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Cherraye Oats addresses those attending Thursday's community forum. Ward 3 Alderman Hugh Gibson, left, served as moderator.

Forum focuses on youth programs

By Russell Hood
The Webster Progress-Times

Thursday's community forum concerning programs for at-risk youth had a small turnout but plans were made to develop specific recommendations for presentation at a future forum. Ward 3 Alderman Hugh Gibson moderated the forum at the Eupora

Community Center, which stemmed from discussion at the city board's March meeting about acts of vandalism involving juveniles. That led to a meeting of Gibson and others on March 10 to plan for Thursday's forum, which about 15 people attended.

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Board hears TRLS funding request

By Russell Hood
The Webster Progress-Times

Webster County leaders have been asked to consider increased funding for the regional library system.

Fran Smith, branch manager of the Webster County Public Library, and Sue Boatman, the county's representative on the Tombigbee Regional Library System board of trustees, met with the Board of Supervisors on April 17. They addressed the county board about the growing budget concerns for the TRLS, which comprises Choctaw, Clay, Monroe and Webster counties.

"We're here to let you know what's going on," Smith said, referring to state budget cuts to the library system. As a result, she said, "TRL has cut all the (library) assistants," adding that if additional cuts are made, operating hours for the local library will have to be scaled back.

The county's funding this fiscal year for the library system is \$34,000, which represents about 62 percent of a general county mill, and its funding for the Eupora library is \$5,000. Boatman asked the board to consider allotting a full mill of funding for TRLS.

Although Webster's funding for the system was the least of all four counties in actual dollar amounts, supervisors pointed out that the value of a mill is different in each county and that funding levels should be compared by the percentage of a mill provided. They asked Smith to provide the board with a budget.

Other business

Lara Bowman, director of The Enterprise, addressed the board at that meeting about the Red Kap building in Mathiston.

The board voted to sign a letter to the governor asking him to continue to support county infrastructure by calling a special session of the Legislature to address the budget of the Office of

'Butterflies' for EWES



Jeanette McMurry, right, presents the book "Butterflies" by Margaret Graetz to East Webster Elementary School Librarian Jill Roberson. McMurry and Lorene Cox of the Maben Home and Garden Club's Butterfly Committee made the presentation April 20.



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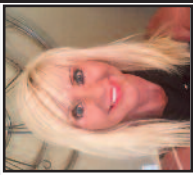
Board discusses Fox Avenue

By Russell Hood
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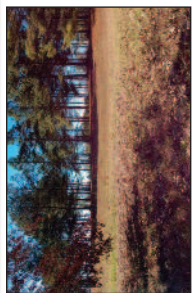
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