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ELECTIONS 2014: US HOUSE

Thompson: I speak for my supporters



Bob Darden U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson asks for support from members of the Greenwood Voters League on Wednesday night. Thompson, who has served in Congress since 1993, will face Damien Fairconetue in Tuesday's Democratic primary.

By BOB DARDEN Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson said Wednesday that he has been an articulate voice in Washington for his constituents and wants to continue to serve them.

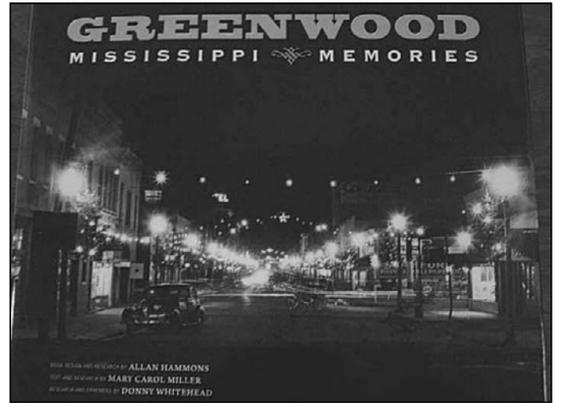
Thompson appeared before the Greenwood Voters League to ask for the group's support in advance of Tuesday's Democratic primary, in

which he will face Damien Fairconetue. Thompson said that since his first run for Congress in 1993, he's made it a point not to forget his supporters, unlike some "pop-up" candi-

dates who show up only once every four years.

"You deserve elected officials who don't forget how they got elected or who they

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"Greenwood: Mississippi Memories Volume II," a photographic history of Greenwood, will go on sale Monday exclusively at Tumrow Book Co.

Local history's 2nd volume to go on sale

By BOB DARDEN Staff Writer

The history of Greenwood, told through many period photographs, is about to be expanded with the arrival of "Greenwood: Mississippi Memories Volume II."

The hardbound book — the second in a planned series of four volumes — is the product of Greenwood historians Allan Hammons, Mary Carol Miller and Donny Whitehead.

The purchase price is \$44.95.

"You can visually take a journey now that was impossible, for the most part, in the past," said Hammons.

Since its release in October 2013, Volume I has main-

tained its spot on the Jackson Clarion-Ledger's top sellers list almost every week since its publication.

Volume II, at 148 pages, covers the period from the late 1890s to 1939.

Hammons said the authors were permitted access to several long-lost private collections. One of those is the photographic work of Calvin Cox, a Commonwealth reporter in the 1930s and 1940s, who went on to become an editor at

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ELECTIONS 2014: CIRCUIT COURT

Perkins stresses local ties

By BOB DARDEN Staff Writer

Takiyah Perkins says she is running for a Circuit Court judgeship to give back to the community that influenced her.

Perkins, a candidate for the Fourth District, Position 3 spot, spoke to the Greenwood Voters League on Wednesday night.

The lead assistant district attorney in the Fourth District, she will face Greenwood attorney James Littleton and Sunflower attorney Carol White-Richard in

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Takiyah Perkins, a candidate for the District 4 Circuit Court's Position 3 post, speaks to the Voters League. Perkins will face Greenwood attorney James Littleton and Sunflower attorney Carol White-Richard in the Nov. 4 general election.

2 women arrested in jewelry thefts

A string of jewelry thefts from the Oddity Shop in Greenwood have landed a pair of local women in jail.

Katrina Lott, 40, 214 Ave. I, Apt. B, and Beverly Johnson, 41, 315 Elm St., have each been charged with three counts of grand larceny.

According to Greenwood Police Chief Ray Moore, the two — potentially along with other accomplices — allegedly took at least \$8,100 worth of jewelry from the store during three separate visits, on April 15, 17 and 18.

Moore said the two suspects were identified from security

camera footage from the store. "One would distract the clerk, and then that's when they would make their move," Moore said. "The other one would reach over the counter and get the jewelry."

Moore was unsure this morning if any of the jewelry taken during the thefts had been recovered.

The chief added that the investigation was ongoing and that there may be further arrests.

Johnson and Lott were both being held at the Leflore County Jail this morning. Bond for each has been set at \$7,500.



Delta Council to honor 12 top area high school grads

CLEVELAND, Miss. — Twelve seniors from Greenwood, Leflore County and Carroll County schools will be among 146 graduates honored Friday during the 79th annual meeting of Delta Council.

The honor graduates program will begin at 9 a.m. outside the Bologna Performing Arts Center on the campus of Delta State University.

The keynote speaker will be Mississippi Supreme Court Justice

Leslie King. The master of ceremonies will be Dr. Hank Bounds, commissioner of the state's Institution of Higher Learning.

Students from 73 parochial, private and public schools will be participating. The top honor graduate will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, presented during the 10:30 a.m. business session.

The Delta Scholars have excelled in academics, community service

and extracurricular activities.

They include the following students:

■ Greenwood High School: Zakaria Gary and Kelnisha Westbrook.

■ Pillow Academy: Ali Evans and Shelby Malouf.

■ Amanda Elzy High School: Chloe Ricks and Cyneiceya Wallace.

■ Leflore County High School: Alyncea Hawkins and Kamberlin

King.

■ J.Z. George High School: Laura Ellett and Raven Meeks.

■ Carroll Academy: Brianna Lee Corley and Ryan Wiltshire.

"The Delta Honor Graduate event is designed to raise the level of awareness of parents, teachers and our local communities of the importance of bring these bright young minds back to the Delta after they have completed their formal and

advanced education," said Cass Pennington of Indianola in prepared remarks.

Pennington serves as chairman of the Delta Council Education and Health Policy Committee.

The business session, which immediately follows the Delta Honors Graduates ceremony, will feature remarks by Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Krysta Harden, who will be introduced by Gov. Phil Bryant.



WEATHER

Tonight: Cloudy, 60 percent chance of rain. Lows in the upper 60s.

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Two men steal cash from downtown store.

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