PRCC family mourns passing of Ken Winters, Henry Thomas

Ken Winters, a World War II veteran, passed away on January 1 at his home in Poplarville. He was 72.

He retired in 2006 as principal manager at South Mississippi Electric Power Association and had also worked for the Harrison County schools.

Poplarville residents will hold a memorial service for Winters. A service will begin at noon and end at 1:30 p.m. at the Pearl River Community College Poplarville Campus.

Masonic burial service will be conducted Friday, March 4 from 9 a.m. till noon in Slidell Cemetery.

For more information, contact Peggy Dease, PRCC director of nursing education, at 601 403-1016. www.prcc.edu

Comments sought for PRCC nursing reaccreditation review

POPLARVILLE - The Pearl River Community College associate degree nursing program will host a site review and accreditation review March 4 and 5. PRCC's nursing education program is part of the Career Tech Division, a school of health professions.

Interested persons can meet the review team and comment on the program of a meeting at 1:30 p.m. March 4 in the PCC Nursing Building dining room. With questions about the review process, contact Dr. Marvin Ross White, PRCC nursing education program director, at 601 403-1017 or visit the PRCC website at www.prcc.edu.

Southern regional representatives will observe classes and interview students. Students are invited to participate.

Softball team's 'Pink Game' rescheduled for Feb. 19

The PRCC softball team's 'Pink Game' scheduled against Northeast Florida has been designated the 'Pink Game' Community Cancer Awareness. PRCC faculty members who purchased pink finalists for the 2011 Mississippi Community College Athletic Association Softball Championships will also donate funds to the Pearl River Community College Foundation.

PRCC students named to community college band

POPLARVILLE - Two Pearl River Community College students were selected for participation in the 2011 Mississippi Community College All-State Band.

They will be on Feb. 10 and 11 at the University of Southern Mississippi and perform at a concert at 1 p.m. on Feb. 11 at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

They are Dondra Begal of Poplarville, junior, music education; and Chris LaRue of Poplarville, sophomore, music education.

PRCC students selected for band will be honored at the annual all-state concert on March 31 at the University of Southern Mississippi.

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The PRCC softball team's 'Pink Game' with Alabama State University on February 19 to benefit the Pearl River Community College Foundation has been rescheduled for March 19. PRCC softball and baseball departments and the PRCC Police Department are sponsoring the ‘Pink Games’ to benefit breast cancer awareness.

Chesapeake’s home game against Cape Fear Community College has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 17.

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At 91, Patterson has seen a lot

Retired military man now a student at Hancock Center

Mrs. Catherine Smith is the first individual to graduate from Pearl River Community College's Hancock Center.

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Heart disease is not something that can be ignored

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. In fact, 1 in 3 adults in the country have some form of heart disease. Coronary Artery Disease occurs when blood flow to your heart is blocked and the heart can no longer get its oxygen and nutrients. Heart disease can be caused by many factors, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, smoking, diabetes, obesity, and lack of physical activity.

Preventing heart disease starts with making healthy lifestyle choices. Eating a heart-healthy diet, getting regular physical activity, not smoking, and managing your weight can all help reduce your risk of heart disease.

Risk factors for heart disease include:
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol levels
- Diabetes
- Smoking
- Obesity
- Physical inactivity
- Family history of heart disease

Heart disease does not come with a warning sign, and it can occur at any age. It is estimated that 72% of Americans aged 45 years or older have some form of heart disease. The good news is that you can take steps to reduce your risk of heart disease.

Making healthy choices can help prevent heart disease and improve your overall health. By making small changes to your lifestyle, you can reduce your risk of heart disease and live a healthier, longer life.
Community college Capitol Day event set for Feb. 18

Faculty Assn. makes push for state funding

By Dr. KYLE HILL

Each year the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges hosts several events at the State Capitol to support the state’s 15 community colleges. The most significant event on our legislative calendar is Capitol Day. This year’s Capitol Day will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17.

Day will begin with a news conference at the second floor rotunda. Guest speakers will include state legislative leadership, representatives from the community college presidents and members from the state branches of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Attendees will have the opportunity to visit the offices of their legislative delegation during the remainder of the day.

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PRCC to train workers for solar panel plant

The December 2010 surgical technology class at the Forrest County Center of Pearl River Community College graduated in ceremonies Dec. 13 in Hattiesburg. They are, from front to rear, Jordan Sparks of Sumrall High School, 1985; PRCC President Dr. William Lewis.

With the help of Pearl River Community College, a Californian-based solar panel manufacturer will locate hundreds of employees for a new plant in Hattiesburg.

More officially announced on Jan. 4 that the company will build a $150 million solar panel manufacturing plant in Forrest County. The project, which was discussed last year, will depend on funds from the Mississippi Economic Development Board.

But before the first panel is made, the company has to find and train employees.

"As Stion starts to ramp up and gets ready to interview people, they'll develop the job descriptions and post them at the PRCC Job Center," said Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, PRCC's director of workforce education. "In cooperation with the PRCC Job Center, we'll test those applicants to determine their skills."

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Once the company has hired employees, PRCC will help keep developing training.

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Women's Health Symposium attracts huge crowd to PRCC

DuPree urges PRCC students to extend bridges of past

PRCC student's uncle was big in civil rights movement

Hudson for governor

Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny DuPree today addressed Pearl River Community College students about extending bridges built by those who came before them.

"DuPree was a great speaker for the Black History Month Observance at the PRCC Forrest Count Center. He cited Rosa Parks, Venita Daunre and the many dedicated workers that helped make possible the educational and other opportunities those in the audience now enjoy.

"You should be bridge extenders," DuPree said. "That's what we have to do.

"To set the record straight, it wasn't a bunch of us that gave up our seats in the Montgomery buses. "It was that one woman in the crowd who took the stand.

"You control the dosage," DuPree said to the PRCC audience.

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String of Pearls state champs again

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Our children, mine, yours, and the next generation up, are lost with parents who can’t read or write. I think it’s marvelous. Driving from here to Charleston is quite easy,” he said. “I don’t feel uncomfortable. Patterson describes his return to the Poplar Forest plantation as “a visit to the past.” While in Virginia, he collected and framed and put the property on public display in 1868. Patterson returned to the hotel and restaurant business when his mother began “getting old.” He worked at Manassas and lived there for 11 years. When Patterson entered the Poplar Forest plantation, the resort was named for the Poplar Forest in the spring of 1803. After trying unsuccessfully to find a literacy program in his area, Patterson turned to the Gulf Coast about the University of Southern Mississippi. Gulf Coast. He checked into taking the pop-

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The String of Pearls was co-founded in 1986 by a group of high school students. The team was formed to provide an opportunity for students to participate in dance competitions. Since its inception, the String of Pearls has grown in popularity, and has won numerous state championships.

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Plans are being finalized for the Career Education Building to be built at the Forrest County Center. The building will house welding, electronics technology and the heating, air conditioning, ventilation and refrigeration technology programs along with four classrooms, offices and the center’s physical plant. The building will be located north of the Allied Health Center. Construction could begin in late spring or early summer.

New buildings going up

Construction projects are well underway on the PRCC campus in Poplarville. At left, a three-story addition to Moody Hall, originally built in 1926, is expected to be complete by the start of the fall semester. Mac’s Construction of Hattiesburg is building the $2.26 million building which will be the new home for the Department of Fine Arts and Communication. Lower left, work is underway on a new 108-bed residence hall to replace a 60-bed dormitory damaged by Hurricane Katrina. It is expected to be open for the fall semester. Below, a new elevator at Crosby Hall is expected to be complete in April.

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The December 2010 associate degrees nursing class at Pearl River Community College graduated recently at the Coast Coliseum in Gulfport. A total of 43 associate degrees were awarded. The following students have successfully completed all courses and graduated with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher to be listed in the fall semester. They are listed by hometown:

Auburn
- Patrick D. Glynn

Bay St. Louis
- Rebecca N. Bradshaw, Zachary E. Rogers

Buckatunna
- Davontae R. Linear

Cameron
- Jordan J. Mitchell

Collierville
- Chelsea K. Adams, David B. Carter

Columbia
- Jonathan S. Cagle

Collins
- Amanda E. Rutledge, Elizabeth A. Rutledge and Amanda K. Cecil, both of Picayune

Copiah
- Colby T. Dyess and Monica P. Eason

Creekwood
- Carrie C. Jarrett

Cummings
- Matthew L. Bounds, Amanda M. Ginn, Stephanie A. Ellis

Dedekind
- Theresa M. Perret and Sandra L. Searles

Dedee
- Rebecca A. Dardar and Britney McClellan

Dedeeh
- Mallory C. Altazan, Amber S. Holmes

Deltaville
- Steven B. Jernigan

Moss Point
- Ashton Dearman


Mur移
- Ryan M. Johnsen.

Purvis
- Kylan L. Bosarge, Christina E. Bright, Ty N. Cadle and Jessica L. Hebert


Greenwood
- Carrie C. Jarrett.

Hattiesburg
- Rebecca N. Bradshaw, Zachary E. Rogers

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- Justrin R. Cox.

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Enrollment up; art walk was success

Show features work by PRCC students

By MAGGIE SMITH
Director of Hancock Center

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rooms and an office space for instructors. The sec-
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PRC students tour Nissan in Canton

By DELANIA HARRIS

Students studying in the Business Marketing and Management program received the opportunity to tour a real manufacturing plant on Jan. 6. On this day, 23 students traveled to Canton to view the Nissan manufacturing plant. The Nissan plant stretches more than 1.4 million sq. ft. 27 miles of conveyor lines, and produces approximately 400,000 units annually. The plant is located in the Canton quadrants of Mississippi. Through course work in the areas of human resources management and entrepreneurship, students learn how vital it is for American corporate leaders to become more efficient in meeting market demands. These innovative programs and concepts have allowed the Nissan Corporation to ensure on-continued success and growth. The plant recently began producing a new commercial utility van called the

These vans will be available to the public this year and will be featured at small business owners such as corporates, aromas, and florists. In addition to the benefits of cost and energy efficiency, they can also be customized to better suit the businesses’ output.

In terms of human resource management, the plant provides jobs to 3,200 employees, representing 80 of Mississippi’s 82 counties. Employees at the Canton facility are provided with paid health care, wellness programs, and education assistance. These programs and concepts are designed to make the office environment more efficient, they can also be customized to better suit the businesses’ output.

The Nissan plant in Canton produces the Nissan Altima, which is produced in a number of different versions. It is the second most popular car sold in the United States, behind only the Toyota Camry. The plant also produces the Nissan Maxima, which is a larger, more luxurious version of the Altima. Both models are manufactured using advanced technology and high-quality materials. The plant is known for its innovative processes and commitment to environmental sustainability. In recent years, the plant has received numerous awards for its contributions to the community and the environment. These efforts include the use of renewable energy sources, the implementation of energy-efficient practices, and the promotion of sustainable transportation options. Overall, the Nissan plant in Canton has been a significant contributor to the local economy and has had a positive impact on the quality of life for residents in the surrounding area.

PRC students tour Nissan plant

Counselor’s Day on Jan. 21. More than 40 counselors from 21 district high schools and PRCC President William Lewis welcomes high school guidance counselors to the annual Counselor’s Day at PRCC Poplarville, and PRCC instructors Brad Ladner, Carol Williams, and Delana Harris. Tara Rouse, department chair of the Wellness Center, also offers a step aerobics class that is offered on Wednesdays at 4:15.

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PRCC's Jones signs MACJC South Division victory over Southwest Mississippi Saturday in Poplarville. PRCC, River snags big division wins over Hinds Basketball teams play Jones, Gulf Coast at home

Forrest High, is averaging 2.3 assists a game for head coach Richard Mathis' defend-and-slash Wildcat squad. Jones, a 6-foot-3, 205-pound forward who prepped at North Forrest High paced PRCC with a game-high 25 points (five rebounds), while Phillips Chevrolet of Meridian High is co-captain,夕阳共计14 (14 rebounds), Laidlaw-Mey of Poplarville High has 13, Kellen Metcalfe of Oxford High nine, season leads with 19 (seven), Charlene Green out of South Pike High six (seven rebounds), Alayna Bridges of Oak Grove High six (six rebounds), LaKendrick Maye of Prentiss High six (seven rebounds), while Phillip Cowan of Meridian High is block leader with 19 (seven blocks), and Vincent Gable of Picayune High and Pedro Maciel in Mobile eight, Daron Bell of Bay High seven, Maciel, a Centenary University transfer who

PRCC's Jones signs

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River snags big division wins over Hinds

The Lady Wildcats, on the other hand, kept their postseason playoff hopes alive with a convincing 69-51 victory over the Lady Bulldogs. Gulf Coast, the tournament will be comprised of the top four teams and women's champions in the North and South divisions. The 10th-ranked Copiah-Lincoln women, currently 18-1 overall and perfect at 10-0 in division play, with 13 points. Branita Malone, another Lady Wildcats with 19 points (six rebounds), Kenyatta Epps of Yazoo City High paced the Lady Bulldogs with 11 points. On the gridiron, Jones led the Pirates to a berth in the Region 23 Tournament, site TBA.

The Pearl River women's win over Hinds had their postseason cause, as the Lady Wildcats are in fourth place in the division with playing days against Jones County Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast, and East Central looming with playing dates against Jones County, in PRCC's MACJC State Tournament to be played at the home court of the South Division champion.

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SPORTS

POPLARVILLE - Pearl River Community College soccer coach Jack Byrd has signed a host of new soccer players for the 2011 season, including four from Oak Grove High School.

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