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Holiday season is here!

By Bob Arnold

Wesson area residents are seeing growing evidence that the holiday season, with its characteristic merriment, conviviality, food, sounds and colors, is here!

Halloween-related celebrations last month started stirring the spirit of the town: the Wesson Baptist Church Family Fall Festival, the Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) Parent Teacher Organization's annual Red Ribbon Festival, the Haunted House at WAC staged by Students Against Destructive Decisions, downtown trick or treating by young children from the WAC kindergarten and first grade classes, the First Baptist Pre-School Program and Precious Moments Day Care Center and Halloween night trick or treating by older children and youth.

At the same time, area churches, choirs, Sunday school classes and other groups are planning special Thanksgiving and Christmas programs.

This Thursday, two events will further spark the holiday spirit:

- More than 300 persons, including staff and employees from Co-Lin, the



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Santa will again see children at Wesson fire house.



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Wesson Flea Market vendors offered yard signs to help residents decorate for holiday season.

Town of Wesson, area businesses and not-for-profit organizations; members of social and civic groups; families; and individuals, will enjoy a relaxing atmosphere, good food, and fellowship at a buffet luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Co-Lin's Thames Conference Center. The conference center and college food service host the event, which was started in 2002 and evolved from a marketing showcase of the Co-Lin meetings facility for prospective profit and not-for-profit users into a traditional community holiday get-together. Cost is \$15 per person, and reservations should be made by contacting Marilyn Brown or Tricia Russel at 601-643-8701 or 601-643-8702.

- Food prepared by the Co-Lin Culinary Arts Program students, musical performances by the Co-Lin Jazz Band, Sojourners and percussion, woodwind and brass ensembles; and Mississippi watercolor artist Wyatt Waters will highlight a holiday celebration -- "Where Music Meets Art" -- at the Wesson Old School Community Center between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Those who have not yet purchased tickets at \$20 per person can check on availability *cont. on page 14*

\$350,000 bond issue to fund street repairs

By Bob Arnold

Wesson's Board of Aldermen has authorized a \$350,000 bond issue for the primary purpose of paving three to five miles of roadways.

Over the past several weeks, the Town has advertised the tax-exempt Series 2015 General Obligation Bonds to solicit bids from prospective buyers, including banks and other financial institutions. The bids will be opened at the Board of Aldermen meeting tonight, and the Board will approve sale of the bonds to the qualified bidder which offers the lowest interest rate on the revenues that the town will receive, expected to be in

the low to middle range between two per cent and three per cent.

"Essentially, we're receiving a bank loan, but municipalities must issue bonds to borrow money," Wesson Mayor Alton Shaw explained. "Individual small investors will not be buying the bonds for their portfolios."

Shaw emphasized the Town will finance the debt without raising taxes. The Town will immediately retire the approximately \$70,000 balance remaining on a bond debt used to purchase the former Sunflower grocery property on Highway 51 and apply the \$15,000 per year for its repayment and the some \$2000 per month allocated for

road repairs to pay down the new bond issue debt at about \$30,000 per year over fifteen years.

Although debt on road bond issues are often repaid over twelve years, Shaw said the low traffic volume on the Wesson streets to be repaved justified the fifteen-year terms for the new bonds.

Although the primary purpose of issuing the new bonds is for streets, revenues derived from the bond sales may also be used for sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways, public parking facilities and related land purchases; sanitary, storm, drainage or sewage systems; constructing,

improving and equipping municipal buildings and related land purchases; and paying the cost of issuing the bonds.

Shaw said street repair projects funded by the bond issue would likely start in the spring, when weather improves after winter, and involve two stages -- micro-paving and slurry sealing. The cost of street paving is approximately \$75,000 per mile.

Butler Snow, a Ridgeland, Mississippi, law firm, is handling the legal details of the bond issue in coordination with government consultant Demery Grubbs, Jackson, Mississippi, and Wesson City Attorney Jeffrey Varas.



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Disappointing season ends on two wins

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A season that started with prospects of a national championship turned into a disappointment for the Co-Lin Wolfpack football team with two heartbreaking losses on the field and a ruling by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC), which required it to forfeit its first two games. Pearl River first knocked the Wolfpack out of the top spot in national rankings with a 17-9 upset win at Co-Lin's homecoming. The following week, Hinds County also upset Co-Lin 33-26, staving off a Wolfpack fourth quarter rally

highlighted by two touchdowns. Then an MACJC Athletic Appeals Committee affirmed a ruling by its Commissioner that a student athlete who dressed, but did not play for Co-Lin in its games against Itawamba and East Mississippi, was ineligible; and the Wolfpack had to forfeit those two games. Co-Lin had argued that the player in question was previously enrolled at the college, signed, and certified by MACJC and should not have been subject to a new eligibility rule. Facing its final two games with a 3-4 record, the Wolfpack bounced back, upsetting Gulf Coast 31-30 for its third

on-field overtime win of the season by stopping the Bulldogs' attempt to score a victorious two-point conversion after

of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Special Teams Player of the Week honors following the Wolfpack's 31-30 overtime upset victory over Gulf Coast, which was ranked seventh in the nation.

Wesson athlete on special team. Midshipman Wesley K. Beasley of Wesson is playing with The United States Naval Academy Sprint Football Team. Sprint Football is college football with a 175-pound weight limit for players. Midshipman Beasley graduated from Copiah Academy, where he was an honors student and varsity football player. The son of LTC (RG) Dale Beasley and grandson of BG (R) Glenn Beasley and Joan Beasley, he is an Eagle Scout and a member of Decell Memorial United Methodist Church.

Athletes' deaths stun area fans. The untimely deaths of Copiah Academy quarterback Jay Holloway and former Co-Lin quarterback Daniel Fitzwater stunned area sports fans last month. Holloway, a junior student-athlete, died in a one-car crash. Fitzwater, who played at Co-Lin in 2013 and 2014 and finished his career with 5,746 total yards and forty-one touchdowns, died after recent knee surgery near the University of Louisiana-Monroe, where he played football as a walk-on.

SPORTS SHORTS

a touchdown. It then beat Jones County 17-14 after intercepting a potential game-winning pass by the Bobcats in the end zone. The season ended with Co-Lin ranked number ten in the nation, but not qualifying for post-season playoff games in Mississippi.

Softball girls fall. After its third straight first place finish in Region 7-3A regular season competition with a 6-0 record, the Wesson High School Girls Slowpitch Softball team fell to Philadelphia 18-6 and 14-4 in the second round of the state Class 3A playoffs. In first round action, it defeated Morton 13-3 and 17-5.

Third honor for Nickles. For the third time this season, Co-Lin kicker/punter Greg Nickles of Pelahatchie received Mississippi Association

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Football

Record: 3-7. Recent Losses: Jefferson County. 14-6. Franklin County. 23-7. Wilkinson County. 36-6

CO-LIN WOLVES

Basketball

Men's Record: 0-2. Recent Losses: Holmes. 82-74. Mississippi Delta. 69-65. Women's Record: 2-0. Recent Wins: Holmes. 74-68. Mississippi Delta. 99-51.

Golf

Third in Co-Lin Invitational at Wolf Hollow Golf Course.

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Upcoming sporting events

November 10

Wesson High School girls and boys soccer Cobras play at Raymond. 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

November 13

Wesson High School girls and boys soccer Cobras play Natchez. 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

November 16

Co-Lin women & men basketball Wolves play at Southwest Tournament (Summit). 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
Wesson High School girls & boys varsity basketball Cobras play Bogue Chitto. 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

November 17

Co-Lin women & men basketball Wolves play at Southwest Tournament (Summit). 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
Wesson High School girls & boys varsity basketball Cobras play Lawrence County. 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Wesson High School girls and boys soccer Cobras play at Brookhaven. 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

November 21

Co-Lin women & men basketball Wolves play at Delgado. 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
Wesson High School girls & boys varsity basketball Cobras play at Brookhaven. 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

November 23 & 24

Wesson High School girls & boys varsity basketball Cobras play at Lawrence County Tournament.

November 30

Co-Lin women & men basketball Wolves play Mississippi Delta. 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Wesson High School girls and boys soccer Cobras play Forest. 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

December 1

Wesson High School girls & boys varsity basketball Cobras play at Salem. 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

December 3

Co-Lin women & men basketball Wolves play Hinds. 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.

December 4

Wesson High School girls & boys varsity basketball Cobras play West Lincoln. 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Wesson High School girls and boys soccer Cobras play Loyd Star. 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

December 5

Wesson High School girls & boys varsity basketball Cobras play at Hillcrest. 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

December 7

Co-Lin women & men basketball Wolves play at Pearl River. 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

December 8

Wesson High School girls & boys varsity basketball Cobras play at Bogue Chitto. 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Wesson High School girls and boys soccer Cobras play Raymond. 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

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Know your heart health numbers

By Guest Columnist
Dr. Stephanie Duguid

We live our lives by numbers: phone numbers, PIN numbers, stock market numbers. But do you know the heart health numbers that could literally save your life? The four key numbers for your blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose levels and waist size that could give you a lifesaving preview of your cardiac risk?



Healthy numbers mean a healthy heart. If you eat a balanced diet, get regular exercise and don't smoke, you can even turn bad numbers around. Here's a quick guide to your heart-health numbers:

1. Blood Pressure: Key to Heart Health

There are two blood pressure numbers: Your systolic pressure measures the pressure of blood against artery walls during a heartbeat. Your diastolic pressure measures the same pressure between heartbeats, when the heart fills with blood after pumping it. High blood pressure (or "hypertension") increases your risk of heart attack, stroke, and kidney disease, and can damage your brain, eyes and arteries, too. Between 1996 and 2006, the number of deaths from high blood pressure rose by more than 48%.

Your blood pressure should be less than 120 over 80. Pre-hypertension is 120 to 139 (systolic) and/or 80 to 89 (diastolic). Hypertension is 140 or higher (systolic) and 90 or higher (diastolic). You may have no symptoms, but one in three adults in the U.S. -- about 74 million people -- has high blood pressure or pre-hypertension. About sixty per cent of Americans over 60 years old have high blood pressure. It occurs more often among African-Americans. In Mississippi, nearly a million people have high blood pressure, and 300,000 of them don't know it.

2. Cholesterol: Predictor of Heart Attack

Cholesterol isn't all bad. It's a type of fat that's actually a nutrient. Cholesterol and blood fats, encompass three different numbers: HDL, LDL, and triglycerides and give you a "lipid profile" score. Adults 20 and older should get a lipid profile every five years.

Strive for total cholesterol of 200 mg/dL or lower -- HDL ("good" cholesterol) of 50 mg/dL or higher if you're a woman, or 40 mg/dL or higher if you're a man; and 100 or lower for LDL ("bad" cholesterol). If you have other major risk factors, such as pre-existing cardiovascular disease or diabetes, your doctor may want your LDL closer to 70. Triglycerides should be less than 150 mg/dL.

3. Waist Size: The Connection to Heart Disease

If you can only remember one number, your waist size is the one to know. Your waist size predicts your heart disease risk. A waist size

you've gotten these results two or more times.

Diabetes can strike anyone at any age, but it is more common in non-white populations. One of three people with diabetes in Mississippi either don't know it or aren't getting treatment. Symptoms include frequent urination, extreme hunger, thirst, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, or blurry vision. Left untreated, diabetes can lead to heart disease, blindness, amputation of arms or legs, and kidney disease.

If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, you need to have your A1C number checked. It tells you how well you're controlling your blood sugar over time.

"Even small changes in your physical activity, your nutrition, and your smoking habits can have a major impact on your heart health," says Lori Mosca, MD, director of the Columbia Center for Heart Disease Prevention in New York City.

of more than 35 inches for women and more than 40 inches in men increases your risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, metabolic problems, high blood pressure and abnormal cholesterol. Just get a non-elastic tape and measure around your belly button.

4. Glucose/Blood Sugar: Type 2 Diabetes Concern

Whether you have Type 2 diabetes or not, you need to watch your blood sugar and hemoglobin A1C levels.

Glucose is a sugar stored in the blood as your body's main source of energy. The average blood sugar range is between 80 and 99. A normal fasting blood sugar is less than 100 mg/dL. If it is higher or lower, you may have diabetes. Prediabetes is fasting blood sugar of 100 to 125 mg/dL or an A1c of 5.7%-6.4%. You may have diabetes if your fasting blood sugar is 126 mg/dL or greater or your A1C level is 6.5% or higher -- and

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Community Calendar

November weather forecast: The Old Farmers Almanac calls for an average temperature of 55.5 degrees F (one degree below average for this time of year) and precipitation of three inches (one inch below average for this time of year).

NOVEMBER 10

Pre-registration for spring term at Co-Lin. Dow Young Building on Co-Lin campus.

Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) "Antique Road Show," a workshop led by ILR members who will bring old objects and talk about them. "Max," a movie about a trained service dog who finds a new life with the troubled teenage brother of his U.S. Marine best friend who is killed in Afghanistan, follows the workshop. Refreshments served. Thames Center on the Co-Lin campus. 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

"How Not to Be A Victim and Firearm Safety," a program led by Dustin Bairfield and sponsored by Widows Support Group. Jimmy Furlow Senior Citizen Center, Brookhaven. 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.

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.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary Post 2618 meet. \$5.00 for meal. VFW Hall on Industrial Park Road, Brookhaven. 5:30 p.m.

Wesson Board of Alderman meet. Old School Community Center. 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER 11

Wesson Attendance Center honors service veterans. Breakfast and special program with music and dramatic readings. Old Gymnasium at WAC. 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Diabetes Awareness Poker Walk sponsored by Co-Lin's Wolfpack Wellness Initiative. Oswalt Nature Trail on Co-Lin campus. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

NOVEMBER 12

Annual community Thanksgiving luncheon hosted by Co-Lin's Thames Conference Center and the college food service. Cost is \$15. Thames Conference Center. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Contact Marilyn Brown or

Tricia Russell to make reservations at 601-643-8701 or 601-643-8702.

Widows Support Group monthly meeting. Guest speaker is Dr. Anne Henderson. Jimmy Furlow Senior Citizen Center, Brookhaven. 5 p.m.

"Where Music Meets Art," a community holiday kick-off community celebration and benefit for the Co-Lin Blue Wave Show Band sponsored by the Wesson Chamber of Commerce and Co-Lin. Special guest Mississippi watercolor artist Wyatt Waters; musical entertainment provided by the Co-Lin Jazz Band, Sojourners and percussion, woodwind and brass ensembles; food prepared by Co-Lin Culinary Arts Program students; and a silent auction will be featured. Wesson Old School Community Center. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call Trustmark Bank of Wesson to check on availability of tickets priced at \$20 per person.

Taste of the Trust, a benefit fundraiser to support historical preservation and cultural events in Brookhaven, will feature sample foods of seventeen vendors, musical entertainment by Tyler Bridge and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 if purchased in advance and \$30 at the door. Old Towne Church, downtown Brookhaven. For tickets and information, contact Jason Snider at 601-695-8123, J. Allan's Tickets or any Trust member.

Wesson Lions Club meets. Conference Room at Co-Lin student cafeteria building. 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 13

Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) two-day trip to Mississippi Gulf Coast, including tour of White House Hotel at Biloxi and ship christening at Ingalls Shipbuilding. Departs Co-Lin Thames Center at 12 noon with return following lunch on November 14. Registration deadline with \$97 double occupancy fee was October 23.

NOVEMBER 14

Fall Quarter Festival, including Adams Call, 4 One Quarter and The Hoskins Family. Love offering will be taken. New Sight Baptist Church, 629 Forest Trail NE, Brookhaven. For information, call 601-833-2433 or 601-757-4441.

NOVEMBER 16

Beginner clogging classes for persons of all ages beyond age 5 are held every Monday night (November 23 & 30 and December 7). A small fee is charged each month. Brookhaven Recreation Department on

Highway 51. Call 601-833-3791 for information.

NOVEMBER 19

Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) workshop -- "Fundamentals with an iPad." Co-Lin Thames Center. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

50+ Club. Ron Evans, Veterans Representative for Copiah County, will speak. Anderson Building on the Co-Lin campus. 10:30 a.m.

American Legion Post #79 meets. American Legion Lodge on Main Street, Wesson. 6:30 p.m.

Ye Ole Madrigal Feast presented by Co-Lin Choral Department. \$25. Co-Lin Thames Center. 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 23

Co-Lin closes through November 27 for Thanksgiving holiday.

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

NOVEMBER 25

Wesson Attendance Center closes through November 27 for Thanksgiving holiday.

NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving.

NOVEMBER 29

Downtown Christmas decoration. Wesson Volunteer Fire Department puts up Christmas lights and decorations on the streets of the town

DECEMBER 1

Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) day trip to Mississippi College for the play *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Departs Co-Lin Thames Center at 4 p.m.

Wesson Board of Alderman meet. Old School Community Center. 6 p.m.

DECEMBER 3

50+ Club. Musical program presented by Denise Riley and Steve Russell, both teachers at Co-Lin. Anderson Building on the Co-Lin campus. 10:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 4

Annual Wesson downtown Christmas parade rolls at 4 p.m.

Email Community Calendar items to
bobarnold@wessonnews.com

Police Blotter

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During September, Wesson Police Department activity encompassed:

Response to:

- One disturbance
- Two incidents
- One house fire
- One burglar alarm call
- One vehicle burglary

Warrants Served:

- Three contempt of court

Citations & arrests:

- Seven speeding
- One no insurance
- One no tag
- Three driving with a suspended license
- One lack of child restraint
- One expired driver's license
- One open container

Arrests for:

- One possession of paraphernalia
- One public drunkenness, indecent exposure & failure to comply with a law enforcement officer

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.

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Playground equipment on the way to park

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The long-planned municipal park at the corner of Beech and Church Streets continued to move forward with approval of the purchase of playground equipment at a cost of \$49,000 by Wesson's Board of Aldermen.

The GameTime equipment produced by J.A. Dawson & Company (JADC), Pelham, Alabama, includes benches, swings and two gazebo-style mini-tower play structures -- one for children between five-years-old and twelve-years-old with a rock climber, tube and wilder slides and a rope bridge; and a second smaller, safer scaled down version for children between ages two-years-old and five-years-old. It will all be installed in a 68-foot-by-60-foot space. The equipment features engineered wood fiber safety surfacing.

The cost of the playground equipment package reflects a seasonal discount and does not include a \$16,000 quote for installation, which the Town is currently planning to do under the supervision of a JADC foreman,



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who will be paid on an hourly basis.

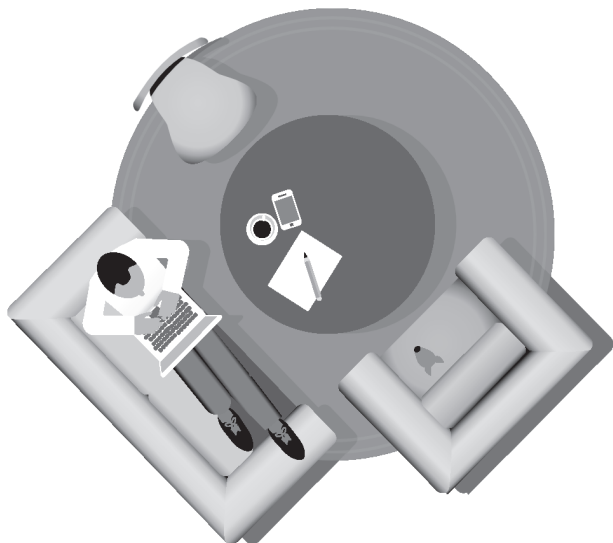
JADC will deliver the equipment before year-end after an eight week manufacturing process, and the target date for installation is early next year.

Earlier this year, Wesson Aldermen authorized purchase and installation of a 384-foot steel fence around the perimeter of the one and one-half acre property at a cost of approximately \$8,500 and construction and purchase of materials for a tubular steel-framed pavilion at the park site for another \$14,750.

The Town is funding development of the park through \$157,000 from a twenty-five per cent \$125,000 matching grant and fifty per cent \$115,000 matching grant from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP). Since the grants can be matched against each other, the park project requires no taxpayer money.

MDWFP awarded the grants to Wesson in late 2014 after several years of planning by local leaders. The park plans also call for a walk path, splash pool and veterans memorial.

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Restaurant award winners



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Will Varas (center), who grew up in Wesson, the son Jeff Varas and Kate Hampton, celebrates with his wife Kinsey (left), from San Angelo, Texas, who studied under Emeril Lagasse as a pastry chef; and Matt Owens of Stronghope, the son of June and Barry Owens, on the first place award for taste and texture received by CoNola Grill and Sushi, a Metairie, Louisiana, restaurant they opened last November. CoNola refers to their shared cooking experiences in New Orleans and Frisco, Colorado. Varas also brings southern flavors to the restaurant's eclectic menu from growing up in Wesson and expanded the sushi bar already in place. CoNola, located at 619 Pink Street in Metairie, features a relaxed and fun atmosphere and uses local produce as much as possible. Telephone 504-837-0005, or visit the CoNola Facebook page and website at conolagrillsushi.com.



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Colleges statewide adopt Co-Lin instructional model

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Mississippi's fifteen community colleges as a group are adopting a career and workforce education instructional model pioneered by Co-Lin in the state to help assure that high school dropouts, Graduate Education Diploma (GED) students, unemployed and under-employed adults and others with special learning needs complete training programs and are prepared to participate in the workforce.

Under U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grants, Co-Lin has provided Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST), an instructional model developed and perfected in the State of Washington, in its Division of Career, Technical and Workforce Education since 2012.

Mississippi's community college system as a whole is now planning to implement its unique version of I-BEST -- Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (MI-BEST). In September, administrators and training personnel from the state's

fifteen community colleges, including Co-Lin, met at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi to learn about the instructional model and to begin developing administrative structures and classroom plans for making it part of career and workforce education throughout Mississippi's community colleges. The State Workforce Investment Board in the Office of the Governor is encouraging development of MI-BEST and community college officials have included support for the program in a funding request presented to the Legislative Budget Committee. The colleges also expect to receive support for the program from the Kellogg Foundation.

Kenny Goza, who coordinates TAACCCT Round Four funding for Co-Lin's Diesel Technology Program, says the I-BEST instructional model responds to "lack of a skilled workforce."

"We offer I-BEST classes to any highly motivated, committed student who needs extra support in math, reading or language to succeed in our courses, but we target high school dropouts, GED students and unemployed and under-employed persons," Goza explains. If evaluation shows students

have basic skills deficiencies, they go into I-BEST classes. The classes have two instructors who team teach -- a specialist in the technical field of a student's choice and one who can help a student with basic academic skills as required. A navigator also works with students outside the classroom as a counselor, keeping in touch with them both while they are in school and when they go into the workplace."

The Washington State Board of Community & Technical Colleges (WSBCTC) introduced I-BEST in the 2004-05 school year to provide basic education and workforce training simultaneously for students lacking basic skills. Co-Lin incorporated the successful program into applications for TAACCCT grant funds it made as the Mississippi member of a consortium of community colleges also in Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana to upgrade equipment and support students. The TAACCCT program provides capacity-building grants to drive innovation and the development of model training programs at America's community colleges to prepare participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations and address the unique needs of unemployed or under-

employed adults.

As part of \$14.7 million in TAACCCT Round Two grants, Co-Lin received more than \$880,000 in 2012 for equipment upgrades and I-BEST instruction to support displaced and unemployed workers and GED students in Computer Networking, Precision Machining, Automation and Control and HVAC courses. Again in 2014, Co-Lin received \$2 million for its Diesel Technology program in Wesson and Natchez from \$10 million TAACCCT Round Four grant funds awarded to the southeastern consortium of colleges. As the funding ends through these grants, Co-Lin's I-BEST program will become part of MI-BEST.

Goza says Co-Lin's private industry partners are playing an important role in I-BEST, which he expects to continue in MI-BEST. "Funding, in general, primarily covers instructors, but not resources," he points out. "Our business partners fill that gap by donating facilities, equipment and tools for students to gain hands-on experience. In Natchez, for example, one of our partners is providing space and equipment on the company's premises for a Diesel Technology lab."

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Understanding how rich you are

By Guest Columnist Rev. Frank Newell

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord. (Psalm 134:1-2)



Thanksgiving is upon us once again! I can smell turkey in the air, rolls being browned, eggs being deviled, green beans being casseroleed and pies baking in the oven. This is the kickoff event for the holiday season, a celebration around the table filled with food, giving thanks for all the blessings we have received throughout our lives and the year.

From time to time, I have been asked: "Where are you most thankful, and

where will you share this thanks?" When I first heard this question, I was as confused as when Rodney Sessions, a wise man from my home church in Petal, would ask, "How are the rich people doing?" My first thought was "you tell me!" Then I began to understand what Rodney was really asking. He wanted to know if I knew where my blessings came from.

I love Thanksgiving for the celebration of blessings. How do you and your family and friends come together and celebrate a year's worth of love and grace you have received from God? Where do you recognize the moments of grace that God has



placed in your life? In other words, "How are the rich people living?" Do we only think about how blessed we really are one time a year? Do we really have to be around a table of food to understand we are blessed? Do we really know how rich we really are?

When we look at the world around us, not the world of social media or news television, but in our own world around us, we should be reminded how blessed we really are. We are all blessed with loving families, who may be of blood relation or not. We all have friends who accept us, warts and all. We are richly blessed in knowing that

whatever difficulties may come our way in life, we all have people there to love and support us. We may have to look real hard at times, but there are always people out there who love and support us.

In Wesson, we are some of the richest people around. Neighbors still look after neighbors. There is always someone there to lend a helping hand when you need it most. There is always somebody being that blessing from God at just the right moment. Every day, let us reflect on how blessed we are. And every day, let us remember that it's not money, fame, or power that makes us rich, but the love of family and friends.

Lift up your hands, and give thanks to the Lord for all your blessings!

Rev. Frank Newell is the pastor at Decell United Methodist Church in Wesson.

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Couple creates Halloween cemetery

By Bob Arnold

When Brian and Beth King visit a city or town, they make a stop that isn't normally on the itinerary of most people: the local cemetery. They aren't going there to pay respects to deceased relatives or friends or doing genealogical research. Rather, they make the stop to get ideas for the whimsical cemetery that they create in their front yard every year to commemorate Halloween.

Throughout October, travelers on Anderson Road, who stopped at the King home three miles from the Timberlane Road turnoff, made it part of their Halloween celebration, wandering through the small, but growing cemetery.

This year, the cemetery, which the Kings call "Silent Oaks," featured three jack-o'-lanterns singing "Zombie Jamboree," "Blue Moon," "Grim Grinning Ghost" and "Pirate;" brick columns recalling similar ones in front of the Disney World haunted mansion, tombstones over "graves" of movie characters or people like "Ben Sitar" or "Rick Amortis;" and a mausoleum in which a Gothic Bulgarian chant could be heard. A friendly ghost and skeleton mingled with visitors, as did the Kings, who

sat in the cemetery on most evenings to talk to anyone who was interested in learning about their unique display.

Their vision is a cemetery large enough to require a small drive-through -- "a few years off, to be

sure," they concede.

"We're trying to make it a family-friendly experience, spooky, but whimsical, and not scary," they explain. The Kings -- Beth, a former employee at Trustmark in Wesson,

and Brian, who is a machine operator at Dephi Packard in Brookhaven -- started Silent Oaks because they enjoy the Halloween holiday and wanted to build a display that would be unique among traditional Christmas, Easter, and fall displays that decorate yards throughout the area at various times of the year. Cemeteries at Vicksburg, Natchez, and Hattiesburg have provided inspiration.

Initially, the Kings used retail-purchased decor for their display, but "we took stock and thought we could do better. Most of it was cheesy and looked unreal. Last year, we started designing and creating the elements in the cemetery ourselves. It's a team effort. Beth does computer design and writes. We mostly use Styrofoam board, sometimes plywood. We transfer the computer designs to the boards. I do the cutting and painting."

The display is down now following Halloween, and the Kings are thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas. The day after Christmas, however, they will begin thinking about Halloween again.

"We'll start talking about next year's cemetery even before the New Year," the Kings say. "What graveyards we want to visit. What would make good additions."



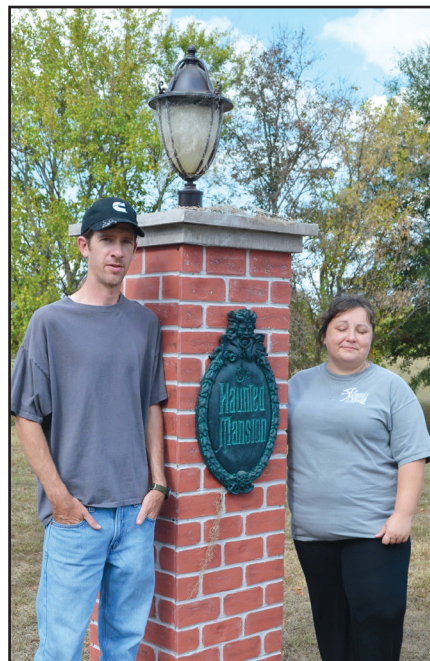
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In a mausoleum, a friendly skeleton pays respects.



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Three jack-o'-lanterns sing in the King cemetery.



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Brian and Beth King are creating a whimsical Halloween cemetery in their front yard. The brick columns made from Styrofoam recall ones in front of the haunted mansion at Disney World.

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Ancient blessing of animals celebrated

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In a small community-oriented worship service in the back yard of Decell Memorial United Methodist Church last month, a handful of Wesson residents and their animal friends participated in an eight centuries old traditional Christian blessing of animals that was supposedly originated by St. Francis of Assisi.

Thousands of churches worldwide celebrate the Blessing in October in connection with the feast day of St. Francis, October 4, when he died. Decell brings it to Wesson every year.

"The Blessing is a worship service held in recognition that God has created all things and that we are called to give thanks to God for the gifts of companionship and love expressed through our pets," says Rev. Frank Newell, Decell's pastor. "It is celebrated in connection with Francis of Assisi, a thirteenth century Christian known for his love of all of God's creatures. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the author of the hymn 'All Creatures of our God and King.'"

At the Decell service, Newell talked about St. Francis' special concern for nature and his understanding that the myriad of God's creations are all blessed in the "eyes" of the Creator. He also quoted scriptures in which God said "let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind" (Genesis 1)

and Jesus describes how God cares for birds of the air and clothes the grass of the field (Matthew 6).

Newell blessed four dogs -- Koko and Essa Mae, pets owned by Kenneth and Margaret Furr; and Hearts and Remy, brought by Rusty and Beth Adcock from Brookhaven Animal Rescue League, where they work as volunteers. "May you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," he said. "May you and your family enjoy life together and find joy with God who created you."

As the story goes, the first blessing of animals happened on one warm afternoon early in St. Francis' ministry near Assisi, when he was full of self-doubt and asking God if perhaps everything he had done until that point had been for the wrong reasons. He wondered if he should have simply married and raised a family as his father wanted him to do. While praying alone to God, Francis glimpsed some birds along the path. He paused and began to speak to them as if to equals. Soon, he began to "preach" to them about God's glories and all the reasons why both humans and birds should be grateful. According to tradition, that day also marks the beginning of the environmental movement, the beginning of the era when people started to understand themselves as intrinsically connected to all of creation.



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Rev. Frank Newell (right) blesses two dogs from Brookhaven Animal Rescue League (BARL) brought by BARL volunteers Rusty and Beth Adcock to a blessing of animals ceremony originated by St. Francis of Assisi in the Thirteenth Century.

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Area visual art recognized

By Guest Columnist Shaw Furlow

You may have noticed that I've changed my signature line at the end of my column from "support live music" to "support the arts" to be more inclusive. Art is more than music, to be sure, and our little corner of the planet is primed to become a real cultural center with theater, the visual arts, and other artistic expression growing along with music.

I am recognizing excellence in the visual arts this month, which the Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild (BRAG) promotes. It held its second annual art show/competition in October at the Lincoln County Library with an excellent display. I made three trips to enjoy the work as well as do research for this column. I highly recommend retirement, which allowed me to do this!

The BRAG competition had about 80 entries, ranging from works in pencil to oil to 3D.

In its juried competition, a judge evaluated the works and awarded first, second and third place in each category and a best in show from all the winners. The judge did not know the artists he judged. BRAG awarded ribbons and cash. As I understand it, there were many more entries this year than last. Those of you who are artists, whether beginners or advanced, should check out BRAG.

The BRAG competition proved yet again that I am no critic of the visual arts! Most of the works I really liked didn't make the cut, although I did pick the Best in Show.

Let's begin with photography, which seems like a skill we could all demonstrate. We all have a camera on our phones, and, when we see something we like, we can snap away and every now and then get a "keeper." There were



several great photos, but the winner was David Gullledge's "Brushes" -- simply, a jar holding used paint brushes. Yet the color jumped off the page.

Co-Lin art instructor Janet Campbell Smith won second and third place in the 3D category, while Ray Petitfils took first place with a sculpt entitled Winged Bowl, not a typical bowl by any means, with flowers painted on them. Very creative!

To me, water media seemed to be the most difficult form to master. Controlling the liquid paint as it runs wherever it wants to go looks like it would be difficult. However, I have always liked water colors. The top award went to Sue Calcote for her painting "Ginko Branch," "Janie's Downtown," which received an Honorable Mention ribbon, was my pick.

Works in other categories, including oil, pastel and acrylic, were all impressive. However, the winner of the Best in Show Ribbon went to a pencil drawing that looked like a photograph -- Prudence McGehee's drawing of the columns of Windsor Castle. While the ruins have been the backdrop of several works of art over the years, McGehee's detail in drawing the Corinthian Columns was unparalleled.

In the BRAG show, all the entrants were experienced. But BRAG and other institutions and groups in the area provide many other opportunities throughout the year for visual artists at all levels of experience to show their works. Take a few moments to look at the photos from the BRAG show accompanying this column. The artists shared their talents with us and deserve recognition for their excellence.

Next month, I will be reviewing upcoming holiday music programs. Churches and other organizations that want to be mentioned should email me at Shaw.Furlow@yahoo.com. Until then, support the arts.

Editor's Note: Shaw Furlow is director of the Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame.



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"Windsor Ruins," a drawing by Prudence McGehee, won Best in Show award.



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"Ginkgo Branch" by Sue Calcote won top award in Water Media.



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"Brushes" by David Gullledge won first place in Photography.



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Award winners in Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild competition were (left to right in front row) Nancy Hanks-Myers (Mixed Media second place and honorable mention), Kay Calcote (Drawings honorable mention and Pastels second place and honorable mention), Mona Giust (Acrylics second, third place and honorable mention), Ashley Jones (Drawings second place); (left to right in back row) Caroline Kluge (Oils third place), Pat Jacobs (3-D honorable mention), Janet Smith (Water Media honorable mention), Lisa Loth (Photography second place), Rhonda Rich (3-D honorable mention), Rosemary Leggett (Oils honorable mention), David Gullledge (Photography first place and honorable mention), Alan Creel (Photography honorable mention) and Ray Petitfils (3-D first place). Not pictured: Mary Blalock (Drawings third place), Prudence McGehee (Best of the Show and Water Media third place), Missy Wilson (Water Media second place), Sue Calcote (Water Media first place) Cherie Langston (Oils second place), Minda Smith (Oils first place), Maxine Minter (Oils honorable mention), Tracy Ferrell (Mixed Media third place and honorable mention), Janet Campbell Smith (3-D second and third place), Lavena McEwen (Photography third place), MacKenzie Ritchie (Water Media honorable mention), Maxine Minter (Pastels third place), Shelby Green (Pastels honorable mention and Acrylics honorable mention) and Kathy Nix (Acrylics first place)

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Wesson Attendance Center to honor veterans

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Wesson Attendance Center will honor more than fifty area men and women who both served and are currently serving in the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, Mississippi Army National Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Navy at a special Veterans Day program tomorrow. The program starts with a special breakfast for the veterans at which they have an opportunity to renew friendships and, in some, cases make new friends, while sharing their stories. After breakfast, the 600 children enrolled in WAC's kindergarten and elementary school programs greet each veteran and offer them their thanks for serving the country and helping to preserve its freedom. At a special assembly in WAC's Old Gym, students will honor the veterans in a program led by the high school Student Council, chorus, drama troupe and marching band with music, poetry, and dramatic readings.



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Paul Jackson & Sons of Brookhaven expects renovation work on Wesson City Hall to be complete before the end of the year. The \$298,000 job, funded by a \$450,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Mississippi Development Authority, includes complete exterior and interior repairs, alterations and upgrades that will make the government building on Spring Street accessible to persons with physical disabilities as prescribed by the Americans with Disabilities Act and asbestos removal and abatement as needed. The building's facade is being completely replaced. The Joseph Orr architectural firm based in Canton developed the renovation plans, and Jackson-based Sample & Associates is managing the project grant.

Church burns loan note. Following a successful fundraising drive helped by a *Wesson News* ad, Wesson First United Pentecostal Church burned the note for the \$23,000 loan balance on its property in a special ceremony after paying it off in full -- the last wish of its founding pastor Rev. Lloyd Thompson. Over the past year, Rev. James F. Nations has conducted the "Project Twenty Three Campaign," to raise the money and grant Thompson, who is suffering from terminal cancer, his wish. More than 200 persons attended the note-burning ceremony at the church, which is located on Sylvarena Road.

Data breach. A data breach reported by T-Mobile and Experian has affected at least 89,000 Mississippi residents. State Attorney General Jim Hood says persons who have received letters notifying them that their personal information may have been compromised or who applied for service or device financing at T-Mobile USA, Inc., from September 1, 2013, through September

16, 2015, should check their credit history and monitor their accounts. In September, Experian discovered that an unauthorized party accessed names, addresses, social security numbers, dates of birth and identification numbers (typically a driver's license number, military ID, or passport number) of more than fifteen million T-Mobile users and additional information T-Mobile employs in its credit assessment of them. Experian said the consumer credit database was not accessed in this incident and no payment card or banking information was obtained. Hood's office urged affected state residents to accept an Experian and T-Mobile offer of two years of credit monitoring and identity protection services at no cost and an Experian waiver of the cost of a credit freeze, which requires a consumer to be contacted when someone seeks a line of credit in his or her name. Visit www.ProtectMyID.com/SecurityIncident or call Experian at (866)-369-0422 for more information about its credit monitoring.

High performance recognized. Dr. Stephanie Duguid of Wesson has received the Co-Lin Howell C. Garner High Performance Award.

Duguid is the Assistant Dean for Academic Instruction and Chairperson of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Division division chairperson at the college.

Reed's CFO honored. *The Mississippi Business Journal* has honored Reed's Metals Chief Financial Officer Ed Crawford as a "Leader in Finance" for fiscal work that has set the pace for his company, providing a model of professionalism to his peers and going above and beyond the call of duty on the job. Crawford, who has served as Reed's Metals' CFO for five years, manages all financial aspects of its five manufacturing facilities and three service centers across the Southeastern United States and oversees the finances for several other investment/companies. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Volunteer Income Tax Assistant with the IRS. Crawford served as a Missile Control Launch Officer for the US Air Force and helps people in the community file taxes pro bono. He is married with four children and three grandchildren and fishes and hunts when he can find the time after family obligations and managing the finances for a multi-million dollar metal manufacturing corporation.

Scholarship recipients. Eleven Co-Lin nursing students have received a Boyne Foundation scholarship through the Co-Lin Foundation, which receives and manages gifts to benefit the college, its students and faculty. The \$1,800 scholarship for students in the health care field went to Gunner Ard and Rebekah Bullock, both of Monticello; Emily Blakeney of Terry, Erin Goldsmith, Mary Catherine Franklin, Kelli Rego and Melody Smith, all of Brookhaven; Alayna Hood and Jessica Jackson, both of Wesson; Dusti Rawls of Bogie Chitto, and Jamie Riley of Prentiss.



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Joel (Ric) Crockett (center), newly-elected Wesson Alderman-at-Large with his wife Annette, is sworn into office by Judge Vicki Ramsey (left) of the Copiah County Justice Court.

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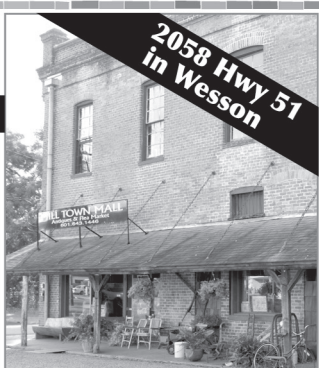
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at Trustmark Bank in Wesson. The Wesson Chamber of Commerce and Co-Lin Band Program are sponsoring the celebration, which will also include a silent auction, as a fundraiser to benefit and enhance the future activities of the Co-Lin Blue Wave Show Band.

Zion Hill Baptist Church will host the Wesson-Beauregard Community Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 22. Wesson Baptist Church, Decell Memorial United Methodist Church, Wesson, and Beauregard United Methodist Church started the collaborative event, held each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, in the 1980s. Zion Hill, which is joining the collaboration for the first time, will lead the service, with assistance from the pastors and lay leaders of the other churches. Combined choirs of the cooperating congregations will provide music, and a time of fellowship with light food and refreshments will follow the service. The community Thanksgiving service is hosted on a rotating basis by the participating congregations.

On Sunday, November 29, following the Thanksgiving holiday, the Wesson Volunteer Fire Department will unpack the town's stored Christmas decorations and lights and put them up in the

downtown area, transforming Wesson into an old town post card Christmas scene and set the stage for the annual Christmas parade and the arrival of Santa Claus on Friday, December 4.

With Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) letting its students out of school early on parade day, upwards of 1000 children and adults will line both sides of Highway 51 from the south stop light north to Wesson Baptist Church to welcome Santa with much fanfare, enjoy the Co-Lin Blue Wave Show Band and Wesson High School marching band and wave to dignitaries and special townspeople in cars and floats created by local organizations.

The parade, which rolls at 4 p.m., will feature football homecoming Queens and maidens from Co-Lin and Wesson High School, Wesson Baptist Pre-School and Precious Moments Day Care Center children, Co-Lin and Wesson High School cheerleading squads, Nena Smith dancers and Co-Lin Colettes, Wesson Attendance Center beauty and beau winners, local business leaders, and community service volunteers from Keep Copiah County Beautiful, the Wesson Chamber of Commerce, Wesson Volunteer Fire Department and Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts.

People in town for the parade who

want to linger and relish the Christmas spirit will find local restaurants and eateries, including the 51 Diner, Los Lobos and Porches, open as well as some local retailers where they can begin Christmas shopping. Santa may visit with children at the Wesson Fire House on Spring Street after the parade or wait until the following Friday (December 11) to hear their Christmas wishes and give them special gifts of candy and fruit. Check with the Volunteer Fire Department about Santa's schedule.

Following the parade, motorists may also want to travel through Wesson neighborhoods to see Christmas displays or even travel a few miles to see Santa's Way -- a spectacular synchronized light show created by David and Kelly Parks on the sides an eighth of a mile stretch of road that winds past their house, utility buildings, yard, and fields on their 43-acre property. The Kelly display features 256 channel and static lights, scenes of Santa and his elves and the nativity and accompanying Christmas music, which can be heard on car radios (106.3 FM) in the display area. It is located off Highway 547 in southwestern Copiah County near the Claiborne County border, 25 miles from Wesson, Hazlehurst, Brookhaven and Port Gibson, and runs from December 2-27 from dark to 9:30 p.m.

on weekdays (except Mondays and Tuesdays) and to 10 p.m. on weekends.

Among other upcoming holiday events around town:

- The Fall Quarter Festival on November 14 at New Sight Baptist Church in Brookhaven will feature Adams Call, 4 One Quarter and The Hoskins Family.

- Co-Lin's Choral Department will present Ye Ole Madrigal Feast at 6:30 p.m. on November 19 at the Thames Center. Tickets are \$25.

- Institute for Learning and Retirement is offering a trip to "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a play at Mississippi College, on December 1.

- Denise Riley and Steve Russell, teachers at Co-Lin, will provide a musical program for the 50+ Club at 10:30 a.m. on December 3.

- At Wesson Attendance Center, there will be Christmas programs for the elementary school on December 10 and grades seven to twelve on December 11.

Editor's Note: Wesson News will continue to report on area holiday events in its December issue. Send information to bobarnold@wessonnews.com.

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Scout Hut honors Alton Ricks

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A town-owned building on Church Street that houses the Wesson Boy Scouts program has a new name in honor of a long-time resident and distinguished member of the community.

At a special reception at the Old School Community Center, Wesson leaders, his friends and associates, and people whose lives he has influenced over the years celebrated with Alton Ricks in the designation of the building by the town Aldermen as the "Alton Ricks Boy Scout Hut."

A resolution on renaming the building, read at the reception by Alderman Michael King and subsequently passed unanimously at a meeting of the Aldermen, cited Ricks' "most influential position in the Town of Wesson" as "the past Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 125 for twenty-five years."

"While Scoutmaster, and in his current positions as Merit Badge Counselor and Troop Scoutmaster Emeritus, he has provided unparalleled leadership to and significantly impacted the achievements of thirty-six Eagle Scouts," the resolution declared. Many of those Eagle Scouts were on hand to

offer him their personal thanks for his contribution to their lives.

The resolution also spotlighted Rick's career in education and other

community service. It noted his "positive and long-lasting influence on thousands of students" as a teacher and coach at West Ridge, Arkansas,

and Bruce, Mississippi; teacher, coach, and Athletic Director at New Albany, Mississippi; and basketball coach, Athletic Director, Director of Student Activities and Dean of Students at Co-Lin. It commended his "willingness to support and assist residents in need" and "promoting a sense of charitable giving and caring in the community" as reflected by his 45-year membership in the Wesson Lions Club, including his service as president of the organization.

A graduate of Co-Lin, Delta State University, and the University of Mississippi, Ricks holds a Masters Degree in School Administration. He received the highest award for contributions to Scouting -- the Silver Beaver.

"Alton Ricks has proven his loyalty and dedication to Scouting and the Town of Wesson through his exemplary level of responsibility, his natural drive and enthusiasm, his ability to inspire respect and cooperation through his positive personality which allowed him to effortlessly accomplish any challenge -- traits that have helped him become a model member of the community," the resolution approved by the Aldermen concluded.



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Eagle Scouts, who Alton Ricks helped achieve the highest award in Scouting, celebrated with their coach and mentor: (front row, left to right) Brad Ishee, Rob McCreary, Lance Case, Ken McCreary; (back row, left to right) Russell Carlisle, Jimmy Kyzar, Tommy Ricks (Ricks' son), Ricks, Robin Ricks (Ricks' son), Richard Furr and Will Turnbo.

WESSON'S SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AWARDS

Wesson News, in partnership with the Wesson Chamber of Commerce and the Wesson Garden Club, is again pleased to present and sponsor the Spirit of Christmas Awards. Business and residential Christmas decorators will be recognized for distinctive and creative displays by Overall Best and Design Excellence Award yard signs.

The Wesson Garden Club will judge displays and select winners in the Wesson area, encompassing the corporate limits of the town and the Wesson School District. Wesson News will announce winners.

You do not have to officially enter the competition. To assure consideration of your display by the judges, however, complete the form below and mail to P.O. Box 1028, Wesson, MS 39191, or email bobarnold@wessonnews.com.

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