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# Construction project on schedule




Despite Hurricane Katrina's interruption, construction continues on the new building at the Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg. The 12,000 square-foot building across the front of the campus on U.S. 49 South will provide a new academic image to the school. New spaces include five classrooms, a learning center with 30-35 computers, new library space with two study rooms and administrative space, two new academic offices and new restrooms. The photograph above is from the back of the building. Completion of the project is expected to be sometime in late spring, 2006.

## Fun time at Fall Fest 2005



### Teacher Profile

<p><b>NAME:</b> Jacki Runnels  <b>RESIDENCE:</b> Magee  <b>FAMILY:</b> Married to Rudy Runnels, one son, Riley, age 7, one daughter, Lindsey, PRCC graduate and USM senior.  <b>EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:</b> Mize High School, Hinds Community College, AA, Mississippi College, BA in Mathematics, Mississippi State University, Masters of Arts in Teaching  <b>PRESENTLY TEACHES:</b> Introductory Algebra, College Algebra, Trigonometry  <b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE:</b> 13 years  <b>FAVORITE BOOK:</b> <i>Ya-Ya Prayer Group Gets Down</i>  <b>FAVORITE FOOD:</b> Maple Nut Candy  <b>POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING:</b> I teach because I feel God drew me to this profession, and it creates a positive peace within me to follow His plan. I enjoy watching students, who have not been successful in mathematics, learn mathematics and gain self-confidence in themselves.  <b>ADVICE FOR STUDENTS:</b> My advice to students is to treat school and study habits as a job. NO effort. NO success. Time spent outside the classroom studying is the key to success.</p>	 <i>Runnels</i>
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Fall Fest 2005 at the Forrest County Center took place on Monday, Oct. 31. Under the direction of Dr. Joe Wesley (above), everyone had a fun time, starting with the pumpkin carving contest (above right), to the costume contest (left). But the big winner, as usual, was the Forrest County Salvation Army. According to Dr. Wesley, some 150 program students donated 19,169 items this year, compared to 5,814 items the year before. Thirty-eight students in the Respiratory Care Practitioner program led the way with 9,262 items donated, or an average of 243 items per student. Donated items go to needy families in the Hattiesburg area, as well as PRCC students affected by Hurricane Katrina.

### Respiratory Care donation



Forrest General Hospital recently donated some baby dolls to the Respiratory Care Practitioner program at the Forrest County Center. According to Lee King, Program Director, "These babies are used to teach CPR for infants to our students. They can simulate choking, not breathing, or no heart beat. They come with disposable bags that simulate lungs so that they can be used over and over without contamination. They are very essential to our program." Pictured with the dolls are Jennifer Christopher (left) of Hattiesburg and LaToya Johnson (right), also of Hattiesburg.

### Allied Health job fair



Forrest County Center students took time out from their classes this fall to visit the annual Job Fair, held in the multi-purpose room. Forrest General Hospital and Wesley Medical Center were among the dozen or so vendors on hand to speak with students. Some of the others included Kohler, Baptist Hospital in Jackson and HMP of Hattiesburg. Dr. Joe Wesley said the number of vendors was down this year, due in part to a lack of participants from the Mississippi Gulf Coast due to Hurricane Katrina. Seventeen businesses had originally committed to attending the event.