Ruckel Humanities Teacher of the Year

Dr. Ryan Ruckel has been named Humanities Teacher of the Year at Pearl River Community College. Ruckel teaches history and English at PRCC’s Pascagoula Campus where he is an assistant professor of the Baccalaureate in History degree program. The Mississippi Humanities Council annually recognizes one humanities teacher at each PRCC campus, which is one of 100 humanities teachers state-wide. The council makes recognition awards based on the quality of humanities teaching, service to the community and the number of students served.
Carpenter fits mold of non-traditional student

By WENDY CARPENTER

The next in line for independence in the state for working to complete a degree is young men and women.

Most of my life I have been

Some tips on staying healthy during holidays

By SUSIE HALL

This time of the year, families gather together, family, friends, community, and businesses to participate. When you try to go too fast, you may not be able to enjoy the quality time spent with your family.

There are simple things that you can do to protect yourself and change the lifestyle for the better. The exercise is key. You can try to do at least 30 minutes per day.

The arts in public school and why we need them

By MELANIA SMITH

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In the Mississippi Delta, there are many people working hard to help children learn. These families who are so involved in their children's lives. These families have no way of providing for their needs unless they receive some help.

That's where PRCC comes in. The PRCC provides help through a variety of programs and services for their

Leisure time

By BYADN JONES

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PRCC honors Donohue, Wilson as Lamplighters

Award goes to top instructors

Pearl River Community College officials recently recognized 16 instructors for their dedication to teaching as they were honored as the college’s Lamplighters for 2011.

The college’s Lamplighter Conference was held Thursday, Nov. 17, to honor the instructors. The Lamplighter Project originated with D. Michael Durbin, retired Pearl River Community College Foundation president, who spearheaded the project and personified its goal of providing a platform for sharing the stories of excellence in teaching at PRCC.

The 2011 Lamplighters were honored for exemplifying the characteristics of a Lamplighter, including providing encouragement, promoting student success and demonstrating a commitment to lifelong learning.

Doug Donohue, a math instructor at PRCC’s Forrest County Center, attended the three-day conference at Northeast Community College in Brookhaven.

Donohue described the Lamplighter Conference as an affirmation that all of the effort and preparation faculty put into their work is not going unnoticed.

Donohue said, “Faculty members feel like we’re doing something. We’ve been able to share what we’re doing. We’re able to see the difference in the lives of our students.”

He began teaching math at the Forrest County Center on an adjunct basis in 2003 and joined the full-time faculty in 2005. He is vice president of the Mississippi Association of Two-Year Colleges (MANTC) Community College Faculty Association.

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- successful outcomes
Turkey for Thanksgiving (not THAT kind of Turkey)

By CHERI ALDER

History and Geography Instructor

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NAME:: Brenda Wells

FAMILY:: Married to Byron "B" Wells, Sr., of Nichole, MS, and lives in Hattiesburg, MS.

REINTERESSES:: Paperworks.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Attended Pippinville High School, B.S. in Secondary Education with a minor in Geography from Mississippi College, B.S. in Social Studies Education from Mississippi State University, Masters in Educational Studies with a concentration in Instructional Technology from Mississippi State University.

PROFESSIONAL ATTAINMENTS:

- Program Director for the PRCC Student Success Center from November 2009 until May 2011
- Head of the PRCC student support services department
- PRCC Student Success Center
- PRCC Institutional Research

RECOGNITIONS:

- PRCC Employee of the Month, May 2009
- PRCC Employee of the Quarter, July 2009
- PRCC Employee of the Year, 2010
- PRCC Student Success Center Director of the Year, 2011

PRCC students can shoecase themselves in Success Center

By BOBBY JO BEACH

The Student Success Center at CRC is offering students the opportunity to digitally set themselves apart.

For more information, contact Li Townsell at 601-554-3375 or rantownsell@prcc.edu.

Success Center open house

By SCOTT WELLS

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PRCC veteran finishes entrepreneurship program

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Smith is a veteran of the air force, having served one tour in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Smith chose PRCC’s Honors Institute because “it means a lot that people still recognize the military.”

Smith completed an online curriculum before attending the on-site program and will bring additional resources from family and other experts.

“Being an Army family is hard,” Worley said. “There’s a great deal when their service member is deployed. There’s a great deal of ‘having to shoulder the burden.’ The strength of our soldier is overwhelming. They learn there with his interest in recreation, specifically yoga, to assist the military. He served one tour in Iraq and Afghanistan and has a PRCC sociology instructor, presented a slide show of service members them performed by The Voices, PRCC’s vocal ensemble, and a slide show of service members them performed by The Voices, PRCC’s vocal ensemble.

Students using transfer program

More than 200 Pearl River Community College students recently completed the second phase of a free completion and transfer support resource, an initiative to simplify the transfer process to four-year universities or colleges.

PRCC is one of six colleges chosen to pilot the program. The students worked with Jennifer Blalock, national director for the CollegiateFish.org Community College Program. Funded by the Thatha Koppa academic honor society, the program was introduced through voluntary institutional participation in 2010 and provided as a free grant to transfer resource for selected schools.

“The students are given access to the online site, which offers university transfer search, selection, and support,” said Dr. Ann Moore, PRCC director of counseling, admissions, and placement, who is directing PRCC’s participation. The PRCC information technology department has also played an integral role in the program.

The pilot is designed to provide additional on-line support for students transferring to four-year universities or colleges.

“More than 200 students transferred to four-year institutions as a result of the program,” said Blalock.

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Facuity profile

NAME: David Armstrong

FAMILY: Married to Connie Wilson Armstrong, 37 years. Two sons, Sydney and Gabriel. Family of four lives in Oak Grove, Miss.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, Louisiana State University, 1980; B.S. in Business Administration, Mississippi College, 1978; B.S. in Business Administration, Pearl River Community College, 1971; B.S. in Business Administration, Delta College, 1969; B.S. in Business Administration, William Carey College, 1968. 

POSITION: Director of Career Education Center, University of Southern Mississippi


FAVOIRITE BOOK: Most recently, The 5000 Year Leap by Cleon Skousen.

FAVORITE MOVIE: Forrest Gump

FAVORITE MUSIC: Country

FAVORITE VACATION TRIP: Grand Canyon and surrounding areas

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: Enjoy interacting with students, also enjoy seeing past students succeed in their chosen profession.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Set a goal, study hard, live long and prosper.

GED program benefits student

By TERRI WARD

GED Coordinator

Over the last two years, I have been given the opportunity to meet and work with many Adult Education/GED students. All of them have diverse back grounds, but similar goals to earn their GED. Anibal Herrera’s goal was just that, to earn his GED. He was born in Guatemala and has been living in the United States for eight years. He came to the United States unable to speak any English. Learning the English language was his number one goal. He began memorizing words right from the start. His goal was 50 words a day. He would repeat words daily in order to commit them to memory. These words were just “words.” He said, “the more words I learned, the more I understood.” He said, “the more words I learned, the more I wanted to know their meaning. And the expression that go along with them.”

The test was a success, and the GED program at the Forrest County Career Education Center in Pearl River, MS was the perfect choice. Anibal was taken under the wing by my mentor, Terri Ward. She helped him to gain his confidence so he felt ready to take the test. Anibal had the opportunity to complete the test in Spanish. However, that was not an option for him. He said, “I already know Spanish, so why not challenge myself and try English. There is nothing impossible in this world.”

Anibal is now preparing to enroll in college in the fall of 2012. He is now a GED graduate. He is one of those who realize their American Dream. He asked me to share some advice to others.

“Money is like water in your hand. If you spend it, it’s gone. Your education will always be with you.” How true.

Job Fair at the Forrest County Center

Anibal Herrera is pictured receiving the GED diploma from Ruby Smith, GED instructor.

Carroll Bridges (left), retail supervisor for Tudor Marine and Land in Slidell, La., tells PRCC students about job opportunities at his company.

PRCC freshman student Antanetta Dubose of Meridian listens to officials from Ochsner Medical Center of Slidell, La., about upcoming job opportunities for graduates. Ochsner representatives include, from left, Sherry Schwartz, technician recruiter; and Annmarie Furry of the human resources office.

Coming soon

Officials with the state Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management cleared the way for work to begin this month on the $3.6 million Career Education Center at the Forrest County Center, preparing it for use in the 2013-2014 school year.

Larry J. Sumrall Contractors Inc. of Laurel is building the one-story facility.
Brown, Lewis selected present at regional workforce conference

Pearl River Community College was one of only two community colleges whose representatives were invited to present at the 2011 Fall Conference of the Southeastern Employment Development Association (SEEDA). Workforce Education Department members, Dr. Lindsey Lewis and Rebecca Brown, were invited to present PRCC at the conference held in Atlanta, Ga. on Sept. 11-14.

SEEDA represents workforce development professionals from every state in the Southeast. The members include local school officials and representatives from state and federal labor departments. They also include community college workforce development entities and business leaders. Lewis presentations highlighted the latest theories in adult learning and talent development in two separate workshops. In the morning workshop, Lewis explained the importance of relationship building and team development. In the afternoon, Lewis participated through activities designed to increase knowledge retention and student retention by applying techniques for creating the "comfortability" of subject matter.

Miss Brown was selected to present on zumba, spinning, swimming, boot camp, pilates, etc. She signed up for the first leg of the relay in which we did Body Chisel class which is a muscle toning class. The class has been taught at the YMCA for 14 years by Floanne Kersh, Active Adults director. “The class was taught at the YMCA for 14 years by Floanne Kersh, Active Adults director.”

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Campus groups raise money for Alzheimer’s

Students and faculty of Pearl River Community College’s Forrest County Center turned up to contribute toward finding a cure for Alzheimer’s disease. The annual Walk to End Alzheimer’s, held Oct. 15, 2011, the Forrest County Center was represented by 119 walkers, including students and faculty from PRCC, USA, HCA, criminal justice and psychology, along with the general student body. Faculty, family and friends also participated in the walk.

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Some unique names in South Mississippi

History lesson: How your hometown actually got its name

By Dr. BENNY HONOREY

In that tiny South Mississippi town where I live, there are some of the most interestingly named places you can name. In fact, there are the most interestingly named places you can name. In fact, there are the most interestingly named places you can name.

General Motions is a case in point. They had a bullfight there in 1916. The Charleston "New" automobile in Louisiana was called "Goodwood." You say "no" in Spanish "no go." What is a "no go" that won't go? Polo Club also had its own pony. "United" was in the World's Fair and also in the "General Motions" Foundation translates as "Fondation Générale," meaning "General Foundation." No wonder they were so interested in the foundation.

Some names are from American composers like Ira. If we can do dangerous and translate some well-known brand names in our community.

No matter where we are from or how long we have been gone, our brief explanation of how the county it-...
Public Broadcasting comes to PRCC to produce show

POPLARVILLE - A television production crew recently spent several hours on the Pearl River Community College campus videotaping students in the utility lineman technology program at the college.

The footage will be used in a segment on “The Fish Hunter” on Mississippi Public Broadcasting.

The show, to air next week, will focus on careers in the energy field, said senior producer Ryan Wardlow.

In addition to trying to young people how to become an energy apprentice, the show also highlights the importance of safety and loss control for the company.

A prime sponsor that made a generous donation of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund into television production was South Mississippi Electric Corporation, said Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, PRCC vice president for Workforce Education.

“Mississippi has a very unique system in which community colleges to utilize that lead to promote workforce development,” he said.

“The TV workforce program is a very productive project. Every job has the potential to lead us to new found markets for utility work, and maybe new careers.”

The company paid only the $100 certificated training fee per employee. The training is laser-focused on where we see our programs being, said Randall Lambert, director of Workforce Education.

POPLARVILLE - Leaders working to make their small town more viable made sure that high school seniors and even college students know how to train for those jobs.”

To hear the message from Dr. Joe Fratesi during a Lunch and Learn presented Thursday, Dec. 1, by Pearl River Community College at the Poplarville Chamber of Commerce, said Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, PRCC vice president for Workforce Education.

“In addition to letting young people know how and where Pearl River comes in, it’s also.

PRCC started the program in 2007 based on the recommendations of an advisory board made up of Coast, Pearl River and South Mississippi Electric Association, Mississippi Power Co., and Mississippi TVETC.

The partners have donated money, equipment and supplies to the program and, indirectly, to all students at PRCC.

Economic development hinges on plans, careful spending

PRCC workforce provides on-site certification training for industry

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“The Job Hunter” on Mississippi Public Broadcasting comes to PRCC to produce a show on careers in the energy field, said senior producer/director Katie Savage.

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Economic development is constantly changing, which forces me to stay with the topic and learn more, more, MORE!”

Architectural drafting students spent part of the past semester building model homes from fall semester grades.

The class divided into four groups and spent a total of 130 hours working on the project.

“We decided to do unique stuff,” said Ryan McArthur of Belhaven, whose group built the winning house. “We’re going to carpet all in a room.”

The four teams each presented their homes to professionals in the construction industry, including deacons, city officials, and Pearl River Community College’s Board of Trustees.

The students built the houses out of thin wood, using the floorwalk as a base for the ceiling, and painted the walls in various colors.

The furniture bought at a Dollar Tree was used to make the home look more like a room.”

The students got an extra chance to show off their work when Dr. Theodore Grevler, chairman of the Mississippi Community College Board, stopped by the campus on Friday as President Dr. William Lewis gave him a campus tour.

Dr. Joe Fratesi speaks at Lunch and Learn at PRCC.

Students in Jesse Walker’s architectural drafting class built model homes as part of their fall semester grades.

Happy Christmas & Cheerful New Year from all of us at PRCC.
NEWS

My college experience has been fun, gone by real fast

By LEIGHTON CHERAMIE

People have stated in the past how fast your college years will pass you by. I am truly not believing them now. It is almost time for that semester but it seems like we should just get here and then graduate. It somehow worked together to produce this new slice of pizza.

When asked, the Republicans refrained from taking inspiration from the Ronald Reagan Administration. They assume this is acceptable because the Reagan years were a time when ketchup was famously allowed in schools. Anyone who is not a fat kid in this new school, the Republicans retreated from answering questions about the effects of this bill on childhood obesity and nutrition.

Instead, Congress decided to turn their head to the idea of making any more healthy food choices to public school systems by declaring a vegetable. After Congress was bombarded by complaints from pizza makers manufacturers, producers to farmers, and salt producers, both the Republican House and Democratic Senate somehow worked together to produce this new vegetable.

Pizza is now a vegetable!

Next: why not cheeseburgers

By TIFFANY STOCKSTILL

You would expect Congress to want Americans to be healthy, right? Wrong. Since 1991, most people believe that Congress is doing nothing, and the idea of giving up cheeseburgers as a whole grain and Cheetos as a dairy product.

Pizza was considered a vegetable. And if Congress was going to be over reaching into the personal lives of Americans, that would be over reaching into the personal lives of Americans. Congress completely abdicated the moral facts.

An average tomato in everyday life has 25 calories, a whopping 225 calories less than a single slice of pizza. In 2011, the Republicans made it past the “you would expect Congress to want Americans to be healthy” bill with the idea of doing away with high-fat and high-sodium foods in schools has been altered.

The final version of a bill being discussed in Congress right now that would offer more whole foods and put a cap on high-fat and high-sodium foods in schools has been altered. Congress is now trying to consider pizza a vegetable. They assume this is acceptable because tomato paste is an acceptable ingredient, and Congress completely abdicated the moral facts.

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Weather front moves through Poplarville campus

River Road boulevard in Poplarville was full of bright colors this fall as the weather changed in south Mississippi. These photos were taken by the public relations staff.

PRCC calendar of events

- Thursday, Jan. 19 - Wildcat basketball at Hinds, 6 and 8 p.m., Utica.
- Monday, Jan. 23 - Wildcat basketball hosts Jones, 5 and 7 p.m., Shivers Gym.
- Thursday, Jan. 26 - Wildcat basketball hosts Gulf Coast, 5 and 7 p.m., Shivers Gym.
- Saturday, Jan. 28 - PRCC Women’s Health Symposium, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Crosby Hall.
- Monday, Jan. 30 - Wildcat basketball at East Central, 6 and 8 p.m., Decatur.
- Thursday, Feb. 2 - Wildcat men’s basketball hosts New Horizon Prep, 5 p.m., Shivers Gym.
- Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3 and 4 - Mississippi Showchoir Contest hosted by PRCC RiverRoad, William Carey University, Hattiesburg.
- Monday, Feb. 6 - Wildcat basketball hosts Co-Linn, 5 and 7 p.m., Shivers Gym.
- Thursday, Feb. 9 - Wildcat basketball at Southwest, 5 and 7 p.m., Summit.
- Monday, Feb. 13 - Wildcat basketball hosts Hinds, 5 and 7 p.m., Shivers Gym.
- Thursday, Feb. 16 - Wildcat basketball at Jones, 5 and 7 p.m., Ellerson.
- Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17 and 18 - PRCC Band Clinic, Olivia Bender Cafeteria.
- Monday, Feb. 20 - Mardi Gras holiday. Day and night classes will not meet.
- Wildcat basketball at Gulf Coast, 6 and 8 p.m., Perkinston.
- Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Mardi Gras holiday. Day and night classes will not meet.
- Thursday, Feb. 23 - Wildcat basketball hosts East Central, 5 and 7 p.m., Shivers Gym.

Singers and The Voices spring concert: 7 p.m., Malone Chapel.
- Monday, April 2 - Early registration begins for summer and fall semesters.
- Tuesday, April 3 - RiverRoad and The Jazz Cats spring concert, 7 p.m., Olivia Bender Cafeteria.
- Friday, April 6 - Good Friday holiday.
- Monday, April 9 - Last day to withdraw with a guaranteed “W” grade.
- Thursday and Friday, April 12 and 13 - The Apple Tree, 7 p.m., Olivia Bender Cafeteria.
- Monday, April 16 - PRCC Symphonic Band spring concert, 7 p.m., Olivia Bender Cafeteria.
- Thursday, April 2 vir: : Spring Break.
- Monday, April 30 - Honors Recitals, 7 p.m., Malone Chapel.
- Wednesday, May 2 - Night class final exams.
- Thursday, May 3 - Night class final exams.
- Monday, May 7 - Day and night class final exams.
- Tuesday, May 8 - Day and night class final exams.
- Wednesday, May 9 - Day class final exams.
- Thursday, May 10 - Day class final exams.
- Tuesday, May 15 - Graduation.
As a community college transfer, your move to The University of Mississippi will be one of the most important in your life—and also one of the smoothest. Here are just a few of the reasons why transferring to Ole Miss is the right move:

- Our Academic coursework during your first two years will plug right into our bachelor’s degree programs and let you stay on track.
- Average junior and senior-level classes at Ole Miss have 20-30 students and are probably smaller than some of the classes you are taking now.
- Our Financial Aid Office works hard to help you receive the combination of grants, scholarships, loans and employment you will need to finance your education.
- Our Phi Theta Kappa scholarship is worth $6,000 ($3,000 per year for two years) for transfer students with a 3.0 on at least 48 transferable community college credit hours and membership in Phi Theta Kappa are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Please contact Jason McCollum or Ty Atkinson in the Office of Enrichment Services at 662-OLE-MISS (655-6477) for more details.
- Our Community College Excellence Scholarship is worth $1,000 a year (total of $2,000 over your last two years). Community College students with a 3.0 GPA on 48 transferable hours will be eligible for this scholarship. Contact Jason McCollum or Ty Atkinson in the Office of Enrichment Services at 662-OLE-MISS (655-6477) for more details.

Come and visit campus, talk with our faculty, staff and students, and see how easy it will be to take the next step!
Halloween fun time

Above, preschoolers from the Child Development Center spent Halloween morning trick-or-treating on the Pearl River Community College campus in Poplarville. Below, Jacqueline Trevey, 3, gets a closer look at the book learning lab instructor Maggie Smith is reading. Right, five-year-old Kael Brown listens intently to the story.

Make a Difference Day

Whitney Everett, AmeriCorps VISTA coordinator at Pearl River Community College, and student volunteer Katie Priest of Picayune unload food and non-perishables Friday, Oct. 21, at the Brothers Keepers food pantry in Poplarville. The AmeriCorps program coordinated a campus-wide food drive as part of the national Make A Difference Day program.

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Above, the PRCC chapter of the Association of Educational Office Professionals held its first meeting of the year Oct. 25 and elected officers for the 2011-12 year. Members are, from left, standing, Donna Warden, Lisa Powell, Jennifer Graham, Christy Wells, secretary; Donna Warden, standing; Linda Powell, Sherman Ladies, Cheryl May, treasurer; Marilyn Gilman, president; Torre Burres, Tina Coleman and Reynolds Head; vice president. Right, Donna Warden was installed as a year’s free membership.

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Hoffpauir’s second team at PRCC will be young

PRCC Pearl River Community College baseball coach Josh Hoffpauir likes pretty good about his 2012 Wildcat squad, which will be his second. This team was 2011 and reached the Mississippi Junior College state championship...

The pitching corps will be led by Petal sophomore Heather Hester of Hattiesburg, who was 5-4 with a 2.54 ERA last season. She will pitch in the circle for the intersection squad.

Heather started 21-23 times this season, and her biggest weak spot was her defense. She had her moments with the bat, and she was productive overall.

“Her position is..." said White. "Heather did a great job, she handled our pitchers..."
Three Wildcats named to elite All-Region 23 squad

YUMA, ARIZ. - Bo Wallace capped an incredible individual season Saturday by throwing seven touchdown passes, leading East Mississippi Community College to the national junior college title with a 55-47 victory over Arizona Western College. It's the first national title in any sport for EMCC, which finished with a 12-0 record after its win in the El Toro Bowl.

EMCC entered the game ranked No. 2 in the national NJCAA poll; Arizona Western (11-1) was No. 1.

The Lions roared to a 27-0 lead midway through the second quarter on the strength of four touchdown passes by Wallace, who was the nation's top Juco passer this season. Wallace completed 30 of 44 passes for 452 yards.

Lacoltan Bester caught two of the TD passes from Wallace, while Rodriguez Moore caught the longest—a 91-yarder in the third period that increased the Lions' lead to 48-27.

But the host Matadors were far from finished. Led by the nation's leading rusher, Damien Williams, and quarterback Cameron Coffman, AWC scored three touchdowns in a 15-minute span to close the gap to 55-47.

Wallace was named the offensive MVP for the Lions. His seven touchdown passes gave him 53 for the season, breaking the NJCAA record of 50 set in 1992.

East Mississippi is coached by former PRCC assistant coach and PRCC graduate Buddy Stephens.
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Members of the 2011-12 Pearl River Community College Lady Wildcat basketball team include from left: Seated - Manager Delvin Pound of St. Martin, freshman Quentessa Bullock of East Marion, sophomore Stephanie Fratesi of Poplarville, sophomore Branita Malone of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., sophomore Bowman of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., sophomore Daiquari Raine of Oak Grove, freshman Shanta’ Echols of Sumrall, sophomore Francheska Bowman of Port Walton Beach, Fla., freshman Darqueste Polome of Poplarville, sophomore Shantal Murphy of Velma Jackson High, and Tiger Proudfoot coach Toby Bush. Standing - Assistant coach Terry Richardson of Jackson-Providence, freshman Alyssa Bridges of Oak Grove, freshman Shanta' Echols of Sumrall, sophomore Franckensia Bowman of Port Walton Beach, Fla., freshman Darqueste Polome of Poplarville, sophomore Shantal Murphy of Velma Jackson High, and manager Ti Beddow of Canton, freshman Jameson McDonald of Oxford, and assistant coach Zaria Williams of Yazoo City. Standing - Assistant coach Todd Smith of Canton, assistant coach Zaria Williams, sophomore Samantha Gunn of Canton, freshman Richard Mathis (22nd season).

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River splits at Delgado

Wildcats at home

Thursday night

Pearl River Community College split with Delgado in the NJCAA women's and men's basketball action last Thursday with the Lady Wildcats defeating the host Lady Dolphins 60-58, while the Wildcats lost to Delgado 96-60.

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