

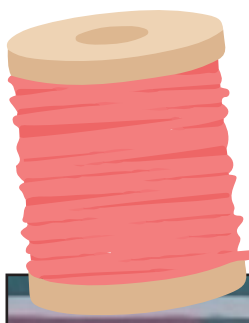


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Quilt guild to host spring quilt show

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By Courtney Warren

With technology ever-present and constantly updating, the idea of “rise and grind” became a popular mentality. However, there has recently been a surge in the “anti-hustle” lifestyle after the burnout of constant stimulation. Finding hobbies that bring joy rather than money and doing things for a sense of peace has brought older crafting arts to the forefront once again.



On most social media platforms, one can search “modern embroidery,” “embroidery art,” or “modern quilting” to find beautiful craftsmanship, as people spend less of their time scrolling and more time using their hands.

While many are discovering these new art forms and media, there are many who have been fabric artists for years – even decades.

The Allison’s Wells Quilt Guild has been meeting regularly since the 1980s to create quilts for donations and raffles, as well as to share their love of quilting, embroidery, and the like.

The guild has a program for each meeting, such as demonstrations on binding and various techniques.

They also work on quilts together. While one member might create several blocks for a quilt, another will embellish the blocks.

The Allison’s Wells Quilt Guild Spring Quilt Show will take place April 18-19 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and April 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Canton Welcome Center.

The 2024 Fundraiser Quilt is “Santa and Friends.” To support this fundraiser, patrons can purchase \$1 raffle tickets at Twin Oaks Crafts, 745 Highway 49 South, Richland. Raffle tickets may also be purchased at the quilt show.



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Canton High School recently announced their ACT 25 and Above Club for 2024.

Awardees included junior Jaleal Davis, junior Phillip Black,

sophomores Jamila Lockett, and junior Kynderrick Meeks.

Their banners will be displayed in the hall of Canton High School.

According to Canton High School Principal Dr. Pamela

Self, the school's ACT composite score has grown from 14 to 18. She says the growth can be attributed to several factors, including the ACT calendar, Jumpstart, and Coach Melvin Gillum's math and science instruction, as

well as English teachers who teach both English and reading.

Dr. Self says she is optimistic that, with the school's current resources and support, scholars will soon score a perfect ACT score of 36.



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CPSD board recognizes student-athletes



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During their March Board meeting, the Canton Public School District Board of Trustees and Superintendent Gary Hannah recently honored the Canton High School boys basketball team for winning the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) 5A Boys Basketball State Championship.

The Board congratulated the Tigers for defeating the Yazoo City Indians 58-40 to claim the MHSAA 5A Boys Basketball State Championship.

The Board recognized Canton

High Tiger Jamarion Fleming for being awarded the 2024 Basketball 5A Most Valuable Player (MVP) and the Scholar-Athlete awards and for being awarded the 2024 5A Mr. Basketball. Jamarion Fleming was also honored for receiving MVP in the North/South All-Star game, and Canton High Tiger DeAndre Lewis was applauded for representing Canton and his state in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star game.

The Canton Lady Tigers were also recognized by the Board for being awarded the 5A Girls Basketball State Championship Runner-Up. The Lady Tigers fell short to the

Laurel Lady Tornados, 40-32.

Canton High Lady Tiger Caitlin Nelson was recognized for receiving the MHSAA 2024 Basketball 5A Scholar-Athlete Award.

The Board honored Canton High Lady Tiger Shamira Morton for being selected to First Team All-State, as well as congratulated Canton High Lady Tigers Na'Miya Davis, Shamira Morton and Kylei Rogers for being selected to the 2024 MHSAA All-State Tournament Team.

Nichols and Huey Porter Middle School girls' and boys' basketball teams were also commended for their district championship wins.



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Students connect with Canton Career Center



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Canton Public School District students of Mrs. Tyra Jackson's Cyber Foundations II students were able to establish a connection with classes offered at the Canton Career Center.

Students were able to visit with teachers to learn about the courses they teach. A special thanks was given to Mr. Austin, Counselor; Mrs. Dedeaux, Student Services Coordinator; Mrs. Nichols, Work-Based Learning; Mrs. Bright, Law and Pub-

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Read Across America

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The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss
McNeal Elementary recently celebrated National Read Across America Day with enthusiasm. The students enjoyed guest readers visiting their classrooms, as the school welcomed various community leaders, law enforcement personnel, district office staff, community organizations, Jackson State University Athletics Department representatives, and friends as guest readers. The staff of McNeal said they want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the participants who generously shared their love for reading with the students.



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On the shelf: The importance of fantasy literature in the classroom

By Courtney Warren

Recently, I had the opportunity to travel to Florida and represent my school at the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts. With two of my colleagues, Dr. Danielle Bray and Prof. Sarah Gibbons, we talked about the need and want for students to have access to books that feed the imagination.

In her timeline of the Newbery Medal, Kathleen T. Horning cites as one factor leading to the award's foundation the suggestion by the then-head librarian of the Boy Scouts of America that the American Booksellers' Association host an annual Good Book Week for children to counteract what he considered "the poor quality of boys' reading" (12).

Over a century later, his concerns persist. A search for "reluctant readers" and a secondary term such as "quality" or "literary" yields articles from scholarly journals, trade publications, and even local newspapers in which authors bemoan the difficulty of convincing students to read texts of purported literary quality or of enticing "reluctant readers" to pick up a book at all.

Adult stakeholders and even students themselves often argue about what actually "counts" as reading, marginalizing noncanonical texts

in favor of literary-voiced realism and so-called "classics" (Good D8; Gutchewsky 79-80; Hawk D5; Joseph O18). In such arguments, there is dissonance between the desire to empower student choice and the fear that their choices will not be "good."

Frequently, teachers advocating student choice use a pre-set list to ensure that what students are choosing is "good enough" (McGrath), "not junk" (Finn L1), or otherwise sufficiently literary (Gutchevsky 79-80; Joseph O18).

Among those writers who celebrate children reading at all, the marginalization persists, with one journalist conceding that what reluctant readers self-select is "not Dostoevsky" (Hawk D5), and another suggesting child-selected books be offered as a reward for reading a canonical text

(Hardin 6). Some even make claims that positive books are a no-go. One source warns that reluctant readers "are not interested in warm and fuzzy books" (Hardin 6), and an educator colleague reports concerns from their school administration that reading positive stories lowers students' ACT scores.

In spite of gatekeepers' fretting about literary quality, studies support the idea that true student choice is key in fostering a reading habit (Doiron 44; Gutchewsky 80-82).

Paul Register, founder of the UK's Excelsior Award for outstanding graphic novels, has

a student panel vote on the award and warns against pushing students toward titles that are acclaimed by critics and other adults but unpopular with children themselves (8-9). Researchers also agree that exposure

to diverse genres is a key element of literacy instruction (Deitcher et al. 294), and that a "whole literature" pedagogy encourages students to read everything they encounter, from both efferent and aesthetic stances (Doiron 39-41).

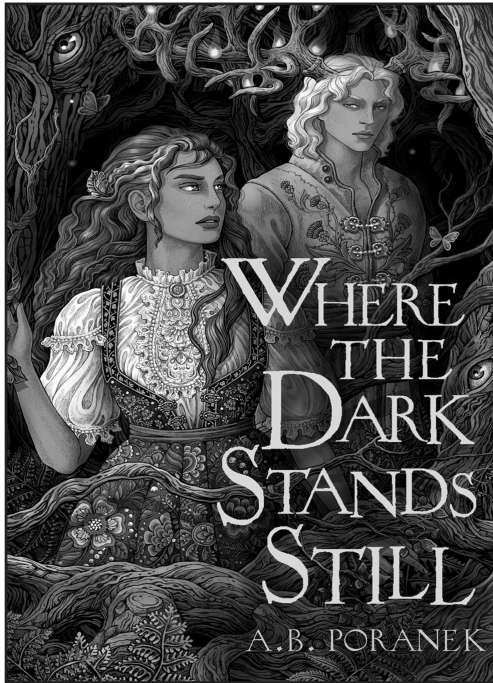
For all of these reasons, and because studies show that reluctant readers are drawn to fantasy (Goldman 38, Hardin 6), we argue in favor of offering genre fiction to student readers. Such fiction presents challenging vocabulary and difficult concepts in a medium that is attractive to most students (Register 8), and, according to our conversations, student readers simply find fantasy stories fulfilling.

Based on a myth-critical approach grounded in the works of Joseph Campbell and Gail Carriger, supplemented with student interviews, we analyzed the particular benefits, both curricular and social-emotional, of using fantasy literature in the English-Language Arts classroom.

My favorite part was sharing the thoughts of my students on the importance of having exciting classes and great books to read.

One student said, "When students are solely assigned literary fiction and classics, it's easy for them to lose focus and interest, because they're often uninteresting and repetitive.

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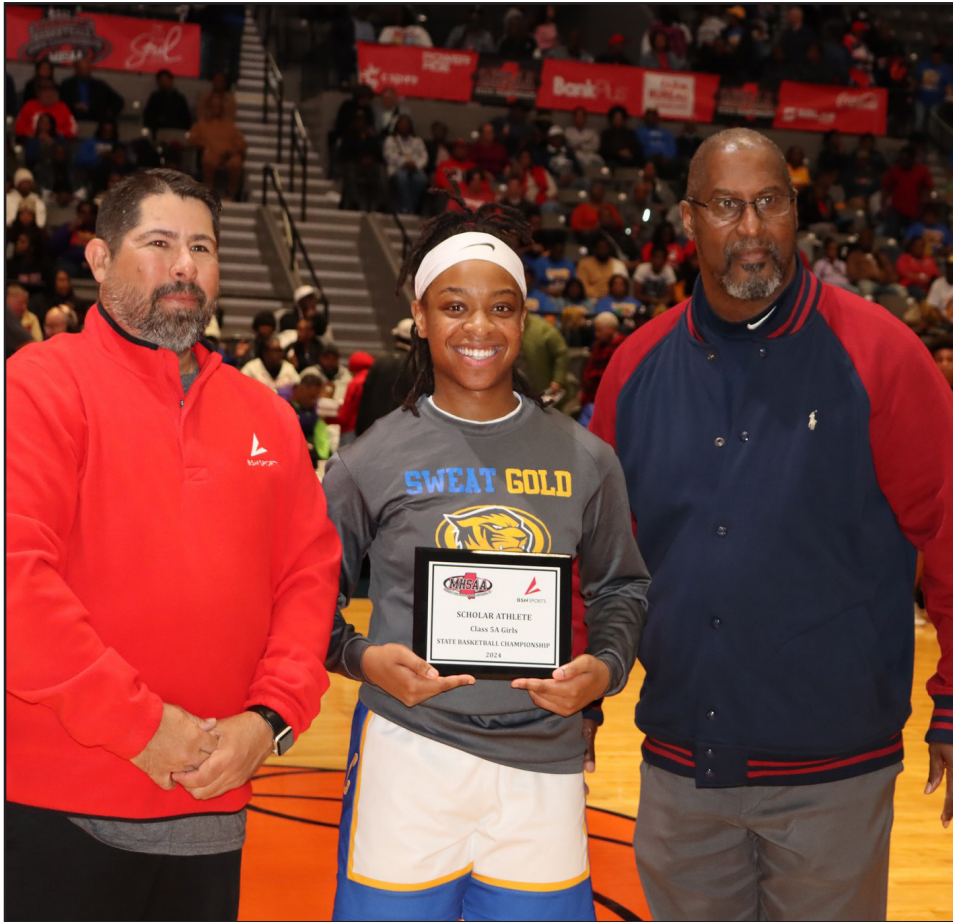
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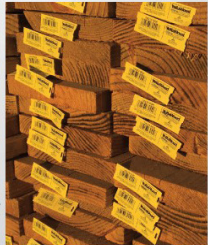
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By Courtney Warren

Recently, at the Canton Academy Mardi Gras prom, seniors Hannah Dill and Jaheim Blackmon were voted, by their peers, as the

2024 Prom Queen and King. Dill has been a member of the Class of 2024 since the 7th grade, and Blackmon has been a member of the class since five year old kindergarten.

MCBL&F hosts annual Luncheon



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Pictured l to r: Madison County Legislators Representative Jonathan McMillan; Representative Kenji Holloway; Representative Jusits Gibbs; Representative Jill Ford; Representative Jason White; Representative Celeste Hurst; Representative Lawrence Blackmon; Representative Clay Mansell.

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The Madison County Business League & Foundation recently hosted the annual "League & Legislature" luncheon at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson. Speaker of the House, Representative Ja-

son White, was the keynote speaker. The luncheon was attended by over 360 Madison County Business League & Foundation members, guests, local and statewide elected officials and legislators from all over the state.

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Remember When: It's all fun and games...and snakes

By Guest Columnist Mary Jane Boutwell

It is amazing how folks sitting around visiting can stir up old memories. If kids today did half of the things talked about recently, the parents would be arrested and charged with contributing to life threatening activities.

In the group was one of many men I know and have known that know what it takes "to get the ox out of the ditch."

Working as a logger when a teenager, his told him to cut down Sassafras. It had a swollen center that was hollow. It was large enough to have a saw log above and below the hollow part.

When he started to cut, rattlesnakes came slithering out. There were multiple snakes with a number of rattles on each one.

Also, someone told of a gentleman that could and did many skilled tasks. (He quit repairing his cars after he replaced his model T Ford.) He got mad at a rattlesnake.

While hoeing cotton, he noticed the plant moving with no one close and no breeze to cause the movement.

One of the boys started screaming, "Snake! Snake!" The man



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began to pick at the snake with the hoe causing it to strike, finally striking at the moving hoe, it struck itself. That killed the snake. It had 29 rattles and a button.

I learned during this tale that a rattle usually equaled two years and a button was one year. Whatever the actual years were, it was old and big.

The 5ft 8in man put the snake over in the crook in the hoe, the

hoe handle over his shoulder and carried it home with both the head and the tail dragging the ground.

After cutting the head off, his wife made him bury it three feet deep according to his carpenter tools. Then he stretched the snake's body across the road in front of his house. People driving over it, put their brakes on and backed up several times doing this to catch the body under the tire with the brakes

on to kill this monster snake. Fun and games until one driver realized where all this was. He got out of his truck and chewed the snake killer out.

Not really, but what an April Fool's prank.

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

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Pictured (l to r) are: Lucy Daughdrill, CTE Instructor; Robert Jones, Asset Engineering; Dartavious Brooks, CTE Student; Richard Austin, Counselor; Bessie Dedeaux, Student Services Coordinator.

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Madison County Business League & Foundation member Robert Jones with Asset Engineering presented the Canton Career Center March "Student of the Month" award to Dartavious Brooks. Dartavious is a second year student in the Engineering Pro-

gram. He is in the eleventh grade and upon graduation he hopes to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering.

The purpose of the Student of the Month award program is to connect businesses/industries with students promoting skills needed to fulfill the Madison County workforce.

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Layne Westberry killed a turkey during youth season. He goes to Canton Academy and is in the third grade. This is his second turkey.

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Local car enthusiasts and Nissan Canton plant employees joined together on a recent Saturday for the first Cars & Coffee event, hosted by the Nissan employees INSIDERS group. The free event brought together more than 200 car enthusiasts from across the community to feature their classic, exotic, and collector cars and bikes.

“I am ecstatic about the turnout for Cars and Coffee this weekend. The car community definitely came out in full force to support it, and everyone had a really great time,” said Morgan Thompson, Nissan engineer and employee INSIDER. “I was going to be happy if 50 cars showed up, so having over 200 cars more than exceeded my expectations. There is obviously a demand for this kind of event, and I think this is an opportunity for Nissan to contribute. The diversity of the cars surprised me the most - we had a little bit of everything show up, and that was exciting!”

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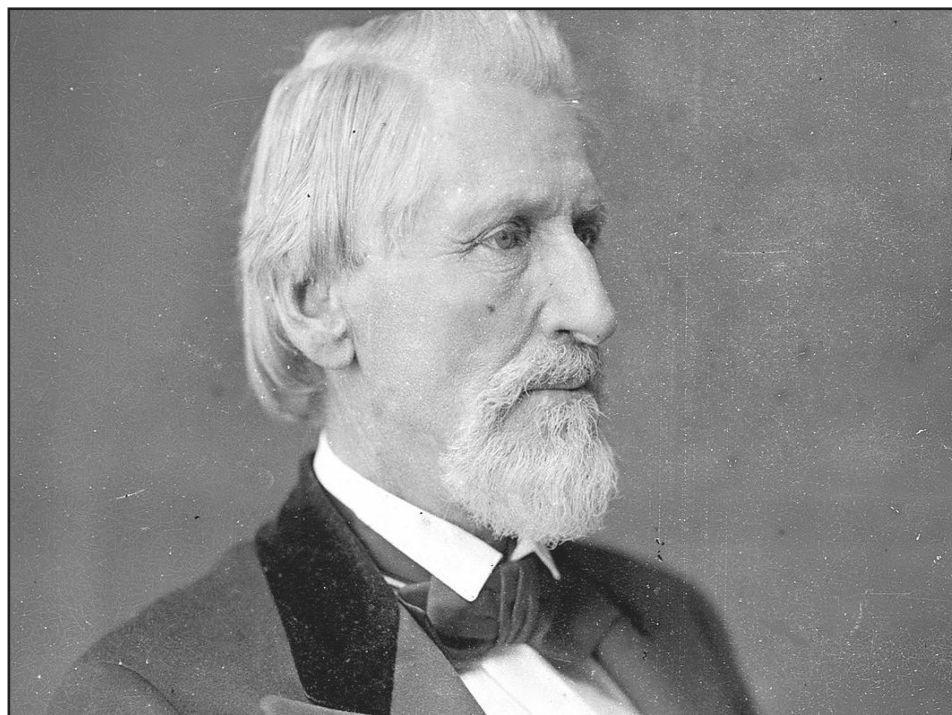
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A piece of history: Otho Robards



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According to the Canton-Madison County Historical Society, Otho Robards Singleton is buried in the Canton Cemetery.

Robards was a U.S. Congressman and a Confederate States of America Congressman. Born in Nicholasville, Kentucky, he moved to Mississippi, where he served in the thirty-third

Congress (from 1853 to 1855) as well as the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth Congresses from 1857 until 1861. From 1861 to 1865, he was a representative from Mississippi in the Confederate Congress. Ten years after the Civil War, his constituents once again sent him to the United States Congress, where he served from 1875 to 1887. He died in Washington, D.C.

Brand to perform for Music for Missions



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By Guest Columnist Joy Foy

Christ United will host Holly Brand on April 16 at 7 p.m.

Brand is a twenty-three-year-old country/Christian artist from Meridian. She was seen on Season 23 of NBC’s popular singing competition show, *The Voice*, where she made the Top 8 Live Semifinals on Team Kelly.

Before her time on *The Voice*, Brand served as Miss Mississippi in 2021. Her passion and determination have taken her from a small-town Mississippi girl to a rising country music star. Brand now lives in Nashville, pursuing a Christian/country music career full-time.

All proceeds of this event will go to local and global Mission Partners, including Stewpot, Methodist Children’s Home, Hope House, Shower Power, We Will Go, CU-JXN Food Pantry, Rice & Beans, One Mission, God’s Children Ministry – Kenya, Project Break Thru, Mustard Seed, and Missionaries: Greg and Shirley Carlson, Fred Curry, Emily Smith, and Sammy Mwai.

To purchase tickets, visit ChristUnitedJXN.org/event/music-for-missions/

The concert will be held at Christ United Jackson’s sanctuary at 6000 Old Canton Road in Jackson.

Canton Garden Club: April immersive curriculum



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By Guest Columnist Jessica Stein

The Canton Garden Club has been blessed this season with an immersive curriculum in flower arrangement, ultimately culminating in the display of mother and daughter team Mostly Martha's Linda Sowell and Elizabeth Williams.

You must expect us all to be masters now, and here we'll try to relay what Mostly Martha's and others taught us: Classic floral arranging always advises a few maxims regarding height, shape and color. Color is fairly obvious and quite subjective; give in to your aesthetic

preferences.

When it comes to height, reach for the visual value of thirds. Three simple heights (low, middle, high) please the eye, and those three divided to three again (nine total) scream abundance. At last the shape, like color, can depend on the beholder, but remember you can bend, break, snap, twist, staple, tape, spray or simply adjust at an angle. Green fronds and brown sticks create background for more vibrant hues and contours.

Adjusting flowers to stay at a certain height and angle has driven

more than one of us to madness. While past teachers introduced us to the spiked frogs of yore, Elizabeth demonstrated a woven willow disc set atop a bowl. She explained nearly any flexible branch can be used – then deck your floral load according to the previous advice.

These home-woven discs set the garden club ablaze with enthusiasm; vintage frogs are hard to come by. Mostly Martha's exhorted again: use what you have. Beauty comes from the flowers in your yard, whether wild or cultivated, on trees or in bushes. But, if you'd

like a little boost, Mostly Martha's storefront has persisted off Highway 51 in Ridgeland for almost forty years.

This month's presentation was hosted by Labonne Corcoran, Cheyenne Stewart and Brenda Hyde. They provided a wonderful assortment of goodies, and afterwards, down to business. We hope to have seen you all out at the Keep Canton Beautiful community clean up Saturday, March 23! If you missed it and still want to help, please reach out for member make-up days!

Metro Master Gardeners plans annual plant sale

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The Metro Master Gardeners will hold their annual plant sale at Mynelle Gardens, located at 4736 Clinton Boulevard, on Saturday, April 27. The plant sale begins at 8 a.m. and will end at noon. Cash and checks are welcome, but credit cards will not be accepted.

Members of the Metro Master Gardeners come from all over the Jackson metropolitan area. The Master Gardeners have propagated a variety of native and naturalized heirloom plants, perennials, shrubs and trees that are perfectly suited to the southern soils and climate. Many of these heirloom plants have come from project and demonstration gardens located throughout the metro Jackson area. Due to the last twelve to fifteen months of extreme weather, the quantity and variety of plants may be more limited than in previous years.

Master Gardeners are a volunteer branch of the Mississippi State University Extension Service that advises and educates the public



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on gardening and horticulture issues. Members of the Metro Master Gardeners will be on hand at the plant sale to answer gardening questions.

After finalizing their plant purchases, shoppers are invited to enjoy a free stroll through Mynelle Gardens.

Proceeds from the plant sale will support gardening projects located at Mynelle Gardens, the Doctor's Herb Garden at the Agriculture and Forestry Museum, the Oaks Home on Jefferson Street, Greenwood Cemetery, the Clinton Visitors Center, and various demonstration, educational and scholarship projects in the metro Jackson area.

Those who would like additional information or who would like to schedule an interview with Master Gardeners are encouraged to contact Laura Lillard at 601-613-5223 or sadecat17@comcast.net. Interested individuals can also "like" Metro Master Gardeners on Facebook for updates.

Lee and Winters place at MAIS Reading Fair



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The MAIS conducts a Reading Fair in each District and an Overall Reading Fair each year. Canton Academy's Shep Lee, fourth grade, won 2nd place in the character portrayal category, and Collins Winters, second grade, took 3rd place in the fiction category. The method of selection of contestants for the District will be left entirely to the discretion of each participating school. (A local fair is recommended for selection of contestants.) Competition in the Overall Reading Fair is limited to winners from the District Fairs.



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Toten recognized for good deeds



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Canton Academy first grader Kash Toten was recently honored with the elementary C.H.I.P award at chapel. He was spotted cleaning up trash on the playground during his recess time, making it a more beautiful place for his classmates to play.

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McCartha inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

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Holly McCartha 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. McCartha was initiated at The University of Alabama.

McCartha 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 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 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."

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.



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Canton Lions Club plans annual chicken barbecue

By Guest Columnist Joy Foy

On April 26, from 4 until 6 p.m., the Canton Lions will be offering a “drive through” pick-up for the yearly chicken barbecue at the First Church of Canton, located at 3301 South Liberty Street. Visitors can purchase tickets from any Lions Club member or by messaging Canton Lions Facebook.

The tickets are \$15 a plate.

President Moses Thompson said, “I would like to ask that all of

Canton help us, as we raise money to support the scholarships given each year to the City of Canton Schools and the other worthy causes the Lions sponsor.”

Members of the Canton Lions include Al Salmi, Arnel Bolden, Bobby Long, Chan Chandler, Cheyenne Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Logan, Danny Murphy, Vice President Gary Teasley, Joy Foy, President Moses Thompson, Richard Case, Simon Collier, Tamika Liddell and Timmy Pickett.



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Shelf

But fantasy books give a wider scope for the imagination, and they engage readers, while also subtly teaching lessons about morals and ethics. Fantasy books also have more potential of appealing to a larger audience, due to the fact that they are not confined to realism and set facts.”

This student is in the seventh grade! How impressive is that?

Another said, “We already have enough stress with real world problems, and reading fantasy is good, because we get to be distracted from the real world.”

So, with that in mind, this month’s on the shelf recommendation is *Where the Dark Stands Still*, by AB Poranek. It’s a gorgeous Polish retelling of

Beauty and the Beast.

According to the publisher, raised in a small village near the spirit-wood, Liska Radost knows that Magic is monstrous, and its practitioners, monsters. After Liska unleashes her own powers with devastating consequences, she is caught by the demon warden of the wood – the Leszy – who offers her a bargain: one year of servitude in exchange for a wish.

Whisked away to his crumbling manor, Liska soon discovers the sinister roots of their bargain. And if she wants to survive the year and return home, she must unravel her host’s spool of secrets and face the ghosts of his past.

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