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43rd annual carnival ball set for Saturday night



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CLOSED IN 1950

## Boatyard escaped hands of scrap dealers

By JOANNE ANDERSON  
Correspondent

The story of the reservation boatyard picks up in 1951 when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers closed it down.

Feb. 23, 1951 — The old U.S. Army Engineer boatyard was offered for sale by the

General Services Administration. Deadline for bids was Mar. 30, 1951. The property was described as having 18.5 acres of land with 26 buildings and structures, one 1,000-ton and one 50-ton marine way, machinery and installations. Estimated value was \$175,000.

Mar. 9, 1951 — A joint committee, representing county government, Pascagoula and Pascagoula Port Commission was named to meet with GSA in Atlanta to try to purchase the reservation boatyard. Committee members were A.P. Moran, board of supervisors president; E.A. Khayat, Beat 2 Supervisor; Mayor Wilbur Dees, State Rep. Hermes Gautier, and W.R. Guest, Port Commission president and Easton King, Port Commission secretary.

Apr. 13, 1951 — The GSA rejected all bids due to insufficient amounts and set fair value at \$117,000. The local committee had bid \$80,000. GSA called for new bids to be submitted by Apr. 25, 1951.

Apr. 27, 1951 — The boatyard bid was awarded to H.H. Colle and J.H. Colle as the Gulf Coast Marine Ways Inc. Colles' bid of \$126,785 was highest among eight. The city and Port Commission had no objection to the award. Colles' proposal for the facility's use included maintenance and repair of its five

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## Y.M.C.A.



Photos by ANN MANISCALCO/Correspondent

YMCA employees, board members, volunteers and other community representatives gathered recently to celebrate the Active Adult Center ribbon-cutting ceremony at the 1820 Government St. location in Ocean Springs.

## New center offers growth, exercise and education

► Physical, mental and spiritual programs target 'baby boomers' and others, officials say

By ANN MANISCALCO  
Correspondent

OCEAN SPRINGS — As dozens of people gathered in front of the building at 1820 Government St., the ribbon-cutting ceremony got under way, and a new center for

the baby-boomer-and-beyond generations was officially opened. Shan Hudlow, the active adult coordinator for the Ocean Springs YMCA, welcomed the crowd and introduced the event's speakers.

One speaker at the Jan. 7 event was Dan Hecker, president and CEO of the YMCA. He pointed out that "15 percent of Americans are over the age of 65, and almost one-third of the Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA members are over 65."

Since boomers consider issues

of individual health and longevity a top priority, he said, "We hope to promote those values by offering a place where these folks can continue to grow mentally, physically and spiritually through exercise, healthy lifestyle education, Bible study and informal education classes in areas of interest." This day culminated about six weeks of intense planning and preparation.

"This building was being

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CEO Dan Hecker was one of the speakers at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Ocean Springs YMCA Active Adult Center on Jan. 7.



YMCA volunteer Barbara Fournier chats with John Rhodes at the YMCA Active Adult Center open house in Ocean Springs. Starting Feb. 5, Rhodes will teach a class in photography basics as part of a variety of programs the center will offer.



Hewlett

## Reception set for library director

► Friday's gala will be open to the public

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A reception for Carol C. Hewlett will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library.

The reception is open to the public and will include a brief presentation at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Library in Moss Point.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Moss Point High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Otis Carter.

The regional board announced in November that Hewlett was appointed as library director of the Jackson George Regional Library System.

Hewlett was previously branch manager of the Moss Point library from 1999-2008.

In 2004, she worked closely with city officials, the Friends of the Library, and advisory board members to bring about the new library at its current location.

Her community involvements include Rotary Club, Moss Point Active Citizens, River City Cultural Foundation, Moss Point Celebrations Committee, Moss Point Women's Club, PEO and advisory committees for the Moss Point School District.

The library is at 4119 Bellview St. in Moss Point. Visit the library Web site at [www.jgrls.org](http://www.jgrls.org) for other events and services of the Jackson George Regional Library System.

## Youth court worker dedicates her time, talent to CASA

By APRIL M. HAVENS  
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After three years of working at the Jackson County Youth Court, Laura Taylor finds herself getting craftier and craftier.

A hobby that began in the mid-1980s with sculpting a few pieces of pottery for fun has turned into making hundreds of throws for Gautier's Christmas parade and heading up CASA's craft needs.

Court Appointed Special Advocates is a group of local volunteers who take on abused and neglected children cases and act as an extra set of eyes and ears for the Jackson County Youth Court. They spend time with the

### Gulf Coast Neighbors Laura Taylor



**Hometown:** Ocean Springs, a Gautier resident for nine years  
**Family:** Husband Jeffrey Taylor, sons Kevin Campbell and William Campbell, and two grandchildren  
**Occupation:** Deputy clerk at the Jackson County Youth Court  
**Hobbies:** CASA volunteer, crafts, poetry, gardening, fishing

children, their families and others, which helps the volunteer make recommendations for the child in

court.

Last June, Taylor was one of 17 CASA volunteers who graduated

from the program's rigorous 30-hour training period. Because she is a deputy clerk, Taylor is unable to take on cases, but she went through the training to learn as much as she could about the process.

Instead of taking cases, Taylor, "the craft lady," heads Friends of CASA, about 13 volunteers who help her with events, crafts and fundraising efforts for CASA. She is responsible for all the ribbons, bookmarks, magnets, and holiday throws that CASA hands out during the year to raise awareness for the cause.

She sews, she embroideries, she writes poems, she cross-

stitches, she quilts, and she's about to start baking her own clay beads for making jewelry, which she will sell to raise money for CASA.

"I guess I can pretty much make anything if I know what someone is looking for," she said. "Doing crafts started out slow and kind of snowballed. Eventually I needed more help because it's hard when you start making 200 of three or four different crafts."

She first tinkered with pottery and making padded photo albums while she was in the Army in 1985, she said. From there, her interest escalated. Now she often makes

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### Old Crab

You know you're getting old when an "all-nighter" means not getting up to use the dadburn bathroom.



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