well-being throughout pregnancy and help create thriving families.

"We were proud to partner with the American Heart Association of Mississippi to support maternal health

initiatives in the Canton community," stated Misti McNichols, Medicaid Territory Marketing Manager at Amerigroup Mississippi. "By providing essential resources and promoting awareness of the risks associated with high blood pressure during pregnancy, we hope to make a positive impact on the health and well-being of expectant mothers and their babies."

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Holmes brings home gold at SkillsUSA state championship



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The SkillsUSA chapters from Holmes Community College's Goodman and Ridgeland campuses successfully competed in the 2024 SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference

held in March and April. The winners were recognized during a ceremony on April 4 at the Hilton Jackson. Overall, Holmes took home fourteen awards: six gold medals, seven silver medals and one bronze. Ridgeland Culinary

Arts students boasted Quincy Boles of Canton who won a silver medal in Culinary Arts, Kennedy Lacey, Sr., of Canton, a silver in Restaurant Service.

The SkillsUSA advisors include Bill Fitts, Chef Alexei Harrison, Peter

Hindman and Heather Mooney in Ridgeland.

For more information about the SkillsUSA chapter in Ridgeland, contact Mooney at hmooney@holmescc.edu.

Letter from the Editor: Why T. Swift should be appreciated by every generation

By Courtney Warren

Taylor Swift.

I love that those two words illicit a response from someone, no matter who you're talking to. I tried explaining it to my dad, and the best I came up with is that Taylor Swift is the Beatlemania of my generation. We are seeing history being made right this moment, and, whether you like her music or not, there is no secret that she is a brilliant writer. Her lyrics are words that colleges have been able to create entire courses around. I myself taught figurative language using ONLY her lyrics.

If you've never been a writer, I'll let you in on a secret, it's hard. Words don't just come easily. They have to be slaved over, written, rewritten, slashed in red...shoot, even Faulkner had to be rip roaring drunk to create. That being said, I think with the traveling art show coming into Canton and our love and support of all artisans, it's important we remember that art comes in many forms.

Art is "the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination." I absolutely love this, and I think the idea of art is underappreciated. Why is it that art is the first thing cut in public schools, but the first thing we reach for when we're grieving? We read poetry at funerals but censor

it when teaching it in classrooms. We spend thousands of dollars decorating our homes with art but give the art teachers \$200 a year to fund their classrooms for a year.

My best friend is an art teacher. Do you know what she can do with \$200? I'd be able to get through one month, but somehow, with her art teacher wizardry, she makes it work.

But Courtney! Taylor Swift isn't art! She just writes break up songs about the many boys shes dated!

I hear you.

And when you went through that heart wrenching break up...you know the one...the one that left you on your knees on the bathroom floor thinking you'd never breathe normally again... what comforted you? What did you do to drown out the silence?

One can only take so much of Sinead O'Connor before they snap.

I have a bulletin board on our 7th



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grade hallway right now that's call "Frost or Swift?" So let's play a game.

I'll give you a phrase, you guess if it's the famous poet Robert Frost, or if it's the famous singer/songwriter Taylor Allison Swift. The answers will be at the end of the article.

There's a reason David played the harp. There's a reason the Pslams are also hymns. Music is something we can feel in our heartbeats. We were created by an ultimate Creator. If He is alive and lives in us, then were we not cre-

ated to also create?

I'm an artist, and my medium happens to be words. I don't pretend to be the greatest and I definitely don't pretend to understand other mediums. I attend art exhibits with that same art teacher best friend and ask "tell me how this is art." I ask this not because I don't think it's art—the opposite, actually. I want her to teach me. What did this artist do that I need to notice and appreciate? What are the skills that my untrained eyes would overlook?

Whether Swift is your cup of tea or not, there is no denying she meets the criteria of "the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination." I encourage you to branch out. Try a few of her songs. Listen to her words.

Appreciate art, the process, the artists, and be sure to visit the traveling art show here in Canton!

QUIZ TIME:

1. Beneath the chandelier of stars and atmosphere/ Tangled like roots on the ground.
 2. You were forever finding some new play
 3. Visions of half the world burned black/ And in the unshrunk yellow in smoke
 4. Walking through a crown/ the village is aglow
 5. The empathetic hunger descends
- Music matters. Art matters.

5. Swift

4. Swift

3. Frost

2. Frost

1. Swift

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CA tennis serves greatness



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Bren Gore, Sean Sadler, Amelia Cook, and Tillie Oglesbee.

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Canton Academy (CA) Panthers tennis players have recently enjoyed some big successes on the courts. The CA girls team was named Dis-

trict Runner-Up, while senior Amelia Cook earned #1 District Girls Champion and junior Tillie Oglesbee earned #2 Girls District Champion. Sean Sadler and Bren Gore were Mixed Doubles Runner-Up.

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Penns show off on the green



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By Courtney Warren

The Penns are known for their athletic abilities, and Alex and Foster Penn are no different. Recently, this

duo earned the U.S. Kids Champs honor. Alex and Foster both attend Canton Academy.

CA gets to the guts of learning



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Mary Palmer Tupman and Easton Smith work on a fetal pig dissection.

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Ms. Moseley's advanced biology class at Canton Academy has dissected nine different animals this year in

order to conduct a comparative analysis of simple to complex animals. They wrapped up their research with fetal pigs.

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Canton Academy announces student leaders for 2024-2025



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Canton Academy recently held student council elections and announced the leaders of their 2024-2025 student body. The officers are Amelia Rose Cook, who will serve as president; Addison Cado, who will serve as vice president; Gates Welch, who will serve as secretary; Mackenzie Turner, who will serve as treasurer; and Abby Robinson, who will serve as chaplain.

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