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## New town & court clerks begin work

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Wesson has new municipal and court clerks, with the retirement of Linda Dykes, who has worked in those positions for more than twenty-two years.

The Town has hired Mandy Cain to handle its municipal clerk duties and Angela Marie Hester for the court responsibilities and to assist Cain.

"They needed two people to replace me," joked Dykes, who also had a part-time assistant over the years she served as municipal clerk and served the court.

After graduating as salutatorian at Crystal Springs High School, receiving an Associate of Arts degree in early childhood education at Co-Lin and continued studies at Belhaven University in Jackson, Cain acquired wide ranging experience in administration in a variety of jobs, most recently in payroll and insurance

for the Copiah County School District. In Copiah County, Cain has also served transformer manufacturer ABB (formerly Kuhlman Electric Corporation) as an engineering clerk, with responsibilities for payroll and insurance; MMI, a manufacturer of pharmaceutical cabinetry, in billing and quoting; and U.S. Environmental Service, a 24-hour hazmat emergency responder, in billing.



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 Angela Marie Hester and Mandy Cain are working as Wesson's court and town clerks.

Cain says she applied for the

Wesson Town Clerk position because "I want to help people and serve my neighbors." She has two children -- Tristin Jaudon, 16, and Tucker Jaudon, 13, whom; she is rearing with her husband, Ronnie, a sales director for Hostess based in Kansas City, Missouri. When she isn't working, Cain enjoys baking and travel, which has included trips to Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Mexico, Hawaii and the Caribbean in connection with her husband's work.

Hester is a Tuscaloosa, Alabama, native, and came to Wesson, where she graduated from High School and attended Co-Lin. She worked in area restaurants as a waitress and local grocery stores before acquiring her government experience as a dispatcher for the Crystal Springs Police Department, serving as deputy clerk court in Crystal Springs and assisting the Copiah County Justice Court on an as-needed basis, which she has continued as municipal court clerk in Wesson.

Hester and her husband Chad have two grown children -- Trace, 27, and Taylor, 21 -- and two grandchildren -- Laney, 7, and Rhylee, 4.

Dykes, who left her position in Wesson at the end of June, has been training Cain and Hester. "They are ready to provide outstanding service to the community in their new jobs," she says.

## Students return to WAC August 4

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Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) is expecting more than 1,000 children and youth to attend kindergarten through the twelfth grade during the 2017-18 school year, which will begin Friday, August 4.

Next Thursday (July 20), WAC will register new students entering all grades -- kindergarten to twelfth -- from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the high school library.



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 Dr. Barbara Roberson, assistant principal; Marilyn Phillips principal; and Ronald Greer, high school principal, are planning 2017-18 school year at Wesson Attendance Center.

"All students attending WAC must reside within its district or have been released by their local school board and approved by the Copiah County School Board," principal Marilyn Phillips said. "Otherwise, law requires students to attend school in the districts where they live."

"Residency means a student resides full time, days and nights throughout the week and on weekends, at a place of abode

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## Police Blotter

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During June, Wesson Police Department activity encompassed:

**Response to:**

- One vehicle accident
- One stolen handgun
- One dog at large
- Two auto burglaries
- One disorderly conduct
- One malicious mischief
- One vehicle fire
- One simple cruelty to a dog
- One exhibiting a weapon

**Citations & arrests:**

- One aiding & abetting a fugitive
- Three possessions of drug paraphernalia possession
- One possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle
- Three receiving stolen property
- Four shoplifting
- Two family disturbances
- One failure to appear (court)
- One open container
- One possession of a controlled substance
- One driving under the influence
- One aggravated domestic violence
- Four speeding
- Seven drivers' license violations -- no license (two), expired (two), suspended (three)
- Three traffic violations
- One driving without a tag
- One no proof of liability insurance

On school days, the Wesson Police Department facilitates traffic flow at Wesson Attendance Center with officers on duty between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

# Grads, scholarships, hall-of-famer & police

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**Wesson High School graduated** eighty-two seniors in concluding its 2016-17 term: Payton Selman and Harmoni Ashley (Salutatorian and Valedictorian), Steven Matthew Buckley, Robert Harvey Durr, Jr., and John Canaan Exchete (dual diplomas from WHS and the Co-Lin welding program), Bo Dillan Allen, Mary Elizabeth Allen (High Honors, National Honor Society), Michala Renee Arispe, Sara Elizabeth Ashley, Morgan Kelly Boone, Garrett William Boutwell, Robert Mitchell Brand, Mackenzie Rose Britt (High Honors, National Honor Society), Carlie Ray Ann Buchanan, Daniel Horace Burgess, III, Peyton Miller Burns (National Honor Society), Cammie Elise Byther, Arevica Gleadri Cameron (High Honors, National Honor Society), Joseph Arnold Carraway, James Tyler Case, Whitney Patrice Case, Logan Robert Channell (Honors, National Honor Society), Chloe Caitlin Cooper, Matthew Paul Craft, Landon Ray Culp, Zoe Georgiana Davis, Steven Jamison Dennis, James Tyler Douglas, Ray Weeks Drane, Colton Cooper Earls (Honors, National Honor Society), Erich Higdon Fischer, Timothy Bryce Ford, Jr. (National Honor Society), Millicent Grace Fortenberry, Miranda Jean Games, Erika Renee Gemelli, Antineshia Tashay Glasper, Maya McKenzie Granger (High Honors, National Honor Society), Velton Dakota Gray (National Honor Society), Sabria Nicole Green (High Honors, National Honor Society), Mary Alyson Guidry, Cassidy Taye Harris (Honors, National Honor Society), Dakota Kanae Tahisa Harris (High Honors, National Honor Society), Andrew Scott Hart, Kyle Gregory Holloway (High Honors, National Honor Society), Zeb Andrew Hughes (Honors, National Honor Society), William James Hulon (Honors, National Honor Society), Sydney Neacole Jackson, Jermaine Isaiah James, Madison Raini Jones, James Austin Kuriger (National Honor Society), Kimberly Paige Lewis (Honors, National Honor Society), Payton Braxton Lusk, Jacy Lee Maher, Noah Garrett Martin, Jennifer Del Cid Martinez, Cheyenne Denise McCraine (Honors, National Honor Society), James Douglas McQuage, Fidel Mellado, Jr., Preston Middleton (Honors, National Honor Society), Matthew Alan Miller, Jr. (High Honors, National Honor Society), Alexc Tyler Mooney (Honors, National Honor Society), Justin Hunter Morgan, Karley Danielle Morgan, Mary Elizabeth Munn (High Honors, National Honor Society), Michelle Skye Netterville,

DeAnna Faith O'Queen, Peyton Brent Perry, Lillian Shida Peyton, Bobby Carl Pritchard, Cade Adam Rast, Robert Blake Runyan (Honors, National Honor Society), Breanna Alane Sanders (Honors, National Honor Society), Jeremy Allen Smith (Honors, National Honor Society), Joseph Thomas Smith (National Honor Society), Travis Wayne Smith, Jermaine Eugene Stewart, II, Sheree Paige Tadlock, Lacie Alise Tarver (High Honors, National Honor Society), Tyler Johns Turnbo, Alaysha Shanta Vaughn, Aurianna Ravienne Vaughn (High Honors, National Honor Society), Deanna Marie Young.

**Scholarship recipients.** Forty-two Wesson High School seniors received forty-nine scholarships, including thirty six from Co-Lin: Mackenzie Britt (\$3,500 Copiah County Ministerial Alliance, \$25,600 William Carey University), Aurianna Vaughn

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(\$12,500 Mississippi University for Women), Payton Selman (\$1,000 Rogel Ford), Erika Gemelli (\$500 Wesson Lions Club, Crystal Springs Junior Auxiliary Ann Gullede Scholarship), Erich Fischer (Jones County Junior College tennis), Preston Middleton (Mississippi Association of Supervisors), Jeremy Smith (Mississippi Delta Community College ACT performance, baseball), Noah Martin (Southwest Mississippi Community College ACT performance, band), Kyle Holloway (University of Mississippi), Arevica Cameron (\$500 Wesson Lions Club Jimmy Hodges Memorial) and Dakota Gray (\$500 Wesson Lions Club James M. Lewis). Co-Lin awarded academic achievement, ACT performance, athletic, band and specific endowment scholarships to Mary Allen, Harmoni Ashley, Sara Beth Ashley, Morgan Boone, Garrett Boutwell, Peyton Burns, Arevica Cameron, Tyler Case, Logan Channell, Cooper Earls, Millie Fortenberry, Maya Granger, Dakota Gray, Sabria Green, Cassidy Harris, Dakota Harris, Zeb Hughes, Will Hulon, Austin Kuriger, Paige Lewis, Jennifer Martinez, Cheyenne McCraine, Preston Middleton, Matthew Miller, Alex Mooney, Michelle Netterville, Bobby Pritchard, Cade

Rast, Dreanna Sanders, Payton Selman, Joseph Smith, Lacie Tarver, Tyler Turnbo, Aurianna Vaughn and Deanna Young. Mary Beth Munn received Co-Lin's Taylor Presidential Scholarship.

**Hall-of-Famer.** Former Wesson Alderman John Welter will be honored as a Mississippi Municipal League Hall of Fame inductee at the group's annual conference this month. After graduating from Wesson High School and Co-Lin's vocational-technical program, Welter worked in the area in construction and home building for more than thirty years. He served at Cam Ranh Bay in the Vietnam War in the 1960s and is a member of the local American Legion Post and Wesson Baptist Church. Welter served Wesson as an Alderman for twenty years.

**Police beef up.** The Wesson Police Department (WPD) beefed up with new personnel and new knowledge. Percy Calhoun joined WPD as a part-time officer and Police Chief and Assistant Chief Chad O'Quinn and Chad Seals attended the six-day Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Association (MLEOA) Conference at the Scarlet Peal Casino in D'Iberville, Mississippi, last month. Training at the MLEOA event covered motorcycle sills, working with K-9s and de-escalating incidents.

**Pre-Teen Miss Wesson.**



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Lacy Erwin, nine-years-old, will represent Wesson on July 22 and 23 at the Little Miss Magnolia State Pageant final in Vicksburg as Pre-Teen Miss Wesson. Erwin is an honor roll student at Wesson Attendance Center and enjoys gymnastics, dance, theatre, gaming and singing. She founded the non-profit Bracelets for Barks, through which she sells bracelets at the Wesson Flea Market each year to generate funds for Brookhaven Animal Rescue League. The Little Miss Magnolia event is the largest pageant in the State of Mississippi, in which more than 200 contestants up to eleven years compete. The winners in each age division will receive a \$1000 cash scholarship towards their future educations. Erwin's supporters can vote for her in Viewers Choice competition on the Miss Magnolia State Facebook page or attend the pageant to cheer her on. For more information, visit [www.missmagnoliastate.com](http://www.missmagnoliastate.com).



## Figs for a summer taste in winter



Special to Wesson News

By Guest Columnist Rebecca Bates

My grandmother loved figs and summer. I always think of her in the summer when figs are in season.

She made fig preserves, and she put figs in the freezer. It was a family tradition to pull a few figs from the ice box to serve with a bit of cream every Christmas Eve morning. My grandmother, Aileen, always said, "they were a little taste of summer in the dead of winter."

Figs grown in Mississippi are different from those grown in California. The so-called common fig grown in Mississippi does not require pollination. The fig is really a flower stem that is sort of turned inside out. The many little flowers are on the inside. The fleshy outside is stem tissue.

Figs grow well on a wide range of soil types, as long as the soil is well-drained and reasonably fertile. Mulching is critical as figs have a very shallow root system. Mulch will conserve moisture and control weeds.

Celeste is probably the most popular common fig variety grown in Mississippi. The plant is vigorous, large, productive and the most cold-hardy of the common fig varieties.

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Another variety of fig in Mississippi is the Southern Brown Turkey. Brown Turkey may be the more desired variety in

areas where fig plants freeze. This variety can produce a fair crop on young growth.

If you already have a fig tree on your landscape, keep it well watered during the dry spells. Figs react to drought by dropping fruit. If you are considering adding a fig to your collection, check with your local nurseries for selections.

And remember; put a few figs in the freezer for a little taste of summer in the dead of winter.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Rebecca Bates is the Mississippi State University Agricultural Extension Agent based in Brookhaven at the Lincoln County Court House.

## Arthritis affects juveniles, too

By Guest Columnist  
Dr. Stephanie Duguid

Juvenile arthritis (JA) strikes youth and children 16 years old and younger. Not a disease in itself, pediatric rheumatic disease, as it is also known, refers to many autoimmune and inflammatory conditions that affect nearly 300,000 youth and children in the United States.



Most people don't know that kids get arthritis, but a child's immune system is not fully formed until about age 18. As a result, they are vulnerable to an autoimmune form of arthritis that is especially aggressive and compromises their ability to fight normal diseases and leaves them open to complications that may affect their eyes and bone growth, among other things.

When juvenile arthritis first produces symptoms in a child's body, many parents write off swollen joints and fever as a flu bug, or think that a sudden rash might have occurred from an allergic reaction. The symptoms might even recede slightly before surfacing again, sometimes delaying diagnosis for quite some time. After all, who expects a small child to have arthritis?

Although the various types of juvenile arthritis share many common symptoms, like pain, stiffness, joint swelling, redness, loss of motion, and warmth, each type of JA is distinct and has its own special concerns and symptoms. Some types of juvenile arthritis affect the musculoskeletal system, but joint symptoms may be minor or nonexistent. Juvenile arthritis can also involve the eyes, skin, muscles and gastrointestinal tract.

No known cause has been pinpointed for most forms of juvenile arthritis, nor is there evidence to suggest that toxins, foods or allergies cause children to develop JA. Some research points toward a genetic predisposition to juvenile arthritis, which means the combination of genes a child receives from parents may cause the onset of JA when triggered by other factors.

The most important step in properly treating juvenile arthritis is getting an accurate diagnosis, which can be a long and detailed process. There is no single blood test that confirms any type of JA. In children, the key to diagnosis is a careful physical exam, along with a thorough medical history. Any specific tests a doctor may perform will depend upon the type of JA suspected.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for juvenile arthritis, although with early diagnosis and aggressive treatment, remission is possible.

The goal of treatment is to relieve inflammation, control pain and improve the child's quality of life. Most treatment plans involve a combination of medication, physical activity, eye care and healthy eating.

An important part of JA treatment is teaching the affected child the importance of following the treatment prescribed by a healthcare team. Self-care also involves helping the child address the emotional and social effects of the disease. Self-management encompasses the choices made each day to live well and stay healthy and happy.

**EDITORS NOTE:** Stephanie Duguid is Assistant Dean of Academic Instruction and the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Division Chair at Co-Lin. She is also an athletic trainer and nutrition specialist and has been teaching courses related to those two areas as well as practicing what she preaches for more than twenty years.

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# Students return to WAC August 4

within the limits of the school district. Students must reside full time at the address used for registration. Further, students must live with a natural parent or have legal documentation on file with WAC that show they are under the guardianship of someone."

To enroll, each incoming student, who did not attend WAC last year, must also provide:

- Birth certificate;
- Social Security Card;
- Original copy of Mississippi Immunization Form 121;
- Last report cards from previous school.

All students planning to attend WAC, even if they were enrolled last year, must show residency proof, including one document from each of three groups with the name of the registrant's parent or legal guardian:

- **Real estate documentation.** Mortgage papers or property deed, original apartment rental agreement or home lease (receipts will not be accepted) of a filed homestead exemption form;
- **Utility bill or deposit receipt** dated within the last two months (cell phone bills will not be accepted);

• **Other proof.** Drivers license, voter registration card or automobile registration.

If documents of legal guardians are used to prove residency, the registrant must provide a copy of the court order appointing the guardian or the filed petition for a pending guardianship decree. Children or youth living with an adult other than parents or legal guardians in the district may be enrolled at WAC in cases of death or serious illnesses of the parents or legal guardians, abandonment, abuse or neglect; unstable or detrimental family relationships or living conditions or exchange students with host families. In such cases, the district resident housing the students must provide an affidavit stating the relationship to them and documentation fully explaining the circumstances. WAC may also require temporary placement and custody orders from courts.

All incoming seventh graders must also document that they have received Tdap vaccinations that provide protection against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough (pertussis). Special school supplies for children entering kindergarten and the elementary

grades, including tools for their school work such as pencils, crayons, scissors, and notebook; and personal hygiene items such as hand soap, wipes, sanitizers, and paper towels, are also required. (See page 5. )

WAC teachers and other staff persons will prepare for the new school year on August 1, 2 and 3 before students arrive for classes on August 4.

Parents can partner with Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) and help meet the needs of students through an active Parent Teachers Organization (PTO).

The first meeting of the group is Thursday, August 3, in connection with Meet the Teacher and Seventh Grade Orientation events and an open house.

Over the year, the PTO works with WAC in providing funding support and materials for school projects and to meet special needs related to the classroom and individual students. The annual Red Ribbon Festival in October is its big fundraiser. The PTO also sells school t-shirts and holds bake sales.

For information, contact WAC at 601-643-2295.

WAC staff and personnel are accessible by telephone, fax and email:

**Principal Marilyn Phillips.**

marilyn.phillips@copiah.ms

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**High School Principal Ronald Greer.**

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**Guidance Counselor Stephanie Allen.**

**Elementary Counselor Ginger Heard.**

**High School Secretary Gwen Shannon.**

**Elementary Secretary Aretha Butler.**

**Nurse Michelle Berch.**

**Bookkeeper/Secretary Paula Smith & Jacque McCormick** (also Records Clerk).

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# WAC school supply lists

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Children enrolled in the Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) kindergarten and grades one through six must bring a variety of supplies, including tools for their school work such as pencils, crayons, scissors, and notebook; and personal hygiene items such as hand soap, wipes, sanitizers, and paper towels:

**Kindergarten:** Box of Kleenex, Fiskar blunt-tip scissors, three rolls of paper towels, two boxes of eight Crayola crayons (no jumbo), four boxes of twenty-four Crayola crayons (no jumbo), pack of non-tablet construction paper, two two-pocket plastic folders with brads, two Elmers school glue bottles, two Germ-X hand sanitizers, foaming hand soap, twenty-four non-decorative wood pencils (Ticonderoga recommended), four glue stick four-packs, pack of 12-inch x 18-inch manila art paper, container of Clorox wipes, heavy duty leather or canvas zipper bag, small pack of party favors for prize box, heavy duty leather or canvas bag, wide-rule single subject notebook, backpack large enough for a folder and extra clothing (change of clothes -- shirt, pants, underwear, socks -- in a gallon Ziploc with child's name on it), box of gallon freezer bags (girls), box of quart Ziploc freezer bags (boys).

**First grade:** Eight-line (5/8-inch wide) tablet, wide rule spiral notebook, zippered bank bag (not plastic), six boxes of twenty-four Crayola crayons (no jumbo), children's Fiskar scissors, twelve glue sticks, Elmers Glue bottle, three boxes of Kleenex, one large pack of assorted construction paper (not tablet type), four rolls of paper towels, Mead Primary Journal (blank at top and lined at bottom), two plastic folders with pockets, two packs of pencil top erasers and two hand-held erasers, four packs of non-decorative/non-mechanical #2 pencils, bottle of Germ-X, bottle of hand soap, box of quart Ziploc bags, bottle of concentrated cleaner -- i.e., Mr. Clean or Lysol All Purpose Cleaner (girls), container of disinfectant cleaning wipes (boys).

**Second grade:** Four packages of non-decorative/non-mechanical wooden pencils (no Dixon), eight glue sticks, package of wide-rule loose leaf paper, three one-subject wide-rule notebooks, three large boxes of Kleenex tissue, three packages of twenty-four crayons, four rolls of paper towels, two packages of pencil top erasers, one package of four dry erase markers, one pair of scissors, one package of manila paper, one package of construction paper, five plastic pocket folders, zippered bank bag, one package of construction paper, bottle of Germ-X, one package of Clorox wipes.

**Third grade:** Three boxes of crayons and pouch, hand sanitizer, four packs of cap erasers, three glue sticks, two

packs of wide-ruled notebook paper, three boxes of Kleenex tissues, six packs of twenty-four non-decorative wooden pencils (no Dixon pencils), pencil sharpener, four wireless composition notebooks, construction paper and quart Ziploc bags (boys), map pencils (colored), two five-subject notebooks, scissors, disinfectant wipes, two rolls of paper towels, dry black erase markers, highlighter, three plastic pocket folders without prongs, four three-prong plastic folders, manila paper and gallon Ziploc bags (girls).

**Fourth grade:** Three packs of twenty-four non-decorative U.S.A. Gold or Ticonderoga wooden pencils (no Dixon), four glue sticks, four plastic pocket folders with prongs (do not fill with paper), two boxes of twenty-four Crayola crayons, three packs of cap erasers, one pack of pen style highlighters, two packs of loose leaf notebook paper, two containers of Clorox wipes, two wide-ruled spiral notebooks (for reading, 1 and science/social studies), three boxes of Kleenex (100 or more per box) one eight-pack of Crayola markers, two rolls of paper towels, one large bottle of Germ-X.

**Fifth grade:** Four packs of mechanical pencils, box of twenty-four Crayola crayons, two red ballpoint pens, one box of coloring pencils and sharpener, two yellow highlighters, two pink pearl block erasers, three-ring durable pencil pouch with zipper, one pack of construction paper or dry erase marks, five packages of notebook paper with reinforced edges if possible, sets of subject dividers, four one-inch heavy duty three-ring binders, three boxes of facial tissues, roll of paper towels, containers of disinfectant wipes, bottle of hand sanitizer.

**Sixth grade:** Four packs of #2 mechanical pencils and replacement lead, pack of pink cap erasers (at least two per pack), two heavy duty binders -- one-inch and one and one half-inches, three-hole binder pouch, plastic pocket folder without prongs (any color), one red plastic pocket folder, two packages of loose leaf paper (with reinforced edge if possible), one set of eight plastic dividers, four highlighters (different colors), one package of colored markers, one package of Expo markers (at least two per package), three boxes of tissues, one roll of paper towels, container of disinfectant wipes, one 30-ounce bottle of hand sanitizer, two small hand-held calculators, one package of gallon freezer bags (boys), one package of quart freezer bags (girls).

WAC handbooks on elementary school and high school policies, practices and procedures covering response to emergencies, counseling services, dress code, the grading system and other issues are available to inform and guide parents, students and teachers. They are accessible on the WAC web site: [wac.ccsd.schoolfusion.us](http://wac.ccsd.schoolfusion.us).

# Bus routes & rules

## Special to Wesson News

Buses on ten different routes provide transportation for WAC elementary and high school students.

### Bus routes include:

• Bus # 32-09. Driver Ben Barner. Co-Lin, Woodland Hills, Gum Street, Milltown Drive, Wolf Hollow, Lester Furr Drive, Old Highway 51, Robinson Street, Beech Street, Spring Street, Common Street, David Britt Street, Sixth Street, Third Street, Railroad Street, Barner Road, Loom Street.

• Bus # 16-08. Driver Jennifer Crapps. Timerlane, Main Street, Cotton Street, Anderson Road, Seventh Street behind Shop and Wash, Moss Village Apartments.

• Bus # 18-15. Driver Brenda Howington. Beauregard, 51 North, Bahalia Road, North Street, South Street, Lowery Road, Dixie Garden, Dickerson East Street.

• Bus # 15-13. Driver Julie Lowery. Rocky Hill Road, Cline Road, Clopton Lane, Sylvarena Road, Brownsville Road.

• Bus # 41-12. Driver Shae Coghlan. Sylvarena Road, Highway 547, Wesson Baptist Church (a.m. and p.m. stops), Factory Street, Pear Street, Cain Road, Montgomery Lane, Precious Moments (a.m. and p.m. stops), Shady Grove.

• Bus 10-09. Driver R. L. Ward. Highway 28. John I. Hay, Ferguson, Trim Road, Lookout Road, Coleman Road, Pattison, Pleasant Valley.

• Bus # 45-14. Driver Kim Runyan. Zion Hill, Beauregard Road, Stegall Road, Tarver Lane, Wooten Lane, Springhill, Martinsville Road, Broome Road, Half of Deason Road, Back Forty, Breanna Lane.

• Bus 31-07. Driver Daphne Smith. Strong Hope, Rockport Road, Highway 472, Beauregard Road, Deason Road, Monticello Road, Elkins Road, Martin Road, Beasley Road, Roberts Lane

• Bus # 26-07. Driver Michelle Berch. Strong Hope, Pearly Valley, Dogtown, Monticello Road, King Road, Swilley Road, Beasley Road, Martin Road, Beauregard Road.

• Bus 10-09. Driver Arthur Pendleton. Sylvanena Road, Jackson Liberty, Hughes Road, Watson Road, Lott Smith, Pleasant Lane, Case Road, Bufkin Lane, Britt's Trailer Park.

School bus riders must remember the driver is the boss responsible for their safety and conduct. The driver has the authority to assign seating and should command the respect of riders.

### Riding rules include:

• Board and get off buses on time at assigned stops only. Bus drivers are not required to wait unless they see a student coming to the bus. In the afternoon, buses leave the school promptly at 3:15 p.m.

• Walk to the bus stop facing traffic (if there is no sidewalk) so drivers on the road can see you.

• Do not play on or near the road while waiting for a bus.

• Do not cross a road to get on a bus until it arrives. On discharge from a bus, wait until the driver gives the signal to do so. Students who live on roads with retraces should get on their bus at stops that do not require crossing the road.

• Load and unload using the handrail only after the bus comes to a complete stop.

• Disruptive behaviors that distract bus drivers are prohibited and acts of misconduct are subject to discipline -- fighting, smoking, use of profane language, possession/use of alcohol and/or drugs, public displays of affection, sexual activity, throwing objects on the bus (i.e., shooting spitballs with rubber bands or bobby pins), etc. Conduct of students determines whether or not they will be entitled to bus transportation

## 51 Diner

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# Academic honors, tickets, schedules & fish

## Special to Wesson News

Twenty-eight Co-Lin student-athletes, representing the college's ten sports, have received national recognition for outstanding work in the classroom in 2016-2017 as members of National Junior and Community College (NJCAA) All-Academic Student teams. Forty-nine Wolves were Academic All-State selections.

"We are very excited to have such a large number of student-athletes getting recognized," said Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles. "Accolades such as this are an example of how we excel in both athletics and academics. I am very proud of both our players and our coaches."

**NJCAA All-Academic First Team:** Graham Ekland, Jackson, football; Kelsi Barron, Magnolia, Mississippi, soccer; Madison Franklin, Brookhaven, tennis; Cayman Blount, Independence, Mississippi, soccer and Hayes Thompson, Summit, Mississippi, tennis.

**NJCAA All-Academic Second Team:** Cole Arseneault, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, golf; Darrian Wilson, Brookhaven, basketball; Griffin Sublett, Pascagoula, Mississippi, football; Tripp Case, Madison, Mississippi, tennis; Joseph Dendy, Brandon, Mississippi, golf; Juan Pablo Pinilla, Bogota, Columbia, tennis; Julie Kramer, Brookhaven, tennis and Zach James, Madison, Mississippi, baseball

**NJCAA All-Academic Third Team:** Dalton Holliday, Pascagoula,

Mississippi, soccer; Dianna Hobgood, Columbia, Mississippi, softball; Tyler Vroman, Vicksburg, baseball; Blake Estabrook, Terry, Mississippi, baseball; Sebastian Osorio, Bogota, Columbia, tennis; Kamryn Vanlandingham, Hazlehurst, softball; Karry Callahan, Vicksburg, basketball; Kayla Britt, softball; Laura Blailock, Summit, Mississippi, soccer; Logan Deroche, Houma, Louisiana, softball; Maddie Ogden, Brookhaven, tennis; McKenzie Turpin, Slidell, Louisiana, soccer; Raven London, Vicksburg, soccer; Ryan Cullop, Hattiesburg, baseball and Samuel Harvey, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, soccer.

Kelsi Barron, Cayman Blount, Joseph Dendy, Cole Arseneault, Darrian Wilson, Zach James, Madison

Franklin, Julie Kramer, Hayes Thompson, Juan Pablo Pinilla, Tripp Case, Graham Eklund and Griffin Sublett also were named to the Distinguished Academic All-State team for Grade Points Averages (GPAs) of 3.8 or higher. Laura Baillock, Kayla Britt, Karry Callahan, Ryan Cullop, Logan Deroche, Blake Estabrook, Samuel Harvey, Dalton Holliday, Raven London, McKenzie Turpin, Maddie Ogden, Kamryn Vanlandingham also were named to the Academic All-State team for GPAs between 3.25 and 3.79.

Others named to the Academic All-

State team were:

**Softball:** Alex Anthony, Kokomo, Mississippi; Dianna Hobgood, Columbia, Mississippi; Allison Livingston, Brookhaven; Jamie Martin, Silver Creek, Mississippi; Alexsundria Thomas, Byram, Mississippi. **Women's soccer:** Ray Ann Montano, Fazabad, Trinidad and Tobago; Tristan Smith, Meadville, Mississippi; Taylor Pierce, Richland, Mississippi; Konika Page, Laurel, Mississippi; Raven Jones, Laurel, Mississippi; and Camaryn Ellis, Ellisville, Mississippi. **Golf:** Matthew Scoville, Madison, Mississippi; Jason Byrd, Wesson; and Brandon Blakney, Flowood, Mississippi. **Baseball:** Kody Smith, Monticello, Mississippi; Hayden White, Madison, Mississippi;

Tyler Vroman, Vicksburg; and Gabe Smith, Natchez, Mississippi. **Women's basketball:** Alexis Holt, Epps, Louisiana. **Tennis:** Logan Prather, Magee, Mississippi;

Laura Vargas, Ximena Daza, and Sebastian Osorio, all from Bogota, Colombia; and Sebastian Harrell, Meadville, Mississippi.

**Game tickets.** Tickets for all Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) home games in all sports are available before game at one dollar less than the admission charge at the gate. Home game season tickets are also available

for non-students. Ticket prices at the gate for students and non-students are \$5 for basketball, junior high football and basketball, junior high and varsity baseball, slow-pitch softball, fast-pitch softball and soccer. Varsity football tickets are \$6. Contact the WAC Athletic Director for additional information.

**Sports play begins.** Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) football and slow-pitch softball seasons begin in August. The Jamboree at Lawrence County on August 5 for area slow-pitch softball teams starts WAC sports competition. In total, the varsity softball team will play twenty-four games into October, with the junior varsity playing in 18 contests. The varsity football schedule features 11 games -- five at home and six on the road, starting with a matchup against Crystal Springs on August 18. Homecoming is September 22 against Mize. The Junior High grid team will play seven games. On August 10 at 6:30 p.m., WAC will introduce its athletes, coaches, cheerleaders and band to students and the wider community at its annual Meet the Cobras event on the baseball field.

**For better fishing.** Bass, Cattie and Catfish are being caught in fair numbers at Lake Linoln State Park and Bream fishing has been good. Spinnerbaits, flukes, soft plastics, worms and lizards attract bass. Crappies like minnows and jigs. Try trolling or spider rigging in eight inches of water. For catfish, use worms or cutbait around the island. Crickets and worms are best baits for Bream.

## SPORTS SHORTS

## Ross to be named coach of the year



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Co-Lin's Danny Ross will receive the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Golf Pride Grips Dave Williams Coach of the Year Award in December at the Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame Banquet. In his sixteenth season at Co-Lin, Ross coached the Wolves golfers to an eleventh place finish in the NJCAA District D Golf championship at Mesa, Arizona. Ross is a member of the PGA of America Gulf States Section and also directs golf operations at Wolf Hollow Golf Course in Wesson.



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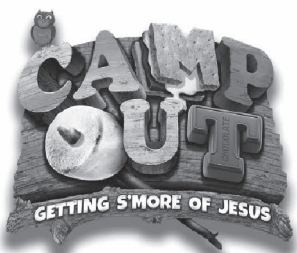
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# Billy Ellison -- Wesson's Mr. Fix It

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Ever since Billy Ellison took his first job at Parker Body Shop, he has been fixing things. If Wesson has a Mr. Fix It, that is Ellison, whose work, over the years, has also included responsibility for materials handling, parts and maintenance at the old Potter Company; managing a pager and cellular phone repair service, helping local governments throughout the nation solve their problems with needed financing, working in the Co-Lin maintenance department and now serving Wesson Attendance Center as its go-to for fixing things. Wesson citizens in Ward Three look to Ellison, who is their Alderman, to make sure their varied problems are solved through town government.

In September 1960, Ellison was born in the office of Dr. Burton Friedman, 100 yards from the house in which he grew up as a child. His father, who served in the Air Force, moved him and his family to South Carolina, but he came back to Wesson after seven years and has never left. He attended the old Wesson school through the third grade and completed high school in 1978 as part of the last graduating class when it was located at Co-Lin.

"I went straight to work," he says. He fixed automobiles at Parker Body Shop for four years and then transferred to Potter Company's maintenance unit for fourteen years. For 12 years, he was product manager at Natcom Cellular Phone and Pager in Jackson, but refused to move with the company to Dallas and went to work in 2002 for Government Capital out of Brookhaven as a loan originator, traveling 3,000 miles per week to help municipal governments acquire funds for projects and equipment. In 2009, Ellison joined Co-Lin's maintenance department and became maintenance supervisor at Wesson Attendance Center in 2016.

"I've lived through many changes in Wesson," Ellison relates. "I remember The Mill Town Mall when it was a



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cafe and furniture store. I recall when Wesson had a drug store at the site of the current day spa. As a kid, my friends and I delighted in watching new cars come into the Cowen's Chevrolet dealership, which is now the location of the Dollar Store. We'd also watch traffic go through town, conversed with the police and help close down the Texaco service station

League and have a learned a lot."

Ellison and Teri, his wife of forty-five years, have two grown children, Samantha, 29, and Kelci, 26, and three grandchildren -- Ripkin, 7, Ella, 5, and Tucker, 7.

**When you aren't working, what do you do?**

I enjoy being a grandfather. I also

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in the evening."

In June, Wesson Ward Three elected Ellison to a third four-year term as town Alderman, casting 107 votes for him as an unopposed candidate. "You hear complaints, but I enjoy governing and dealing with people," he says. "I am a Certified Municipal Official through the Mississippi Municipal

fish at Lake Sidney Wayne and Lake Lincoln. I cook Southern and Cajun foods. I enjoy putting the ingredients together, and then, of course, eating the result. I also like to work with wood, making small furniture and decorative items for people. I currently sing in the choir at Clear Branch Baptist Church. For many

years, I was part of Wesson Baptist Church, which I served as a Deacon.

**Do you read or watch movies?**

I am not a big reader, but I like keeping up with what's going on in town with *Wesson News*. *Consumer Reports* is also a favorite magazine through which I keep up with product trends related to how stuff is built and put together -- lawn mowers, weed eaters, outdoor motors. I also get ideas for woodworking.

In general, I like films that teach you about history.

*Shawshank Redemption* is a favorite -- crime drama. It focuses on Andy Dufresne, a banker sentenced to life in Shawshank State Penitentiary in Maine for the murder of his wife and her lover, despite his claims of innocence. A fellow inmate, Ellis Boyd "Red" Redding, befriends him and guards protect him after the warden begins using him in a money-laundering operation.

*Pretty Woman* is another favorite -- a romantic comedy with Richard Gere and Julia Roberts about a down-on-her-luck Hollywood escort, who is hired by a wealthy businessman for several business and social functions.

**Would you change anything about your life?**

I would change some of the money and financial decisions I have made. If you're trying to one-up someone else, it gets you in trouble.

**Do you have a wish you would like the good fairy to grant?**

Above all, that people get along and live peacefully together. There is too much animosity, which results from selfishness and just looking out for yourself.

**What if you won millions of dollars in a lottery?**

I would first tithe -- give to the Lord as a starter. I would look at savings and investment opportunities as well and assist my daughters financially.



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# Tourism board gets new leader

## Special to Wesson News

A Wesson native and community activist has started working to boost the Copeiah County economy by attracting visitors with money to spend.

Nora Berch, who has served as co-director of Keep Copeiah County Beautiful and will continue that work, is adding management of the Copeiah County Tourism Board (CCTB) to her community service portfolio. Berch is also the current president of the Institute for Learning in Retirement.

Since its formation in 2015, CCTB has been largely inactive, but Berch says that is changing under her charge.

“Our purpose is attracting tourists, who will visit Copeiah County, stay here for a while, drop their dollars, and later return because they enjoyed the experience,” Berch explains. In her new position, she is working cooperatively with the Copeiah County Economic District and share office space with it in Hazlehurst.

“Initially, I have been seeking to develop an understanding of what is going on in Copeiah County that has tourist interest, develop a calendar of events and stimulate publicity around them,” Berch said. “I am both tracking what is largely known and hunting for other points of interest and activities that are not so well known and seeking to tell all their stories as widely as possible.” For tour buses that come into the



Nora Berch discusses promotion of tourism in Copeiah County with Mississippi Music Museum (MMM) director Dr. Jim Brewer. MMM is in Hazlehurst.

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county with people, who want to eat at Porches or shop at the Mill Town Mall in Wesson, for example, Berch is jumping on board and making presentations as a tour guide.

Among the major tourist attractions

and events in Copeiah County, Berch identifies:

- Mississippi Music Museum at Hazlehurst, which covers the history of Mississippi music;
- Robert Johnson Museum at Crystal

Springs, which focuses on Blues musician Robert Johnson;

- Georgetown Train;
- Fly-In at Copeiah County Airport that features varied air craft;
- The Tree Top Trail at Lake Chautauqua in which hikers walk on a trail surrounded by tops of trees;
- Porches Restaurant at Wesson;
- Mill Town Mall at Wesson;
- Festivals, including Wesson Founders Day and fall Flea Market, Crystal Springs Tomato Festival, the Flower and Garden Festival at Crystal Springs.

“We’re sitting on a gold mine of tourist attractions,” Berch summarizes.

Berch is getting advice and counsel from a tourism board, which meets formally on a quarterly basis. Its members include Terry Channell from the Copeiah County Board of Supervisors, Mayors Henry Bank, Alton Shaw and Sally Garland from Hazlehurst, Wesson and Crystal Springs; Randall Day and Case Kitchens from the Hazlehurst and Crystal Springs Chambers of Commerce; and Dr. Jim Brewer from the Mississippi Music Museum. With the board, she oversees a \$20,000 budget supported by pledges from the Hazlehurst, Crystal Springs and Wesson boards of aldermen. She reports to the Copeiah County Board Supervisors and meets with it monthly.

## Early orientation and registration scheduled

### Special to Wesson News

All three Co-Lin campuses will hold registration/orientation sessions for freshmen and new students attending in the fall. The one-day sessions are planned to help all entering students get an early start on the fall 2017 semester.

The focus of the session is to help students become further acquainted with Co-Lin, get academic and career-technical curriculum-planning advice and receive a schedule for the fall

semester, college identification cards and parking permits.

Although the student is reserving a schedule for the fall, tuition and fees are not required to be paid at orientation, unless the student wishes to do so at that time.

The first orientation/registration was on the Wesson Campus last Friday. Others will be held on Friday, July 14, and Thursday, August 10. Each session starts at 9 a.m. in the Dow-Young

Instructional Technology Building.

On the Natchez Campus, orientation/registration sessions will be held on Thursday, July 13, and Thursday, August 10, at 1 p.m. in the Nelson Multi-Purpose Room in the Redd/Watkins Career and Technical Center.

At the Simpson County Center, orientation/registration sessions will be, July 14, and Thursday, August 10, at 9 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Parker Academic Building.

It is to the student’s advantage to have ACT placement test scores on file in Co-Lin’s admissions office before attending an orientation session. All academic and technical students are required to take the ACT college entrance placement test. Those attending orientation without ACT scores will have to take a placement test (\$40 cost) and show photo identification before pre-registering.

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# 2017-18 WAC Calendar

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### August

- 1 Pre-term teacher workdays start & continue through August 3, with focus on staff development.  
Faculty & staff id badges. 8 a.m.
- 3 Open House & PTO Meeting, Meet the teacher, Seventh Grade Orientation 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
- 4 First school day for students
- 10 Deadline for returning signed ` handbook forms to office  
Meet the Cobras. Baseball Field. 6:30 p.m.  
Kindergarten universal screener starts (TBD)

### September

- 4 Labor Day holiday
- 5 Ring presentation to students
- 6 Photography for school pictures starts & continues on September
- 7 First Nine-Week Progress Reports
- 12 Juniors order rings
- 22 Homecoming  
National Honor Society induction (TBD).

### October

- 4 Makeup day for school photos.  
Nine-week tests start & continue on October 5 & 6
- 7 Elementary Beauty/Beau Pageant
- 9 Fall break starts & continues on October 10
- 12 Presentation of graduation invitations to seniors
- 14 Report cards.
- 19 Seniors order graduation invitations
- 26 Red Ribbon Week Festival. 5 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Who's Who pictures (TBD)

### November

- 9 Second Nine-Weeks Progress Reports
- 10 Veterans Day program.
- 18 High School Beauty/Beau Pageant
- 20 Thanksgiving holiday break starts & continues through November 24  
College Fair (TBD)  
Book Fair & Grandparents Day (TBD)

### December

- 1 Wesson Christmas Parade.  
Classes dismissed at 2:20 p.m.
- 18 Nine-week tests start & continue on

December 19 & 20

- 21 Christmas holidays begin

### January

- 4 Second semester begins.
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- 16 Parents pick up report cards. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Student holiday.

### February

- 6 Third Nine-Week progress reports
- 16 Valentine's Dance for grades 4-6. 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 26 African American History program. 9 a.m.

### March

- 7 Nine-week tests start & continue on March 8 & 9
- 12 Spring Break starts & continues through March 16
- 19 School resumes
- 23 Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) program
- 23 Report cards
- 29 First Priority/Beta Club assembly
- 30 Easter holiday or weather days as needed begin & continue through April 2  
Prom (tentative date)  
Statewide ACT testing for eleventh grade students (TBD)

### April

- 13 Fourth Nine-Week progress reports

### May

- 3 National Day of Prayer
- 2 Vespers rehearsal starts at Co-Lin & continues on May 3
- 6 Vespers. 8 p.m.
- 18 Graduation. 7 p.m. at Co-Lin.
- 21 Nine-week tests start & continue on May 22 & 23
- 24 Teacher staff development work days start & continue on May 25
- 28 Memorial Day  
Elementary Awards program. Grades 2-3. 9 a.m. Grades 4-6. 12:30 p.m. (TBD)  
Senior Awards Night (TBD)  
Junior High & High School Awards (TBD)  
Kindergarten Awards program (TBD)

# Rules of the road

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For drivers bringing students to Wesson Attendance Center in private vehicles:

- Drop off students before 7:40 a.m. for classes, which start at 7:45 a.m. Drop-off points are in front of old gym and high school area for grades seven to twelve and the elementary school parking lot (where two attendants are on duty) for kindergarten through sixth grades.

- Pick up students in kindergarten through sixth grade in the elementary school parking lot. Line up on the north side of the road east of the building, enter parking lot on the east, load students from the inside lane, and exit parking lot on the west. Use the outside lane when


leaving the pickup line. Children should not walk to vehicles parked along the side of the road.

- Pick up students in grades seven through twelve and their younger siblings in the parking lot by the old gym and high school area. Enter on the east, park in inside (north) lane while waiting for students to pick up, and exit on the west via the outside (south) lane.

- Older and younger siblings will meet in old gym and walk together to their pickup vehicle in the high school parking lot.

- Children who walk or bike to school will wait in the old gym until 3:15 p.m. when buses and most cars have left the campus

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# Brookstock is 17 years old

By Guest Columnist Shaw Furlow

Brookstock XVII is here. This marks seventeen years Brookhaven rockers will play the music to which we listened growing up. It is THE Southwest Mississippi rock festival.



Bigger than ever. This year, it will be a three-day event -- July 13, 14 and 15 and a record attendance of more than four hundred is expected at the July 15 big stage event in the new FEMA building next to the airport. The cost of the event remains \$10.00. Bring a cooler and a lawn chair. As usual, the Allen Volunteer Fire Department will be selling BBQ and burgers.

Brookstock had its beginnings on the back porch of a member of the Brookhaven High School class of 1968 as part of a class reunion. Don Jacobs, a well-known Mississippi artist, reassembled his high school rock band -- The Brutes -- for a one-time performance that was so well received he did it again the following year. After that second performance, Jacobs realized he was on to something and made Brookstock an annual event open to the public. As its audience grew, Brookstock's venue changed, moving from Jacobs' back porch to Lonnie Ray's Campground, then to the Brookhaven Recreation Department. Now, it's at the FEMA building.

"The one big misconception," according to Jacobs, "is a lot of people still think this is a class reunion or a gathering of Brookhaven High School graduates. We moved past that years ago," Jacobs chuckles.

The line up for the Saturday night show has some familiar Brookstock veterans and some players making their debut. Tony Norton will make his first appearance on the big stage.



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Norton has performed at the event's Singer/Songwriter Night, but this is his first time on the big stage at the FEMA building. Returning this year is local favorite Mike J Case with his bag of humorous songs. Andy Tanas -- formerly with Black Oak Arkansas along with The Bridge Band, Virgil Brawley, The Ricky Brown Band and the Brutes round out the night.

For those who prefer a more intimate setting, the Brookstock Singer/Songwriter Night is once again at Recess 101 in downtown Brookhaven. Five great songwriters will perform original songs on acoustic guitars in a round. Again, there are new faces on the stage including Betsy Berryhill, Mike McCall and Drew Different. Local legend Charlie Hewitt will be

there, as well as nationally known blues artist Virgil Brawley. This promises to be a great night of music, beginning at 7 p.m. There is no admission fee. BYOB.

Brookstock Too is returning to the historic Haven Theatre for the fourth year to give younger artists a great venue and a friendly audience to hone their skills. There is a \$10.00 admission fee, which goes to the BLTEENS summer production at Brookhaven Little Theatre. It's a way for the older generation to pass the torch to those coming up. This year, four young artists are performing for the first time at this venue:

- Sophie Smith wasn't even born when Brookstock debuted. The sixteen-year-old from Brookhaven

is a guitar student of Gregg Smith at Brookhaven Music and Sound and is very talented and poised on stage for a person her age.

- Nikki Forston, who will also perform, signed Smith up at Barkfest this year as soon as she walked off the stage. Forston will be a freshman at Co-Lin this fall and will be one of the drum majors for the Blue Wave Show Band.

- Montana Beeson will perform on the keyboard, play guitar and show off her great voice. Besides being a nurse, a piano teacher and a new mother, Beeson finds time to write and play. She contributes her talents at the early service on Sunday mornings at the Brookhaven First United Methodist Church.

- Chase Watts, who I started following several years ago when he first took lessons at Brookhaven Music and Sound, is heavily influenced by Johnny Cash.

There you have it, friends. This is one of the strongest line ups Brookstock has ever had. Plan to attend one or all three events. All are invited. It is not a class reunion!

Other matters: A number of local singer/songwriters have contributed original Christmas songs for a CD that will be available in local gift shops, hopefully by Black Friday. The working title of the CD is *A Brookhaven Christmas*. More information to come about this exciting project. There are more festivals and special events also coming soon. Keep reading the *Wesson News* to learn about them.

That's my take for July. Until next time, support of the arts!!

*Editor's Note: R. Shaw Furlow is a local composer, musician and arts promoter. He produces an internet-based video show -- From the Shadyside -- that spotlights area musical talent and is a consultant to school bands in the region for Brookhaven Music and Sound.*



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# Community Calendar

**July weather forecast:** The Old Farmer's Almanac calls for an average of temperature 79 degrees (two degrees below average) and precipitation 4.5 inches (average). July 5-14: Scattered t-storms, warm; July 15-18: Sunny, hot; July 19-31: A few t-storms, cool.

## JULY 11

Diabetes support group. Meets weekly on Tuesdays. Education Annex at King's Daughters Medical Center, Brookhaven. 1:30 p.m. For information, call Natalie Ybarra at 601-835-9489.

Brookhaven Farmers Market, sponsored by Brookhaven-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce and Mississippi State University Agricultural Extension Services, features vendors throughout the growing season at the Amtrak Station in downtown Brookhaven on Tuesdays from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Railroad Park.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary Post 2618 meet. \$5 for meal. VFW Hall on Industrial Park Road, Brookhaven. 5:30 p.m.

## JULY 12

WordKeys Assessment for Career Readiness Certificate. Also July 13, 26 and August 9. Register with Kristina Stephens at 601-643-8708. Registrants will be asked for Social Security numbers. Thames Center at Co-Lin. 8:45 a.m.-12 Noon.

Keep Copiah County Beautiful meets. USDA Service Center (27169 Highway 28, Suite A, Hazlehurst). 9 a.m.

## JULY 13

American Legion John Edwards Post 12 meets. All members, veterans and their spouses are welcome. 4 p.m. Jimmy Furlow Senior Citizens Center. For information, call 601-835-8173.

Widows Support Group meets. The group supports widows, who are walking through the grief process, with programs on pertinent issues related to their situation. Dutch treat dinner followed by meeting. Junction Restaurant at 103 S. Railroad Ave., Brookhaven. 5 p.m. For further information, contact Becky Vaughn Furlow at bvaughnfurlow@gmail.com or 601-540-4308.

Wesson Lions Club meets. Student cafeteria conference room at Co-Lin. 6:30 p.m.

## JULY 16

Southwest Chapter of ABATE meets. 2 p.m. Jeffrey's Cycle Supply. For information, contact Carmen Hill at 601-833-8560

## JULY 17

Tennis Camp starts and continues through July 19 for girls and boys between eight and thirteen years old. Co-Lin campus. For information, visit the Co-Lin web site at www.colin.edu.

Blood drive every second and fourth Monday. King's Daughters Medical Center Hospital Annex. 1 p.m.- 6 p.m. Call 800-817-7449 for information.

Music Camp for eighth to twelfth graders starts and continues through July 19. The camp covers computer art, ceramics, drawing, painting and printmaking. Fee is \$25. Co-Lin campus. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Contact janet.smith@colin.edu.

Sylvarena Baptist Church Vacation Bible School starts and continues through July 21 for children two-years-old through the sixth grade. The theme is "We Are the Children of God." 5:30

p.m.-8:30 p.m. For information, call 601-643-2660.

Beginner clogging classes for persons of all ages beyond five-years-old are held every Monday night. A small fee is charged each month. Brookhaven Recreation Department on Highway 51. Call 601-833-3791.

## JULY 18

Copiah County Master Gardeners monthly meeting. Mississippi State University Extension Office at Gallman. 6 p.m.

American Legion Post #79 meets. American Legion Lodge on Main Street, Wesson. 6:30 p.m. For information, call 601-563-5438.

## JULY 20

Italic Calligraphy class sponsored by Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild (BRAG) and Lincoln County Public Library starts on continues on Thursdays through August 10. Cathy O'Rear will teach the beautiful forms of the Italic hand, using a broad-edged pen. Fee is \$85, including supplies. Lincoln County Public Library. 10 a.m. - 12 Noon. Mail checks to Kathy Behan, 1119 Kraner Lane, Brookhaven, Mississippi 39601. For information, contact cathleen.orear@gmail.com.

Fifty Plus Club luncheon. Don Taylor's patriotic musings. Porches of Brookhaven at Brookhaven Country Club. 10:30 a.m.

Grand opening of The Aspen, a premier assisted living facility at 500 Silver Cross Drive, Brookhaven. 4 p.m. ribbon cutting with the event continuing until 6 p.m.

Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild meets. Brandy Johnson will demonstrate portrait painting in watercolor. Lincoln County Library. 5:30 p.m.

## JULY 27

Wesson Lions Club meets. Student cafeteria conference room at Co-Lin. 6:30 p.m.

## AUGUST 1

Wesson Board of Aldermen meet. City Hall. 7 p.m.

## CONTINUING

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at convenient times seven days of every week. First United Methodist Church, 215 West Cherokee Street, Brookhaven. Open meetings are Mondays at noon and Tuesdays (Big Book Study), Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Closed meetings are Wednesdays and Fridays (Big Book Study) at noon and Thursdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild members work on projects every Thursday of the month from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Brookhaven-Lincoln County Public Library in the Vernon Room when it is available.

Brookhaven 55 South Flea Market is open on Saturdays and Sundays next to the Lincoln County Civic Center. Ten per cent of the profits each weekend are donated to a local charity. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

# Children learn to build better world

## Wesson News

Under the umbrella theme of "Build a Better World," the summer reading program at Wesson Public Library is focusing area children aged four years old to twelve years old on how they can help create a better quality of life where they live.

Representatives from Home Depot kicked off the program last Thursday with a presentation on construction and giving the participating children hands-on experience in building bird houses. The participants are coming together every Thursday at 10 a.m. through July.

The program this week features Randle Drane, director of the Copiah County Office of Emergency Management.

Dance will discuss fire safety and bring a fire trailer in which smoke conditions are simulated for children to practice what they have learned. On Thursday, July 20, members of the Wesson Garden Club will work with children on planting and care of flowers.

Throughout the month, library staff and members of Friends of the Library will also encourage children to read about ways they can build a better world in books and other literature available at the library.

The program will conclude on Thursday, July 27, with participants going to Wesson Park, where they will have some fun and will receive awards for their reading experiences during July.



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# Brain health called life-long quest

Wesson News

Beating dementia and Alzheimer's Disease is a life-long quest, druggist Keith Guy told the Fifty Plus Club.

"I would like to tell you there is a single pill or one single thing you can do," the owner of Guy Pharmacies in Brookhaven, Crystal Springs and McComb said. "But it's multiple things that you do for your overall health, to protect your heart, to prevent or control diabetes, and more -- physical and mental exercise, proper sleep, nutrition, pooping right. The few drugs that doctors prescribe for Alzheimer's patients don't work over the long-term."

Vascular dementia, he said, is caused by circulatory problems, while the cause of Alzheimer's Disease, which is diagnosed by the presence of amyloid plaques in the brain, remains a mystery. Today, Guy said health authorities agree "what's good for the heart is good for the mind" and, increasingly, they are calling Alzheimer's Disease "Type 3 diabetes." Within this context, Guy advised:

- **Taking food supplements.** DHA (docosahexaenoic acid) in fish oil promotes brain health. Guy's pharmacies, in fact, give away fish oil supplements to expectant mothers because DHA is important in brain development. Fish oil supplements throughout life help maintain brain health, Guy said. Modern diets have



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contributed to deficiencies of CoQ10, short for coenzyme Q10 or ubiquinone. The natural, vitamin-like compound produced by the body and found in almost every cell, is vital in the body's energy production and most highly concentrated in organs and tissues with the highest energy needs, such as the brain and heart, Guy said. Full spectrum supplements of Vitamin E feature its eight naturally-occurring forms. Studies show the vitamin neutralizes potentially harmful free radicals in the body and could benefit brain and heart health, Guy said.

- **Controlling inflammation by focusing on gut health.** Guy said "gut leaks" -- microscopic fecal material invading the body -- cause chronic inflammation. He advised

"keeping the gut clean," and taking probiotics to maximize the presence of friendly microbes in the intestines and discourage development of bad microbes. Because C-section born babies lack protection derived during natural childbirth, probiotics and breast feeding are important for healthy development of infants, he said. Guy also noted that chronic inflammation, more than cholesterol, which is a symptom, is the real culprit in heart disease.

- **Keeping hormones in balance.** Fatigue, lack of energy, fuzzy thinking and other bodily symptoms could indicate deficiency of thyroid hormones or testosterone (the male sex hormone) and estrogen (the female sex hormone), Guy said. Men need

some estrogen and women must have some testosterone. The thyroid gland uses iodine to produce its hormones and supplements may be required because exposure to environmental toxins has affected iodine intake levels, he explained.

- **Curbing carbohydrates.** Use the carbohydrate index to identify complex carbohydrates, Guy counseled. Complex carbohydrates, such as beans, metabolize slowly and maintain relatively low blood sugar levels, while bread causes blood sugar to rise rapidly, he said. Guy pointed out that use of high fructose corn syrup, packaging food in larger portions, and eating out more routinely has caused sugar consumption to rise to nearly 200 pounds per year per capita from eight to nine pounds in 1900, increasing prevalence of diabetes.

- **Exercising the body and mind.** "Move or lose it," Guy said. Mental and physical activity are equally important, he said. Impaired mobility, he added, doesn't need to limit physical exercise, pointing out that a regimen of lifting legs while sitting in a chair, standing on toes, and isometric pushing is beneficial.

- **Reducing stress.** Guy recommended reducing sugar intake, prayer and meditation and sufficient rest -- six and one half to eight hours of sleep.

# Hospice care helps the dying live

Wesson News

Hospice care -- an often misunderstood service -- is not about helping people die, but "helping people live life as fully as possible" and "keeping them with us as long as we can," says Jenny Jo Pepper, the director of clinical services at the Brookhaven office of Hospice Ministries (HM).

Pepper talked to the Wesson Lions Club about her organization and its work and accepted a \$300 donation from the local service group.

"Typically, we serve patients who suffer from the effects of a stroke, heart conditions, cancer and Alzheimer's Disease," she explained. "They are often homebound, but not necessarily on their deathbeds."

Pepper said her organization does not seek to cure people, but rather offers "palliative care" that "makes them comfortable and helps them lead a good quality of life for as long as possible." In-home nursing care is a primary Hospice Ministries service, while its facility at Ridgeland, Mississippi, provides inpatient care for up to forty patients as required.



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"We do not limit patient visits by nurses and will send two or more each days, if needed," Pepper detailed. "In addition to going to homes, we also serve patients in assisted living facilities and nursing homes. With the assistance of volunteers, our in-home and in-facility patients may get out to attend church services and other community events or even go to the beauty shop." HM patients can keep their private physicians and take previously prescribed medications.

In Brookhaven, Hospice Ministries, Inc., traces its history to 1992 when a group associated with King's Daughters Medical Center helped organize Hospice Ministries of Central Mississippi to provide in-home hospice care. In 1997, it merged with Whispering Pines Hospice, an inpatient hospice at Ridgeland, Mississippi, to create the present organization, an in-home and inpatient continuum of care that is one of only several in the country. HM serves 31 counties in Mississippi,

including Copiah, Lawrence and Lincoln, through its Ridgeland, Brookhaven and McComb offices.

HM patients, Pepper related, must be diagnosed with a terminal illness, have a life expectancy of six months or less if the disease follows its natural course, have a physician who agrees to hospice care for the patient and be assessed by the HM team for needs and desire of HM services. "As a not-for-profit organization, we are unusual and turn no one away," Pepper said. "Patients without payer sources receive the same care as those with resources." HM is supported without government funding, solely by private donations and grants, and reimbursements from Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance.

The Hospice Ministries staff includes a social worker, an associated physician, Registered Practical Nurses and Certified Nursing Assistants. Volunteers, an important part of the HM team, assist in a broad spectrum of services for patients and their families including reading, listening, gardening, clerical support and emotional, spiritual and bereavement care.



# Local dancers recognized



Wesson News

The 2017 senior class of Nena Smith's School of Dance (NSSD) presented "Get Your Game On" in its year-end recitals, which marked forty-two years of NSSD performances. The thirteen seniors, many of whom have studied at NSSD since pre-school included (left to right on floor) Jason Counts Memorial Scholarship winner Dacey Sivils, assistant teacher Lacie Tarver, (left to right in row two) Class Captain and 2014 Shine Scholarship winner Emily Hust, 2015 Brandy Sanders Memorial Scholarship winner Rayna Whitmire, Millie Fortenbery 2013 Crystal Gooch Scholarship winner and Fruit of the Spirit class captain Abi Douglas, Breanna Sanders, (left to right in back row) Whitney Case, Harley Smith, assistant teacher Mary Beth Munn, Tori Titus and Zoe Davis.



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The Salt and Light dance team at Nena Smith's School of Dance (NSSD) -- high school Fellowship of Christian Dancers, who participate in mentoring, devotions and a Christian interpretive movement class at NSSD on Monday nights -- includes (left to right on floor) teachers Kaitlyn Rhoads and Taylor Berry, freshmen class captain Hannah McKee, Charity Irving, Erin Buckley, assistant teacher Lacie Tarver, MaKayla Brister, (left to right in second row) teacher Alexis Smith, Jordan Slonaker, Amya Williams, Laney Jones, teacher Kaylen Boyte, Issy Morse, Belle Case, (left to right in middle row) KaDazia Brown, Ryleigh Sheppard, Shellyb Diane Barnett, assistant teacher and 2015 Shine Scholarship winner Ashlyn Banes, Isabella Little, Olivia Clark, Candace Johnson, (left to right in back row) teacher and studio owner Nena Smith, Salt and Light class captain and 2016 Brandy Sanders Memorial Scholarship winner Brianna Hynum, Julianna Crosby and teacher Marsha Raiford.



Wesson News

The Fruit of the Spirit dance team at Nena Smith's School of Dance (NSSD) -- high school Fellowship of Christian Dancers, who participate in mentoring, devotions and a Christian interpretive movement class at NSSD on Wednesday nights -- includes (left to right in front row) teachers Kaitlyn Rhoads and Taylor Crane, Mia Morehead, Alexis Hartley, Zoe Davis, teacher Marsha Raiford, 2016 Jason Counts Memorial Scholarship winner Dacey Sivils, teacher Kaylen Boyte, (left to right kneeling) assistant teacher Lacie Tarver, Allie Runnels, (left to right in third row) Hannah Burgess, Whitney Case, Morgan Polk, 2014 Babs Wood Shine Scholarship winner and senior class captain Emily Hust, sophomore class captain Rachel Bozeman, assistant teacher Mary Beth Munn, Harley Smith, (left to right in fourth row) 2015 Brandy Sander Memorial Scholarship winner Rayna Whitmire, Kaylie Fink, Millie Fortenberry, studio owner and teacher Nena Smith, 2013 Crystal Gooch Memorial Scholarship winner and Fruit of the Spirit class captain Abi Douglas, Anna Carolyn Graves, Breanna Sanders, Elizabeth Shirley, Tori Titus and teacher Alexis Smith. Hannah Jackson and Lauren Palmer are not pictured.



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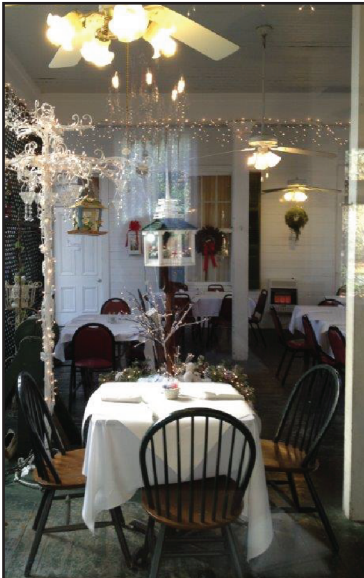
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