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Carbon Hill High School librarian Tina McGee talks with Gov. Bob Riley about the library's need for new books during Riley's visit to the school last month. McGee is now raising \$50,000 to replace books lost in the 2002 fire that claimed the old school.

Carbon Hill library needing \$50,000 to get new books

Facility looking at collection to complete rebirth

By ED HOWELL
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CARBON HILL - People coming to today's 2 p.m. dedication and open house for the Carbon Hill School may be

surprised to see the library complex, with scanning equipment and cushy easy chairs - but no card catalog, with drawers of cards to flip through.

It's not your father's library.

However, one thing a library still needs are books. Only about half the shelf space of the high school library is filled with them, as the library is fighting back

from the 2002 fire which took not only the high school, but all the books in the library.

"Everything burned. I had nothing left," said high school librarian Tina McGee, who had only started her position about six months earlier.

The K-8 elementary library was more fortunate, as the tornado left that room intact with books. For a while, many of its books were packed away,

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Carbon Hill School's dedication, open house set for 2 p.m. today

By ED HOWELL
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Lt. Gov. Lucy Baxley is expected to speak today on behalf of the state at the 2 p.m. dedication of the new Carbon Hill School, her office said Friday.

An open house and reception will follow after the dedication of the 80-acre campus, which Baxley's office said was financed, in part, with \$8 million in state bond funds.

Baxley is seen as a leading Democrat-

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Lt. Gov. Lucy Baxley

McCluskey seeking circuit clerk position in county

By ED HOWELL
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Trent McCluskey of Jasper, who recently resigned as chairman of the Walker County Democratic Party, announced last week he was running for circuit clerk. McCluskey, 43, who is also the administrator of the Walker County Jail, made his announcement Sept. 1 before a crowd of about 100 people at Quigley's Tea Room.



Trent McCluskey

"Let there be no misunderstanding. I'm a candidate for circuit clerk," said McCluskey who has long been rumored to run for the position.

Democrat Susan "Suzie Odom, 44, an employee in that office who live in the Tutwiler community, announced in June she would be running for the position.

At the rally, Circuit Clerk Vinita B. Thompson, who

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Troop 155 recruiting scouts for new year

By ELANE JONES
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Members of Parrish/Martin Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop