

# Collier named new YMCA director

By Janet S. Lee

Misty Collier has been named the Executive Director of the Clinton branch of the YMCA by Metropolitan YMCA officials. Melissa Brewer, the current director, is moving to the Olive Branch YMCA in order to be closer to family. Collier's promotion is effective immediately.

Collier, who has been associated with the Clinton Y for three years, is "excited and humbled to take on this position." She welcomes and encourages any and all ideas to strengthen the Clinton Y's relationship with the community.

Collier is the former Childcare Director at the Clinton YMCA, which serves between eighty to one hundred area children through summer programs and after-school transport and supervision during the regular school term.

Collier and her husband Barry are both products of the Clinton public school system; Barry is a former teacher and coach at CHS. For the past four years, he has been a Vice President and Senior Project Manager at Trustmark Bank.

Misty is a former dance teacher, worker with special education students, and a long-long health and wellness advocate. She has more than twenty-five years' experience working with children.

Collier and her husband attend Pocahontas Baptist Church and are the parents of three children: Cody (23), Casey (19), and Colby (18). The older two are graduates of Clinton High School; Colby will be a senior this year and is a member of the CHS baseball team.

Collier says she knows that "she has big shoes to fill, and I have a lot to learn; but I am very excited and welcome the this new journey."

Assuming responsibility as the front desk manager

is Margaret Taylor. Sara Cothran, who has an associate's degree in early childhood education and is



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Misty Collier

pursuing a bachelor's degree in the field at Mississippi College, has been named the Childcare Coordinator.

Collier is passionate about maintaining and increasing the service to Clinton YMCA members and adding new members.

"My immediate plan is to focus on maintaining and adding to our services to meet Clinton's health and fitness needs. We're

utilizing key people who are already part of our team, giving them more responsibility. People will still see the familiar faces, the folks that make the Y a family for our members."

Anyone desiring to make a financial donation for the ongoing support of the Clinton YMCA can direct such contributions to the physical address, 400 Lindale St, Clinton, MS 39056. All contributions will be used at the Clinton branch.

For more about the Clinton YMCA and its programs, to join or for more information on how to donate funds to help, call 601-924-5812.



## Clinton Study Club meets at Visitor Center

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The Clinton Study Club met in May at the Clinton Visitor Center, with Jo Carol Stone as the hostess and presenter of May Holidays. Cissy Anklam was the co-hostess. The members were treated to high tea with a Southern twist and were seated at tables for four.

Stone shared the history of Mother's Day, a long-held tradition in the United States. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May to be Mother's Day, with the first celebration being May 9,

1914. Stone then gave a memory test on television mothers; Rhoda Royce was the winner, remembering the most mothers.

The meeting was adjourned with the club motto and with many good wishes all around for the coming summer.

Other members attending were Bar-



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Jo Carol Stone and Cissy Anklam

bara Barnett, Jenta Boone, Ruth Ann Broome, Betty Byrne, Peggy Cudd, Janie Fields, Janet Lee, Lou Ann Lee, Doris Lepard, Dixie Lloyd, Dalma Moore, Mary Ann Parke, Barbara Parks, Bobby Rankin, Judi Reynolds, Rowland Roberts, Lauren Rosenblatt, Rhoda Royce, Mary Simpson,

Paula Wimbish, and Emeritus member Happy Foote.

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