

Cannon Arts Dance Studio adds new teachers



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The staff of Cannon Dance Studio is gearing up for a fun year with additional classes. Staff members include, first row from left, Koura Wright, Rachel Vassar, owner Lori Christensen, aka Ms. California; Ginny Whaley and Lydia Smith. Back row, Shelby Langford, Alexis Player, Caroline Scott, office manager Kelly Lescarini, Anna Smith and Ashley Wilson Hardage.

"Building Dancers and Shaping Lives," the motto of Cannon Arts Dance Studio, is busy doing just that. Three new staff members have been added to strengthen the already exceptional staff, whose credentials include teaching at Vanderbilt and dancing with the prestigious Alvin Ailey Company.

For dancers ages 2-6, Cannon teachers have been strengthening their teaching by training in Twinkle Star Dance, a skill-based curriculum designed to help little ones learn in a creative, fun environment.

In the shaping lives category, several Warren County dancers, including Ryan Allen, Josee Lopez, Jackson Kinsey, Abigail Brown, Hayden Woods, Caroline and Annalise Gribble and instructor Caroline Scott, took to the Walt Disney World stage in June, performing a unique show and dazzling the crowd in the Disney

parade.

This season, Cannon Arts Dance is expanding its program to Smithville, offering classes at the DeKalb County Community Complex. For the first time, the studio is also offering Friday morning classes for young dancers, their moms, and yoga enthusiasts.

The holistic development of the student is always at the heart of the dance program, a program lauded by the MTSU dance department for its focus on dancers' training. The 2018-2019 season promises to be a fun one, with a Tennessee soundtrack theme, featuring the music of Tennessee artists.

Registration is available online at cannonartsdance.com. For additional information on how to join the fun, contact (615) 563-9122 or cannondance1@gmail.com.

BEST WISHES

Southern Standard readers are invited to extend happy birthday and anniversary best wishes to friends and loved ones through this weekly column. Please submit your messages by our noon deadline each Thursday. No more than three wishes to any individual, please.

Aug. 31 – Happy birthday Katie Watson.

Sept. 5 – Jason Zahn, happy 34th birthday. We love you very much. Have a great day, Lexi, Tarra, Mama and Daddy.

Sept. 5 – Jason Zahn, happy birthday to you. Love, Rachel and Emma.

Sept. 5 – Happy birthday Uncle Jason. Love, Nevaeh, Brooklynn and Braelyn.

Sept. 6 – Birthday wishes to Johnathan York.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Sept. 4 – Happy 47th anniversary Joe and Patricia Wright. Love, Seth and Ashley.

Sept. 8 – Happy anniversary wishes to Houston and Billie Hobbs.

Angels Autumn Fest tickets now available

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Tickets for the 11th annual Angels Autumn Fest are available for purchase for the event planned for Sept. 27. This year the location has changed to McMinnville Civic Center and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The festival is presented by Saint Thomas River Park Hospital, and benefits the Children's Advocacy Center for the 31st Judicial District.

According to executive director Martha Phillips, great strides are being made to help identified victims thrive.

"Our collaborative intervention, investigation, and recovery work continues to play a significant part in the positive outcome of child abuse victims' futures," said Phillips. "Since all of our services are provided free, we are ever reliant upon the generosity of others, and that's why this Angels Autumn Fest is so important."

The evening will pro-



Margaret Hobbs photo

Auction items are always a hit at the Angels Autumn Fest, with the event coming up on Sept. 27 at McMinnville Civic Center. At last year's event, attendees, from left, Vickie Miller and Marcia Scott plan their bidding strategy. Tickets are available by calling the Children's Advocacy Center at 931-507-2386.

vide dinner, entertainment and a fun auction with numerous items of interest to attendees. General admission tickets are available for \$100

each, with sponsorship options available. For more information, call the center at 931-507-2386, or visit cac31.org/11th-annual-angels-autumn-fest/.

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