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## WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

### GOOD LUCK THIS SEASON TO OUR TIGERS & PANTHERS!



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The Canton Public School District Tigers and the Canton Academy Panthers are on the prowl! Student-athletes began their respective seasons in softball, volleyball, and football recently with several wins to add to their schedules. For more information visit [cantonschools.net](http://cantonschools.net) or [cantonacademy.org](http://cantonacademy.org)

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# CPSD committed to serve students

# Canton students become scientists



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Second graders at Canton Elementary recently participated in an oobleck lab. Oobleck behaves like a liquid sometimes, and a solid at other times. If the oobleck is pressed on, it acts like a solid and

feels hard. Other times, it doesn't keep its shape and behaves like a liquid. This is because, when you press on the oobleck, the water gets trapped in between the pieces of cornstarch. The harder you press, the firmer the oobleck becomes.



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# On the shelf: Cozy fantasy of the world

By Courtney Warren

I have recently discovered my love for cozy fantasy stories. It's no secret that the world we live in is high octane and full of the many anxieties that come alongside being a human.

As an avid reader, I find that I don't enjoy thrillers, horror stories or high stakes realistic fiction. I love fantasy and romance, but I recently discovered a genre that is rising in popularity - cozy fantasy.

Cozy fantasy involves low stakes, cozy settings and wonderful characters. Think a Hallmark movie with magic. I can honestly say, these books have changed reading for me for the better.

When the world is a little too much, being able to curl up under a blanket with a book, a cup of tea, and lose yourself in these stories makes everything seem a little easier.

If you want to escape into a wonderful story with adventure but still safe parameters, these are the books for you.

**The Spellshop, by Sarah Beth Durst**

According to the publisher, Kiela has always had trouble dealing with people. Thankfully, as a librarian at the Great Library of Alyssium, she and her assistant, Caz—a magically sentient spider plant—have spent the last decade sequestered among the empire's most precious spellbooks, preserving their magic for the city's elite.

When a revolution begins and the library goes up in flames, she and Caz flee with all the spellbooks they can carry and head to a remote island Kiela never thought she'd see again: her childhood home. Taking refuge there, Kiela discovers, much to her dismay, a nosy—and very handsome—neighbor who can't take a hint and keeps showing up day after day to make sure Kiela is fed and to help fix up her new home.

In need of income, Kiela identifies something that even the bakery in town doesn't have: jam.

With the help of an old recipe book her parents left her and a bit of illegal magic, her cottage garden is soon covered in ripe berries.

But magic can do more than make life a little sweeter, so Kiela risks the consequences of using unsanctioned spells and opens the island's

first-ever and much-needed secret spellshop.

Like a Hallmark rom-com full of mythical creatures and fueled by cinnamon rolls and magic, *The Spellshop* will heal your heart and feed your soul.

**The Good and the Green, by Amy Yorke**

According to the publisher, with the help of her late father, Alison Lennox has carved out a promising career path in a kingdom dominated by land-hoarding elves and industrial tycoon dwarves.

But her salary barely covers the rising rent, let alone the luxury lifestyle she dreams of.

So when she unexpectedly inherits a neglected property in a distant land, it seems like the solution she's been seeking.

All she needs to do to keep her life on track is get in, flip the cottage, and get out, hopefully with a pocket full of coins for the effort.

Upon her arrival, Alison quickly discovers she isn't immune to the village's charms. But maybe she could look past the quaint shops, the sweet little old ladies and the adorable talking cat and stick to the plan - if it weren't for Keir Ainsley.

At first, she finds the former doctor and town recluse good and irritating, and he's definitely wrong about where his property ends and Alison's begins. But then he has to go and save her life from a DIY disaster. And then

he shows her that, under his bristly exterior, there's a tenderness that feels familiar and right.

Not good.

But

the town does have a problem. A mysterious vine is spreading through the land, choking out everything in its path. "Cute cottage; minor overgrowth issue—probably not poisonous" isn't going to work as a real estate listing, but that's not all that's wrong.

The deeper her connection to

Keir and the town grows, the further she strays from the life her father wanted for her. And she'll have to dig deep into the town's thorny past to have any hope of stopping the vine.

**A Fellowship of Bakers Magic, by J. Penner**

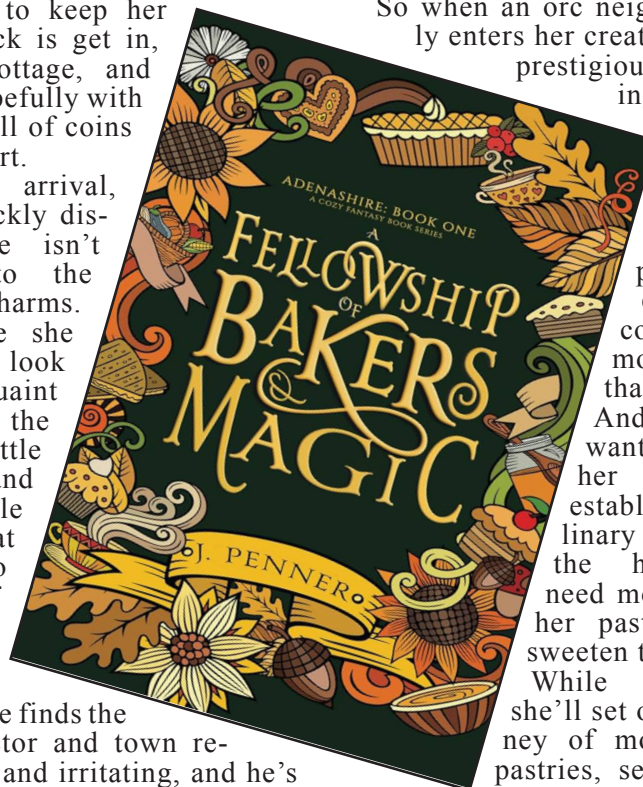
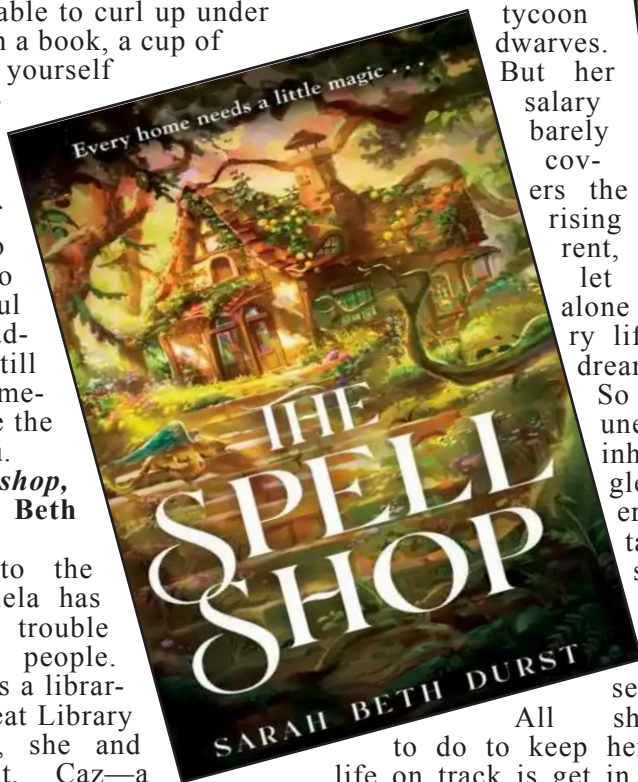
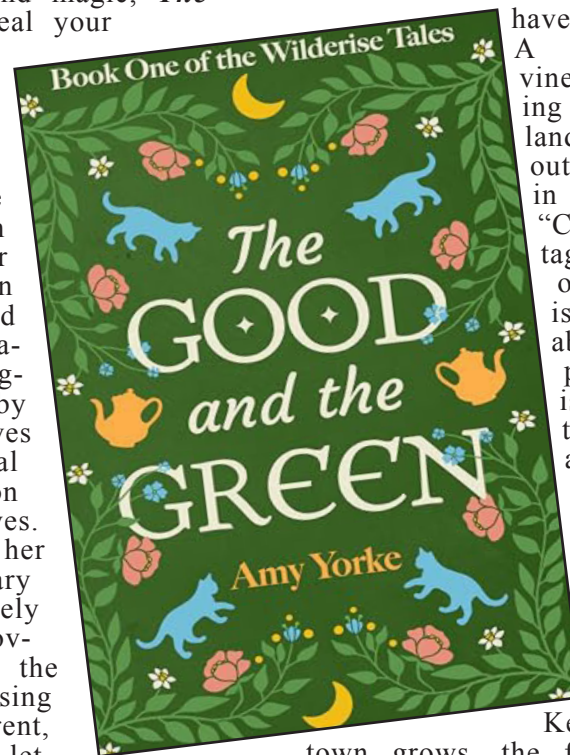
According to the publisher, in the heart of Adenashire, where elfish enchantments and dwarven delights rule, Arleta Starstone, a human confectionist, works twice as hard perfecting her unique blend of baking and apothecary herbs.

So when an orc neighbor secretly enters her creations into the prestigious Elven Baking

Battle, Arleta faces a dilemma. Being magicless, her participation in the competition could draw more scowls than smiles.

And if Arleta wants to prove her talent and establish her culinary reputation, the human will need more than just her pastry craft to sweeten the odds.

While competing, she'll set off on a journey of mouthwatering pastries, self-discovery, heartwarming friendships and romance, all while questioning whether winning the Baking Battle is the true prize.





# NED show visits McNeal Elementary

# Adams recognized for outstanding service



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The NED Show recently came to visit McNeal Elementary School. NED is a character that teaches students to NEVER give up, ENCOURAGE others, and DO their best.



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Dr. Rieka Adams recently received the Secondary Division's Back-to-School Shout-Out. For her outstanding work, she received an Amazon gift card and other goodies.

Dr. Adams' principal, Mr. Russell Evans, nominated her for the recognition.

"Dr. Rieka Adams, new to our Nichols Middle School staff, has seamlessly integrated into our team by demonstrating a thorough understanding of our mission and vision," said Evans. "Her commitment to assisting all teachers, regardless of grade level, highlights her dedication to our collective goals."

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# Public university students offered free tele-mental health services

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The department of psychiatry and human behavior at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), in collaboration with the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, recently launched a new tele-health clinic to offer public university students free mental health services.



Dr. Nicholas McAfee

UMMC committed to the creation of the clinic as part of three overarching goals to help address the elevated rate of mental health concerns reported by students across Mississippi public universities. The Medical Center will also provide therapy support for students and create a statewide medication management service via tele-mental health.

The UNITE Clinic, short for the Universities Network for Integrated Telemental Expansion, provides therapy support and medication management services to students eighteen and older who are enrolled full-time at the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, University of Southern Mississippi, Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Mississippi University

for Women and, most recently, the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

“We’ve done everything we can to operate the same way as the univer-

In 2021, following the U.S. Surgeon General’s advisory on protecting youth mental health, a needs assessment, supported by the Governor’s Emergency Education

pled students at all eight public universities, revealed that psychiatric symptoms worthy of diagnostic follow-up and mental health treatment were more common than not during the pandemic. Students in the study, on average, experienced clinically significant elevations in at least five of the thirteen domains of a common screening tool used by mental health providers that assesses for symptoms of psychiatric diagnoses.

In response to the report, Mississippi developed the UNITE Clinic through a \$750,000 congressionally-directed grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The clinic supports students dealing with emotional, behavioral and neurodevelopmental difficulties such as performance anxiety, feelings of isolation or sadness, sleep problems, relational issues, adjustment issues and other concerns. Licensed professional counselors provide time-limited therapy support, and a psychiatric nurse practitioner, supported by a psychiatrist collaborator, provides medication management.

“Establishing the UNITE clinic is a big step in the right direction to address the ever-increasing demand of mental health services among college students,” said McAfee. “Based on the findings of our study, increasing access to care will likely help more Mississippians graduate with a college degree.”



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Students in Mississippi’s eight public universities and UMMC can receive care for emotional, behavioral and neurodevelopmental conditions through UMMC’s UNITE Clinic.

sity counseling centers that students are already accustomed to, so they don’t have to readjust,” said Conner E. Ball, programming and policy director for the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. “UNITE cuts out the waiting period by making it easy for students to self-refer and self-schedule. They don’t have to go through a scheduler, and they can make same-day appointments.”

Relief Fund, was conducted by Dr. Nicholas McAfee, affiliate faculty in the UMMC department of psychiatry and human behavior and director of the William Magee Center for AOD and Wellness Education at the University of Mississippi, and Dr. Julie Schumacher, associate director of the Office of Wellbeing at UMMC.

Results of the survey, which sam-

# Child Find introduced to Canton Public School District

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Parents who are concerned about their child’s speech, learning, behavior or development are encouraged to utilize a process called Child Find.

Required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities and may need early intervention or special education services, Child Find is an ongoing process of public awareness activities and evaluations to ensure children with special needs can receive the help they need to succeed as early as possible.

Anyone concerned about a child’s speech, learning, behavior or development can make a Child Find request. A multidisciplinary evalu-



ation team will meet with the family within fourteen days to decide if an evaluation is needed. If so, written permission from the child’s parent is required before an evaluation is conducted.

To make a Child Find request for a child birth through two years, individuals should contact their local Health Department.

For a child three to twenty-one years old, individuals should contact their local school district.

Although individuals do not have to bring anything with them, any records or information they have that can assist them in describing their concerns about the child are helpful.

A multidisciplinary evaluation will involve a series of observations and tests with the child and interviews with caregivers conducted by two or more specialists, such as a speech language patholo-



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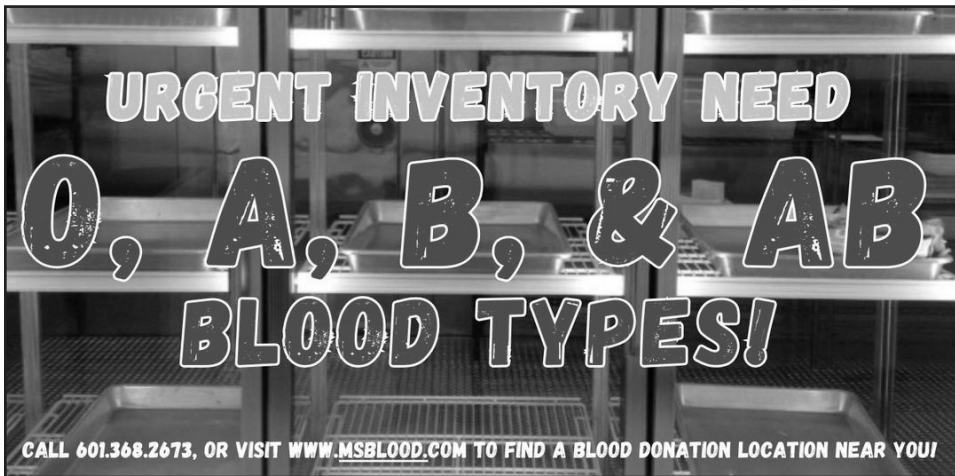
gist, a school psychologist or a special educator. A written summary of the evaluation will be provided to the family, and a meeting will be

held to determine if the child needs special services.

For more information, contact PamelaSelf@CantonSchools.net.



# Calling for donations due to shortage



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Mississippi Blood Services is in desperate need of A Positive, A Negative, B Positive, B Negative, AB Positive, O Positive and O Negative donations to support local hospitals. Donations are crucial to saving lives.

To ensure a smooth and safe donation, donors are asked to:

1. Bring a valid ID for verification purposes.
2. Make sure they have eaten within the last four hours before donating. A balanced meal helps

prevent reactions and supports a successful donation.

3. Drink plenty of fluids before and after donating. Proper hydration is crucial for reducing potential reactions and ensuring an adequate blood collection.

Mississippi Blood Services' main location is 115 Tree Street in Flowood. Potential donors can call 601-368-2673 to find a nearby location or to schedule an appointment. Appointments can also be scheduled by visiting MSBlood.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

# MCFB plans September 12 meeting

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Madison County Farm Bureau will host the annual meeting of members on Thursday, September 12, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Rob Foy Fellowship Hall on the grounds of Thornton Chapel Church at 496 Way Road in Canton.

The agenda will include Mississippi Farm Bureau Central Mississippi Vice President Ted Kendall and Region 5 Regional Manager Kevin Brown providing updates from the state and federal levels concerning farm issues.

Russell Caughen from AGUP Equip-

ment will give an update on the latest farm technologies and a crop report for the county.

Senator Jenifer Branning will round out the speakers for the day.

This meeting has been planned to energize and encourage farmers and the farming support chain. The speakers will stay after the meeting to answer questions. Interested attendees are encouraged to mark their calendars, invite their neighbors, and join Madison County Farm Bureau in celebrating another year of farming. Following the annual meeting, the Madison County Board of Directors will meet.

# MCLS receives bilingual books



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Recently, the Madison County Library System (MCLS) became one of the recipients of the Library Services and Technology Act Grant from the

Institute of Museum and Library Services. With the \$6,000 grant, they were able to purchase 400 beginner books and 479 Spanish and bilingual books.

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# McNeal students build planets



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Lab Fridays at McNeal Elementary school are an exciting day for all students. Fifth-grade scientists in Ms. T. Smith's class got hands-on and built

their own models of the solar system based on the characteristics of each planet—bringing learning to life, one planet at a time!

# McNeal's fifth graders make it fly



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Mrs. T. Smith's fifth-grade science class at McNeal Elementary recently engaged in their first mini STEM challenge as they learned about the forces at work behind their straw airplanes.

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# Quilter's Guild presents Quilt of Valor



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Pictured (l to r) are Ann McKay, Toxey Hall and Karon Hall.

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Ann McKay and Janis Breeland of Allison's Wells Quilters Guild presented the Quilt of Valor to Mr. Toxey Hall in July 2024. Guild members crafted the Quilt of Valor for Mr.

Hall in appreciation of his service in the Army in Korea in 1962. Allison's Wells Quilters Guild meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon in the Rose Room at the Canton Welcome Center on the Square.

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# Remember When: stories from the gridiron from Canton, MS

By Guest Columnist Mary Jane Boutwell

This is a true story. One of the grammar school boys playing football was much larger and tougher than the rest of the team, so the coach moved him up to the junior high team. After practice, the coach told the boys to strip, shower, and get dressed. When the younger new boy started stripping, the boys saw his underwear was homemade, with the gold medal logo running across his backside. The others started picking on him. It got loud with fighting and tears.

The coach came back into the locker room soon to check on the noise. He got them quieted down and talked to the boys. Then, he got a short stool, told the boys to gather around and be quiet. He then stepped up on the stool, dropped his pants to his knees and let them see the Martha White logo across his homemade underwear.

Pulling his pants up, he said, "We are a team. We do not pick on one another. If I catch you doing that, you are off the team."

My two older brothers went out for football. The second quit because he did not want his friends to know Mama made his underwear out of a feed sack. The old-

est brother, two years ahead in school, continued to play. As many times as I have heard the story, I have never figured out how the second brother did not know his friends knew about his homemade underwear, also.

Clyde Muse was the football coach at that time. He coached at Canton and Starkville. My understanding is that he was a good coach. He left coaching and became head of Hinds Community College. From all reports, no matter how good a coach he was, he was a better dean of the college. He said when someone came to the college and asked his secretary to speak with "Coach Muse," he knew they were from either Canton or Starkville. Everyone else called him Dr. Muse.

Under his administration, Hinds became known nationwide for the excellence of its students and the quality of of their education.

Back then, the 1940s through the 1960s, Canton belonged to the Choctaw Conference. Canton won the Choctaw Conference Title several times. So many say Friday



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the 13th is a bad luck day.

One year, under the direction of Bob Jordan, the high school band won all superiors at the State band contest in Jackson on Friday 13th. Ever since, I look forward to any Friday 13th good luck (and hard work). Louis Cook was the stu-

dent band director. He got his superior rating, also.

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

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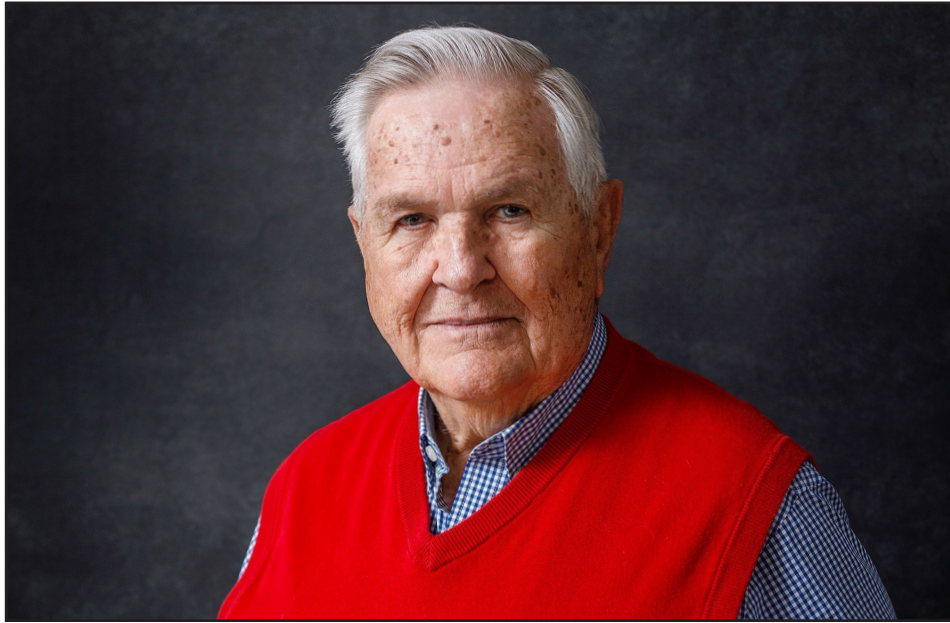
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# Cantonian writes *The Forgotten Son*



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Richard (Gene) Dukes, a former resident of Canton, has always had a creative mind. His book, *The Forgotten Son*, evolved over several years before publication.

Dukes says he looks forward to completing a sequel called "Jonathan's Story," which begins where *The Forgotten Son* ends. He expressed that he has always enjoyed writing, and his dream came true

when he became a published author.

Dukes is a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve and served from 1963 to 1969, during the Vietnam era. Most of the basic training part of the story is true, except Dukes was stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and not Fort Hood, Texas. Part of the Vietnam fighting is based on stories from other veterans. His book, *The Forgotten Son*, can be purchased on Amazon, as well as from bookstores all over.



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Sept. 13	at Provine (Hughes)
Sept. 20	at Callaway (Huges)
Sept. 27	Neshoba Central
Oct. 4	OPEN
Oct. 11	at Cleveland Central
Oct. 18	Yazoo City
Oct. 25	at Greenville
Nov. 1	Gentry
Nov. 7	at Holmes County

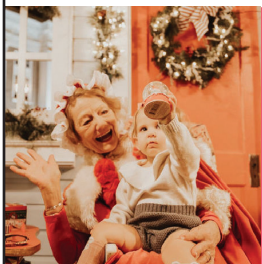
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COACH: GAGE POSEY

Aug. 16	Greenville Christian
Aug. 23	at Carroll Academy
Aug. 30	at Heritage Academy
Sept. 6	West Memphis (Ark.)
Sept. 13	OPEN
Sept. 20	Central Hinds
Sept. 27	at Tri-County Academy
Oct. 4	at Central Holmes
Oct. 11	Boston Academy
Oct. 18	Riverfield (La.)
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# Nissan and Habitat partner to drive the mission of helping local families achieve safe, affordable housing

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Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant and Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFHM-CA) recently marked another collaboration milestone with the completion of their first rehab project in the tri-county area. More than 80 Nissan volunteers contributed their time and skills during the project from May to July, benefiting Jackson resident Janice Barber and her family. Habitat home rehabs preserve existing homes in our community and maximize the number of families who can become homeowners.

“Nissan’s corporate mission is to enrich the lives of others, and our relationship with Habitat for Humanity is a perfect fit as it encompasses this exactly,” said Victor Taylor, vice president of manufacturing, Nissan Canton. “We build more than great cars; we build community. Our employees love to support deserving families who need safe, affordable housing. We want to continue to make a difference in this community where our employees live and work.”

“For years’ Nissan Canton has been a strong supporter of the work of Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area,” said Merrill McKewen, executive director at Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area. “They have built 15 new homes either in Canton or Jackson and now, have rehabbed a home for another family. Corporate sponsors like Nissan make possible the work we do for those we serve. We are extremely grateful for their



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ongoing support.”

The Barber’s new home has five bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Barber is a mother to three children, and a grandmother to two grand-

children. She currently lives in a rental house in Jackson and is excited to become a homeowner.

“Because of Habitat and Nissan, I have the opportunity to provide my children and grandchildren a place to call home,” said Barber. “We have been overpaying for a house with all types of problems. The current living situation is not where I wanted to raise my kids or grandchildren. Now that we have a safe environment, and a place to call home, it is a blessing. We are

so thankful for you guys!”

Nissan’s support for Habitat began in 2005 in response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Nissan U.S. donated \$1 million, provided 50 Nissan trucks and mobilized employee volunteers for homebuilding through Habitat affiliates in impacted communities. Since that time, Nissan has contributed more than \$21 million and more than 112,000 volunteer hours in 50 communities to Habitat for Humanity across the U.S. In 2023, Nissan renewed their commitment with a Nissan Neighbors grant award of \$1.3 million in support of building projects in Nissan operational communities across the United States.

Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area is a faith-based organization founded in 1986 that has built or renovated simple and sustainable homes for over 660 families in Hinds, Madison, and Rankin counties. Habitat homes are sold at no profit with an interest-free mortgage to families who cannot qualify for traditional bank

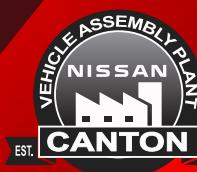
loans. Homeownership combined with Habitat’s required financial education allows these families to invest in their community and their future simultaneously. To learn more about becoming a HFHMCA donor, volunteer or homeowner, call 601-353-6060 or visit [www.habitatmca.org](http://www.habitatmca.org).

Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant celebrated 20 years of manufacturing operations in 2023. The plant employs more than 5,000 people and has assembled more than five million vehicles since it began production in 2003. The \$4 billion factory currently assembles the Nissan Altima and Nissan Frontier. To date, the company has invested \$14 billion in its U.S. manufacturing operations collectively.

For more information about Nissan products, services and commitment to sustainable mobility, visit [nissannews.com](http://nissannews.com) or [nissan-manufacturing.com](http://nissan-manufacturing.com), or follow them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn, and see all their latest videos on YouTube.

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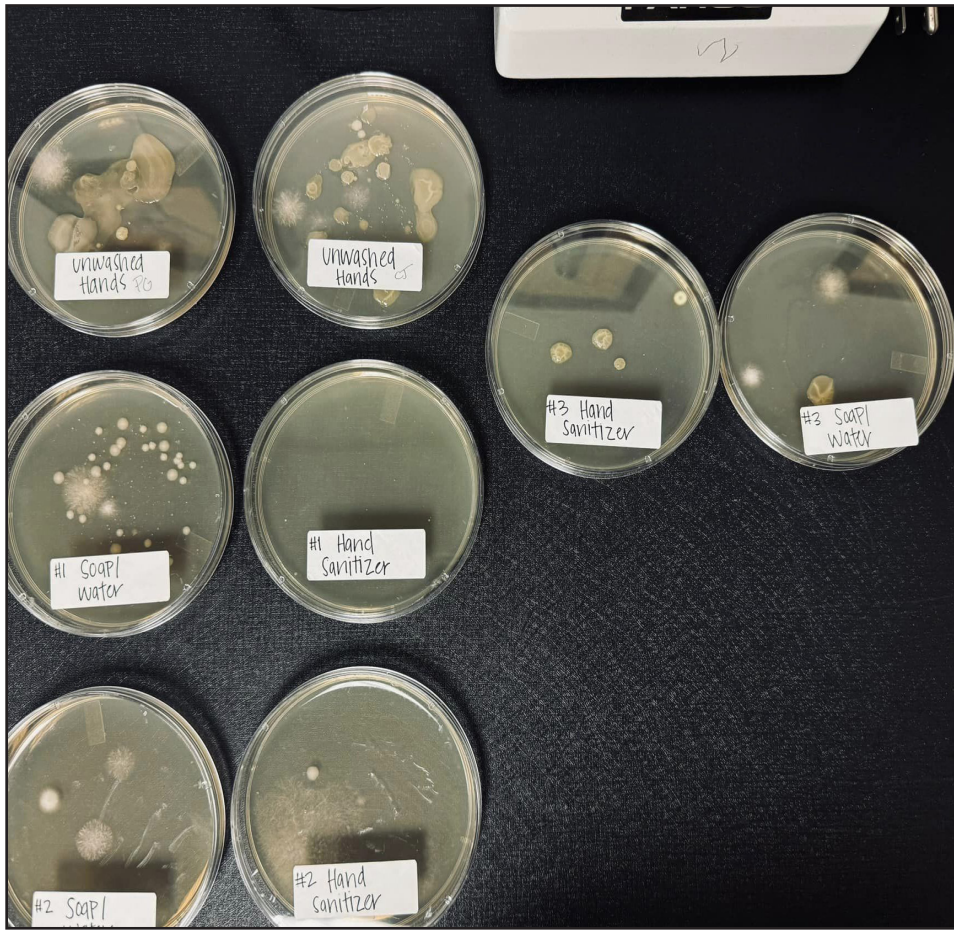
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# Canton Academy students learn about bacteria growth



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Coach Ratcliff's biology class at Canton Academy recently undertook an experiment in which they grew bacteria over a span of several days. The students swabbed each other's hands after some washed with soap/water and others with hand sanitizer. They then discussed which hand cleaning method killed the most bacteria.

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# Cook recognized as Goodwill Salute to Youth Honoree



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Amelia Rose Cook of Canton was recently recognized as a Goodwill Salute to Youth Honoree. The organization hosted the 40th Annual Goodwill Salute on August 15, where 13 honorees were recognized for their volunteerism efforts. Cook is a senior at Canton Academy and the daughter of Jay and Kristi Cook.

## Make sugar cookies as a sweet treat for after school

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With school back in session, sometimes afternoons (and lunchboxes) call for a special treat. These cookies are easy to make, conducive to little hands helping out, and make a soft and chewy sweet treat to enjoy.

### Easy Sugar Cookies



#### Ingredients:

2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour	1 cup + 2 Tbsp granulated sugar
1 tsp. baking soda	2 Tbsp light brown sugar
1/2 tsp. baking powder	1 large egg
1/2 tsp. salt	2 tsp. vanilla extract
1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature	1/4 cup sugar (for rolling)

#### Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. Set aside.
2. Combine the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a medium sized bowl, then set aside.
3. Cream the butter and sugars together in a large mixer bowl on medium speed until light in color and fluffy. You should be able to see the change in color happen and know it's ready.
4. Add the egg, and mix until well combined.
5. Add the vanilla extract, and mix until well combined.
6. Add the dry ingredients, and mix until the dough is well combined. It will be thick and shouldn't be sticky. Do not over mix. Once it's well combined, use a rubber spatula to help it come together to form a more cohesive ball.
7. Create 1 1/2 tablespoon sized balls of cookie dough. Gently roll into a ball, then roll each ball in the additional sugar to coat. Set the balls on the baking sheet about 4" apart.
8. Bake cookies for 7-8 minutes. The cookies will spread, and the centers will look soft, but are done just before the edges begin to turn golden. Don't over bake.
9. Remove from the oven and allow to cool on baking sheets for 4-5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely. The cookies will be a little puffy when you take them out of the oven but will fall a bit as they cool.



## Simpson and Historical Society awarded and recognized for their help



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Pictured (l to r) are Andre Hines, Maureen Simpson, Mary Jane Boutwell, and Laurie Dinkin

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The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently gave an award to Maureen Simpson and the members of the Canton-Madison County Historical Society for helping to preserve the Old Madison County Jail located on East Fulton Street behind the Canton City Hall.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a lineage-based membership service organization for women who are directly descended from a person involved in supporting the American Revolutionary War. A non-profit group, the organization promotes education and patriotism.

The mission of the Canton -Madi-

son County Historical Society is to preserve the rich history of the area through the collection and maintenance of records and artifacts, through the encouragement of preservation and local historical research; to present Madison County's history to the public by means of museums, archives, creative and educational programming and publications; and to promote cultural tourism as an effective means of communicating the lessons of history to visitors and citizens of Madison County. The jail operated until 1969, just over 99 years, and during that time there was only one escapee.

For more information about the Canton-Madison County Historical Society, call 769-218-0666.

## Sharp receives MTAF Scholarships



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MS Trucking Association President Hal Miller and recipient Bryan Sharp.

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Cantonian Bryan Sharp recently received the MTAP Scholarship from The Mississippi Trucking Association Foundation. The foundation awarded 39 scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year.

Over thirty-five years ago, the Mississippi Trucking Association Foundation Scholarship Program was created. The primary objective of the Foundation, a 501(c) (3) charitable corporation designed to receive contributions, memorial gifts, and property, is to promote educational proj-

ects related to the trucking industry and provide scholarships to deserving students who have ties to the trucking industry and who are enrolled in scholastic endeavors in the state of Mississippi. This class joins over 450 students who have received this scholarship. Scholarships are offered through the Mississippi Trucking Association Foundation and the following Endowments: Mike McLarty, John Fayard, Jr., H. Dean Cotten, G. Larry Kerr, R. Gene Holmes, Vernon & Nancy Sawyer, John D. Stomps, and W. Todd Bates.



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# Students help CCC with tech



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Four engineering students, Madisyn Brim, Victoria Hughes, Litzy Cruz and Malachi Porter, were recently able to fix two broken computers at the Canton Career Center. The stu-

dents were not asked to fix the computers, but they were determined to do so. With patience and skill, the students were able to get the job done, connecting to WiFi and installing the proper cords.

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# Canton Academy announces 2024 homecoming court



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Canton Academy recently announced its 2024 homecoming court. Students include Ella Nations (7th), Shelby Corcoran (9th), Sophie Rainey (11th), Kennedy Callahan (12th), Mary Palmer Tupman (12th), Gates Welch (12th), Amelia Cook (12th), Sterling Belle Brock (10th) and Mary Fisher Penn (8th); as well as first-grade Flower Girls and Crown Bearer Avery Jane Seward, Sophia Swartzfager, Charlie Howell, Adlee Bennett and Lynnleigh Tate Ratcliff.



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- Check for sewage and water line damage.



# Canton's Panthers dissect pickles



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Rest in peace, pickle friends! Ms. Moseley's human anatomy and physiology class at Canton Acade-

my recently participated in a Pickle Autopsy Lab. Students used newly-learned anatomical vocabulary and observation to determine and report each pickle's cause of death.

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# Applications open for U.S. Senate youth program this school year

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Mississippi high school juniors and seniors with student leadership roles are encouraged to apply for the 2025 U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP).

The esteemed USSYP offers \$10,000 college scholarships to two junior or senior students from Mississippi who hold elected or appointed leadership positions for the 2024-25 school year. Those selected will join one hundred two other students for the sixty-third annual Washington Week, taking place in the nation's capital from March 1 - 8, 2025.

"The U.S. Senate Youth Program provides students an invaluable opportunity to learn, meet, and network

with leaders from across the country. It is a great tradition, and I encourage all eligible Mississippians to apply to represent our state in this program," said U.S. Senator Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi).

"The United States Senate Youth Program is a wonderful opportunity for Mississippi's young movers and shakers to engage with national leaders and other community-focused peers. The Magnolia State has a lot of promising young talent, and I en-

courage them all to apply for the 2025 program," said U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Mississippi).

Established by the U.S. Senate in 1962, the USSYP is designed to introduce student leaders to the federal government and public policy. The program

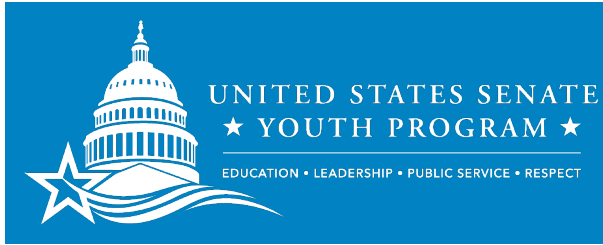
is fully funded and operated by the nonprofit Hearst Foundation. During Washington Week, participants will have the opportunity to meet with U.S. Senators, cabinet members, Defense and State Department officials,

senior media representatives and other key figures in policy-making.

Interested students can review the USSYP 2025 Washington Week brochure at [bit.ly/3AB1zPR](http://bit.ly/3AB1zPR) and visit the U.S. Senate Youth Program website at [USSenateYouth.org/](http://USSenateYouth.org/) for more information.

The Mississippi Department of Education has set a deadline of September 30, 2024, to apply for the program. The Mississippi USSYP application is available at [bit.ly/3M-mxg2f](http://bit.ly/3M-mxg2f).

To apply, students should also contact their high school principal or Mississippi's state selection administrator Sandra Hilliard, coordinator of recognition programs at the Mississippi Department of Education, at 601-359-3513.



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