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Leaders are people who inspire others to succeed

By MATT LEE

“Leaders aren't born, they are made just like anything else, though hard work, and that's the secret. They are made by a process of experience and learning.” - Warren G. Harding

Leadership is the act of influencing people to achieve a common goal. Leadership can be found in individuals of any age, gender, or background. It is a key component in any organization, whether it be a family, school, or business.

In order to be a successful leader, one must possess certain qualities. These qualities include persuasion, communication, integrity, and vision.

Persuasion is the ability to influence others to take action. Effective leaders must be able to motivate and inspire their followers to pursue a common goal.

Communication is another important quality. Leaders must be able to clearly and effectively convey their ideas to others. This includes both written and verbal communication.

Integrity is the quality of being honest and trustworthy. Leaders must be able to model the behavior they expect from their followers.

Vision is the ability to see the future and plan for it. Leaders must be able to envision a path forward and provide direction for their followers.

In conclusion, leadership is a critical skill that can be learned and developed. By cultivating the qualities of persuasion, communication, integrity, and vision, individuals can become effective leaders in any setting.

Get involved in election process

By LEFTON CHEIMAH

It being election time, many people will be given the opportunity to vote in the upcoming election for their local, state, and national representatives. Voting is a fundamental right and responsibility of every citizen.

In order to be a well-informed voter, it is important to do research on the candidates and their qualifications. This includes understanding their positions on important issues, as well as their personal and professional backgrounds.

Voting is about choosing the person who you believe will best represent your interests and values. By exercising your right to vote, you have the power to shape the future of your community and country.

It is important to vote not only for the candidates you support, but also to hold those in power accountable. By voting, you are taking an active role in the democratic process and ensuring that your voice is heard.

In conclusion, voting is a vital part of our democracy. By exercising your right to vote, you have the power to shape the future of your community and country. We encourage all eligible citizens to participate in this important process.

Jazz Fest: great experience; super music, but be prepared

By CAROLYN THOMAS

The French Quarter Music Festival is a major event that takes place in New Orleans each spring. It is one of the largest music festivals in the world and attracts musicians and fans from all over the globe.

The festival takes place in the French Quarter, a historic neighborhood known for its vibrant culture and rich history. The festival includes a variety of music genres, including jazz, blues, rock, and hip-hop.

Despite the excitement and energy of the festival, there are some challenges that attendees should be aware of. The crowds can be large and the weather can be hot and humid, so it is important to be prepared.

In conclusion, the French Quarter Music Festival is an amazing experience for music lovers of all ages. With its diverse lineup of performers and exciting atmosphere, it is a must-see event for anyone visiting New Orleans.
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PRCC inducts new PTK members in Poplarville

The Iota Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inducted 39 new members into the honor society for students at two-year colleges.

They were inducted in a ceremony March 5 at the PRCC Technology Center.

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include WIN Job Center in Your Career Planning

By Rebecca Brown

1000 North Central Street

Brown, 1000 North Central Street, Forrest County Center, said she and her staff are providing help to students as they transition from being job seekers to full-time workers.

The WIN Job Centers, located in each of Mississippi’s 82 counties, help people find work and develop job skills.

 bites: 230,651; Mississippi Workforce Investment Act (WIA) clients served 7,880.

The program marked the sixth annual Black History Month Observance at the Forrest County Center with Mayor Billy Sasser as the featured speaker. The program included a presentation from the national English honor society PRCC had 11 students selected as Scholastic All-Americans in 2012.

The African-American community has contributed greatly to the United States, from the Dred Scott decision declaring negroes in 1857 to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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"In addition to the classes, we provide participants the opportunity to enroll in the Adult Education Program at PRCC. Other learning resources include school-wide computer classes, academic counseling, or student services offered at PRCC. Women who choose to participate in the program should be aware that computer skills classes, job search, management, conflict resolution, career planning, and financial aid are available.

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HATTIESBURG - New members of the Beta Tau Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society were inducted Monday, Feb. 27, at the Forrest County Center of Pearl River Community College. They include: from left: Ethan Peal of Sumrall, Sajaja Sai of Hattiesburg, Jordan Nelson of Hattiesburg, Jordan Senegal of Hattiesburg, Joshua Simone of Brandon, Andrea Ballew of Petal, Jackie Baker of Petal, Sadee Wynn of Hattiesburg - Dr. Tony Ruckel, Beta Tau Gamma advisor; PTK officer Chelsea Johnson of Hattiesburg, Donna Perry of Sumrall, Crystal Lucas of Petal, Melissa Stewart of Purvis, Brandy Cheramies of Hattiesburg, Kristin Montgomery of Petal, Jonas McQuack of Brookhaven, Hope Lucas of Sumrall, Alyssa Bland of Sumrall, Lauren Gaudet of Jackson, Steven Griffin of Chicago, Daphne Dambour, Beta Tau Gamma advisor, and PTK officer Kimberly Williams of Hattiesburg. Back row - Dr. Ryan Ruckel, Beta Tau Gamma advisor; PTI officer Will Smith of Purvis, PTI advisor Dr. Benny Hornsby, and PTK advisor Dr. Cyndi H. Gaude, professor and director of Human Capital Development at USM, Gulf Coast. Not pictured were: Tia Beach of Hattiesburg, Amanda Edwards of Hattiesburg, Sarah Wages of Hattiesburg, Herman Wheeler of Hattiesburg, Shawn Williamson of Hattiesburg, and Anson Wright of Hattiesburg. 

Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony

Induction ceremonies Feb. 27 for new members of the Beta Tau Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International honor society at the Forrest County Center were a special occasion for three generations of one family. Pictured from left: Dr. Ryan Ruckel, Beta Tau Gamma advisor; Dr. Casti Burt, PRCC vice president for Forrest County Operations; and Theta Tau advisor Dr. Benny Hornsby. "I was thrilled," said Ryan, "when I was selected for an interview. I received my acceptance letter the Friday before my graduation ceremony at D Com 1 began on USM's campus."

Local family cherishes

PTK induction at PRCC

By Dr. CYNDI H. GAUDE

There was an easy way for me, I wasn’t born; there was no miracle, and being a Navy student, the Air Force induction exam didn’t cut me in.

In 1963, I joined the Reserves as an Air Force Flight Nurse. That process went on for one year, I got my jumps and I got my wings. I didn’t win any awards; nobody took my picture. But I made it. How did I do it? I did it on my own, concentrating on my immediate problem. Each day, I might as well stick the needle in my eye, and by the time my career was over, I had over 300 jumps. I didn’t win any awards; nobody took my picture.

As for their Phi Theta Kappa pins, the next family member that was involved with the event was Dr. Cyndi H. Gaude, professor and director of Human Capital Development at USM, Gulf Coast. She was inducted to Phi Theta Kappa last spring. "I was thrilled," said Ryan, "when I was selected for an interview. I received my acceptance letter the Friday before my graduation ceremony at D Com 1 began on USM’s campus."
**Brooms have found happiness in ministry work**

By SHIRLEY BURNHAM

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- Hancock County AHS second; and Asean Davis, Harrison County Vo-Tech, third.
- Forrest County AHS, third.
- and Damonh Jones and helper Larry Garry, Jeff Davis County Vo-Tech, second; and Tavius Martin and helper Charles Braziel, Harrison County Vo-Tech, first; Ethan Breland, Harrison County Vo-Tech, second; and Johnny Le, Jackson County Tech Center, second.
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- Prentiss Headlight Correspondent
- **God knew what He was doing** in the lives of Lynn (Haddox) and Tommy Broom, who married in 1984. Lynn (Haddox) lived at Prentiss, where she taught school. Tommy Broom was a minister in Broomfield, also in the Prentiss area.

After a honeymoon that included a trip to the Bahamas, Opryland and Six Flags over Texas, they returned to Mississippi and, for the first time, Tommy was able to devote himself fully to the work of the Lord. Lynn was able to give birth to the twins, Timmy and Chip, almost immediately. The family moved to Prentiss, where Tommy began teaching the program at Pearl River Community College.

Broom felt the call into ministry before he and Lynn met but never pursued anything seriously, his family discouraged him from considering with his young age. After their marriage she found out he had kept an eye on her. Then, after their marriage, he finally gave her a reason to talk to him. Their relationship was going strong.

**Lynn, however, believed with God's help you could do anything**. “When we were playing ball at Haddox, I didn’t know he had been ‘stalking’ me,” Lynn said. “Tommy was a few years older than me. We were dating a girl at Haddox and I threw her away.”

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“We’re not perfect or role models but we’ve always been open and up front,” she said. “We just love each other. We’ve just done the best we could to serve the Lord wherever we are and do it together.”

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- **The University of Southern Mississippi**
High school students get preview of PRCC programs

POPLARVILLE – Approximately 350 high school juniors came to Pearl River Community College Tuesday, March 6 to get a close look at career and technical programs offered by the college. Students, who are enrolled in career and technical programs in their home schools, visited each of PRCC’s 22 programs during the first Student Career & Technical Conference.

“I learned a lot today,” said Bianca Stennis, a student at Bolton County Agricultural High School. “I’m actually hoping to come here.”

Students interested in instrumentation got to see how computers control traffic lights, pulling out power lines and decreasing voltage transmitted on a power line. PRCC instructor Randy Henry said, “This is a former banking lab,” he said.

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Three students in PRCC’s commercial truck driving program, accompanied by instructor Derek Clark, transported the transformers to the Poplarville campus.

PRCC started the utility lineman technology program at Pearl River Community College in 1989. “Some of our former students have been instructors at other institutions,” Clark said. “It is a very demanding program which can be tailored to find a two-year associate in applied science degree or a one-year certificate of proficiency.”

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By DELAYA HARRIS

The Pearl River Community College Business Ethics Team Event.

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PRCC presents
The Apple Tree
April 12-13

Jazz Cats perform

POHATVILLE - The Pearl River Community College Department of Fine Arts and Communication will present The Apple Tree at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, and Friday, April 13.

The musical, written by Markie Morando and based on the Mark Twain novel, is under the direction of Christopher Flynn, PRCC instructor of speech and theater.

The cast and crew for The Apple Tree are:

CAST

Act 1: Mark Twain's The Diary of Adam and Eve
- Stephen Berry, Stephen Atkinson, Hannah Pierce, Donnie Jones

Act 2: Frank R. Stockton's The Lady or the Tiger?
- Creighton Holder, Ryan Morris, Allen Grace, Taylor Trigg, Danielle Rogers

Act 3: Jules Feiffer's Passionella
- Jacob Cochran, Zorana Burger, Danielle Rogers, Taylor Trigg

Crew
- Amber Scott, Justin Keys, Darious Lang, Kendall Laster, Zaccheus Husband, Larrika Lodge

The musical will be performed at the Olivia Bender Cafeteria of PRCC Poplarville campus.

The show will be free for students, $5 for adults and $3 for children.

PRCC Symphonic Band

Daniel Rogers of Petal is Passionella and Jacob Cochran of Poplarville is Flip in The Apple Tree's third act.

Jazz Cats perform Saturday, Feb. 18, for junior and senior high school students who attended the PRCC Band Clinic.

Lead trumpet player Kristy Nobles of Gulfport plays with the Jazz Cats.

Cammie Moree sings "I've Got the World on a String" as the Sumrall High School showchoir, Legacy, competes Saturday, Feb. 4, in the Mississippi Showchoir Contest.

JACKSON PREP grand champs

Reveillon from Jackson Prep took home Grand Champion honors Feb. 4, at the Mississippi Showchoir Contest. Thirty-three showchoirs from middle, junior and senior high school levels competed in the annual event hosted by Pearl River Community College, Poplarville.

First runner-up was Company from South Jones High School. Petit Pig took home the second runner-up award. The Grand Champion solo award went to Kayla Patterson of South Jones.

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Dr. Kyle Hatfield directs the PRCC Symphonic Band Friday, Feb. 17, during the PRCC Band Clinic in Poplarville.

The PRCC Jazz Cats perform Saturday, Feb. 18, for junior and senior high school students who attended the PRCC Band Clinic. PRCC Public Relations photos

Lead trumpeter player Kristy Nobles of Gulfport plays with the Jazz Cats.

Mariah Laffitte of Pascagoula is Eve and Michael Styles of Sumrall is Adam in the first act of The Apple Tree.

The cast for Act 2 of The Apple Tree includes, from left, Creighton Holder of Hattiesburg, Ryan Morris of Columbia, Danielle Rogers of Petal, Taylor Trigg of Petal and Emily Murray of Bogalusa, La. PRCC Public Relations photos

John Erion of Columbia plays a tenor sax solo with the Jazz Cats.

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Left photo: Jacob Cochran of Poplarville plays during the Symphonic Band's performance at the PRCC Band Clinic. Above, Samerline Scott and Hector Covarrubias of Petal and Mark Pelinick of Sumrall play Friday, Feb. 17, during the Symphonic Band's performance.

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Legacy, Sumrall High School's showchoir, competed in the Mississippi Showchoir Contest hosted by PRCC at William Carey University in Hattiesburg.
Marketing students pay visit to capitol

By DELANA HARRIS
Business Marketing Instructor

The PRCC business manag- ment and marketing programs traveled to Jackson in February to tour the State Capitol and to visit the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

While touring the capitol, the students met Senators Billy�

Billy Bonds and Kevin Wayne──Republican, who made the trip to Jackson to visit the Sports Hall of Fame──Republican, to discuss the capitol’s importance and how management and marketing instructors, Deanna Dearman of Poplarville, Dominica Melton of Columbia, Alex Singley of Columbia, Cole Case of Bay St Louis, JoAnna Scholarship of Columbia and James Townsend of Picayune. View from the Senate floor as part of their new “home” and role responsibilities.

The museum is privately funded and supported by local businesses in terms of its importance and the struggle between ideological and political styles differ from each other. The underlying tension is very serious business. As someone who is very left-leaning, I have to enjoy the spectacle of the GOP’s “circus” firing squad” that this primary season has provided us.

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Honors Institute

students spend time with PRCC alumni

By DARION MATTHEWS

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Hancock Center: Planting seeds for prosperity

By RAYMUNDA BARNES

At a time when rain seems almost inevitable and washing one's car seems almost a daily necessity due to pollen, things are looking up at the Hancock Center.

There have been many exciting events to take place at the center.

Math instructor Craig Carver started and led the first PRCC scholar team. On March 3, the team competed in the first round of the Bowl Competition at the Gulf Coast Campus of the University of Southern Mississippi.

The team consisted of four students from the Hancock Center: The students, Casey Rawls, Amanda Fouassier, Jamie Thompson and Lexi Carter, were a representation of the Hancock Center.

Under the moniker of Schrodinger’s Wildcats, the team competed against other colleges and universities associated with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Collection Manager Carol Schuler’s Bowl consisted of eight teams from three schools and consisted of three rounds (proverbial schoolyard, bowl). The format of the competition was similar to that of Jeopardy and consisted of three rounds with multiple questions from different topics.

The Schuler’s Bowl was held two-to-three days a week prepared by Counseling and Classroom. In the competition, the Wildcats defeated the USM Student Association team in the first round by a close score of 25-24 before being defeated by a team from Hancock County.

The students had an opportunity to display their knowledge about a variety of topics ranging from board games to science. The students were also given the opportunity to earn a $50 gift certificate.

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Most of us face challenges that we eventually must overcome.

By TONIA MOODY

As an advocate for those who have been faced with a challenge or difficulty in your life today, I write this column to encourage you to find a meaningful out of them. It is obvious that this person thought that while they faced their own challenges, someone else’s life is perfect. I mean, who is perfect? Sometimes I think we may not see others’ successes because we are focusing on our own. The end result is that we may be thinking “they really have it so much easier than me”. My response to this individual would be “it’s not over until the bullets end”. This is because life is full of unexpected challenges that we must face head-on.

The body of the oyster is so sensitive that when a small grain of sand or a rock gets into the shell, it begins to secrete a slimy substance. When this happens, the oyster tries to expel the sand or the rock. However, that oyster is not always successful and these objects eventually become objects of the same type of challenge. We all have our own problems; however, no one has a perfect life.

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Notice to all PRCC students

The Pearl River Community College Student Support Services program recently collected canned food for Brothers Through a decorate-the-owl contest. Students voted on the best owl by donating canned food. Pictured are Brothers Keepers, who presented Wayne Wiltz, left, and Chastitie Somerville, center, and Tara Rouse, right, with a check.

The semi-final winner was Michael C. Allen. The first and second place winners will be announced this week.

The PRCC Student Support Services program was created to provide academic support for Pell Grant recipients and first-generation students, were called "normal teenage students" and did not have any of the troubles that will come our life. Some people may just disguise their challenges or trouble. However, that oyster is not always successful and these objects eventually become objects of the same type of challenge. We all have our own problems; however, no one has a perfect life.

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Students can still qualify for mortgage payment assistance

MISSISSIPPI Home Corporation officials met with Pearl River Community College officials March 6 to present an update on the program which is designed to assist students who may be eligible to help with their house payment.

The Mississippi Home Corp.'s Home Saver Program began March 6 and runs through April 12. One of the students to benefit in this round is PRCC student Tonya Emmons of Columbia, who is currently attending classes in the E-Business program.

The Student Success Center in Poplarville will be hosting an Orientation for the Home Saver Program March 19 at 9 a.m. in the Student Success Center in Poplarville.

For more information, contact Robert Maynard, Title III Director or Daniel Launey, Peer Mentor, call or email Dr. Ben Mokry, a representative of the Home Saver Program at (601-548-4646) or dlauney@prcc.edu.

Student Success Center

The Student Success Center (SSC) at PRCC is excited to announce that supplemental information (SI) is currently being offered to students.

The SSC is offering SI to students who are majoring in Fall and Spring Semesters.

For more information, visit www.prcc.edu or call 601-548-4646 for a campus wide “Check Those Emails” campaign.

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Team photo by Mitch Deaver.

Above left, freshman Braxton Lee, a freshman from Picayune, makes contact with the baseball in a game this season. Above left, sophomore Chad Livingston (33) slides home safely ahead of the throw in an earlier game. Photos by Mitch Deaver.

Freshman pitcher Cody Conkle of Petal fires one to the plate. PRCC shortstop Aaron Lee shows off his athleticism as he throws to first for an out in the Wildcat, 3-2 loss to JCJC.

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2012 PRCC softball team

PRCC loses 2 to JCJC

POPLARVILLE - Arch-rival Jones County shocked 19th-ranked Pearl River with an MACJC South Division doubleheader sweep March 20, taking a 3-2 victory in the first game before blowing it out with a lopsided 11-1 win in the nightcap.

Both teams are now 16-8 overall. Jones is 4-0 in the South Division; PRCC 1-3.

In the first game, JCJC went up 1-0 in the second.

In the bottom of the frame, Jones starter Vito Perna hit the first Wildcat batters he faced with pitches (Matt Linton out of East Central High and Ryan Best of Oak Grove High) before Braxton Lee of Picayune High reached on a fielder’s choice. Chase Toussaint of Petal High followed with a ground out to second, scoring Linton to make it 2-1.

The Wildcats tied it up in the bottom of the inning. Lead off Chad Livingston was hit by a pitch and scored from third two outs later when Aaron Lee of Pearl River Central reached on a muffed called third strike.

Byrd (3-2) got the loss in five-and-two-thirds innings on the mound. He gave up 10 hits, struck out one and hit a batter; while Lusco gave up two hits and hit a batter after relieving in the sixth.

Krisjohn Wilkerson of St. Stanislaus College doubled for the Wildcats.

In the second game, Ryan Milton (3-2) got the win in going the five-inning distance, giving up four hits, two walks and one hit batter.

Pennington (4-1) picked up his first loss of the season in his two-and-two-thirds innings on the mound. Pennington gave up seven hits, walked one and hit a batter.

Braxton Lee led The River’s four-hit effort with two singles, while Lewallen doubled (one RBI) and Aaron Lee singled.

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Sophomore Grambling State (La.) transfers Yondarius Johnson and Zane Knowles were cited with men's honors, while sophomore Toy Johnson and freshman Shanta' Echols copped women's honors.

Johnson, a 6-foot-3, 180-pound guard from Plain Dealing, La., and Knowles, a 6-foot-9, 235-pound center from Nassau, Bahamas; played key roles in the Wildcats' 15-12 season, which ended in the Region 23 Tournament semi-finals with a 65-52 loss to eventual champ East Mississippi.

PRCC's men, which upset then-10th-ranked East Miss 66-63 in the MACJC Tournament semi-final, were defeated by Gulf Coast 61-56 in the state title bout.

Johnson, who hit a three pointer at the buzzer to defeat EMCC in the state semis, averaged a team-high 14.5 points per game during the season, as well as 4.3 rebounds, 1.8 assists, and 1.2 steals.

Knowles hauled in a team-best 8.5 rebounds a game and averaged a second-best 13.3 points per outing. He also averaged 1.5 blocks per game.

Echols, a 6-foot forward from Sumrall High, and Johnson, a 5-foot-6 point guard from Pascagoula High, were stalwarts on this past season's Lady Wildcat squad.

Echols averaged 10.9 points a game, as well as a second-best 6.2 assists per game. Johnson averaged 7.7 points and 3.9 boards per outing.

PRCC's women ended their season at 16-9 with a 62-48 loss to Holmes in the Region 23 Tournament quarter-finals.

Coach Richard Mathis completed his 21st season at Pearl River, while women's coach Toby Bush finished his fourth.