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Dear Wesson residents,

It is not often that I will take up space on the front page of the paper. But, when looking back over our first year, recognizing the contributions and efforts of our readers, advertisers and community as a whole in the creation of this paper, it seemed like front page news to me. Wesson has a hometown paper, and it is thanks to you! I sincerely appreciate your support, feedback, suggestions and ideas over this last year.

Our goal was to fill the void of not having a printed source for news exclusively about Wesson. At the direction of your suggestions, we have worked to demonstrate the greatness of our City by highlighting the achievements of her people, the accolades bestowed upon her institutions, the effectiveness of her organizations and the kindness and decency of her citizens. Through your continued trust and commitment, this goal is being accomplished; and, as we celebrate this milestone, we look forward to many more years of serving the City of Wesson.

Along with the entire staff of *Wesson News*, I would like to offer our sincerest thanks to our readers and advertisers for sharing in this endeavor. I would like to specifically ask our readers to continue to support our advertisers. *Wesson News* simply would not be possible without the commitment of our advertisers, many of whom have been with us since day one and signed up for the first year before ever seeing the first paper. They saw the need, and they stepped up. Please support them!

It has been a great first year. Our editor, Bob Arnold, and our designer, Bill Pitts, have been a dedicated team, rolling out issue after issue and working hard to support the Wesson community. Wesson is truly a special place, full of successes and possibilities. Continue to share your ideas and input with us. We are dependent upon them as we continue this effort. After all, this is your community, and this is your community newspaper.

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News Nuggets



The Town of Wesson presented public works employee supervisor **Joe Glasper** (left) a special plaque, which recognized his 26 years of service from 1988 to 2014.

The Workplace:

Wesson Police Department patrolman **Chad Harveston** (right) completed a 12 week training program at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer Training Academy at Pearl.



The Mississippi Bankers Association has recognized Trustmark's **Marilyn Britt** (left), Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of its Wesson branch, for her 40 years of service. Trustmark Hazlehurst Community Bank President said the Wesson native, former Co-Lin business student, and current president of the Wesson Chamber of Commerce was "a true asset to the organization," "very knowledgeable in the banking industry," and "a great example for her associates to follow."

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Class: The Wesson Police Department hosted a class conducted by the Mississippi Highway Patrol at the Old School Community Center that recertified ten officers from the Hazlehurst, Crystal Springs, and Wesson Police Departments, and Copiah County Sheriff's Office on use of the intoxilizer in DUI cases.

Co-Lin Foundation: Robbie Barnes of Magee, president and chief executive officer at PriorityOne Bank in Magee, has replaced **Tammy Torrey** of Meadville as president of the board of directors. **Larry Greer** of Madison and a Wesson native is vice president. **Ralph Anderson** from Gulfport and a Wesson native is secretary. **Charles Hart** of Wesson is treasurer.

Disaster assistance: Lincoln County farmers and ranchers can apply for emergency loans covering their production losses caused by June wind storms through the Lincoln-Franklin County Office of the Farm Service Agency.

Recognized: King's Daughters Med-

ical Center of Brookhaven for the second consecutive year received the Women's Choice Award for being voted one of America's Best Hospitals for Patient Experience by Women based on quality physician communications, responsiveness of nurses and support staff, cleanliness, and trusted referrals from other women.

Scholarships: The Co-Lin Foundation is accepting gifts for the new **John D. Tarver Memorial Scholarship fund**, which honors a 45-year-old Wesson businessman who died in an on-the-job accident this summer. The owner of Peak-Performance Heating and Air-Conditioning did not attend Co-Lin, but "was so proud of how his boys had excelled" there, his wife Lisa said. "Education and hard work was so important to him."

Scholarship recipients for studies at Co-Lin: John Hamilton of Wesson (John Matthew McClelland Memorial Scholarship). Douglas Strait of Hazlehurst (J. Edgar Simmons Jr. Scholarship awarded to a returning sophomore student who has demonstrated a desire

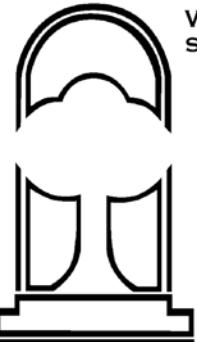
to excel in English or creative writing). Conner Lowery of Wesson (James Robert "Jim" Lowery Memorial Scholarship awarded annually to a Wesson High School graduate). Megan Berch of Wesson (Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship awarded to a graduate of Wesson Attendance Center who attends Co-Lin on the Wesson Campus). Elise Whittington of Wesson (Lee Will and Mary Loyce Berry Scholarship awarded to a student for leadership, academic achievement and financial need). Jason Alexander of Wesson (Wade Alexander Memorial Scholarship). Brittany Roberts of Wesson (J.M. Ewing Memorial Scholarship). Patrick Turner of Silver Creek (John William "Bill" McGuire Scholarship for returning sophomores residing in the Co-Lin district with a 3.0 grade point average). Jared Griffith of New Hebron (Doris Ball Green Music Scholarship). Kaylon Bennett of Brookhaven (Lester R "Randy" Furr Memorial Band Scholarship). Zach Booth of Magee (Jason Courts Memorial Scholarship). Daphene Williams of

Brookhaven (Luther Garrett Memorial Scholarship). Ryan Shirley of Wesson (James M. Lewis Scholarship). Quentin Munn (Michael G. Lusk Sr. Pre-Engineering Scholarship). Judy Hart of Brookhaven (Elbert and Eugenia Allen Career and Technical Scholarship).

University of Mississippi scholarship recipients from Co-Lin: Caroline Coleman of Meadville, Rustin Combs of Roxie, Daisey Martinez and Laura Speights of Wesson, and Erin Whittington of Hazlehurst (Lyceum Scholar Award covering tuition for two years); Taylor Beasley of Wesson, and Ashley Mezzanares and Dana Sartin of Brookhaven (Community College Leadership Scholarship).

The workplace: The Wesson Police Department (WPD) hired **Christy Williams** as a part-time officer. The Mississippi Economic Council (MEC) has added Brookhaven resident **Kenny Goza** to its staff as a Tech Master Project Manager. Goza, whose experience encompasses 40 years in various positions at Entergy Mississippi, will provide support for the Mississippi Scholars program.

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Aldermen focus on property maintenance problems

By Bob Arnold

Wesson's Board of Aldermen is initiating more disciplined enforcement of a town ordinance that encourages maintenance of residential properties.

Property owners who are not in compliance with the ordinance are now receiving notices, City Clerk Linda Dykes reports. In most cases, they have 30 days to correct problems on their properties. In some cases, property owners who have received past warnings were ordered to appear in municipal court, where they will face possible fines.

"The idea is to assure the ongoing special residential character that attracts people to Wesson," Mayor Alton Shaw says.

Over the years, a number of Wesson properties, many of them owned by people who live elsewhere, have become unsightly, and even unsafe, because of inadequate maintenance. Among the problems are illegal structures, accumulated debris, garbage piles, and overgrown vegetation.

Before the notices were sent to

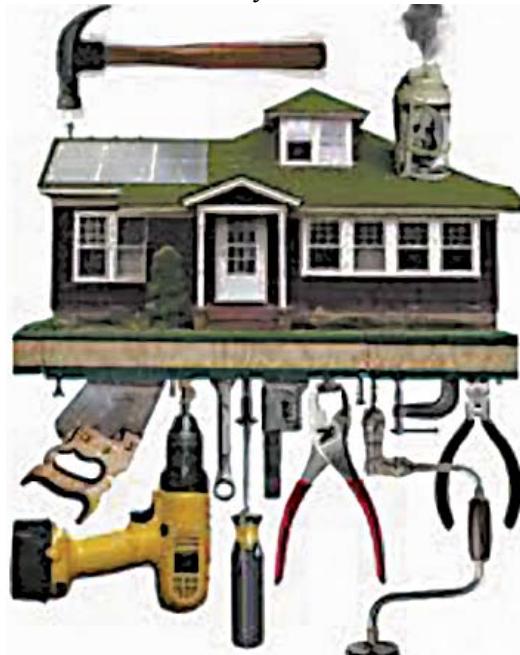
non-compliant property owners, Aldermen identified questionable properties in the areas they represent.

"We're not asking people to make their properties perfect so they can be covered in a home and garden magazine," Aldermen David (Mike) Douglas says. "Living on any property is going to mean temporary maintenance problems. We just want owners to fix problems as required both for their own benefit and the benefit of the community as a whole."

"When small towns ignore property maintenance problems that do not reflect the residential character of a community, the residential character of the community ultimately changes," Alderman Van Graham adds.

The ordinance covering residential property maintenance in Wesson is based on the model International Property Maintenance Code, which was originally published by the International Code Council (ICC) in 1998 and developed by representatives of Building Officials and Code Administrators International (BOCA), International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO),

and Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI) — the three statutory members of ICC.



ICC, which regularly updates the Code, says it is "founded on principles consistent with property maintenance that adequately protects public health, safety, and welfare; provisions that do not unnecessarily increase

construction costs; provisions that do not restrict the use of new materials, products or methods of construction; and provisions that do not give preferential treatment to particular types of classes of materials, products, or methods of construction." The code includes:

- Criteria for regulating the installation and maintenance of specific building components;
- Maintenance requirements for vacant structures and land;
- Regulations covering the safety, sanitation, and appearance of interior and exterior of structures, all exterior property areas, accessory structures, and vehicle storage;
- Requirements for swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, protective barriers, and gates;
- Minimum criteria for light and ventilation;
- Occupancy limitations;
- Requirements for plumbing facilities and fixtures, mechanical and electrical equipment, and fire safety.

For more information, call City Clerk Linda Dykes at 601-643-5221.

Wesson Chamber sets 2015 Founders Day for May 1

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Founders Day 2015 will be on May 1 and will once again celebrate and honor the history of Wesson.

"We want to build on the success of this year's Founders Day, which was the focal point of Wesson's Sesquicentennial," Chamber of Commerce President Marilyn Britt said.

The May 1 date for the event next year will avoid the conflicts with the Easter season and a festival in Vicksburg, which may have had a negative impact on participation this year.

The Chamber board reviewed the 2014 event and endorsed its basic format with a parade and events that recalled the history of Wesson, vendors and exhibit booths, entertainment, and a town party at the Old School community center that concluded festivities, Britt reported.

"As we did this year, the Chamber will ask local schools and key community organizations to plan the substance of Founders Day within the context of an agenda based on the 2014 event," she said. "By announcing the date early, we're inviting groups, which will participate in the 2015 Founders Day, to start visioning. Beginning in January, the Chamber will facilitate the planning process."

One new twist for 2015: the Chamber is suggesting that class reunion planners schedule their events at the Old School community center Founders Day town party. The chamber will provide tents on the grounds of the Old School or other appropriate space as required.

"Founders Day is about promoting Wesson by creating a nice day in town," Britt observed. "The idea of tying reunions into the event is to encourage people who left Wesson after their school days for work or other reasons to come back for the day."



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At the Founders Day Sesquicentennial event this year, contestants had three minutes to eat all the hotdogs they could. The 2015 Founders Day will include many of the same events that created the fun and excitement in April.

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Community Calendar

September weather forecast: *The Old Farmers Almanac* calls for an average temperature of 76 degrees (average at this time of year) and precipitation 3.5 inches (one inch below average).

SEPTEMBER 9

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary (Post #2618) meets the second Tuesday of each month. VFW Hall, Industrial Park Road, Brookhaven. 5:30 p.m. \$5.00 to cover cost of meal. Anyone who had their boots on the ground during U.S. armed warfare in other countries is eligible for VFW membership. Auxiliary members are female relatives of those who served.

Wesson High School Slowpitch Softball Cobras vs. Puckett. Wesson Attendance Center softball field. 5 p.m. Junior Varsity. 6 p.m. Varsity.

SEPTEMBER 11

Parade led by pre-school program children at Wesson Baptist Church and their parents in remembrance of events on September 11, 2001, when terrorist attackers hijacked commercial airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and a farm in Pennsylvania. Starts at Wesson Baptist Church, proceeds south on Highway 51 to the stop light, and returns to the church. 10 a.m.

Institute for Learning in Retirement luncheon. Speaker Dr. Jim Brewer to discuss the Clinton-based Mississippi Musician's Hall of Fame, which he founded. 10:30 a.m. Co-Lin Thames Conference Center Cost: \$8.00.

Co-Lin Football Wolves vs. Mississippi Delta. Co-Lin's Stone Stadium. 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16

Registration for free high school Graduate Equivalent Diploma (GED) preparation. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and show a current photo ID. Smith Hall, Room 102 on Wesson Co-Lin campus. Call 601-643-8655 for information.

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

SEPTEMBER 18

Fifty Plus Club luncheon. Speaker Denise Lafferty, RN, BSN, Chief of Memory Impairment Neurodegenerative Dementia (MIND) Research Center at the University Medical Center in Jackson, to discuss the work of her organization. Anderson Building on Co-Lin campus. 10:45 a.m.

Institute for Learning in Retirement free workshop and film. Sharon Langley will teach balance exercises and dance. *Philomena*, a film based on the book — *The Lost Child of Philomena Lee*, follows an Irishwoman's search for the son she had as a teenager and gave up because she was considered "a fallen woman." 12:30 p.m. Co-Lin Thames Conference Center.

Wesson High School Slowpitch Softball Cobras vs. Hazlehurst. Wesson Attendance Center softball field. 5 p.m. Junior Varsity. 6 p.m. Varsity.

SEPTEMBER 19

Pick up flowers purchased from Wesson Garden Club during its summer fundraiser. Pavilion of Wesson Public Library. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wesson High School Homecoming. The Football Cobras vs. North Pike. Wesson Attendance Center

football field 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 25

Institute for Learning in Retirement free workshop — Who is the Indian in Your Cupboard — led by David Higgs who will explore the nature of family history and genealogy, focusing on possible Native American ancestry of participants, what it means to be a Native American, and understandings of family, identity, and history. 1 p.m. Co-Lin Thames Conference Center. Co-Lin Football Wolves vs. East Central. Co-Lin's Stone Stadium. 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26

Institute for Learning in Retirement day trip to Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Station at Port Gibson. The trip includes lunch at The Old Country Store at Lorman and tour of the Rosswood Plantation, as well as tour of power plant. Bus departs Co-Lin Thames Conference Center at 9 a.m. Cost is \$23 (not including lunch).

SEPTEMBER 28

Wesson High School Slowpitch Softball Cobras vs. South Pike. Wesson Attendance Center softball field. 5 p.m. Junior Varsity. 6 p.m. Varsity.

SEPTEMBER 30

Wesson High School Slowpitch Softball Cobras vs. Crystal Springs. Wesson Attendance Center softball field. 5 p.m. Junior Varsity. 6 p.m. Varsity.

OCTOBER 1

Registration for participation in Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild (BRAG) Art Competition. \$10 entry fee. Vernon Room. Lincoln County Public Library, Brookhaven. 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Works in five categories — oil, acrylics, pastels, photography, and mixed media — will be displayed at the library through October and cash prizes awarded. For information, email Brookhavenregionalartguild@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 2

Institute for Learning in Retirement luncheon. Speaker Colonel Jason Alexander McDonald will discuss agri-tourism and his Brookhaven FiLoLi Tea Farm — a first of its kind Mississippi operation. 10:30 a.m. Co-Lin Anderson Food Service Lab. Cost: \$5.00.

OCTOBER 3

Wesson High School Football Cobras vs. Hazlehurst. Wesson Attendance Center football field. 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 7

Wesson Board of Aldermen meeting. City Hall. 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 9

Institute for Learning in Retirement workshop and film. The chef at Valley, the food service provider at the Co-Lin Thames Conference Center, will discuss and demonstrate preparation of food, which participants will sample. Cost: \$3.00. A free film, *Home From the Hill*, follows the workshop. Based on William Humphrey's novel with the same title, it explores the complicated relationships of a family. 10:30 a.m. Co-Lin Thames Conference Center.

Lions Club meeting. Conference room at Co-Lin student cafeteria building. 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 11

Co-Lin Homecoming. Football Wolves vs. Hinds Community College. Co-Lin's Stone Stadium. 3 p.m.

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Co-Lin, MUW team up in culinary arts program

Special to Wesson News

Culinary Arts Technology students at Co-Lin can now seamlessly transition into a four-year bachelor's degree program after completing their two-year associate degree program as a result of a new partnership the college has formed with Mississippi University for Women (MUW).

The Two Plus Two program could be a model for other "career-technical pathways," which traditionally end with an associate degree, said Jackie Martin, Co-Lin's Dean of Career, Technical and Workforce Education. "It is our hope that we can seek out more valuable opportunities like this for many of the other career technical programs."

On Co-Lin's Wesson and Natchez campuses, Culinary Arts Technology students acquire a solid foundation in the methods and science of cooking through exposure to classical, American, and international cuisine as well as the art of baking and pastries. The heart of the program is hands-on lab instruction in a commercial kitchen, which places special emphasis on culinary tools, equipment, techniques, and specialty ingredients.

At the 18-year-old MUW Culinary Arts Institute, students earn a bachelor's degree in technology and professional studies with a concentration in culinary arts -- one of the nation's first four-year baccalaureate degree



Photo by Chris Jenkins, Mississippi University for Women
 Mississippi University for Women President Dr. Jim Borsig (left) and Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles (right) sign the memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the Two Plus Two culinary arts program.

programs in culinary arts. In their studies, they can focus on food journalism, food art, entrepreneurship, nutrition and wellness, or Culinology, looking toward career options such as positions as executive chefs, small business owners, caterers, food stylists, and food photographers, among others.

At a ceremony in which he signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with MUW President Dr. Jim Borsig, Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles said the partnership "demonstrates

the commitment of both institutions to develop quality programs that focus on the success of students."

The MOA includes scholarship opportunities for Co-Lin culinary arts graduates who want to continue their education in the field at MUW, extension of the MUW "Guest Chefs" program with demonstrations by culinary experts to Co-Lin students and faculty, and marketing and professional development funding assistance for Co-Lin Culinary Arts instructors.

"Our goal is to provide educational opportuni-

ties that can allow students to earn stackable credentials to lead to career advancement," Nettles said. "We value this growing partnership with MUW and also appreciate professional development opportunities it will afford our culinary arts instructors to enhance the current program."

For information about Co-Lin's Culinary Arts Technology program, contact Sonya Sims at 601-643-8324 (Wesson Campus) or Esther Perryman at 601-446-1150 (Natchez Campus), or visit <http://careertraining.colin.edu/culinary>.

Police Blotter

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During August, the Wesson Police Department activity encompassed:

Eleven responses to:

- Eight general complaints
- One vandalism
- One petty larceny
- One death in home

Forty-three citations:

- Thirty-nine traffic offenses
- One open container violation
- One dog ordinance violation
- Two driving with suspended license

Five warrants issued or served:

- One failure to comply and resisting arrest
- Three contempt of court
- One vehicle pursuit

Nine arrests:

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- Three Driving Under the Influence (DUI)
- Two possession of marijuana
- One petty larceny

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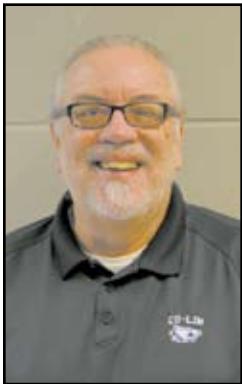
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Steve Lippia brings dinner theater to Wesson

By Guest Columnist R. Shaw Furlow

For more than thirty years, the Co-Lin Community Arts Series has brought a number of world class performers to the campus — the vocal ensemble Quink, the String Orchestra of New York, Ailey II Dance Troupe, Phillippe Bianconni and the Five Browns, among others. This year, we're taking a small step back. Attendance has slowly decreased, reflecting a national trend and challenge. The Co-Lin Fine Arts Division and the leadership of the college is reassessing the arts series this year and creating a business plan that looks at what we are doing, where we are, where we need to go, and how to get there.

But we aren't going away! It is too early to talk about a new direction, but world class performers will continue to be part of the culture here. Perhaps just a little different. On Friday, October 10, during homecoming week, for example, Steve Lippia and his swinging ten-piece orchestra will visit



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the Thames Center in dinner theater format with their Sinatra and Friends Show. Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Ticket price is \$45.00 per person.

Lippia, who performed at Co-Lin a few years ago, has become one of the most prominent, in-demand vocalists and has quickly established his place among the finest interpreters of "standards" and traditional pop music in the nation. His youthful, energetic talent and powerful show creates a perfect blend of "classic" with "today" and introduces a new generation to this timeless music, while appealing to long-time listeners.

Lippia and his band have travelled internationally, performing in sold out shows in Canada and in a European Jazz Festival Tour, which was televised on FINNISH TV2. He has headlined in all the major casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City as well as the renowned Birdland Jazz Club in New York and performed with the Cleveland Pops, the Boston Pops, and the Dallas, Louisiana and the Mississippi Symphony Orchestras. His band is unique because it plays the original big band charts written by Billy May, Nelson Riddle, Don Costa and Quincy Jones for Sinatra and his friends, according to Michael Brothers, Co-Lin's director of Percussion and

Lippia's drummer.

The Thames Center, located on the award winning Wolf Hollow Golf Course, will offer a cozy atmo-



sphere with delicious food for Lippia's Las Vegas-style show before a crowd anticipating Co-Lin's homecoming game the next day.

So we aren't going away. The arts are critical to who we are. In 100 years, are we going to be known as the people who walked the

earth with ear buds permanently attached? Will our culture be judged simply by the music we hear on the Internet or will we be known for fostering real art?

We are interested in what you have to say. If you have a favorite show you have seen in the past or have a good idea, forward it to me at shaw.furlow@colin.edu.

I have a slightly altered tag line this month: support the arts! Until next time...

Editor's Note: R. Shaw Furlow is Director of the Bands Program at Co-Lin and oversees the college's Community Arts Series. He is a regular contributor to Wesson News on the area arts scene.



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Summer readers explore science through books, demos and fun

At Wesson's Longie Dale Hamilton Library, children aged five to fifteen years old delved into the world of science in a summer program that encouraged them to pick up books and enjoy the benefits of reading.

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Morgan Philley (left), from the education staff at Jackson Zoo, teaches the summer readers about experiments by pitting a turtle against a snake in a speed test. The experiment proved the children right in guessing that the snake would escape the circle faster. The children focused on different aspects of science once a week over the month-long program.



Over the course of the four-week summer reading program, children demonstrated their love of reading. The library honored four of them (l to r): Melody Waltman (seven and eight year-old age group) for reading 50 books, Lexie and Allie Ryan (three and four year-old age group) for reading 22 books each, and Brendon Duguid (five and six year-old age group) for reading 34 books.



Ann Clark (right), clerk at Wesson library, shows summer reading program participants the results of another experiment — what happens to an egg that soaks in vinegar for a week. The vinegar, which is four per cent acetic acid, starts dissolving the calcium carbonate egg shell. The shell becomes clear and highly fragile.



Wesson Volunteer Fire Department turned on its hoses so summer reading program participants could have some water fun at their final week session. Before the fun started, they learned about fire safety from fire department personnel.

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Plan and stock up before disasters strike

By Guest Columnist
Dr. Stephanie Duguid

Be smart. Take part. Prepare. That is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) emergency preparedness motto. Hurricane season is the appropriate time to make sure we are prepared for any emergency or natural disaster — to make decisions before an event. It is much too late to decide how you will respond and acquire needed resources to survive when disaster strikes.

The two key components of disaster preparedness are:

- A plan, which you practice implementing with your family, then monitor and adjust.
- An emergency kit, which you re-check and restock.

Emergency plans consider:

- Who you will contact.
- How you and members of your



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family will evacuate, if necessary, from your home, workplace, or school.

- What to do if the disaster or emergency occurs during the commute to or from work or school.
- Where you will meet family members if you are separated.
- Alternate evacuation routes if roads or bridges are closed.
- Communication. During a large-scale emergency, remember that cell phone service may be limited, but texting may be available. All of your family members should have correct telephone numbers and know how to text.

Everyone in your family, including children, should be familiar with the emergency plan and practice it.

An emergency kit includes supplies you will need to survive for at least three days: At least one gallon of water per person per day (more for chil-



dren and those who are ill, who may need extra water, or if you live in a warm weather area such as Mississippi). Nonperishable foods that require no refrigeration, preparation, or cooking, and little or no water. A can opener and eating utensils. A first aid kit, including any prescription medications and eye glasses needed.

warm blankets, a complete change of clothes, garbage bags, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, books, games, puzzles, or other items to occupy children.

When you make an emergency kit, do not simply store it and forget about it. You will need to check it periodically and replace expired items or supplies you have used.

Monitor and adjust your plan, and modify your emergency kit as your circumstances change — a move or change in family status (birth of a child, additional family members moving in or out).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Stephanie Duguid, Assistant Dean of Academic Instruction and Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

Division Chair at Co-Lin, makes regular contributions to Wesson News on healthy living topics. 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 20 years. She is an avid reader and learner on health issues and encourages people to follow her example.

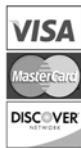


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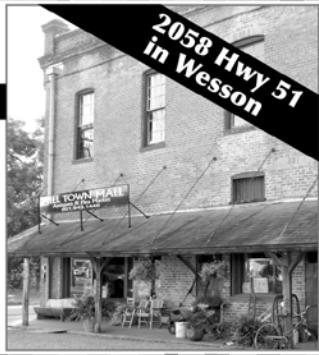
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Nena Smith School of Dance honors students



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Nena Smith School of Dance 2014 Hall of Fame award winners with their teachers are (left to right in front row) Katie Westbrook, Mary Beth Munn, Millie Fortenberry, Chris Davis, Elizabeth Shirley, Kylie Fink, Mardie Henning, Hannah Jackson, Allyson Barry, and (left to right in back row) administrative assistant and elementary teacher Tammy Caruthers and daughter Ann Carraway Caruthers, teacher Taylor Beasley with Ella Caruthers, high school co-principal teacher Taylor Crane Berry, teachers Alexis Phillips, Elizabeth Meese, Kaitlyn Rhoads, teacher-in-training Lindsay Alford, studio co-principal teacher Marsha Raiford, teachers-in-training Lacie Tarver, Kalyen Boyte, and Abigail Hynum, who also serves as Salt and Light Class captain, and studio owner and teacher Nena Smith. Hall of Famers are selected on the basis of attitude, attendance, talent, cooperation with teachers and dance classmates, and participation in extra dance activities.



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Nena Smith School of Dance 2014 Who's Who award winners with their teachers are (left to right in front row) Salt and Light Class captain and teacher-in-training Abigail Hynum; Best Workshop Worker, Fruit of The Spirit Class captain Shelbie Crane; Dancer of the Year, Senior Dance Class captain Elise Whittington; Most Talented, Taylor Fink; Miss Spirit of Dance, Rebekah Shirley; (left to right in middle row) Most Godly Example, Madison Williams; Most Dependable, Justice Orgeron; Most Improved, Brandi Tillman; Miss Speedy, Victoria Skinner; Best Showmanship, Andrea Sims; Miss Hustle, teacher-in-training Lacie Tarver; Best Dressed to Dance; (left to right in back row) studio owner and teacher Nena Smith, co-principal high school teacher Taylor Crane Berry, administrative assistant and elementary teacher Tammy Caruthers, teachers Taylor Beasley, Kaitlyn Rhoads, Elizabeth Meese, Alexis Phillips, studio co-principal teacher Marsha Raiford, and teachers-in-training Lindsey Alford and Kaylen Boyte. More than 80 girls in the seventh through twelfth grades competed for the Who's Who awards — the Nena Smith Dance School's highest recognition.

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Expectations high for Co-Lin football

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High expectations have become the new norm for Co-Lin football as head coach Glenn Davis enters his eleventh season after a 7-2 record in 2013 — the Wolfpack's fifth consecutive winning season, a run the likes of which haven't been seen in Wesson since the 1980s.

The Wolfpack finished 11th in the final national poll, but missed out on the playoffs after losing two south division games. Co-Lin had three players named National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American and had 12 players sign with Division I schools in 2013.

Roster turnover is a given with community college football, but Co-Lin is positioned to be a contender in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) due to the quality of their returning sophomores. The offensive returnees are led by sophomore quarterback Daniel Fitzwater. The Shreveport, Louisiana native will be one of the most sought

after community college quarterbacks in the country after passing for 2,684 yards and 19 touchdowns as a freshman.

Wesson's Koy McFarland and Cullen Greer has returned — McFarland at wide receiver and Greer to the offensive line, which was hit hard by graduation. The defensive bell-cow will be sophomore defensive tackle Demond Tucker, a Hazlehurst native who pulverized offensive lines as a freshman and was named the 2013 Spalding NJCAA Defensive Player of the Year. The group of newcomers will number over 30 and is loaded with linebackers and defensive backs, two crucial positions in the pass-happy MACJC.

The Wolves host five home games in 2014. Wolfpack home games are streamed live at www.colinathletics.com courtesy of the Co-Lin Electronics Technology Program and the Co-Lin Technology Department. All games are broadcast (audio only) on the athletic website at www.colinathletics.com and on the Co-Lin Radio Network WMJU 104.3 FM.

SPORTS SHORTS



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Playing for 2014 Co-Lin soccer teams from Copiah County are (left to right) Kenny Llamas of Hazlehurst, Calah Channell of Wesson, and Briyan Paiz of Crystal Springs.

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Co-Lin football scores: Ranked third nationally in the National Junior College Athletic Association poll, the Co-Lin Wolfpack defeated the nineteenth ranked Itawamba Indians 37-13 in its opening game and then lost to number one ranked East Mississippi 46-10.

Co-Lin soccer scores: Men. Wolves 3-Northwest Rangers 1; Holmes Bulldogs 2-Wolves 1; East Central Warriors 3-Wolves 1. Women. North-

west Rangers 5-Wolves 0; Holmes Bulldogs 7-Wolves 0; East Central Warriors 7-Wolves 0.

Wesson High School football scores: Following an impressive varsity scrimmage in which the Cobras whipped Bogue Chitto, 31-0, Wesson sustained a 59-6 loss at the hands of Lawrence County and bounced back to defeat Sumrall 27-26 and West Lauderdale 28-19.

Wesson High School slowpitch softball scores: Florence 9-Cobras 5; Lawrence County 10-Cobras 0.



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New business is celebrated



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Mayor Alton Shaw (right) and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening of a new full service motor vehicle repair business in Wesson at a ribbon-cutting with its owner and his family. From left to right: Chamber board members Brad Turner, Melissa Meredith, Jane Hulon; Founders Day Queen Alexis Britt; Chamber president Marilyn Britt; Patrick Ryan, owner of Ryan's Repair Shop, and his wife Kayla Ryan with their two children, Lexie and Allie; Chamber Ambassador Mack Smith; Chamber board member Janet Currie; and Shaw. Ryan, who is a 2005 graduate of Co-Lin, has worked the past seven years for Transocean Offshore, where he continues to serve as a Senior Sub Sea Engineer. Ryan's Repair Shop employs two persons.

Wildlife expo this weekend

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An array of vendors will offer wide-ranging outdoor products from taxidermy work, seed, and recreational vehicles to apparel and game calls at the 2014 Lincoln County Wildlife Expo this Friday and Saturday (Sep-

tember 12 and 13) at Lincoln Civic Center.

Bank of Brookhaven and Toyota of Brookhaven are sponsoring the event, which will also feature children's activities, a reptile museum, and Cook-Off competition. Hours are 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. to Saturday.

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Wesson Old School reunion celebrates institution's contribution



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Former students and teachers, who attended the Wesson Old School, along with children of staff members at the one-time elementary and high school and others, who joined them, celebrated the educational institution and its service to the town at a reunion in the building that housed it and now is a community center. Among those on hand were (left to right in front row) W.L. Smith, Maxine Howington Pickett, Margie Howington Fore, Joyce Simon Rials, Dottie Mercier, George Mercier, Charlotte Weeks Drane, Maudell Ashley Weeks, Bernice McCray Rice, Margie Kelly Smith; (left to right in second row) Kenneth Furr, Mary Ann Smith Jasper, Delores Peets Porter, Bonnie Stegall Galloway, Middi Twiner, Dan Twiner, Janet Barlow Kelly, Billy Kelly; (left to right in third row) Billy Gordon, Annette Gordon, Marie Hester Miller, Karen Weeks, Agnes Weeks Ratcliff, Barbara Bullock Ashley, Jimmy Keys, Donald Mack Owens, Marilyn Hutson Britt, Miriam Middleton Moyer, Joy Hutson Wesbrooks, Freddie Stegall, David Lynwood Teaster, Bobbie Barlow Kimble, Marcia Shehea Teaster, Sonya White Cowen; (left to right in fourth row) Carolyn Miller Graham, Joy Davis Patterson, Larry Barlow, Johnny Weeks, Buck Ratcliff, Sandra Cotton Upton, Thomas Ahrend, Linda Fortenberry Dykes, Larry Greer, Mike White, David Derrick, Edward Graham, Preston Harper, Carl Ray Keys, Herbert Kimble, and James L. Teaster. At the event, George Mercier was recognized as the oldest former student.

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