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## Women explore grace & grit to succeed

By Bob Arnold

A Co-Lin conference last month brought together more than one hundred women of all ages to inspire, educate and empower them towards achieving their goals where ever they are in life -- pursuing diplomas or degrees in school, rearing children as mothers, striving for success in careers or making contributions as volunteers.

Dr. Channing Wells, owner/optometrist of Wells Vision, LLC, and motivational speaker and writer Barbie Bassett, a meteorologist at Jackson's WLBT-TV, were featured speakers at the college's first Grit and Grace Women's Conference.

Wells talked about finding a purpose for her life after her husband, a deputy U.S. marshal, lost his life in a Baton Rouge shootout in 2014. She and her husband had bought property to build a dream house, had a child on the way and were



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Co-Lin President Jane Hulon welcomes Dr. Channing Wells (left) and Barbie Bassett (right) as guest speakers at college's first Grit and Grace Women's Conference.

plotting their careers together at the time. "I needed to find a new purpose at age 27," she said.

The child with whom she was pregnant provided her purpose. "I found out it was a boy and made up my mind to bring it in the world healthy and give him the life he deserved," she said. "I went back to work right away, resolved not to wallow in depression and suffer a miscarriage. I gave birth to Josey Wells, Jr., built the home for him that his father and I had planned, and then quit working for others and started my own business. I moved forward with a purpose."

Drawing on Biblical stories about immobilizing fear that affected Jesus' disciples following the beheading of John the Baptist and during the severe storm before Jesus walked on water, Bassett

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## WAC expects a decline in enrollment

By Bob Arnold

In line with public school enrollments expected throughout Mississippi, Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) anticipates a decline during the 2019-20 year.

"We expect about 960 students to enroll compared to upwards of a thousand in previous years," says WAC principal Marilyn Phillips. "It will affect the amount of state money we get to operate, but most other schools are facing the same enrollment declines and budget cuts. It's due to a reduced population of children in kindergarten and the lower elementary grades."

The lower enrollment will also

knock WAC athletic programs into regional competition below its level the past few years when bigger enrollments kicked it up the ladder to face larger schools.

The 2019-20 school year begins in Wesson on Monday, August 5. This month, WAC will register new students entering all grades. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, and Tuesday, July 30, parents and guardians of prospective students can register them in the high school library. These new students include those who have been home schooled or attended other schools.

"All students attending WAC must reside within its district or have been

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Dr. Barbara Roberson, assistant principal, Marilyn Phillips, principal, and Ronald Greer, high school principal, are planning the 2019-20 school year at Wesson Attendance Center.

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# Community Calendar

July weather forecast: *The Old Farmer's Almanac* calls for an average temperatures 80 degrees (one degree below average) with precipitation of 5.5 inches (one inch above average). July 9-15: A few t-storms, turning hot. July 16-22: Scattered t-storms, warm. July 23-26: Sunny, cool. July 27-31: T-storms, then sunny, cool.

## JULY 9

Summer Reading Program, framed by "Space: A Universe of Stories," continues on Tuesdays throughout July with speakers, who will inspire children four-years-old thru twelve-years-old to explore the journeys offered by reading and the resources of Wesson Public Library. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the library.

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 for meal. VFW Hall on Industrial Park Road, Brookhaven. 5:30 p.m.

Free genealogy class. Lincoln County Public Library. Downtown Brookhaven. 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

## JULY 11

Copiah County Master Gardeners meets. Mississippi State University Extension Office at Gallman. 5 p.m. business meeting.

American Legion John Edwards Post 12 meets. All members, veterans and their spouses are welcome. Jimmy Furlow Senior Citizens Center. 4 p.m. For information, call 601-835-8137.

NAMI 4Rivers family support group meets on the second Thursday of each month. Free, confidential and peer-led, the group includes caregivers and loved ones of individuals living with mental illness. Cannon Hall at First Episcopal Church, Brookhaven. 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Nineteenth Brookstock, Brookhaven's annual rock festival, begins with singer/songwriter night at Recess 101. Brookstock Too featuring young area musicians follows on July 12 at Haven Theater. The main event with performances by Brookhaven-nurtured musicians, many of whom now widely recognized, will be at the Brookhaven Building from 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

Wesson Lions Club meets. Co-Lin Student Cafeteria. 6 p.m. (Board). 6:30 p.m. (Membership).

## JULY 15

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

## JULY 16

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

## JULY 19

Veterans appreciation breakfast for local veterans and those on active duty. Free food, speaker, who will express appreciation for service of attendees with a Biblical message. Wesson Baptist Church fellowship hall. 8 a.m.

## JULY 20

Third annual community block party sponsored by Wesson Baptist Church. A time for fun and to appreciate God's love for the Wesson community. All are welcome for free hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks, music, waterside inflatable Wesson Municipal Park. 5 p.m.

## JULY 22

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

## JULY 25

Parents and guardians of prospective Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) students can register those who have been home-schooled or attended other schools. High school library at WAC. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Also on July 30.

Wesson Lions Club membership meeting. 6:30 p.m. Co-Lin Student Cafeteria.

## AUGUST 6

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

## CONTINUING

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

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Tuesday. Church of the Redeemer Episcopal, downtown Brookhaven. 6 p.m. Call 601-754-0213 for information.

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

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



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# New coach, all-staters & WAC schedules

By Bob Arnold

Dana Hale has joined Co-Lin as new head coach of the men and women's tennis teams and Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPR) Division Chair as well as an instructor.

Hale, a Tremont, Mississippi, na-



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Dana Hale

ive, is a graduate of Itawamba Community College, where she played basketball, softball and tennis. After ICC, Hale earned her bachelor's degree in coaching and sports administration at the University of Southern Mississippi and completed her master's degree in physical education at Mississippi State University.

Hale has worked in numerous roles in sports medicine and athletic training, with stints at St. Dominic Hospital and North Mississippi Medical Center and as an administrator at the Mississippi Department of Education. Hale has also been involved with Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball league as both a coach and player for over five years.

"I am very excited for this opportunity at Co-Lin," Hale said. "I'm looking forward to building on the success of our women's program after winning the MACJC State Championship this year and continuing the winning tradition of the men's program. With the

upgrades to the facilities on the horizon with the Back The Pack capital campaign and my excitement to hit the road recruiting, it is an exciting time for the program."

**Softball all-staters.** Following a 31-17 season that saw the Co-Lin softball team advance to the NJCAA Region XXIII semifinals, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges named four Lady Wolves All-State: Kayton Ward, a freshman

from Grant High School graduate who dominated the circle this season, starting 27 games and posting a 17-11 record with 169 innings pitched. Marley Poole, a first baseman and catcher from Loyd Star High School who batted .323 on the year with three home runs and five doubles. Callie Fortenber-

ry, a sophomore outfielder from New Hebron who hit .325 on the season with five doubles and two triples, drove in 11 runs and stole 22 bases. Katelyn Hayman, a freshman outfielder from Clinton who batted .356 with four home runs and drove in 22 runs. "



FOOTBALL	
<b>August</b> 23 Crystal Springs 30 at Sumrall <b>September</b> 6 Mize 13 Franklin County (Homecoming) 20 at Hazlehurst 27 at Lawrence County	<b>October</b> 4 at West Lincoln 11 Bogue Chitto 18 Amite County 25 at Loyd Star <b>November</b> 1 at Enterprise <i>All games played at 7 p.m.</i>

SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL			
<b>August</b> 13 Clinton 15 Florence 20 at Bogue Chitto 22 Brookhaven 27 at Florence 29 at Hazlehurst <b>September</b> 5 at Clinton (double header) 10 at Franklin County	 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 4:30 p.m.  5 p.m./6:30 p.m. 6 p.m.	<b>September</b> 12 Jefferson County (double header) 14 Brookhaven HS Tournament 17 Hazlehurst 19 at Crystal Springs 24 at Brookhaven 26 Franklin County 30 Bogue Chitto <b>October 1</b> 1 Crystal Springs	   5 p.m./6:30 p.m. TBA 6 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL			
<b>November</b> 14 West Marion 19 Franklin County 21 at Florence <b>December</b> 2 at Salem 3 at Jefferson County 6 Florence 7 St. Andrews 10 at Franklin County 13 at Richland 17 North Pike 20 at West Marion 27 & 28 Wesson Holiday Shootout	 7 p.m. (G) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B)  6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 3 p.m. (G) 4:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. & 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.	<b>January</b> 3 at Forest 7 at Bogue Chitto 10 at Amite County 14 West Lincoln 17 Loyd Star 21 at Enterprise 24 Bogue Chitto 28 Amite County 31 at West Lincoln <b>February</b> 4 at Loyd Star 7 Enterprise 11-14 District Tournament	 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) 6 p.m. (G) 7:30 p.m. (B) TBA *G - Girls *B - Boys

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## Police Blotter

### Special to Wesson News

**During June, Wesson Police Department activity encompassed:**

**Responses to:**

- One shoplifting
- One vehicle accident
- One request to assist an ambulance
- Two petit larcenies
- Five suspicious vehicles or persons
- Nine general complaints

**Arrests & citations for:**

- Three contempt of court
- 14 speeding
- One no insurance
- One no tag
- One expired tag
- One stop sign violation
- One no turn signal
- One petit larceny

A Wesson Police officer is on duty during school hours at Wesson Attendance Center every day. Wesson Police also conduct nightly business checks at the school. On school days, they facilitate traffic, with officers on duty between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

# Academics & service recognized



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Valedictorian Melody Ashley.



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Salutatorian Will McInnis.

### Special to Wesson News

Wesson High School (WHS) honored academic achievement and service during the 2019 school term at a special year-ending ceremony.

WHS recognized Melody Ashley and Will McInnis as its 2018-19 Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Melody Ashley received the Highest Senior Grade Point Average award. The Student Teacher Achievement Recognition Program named Rod STAR Teacher and Will McInnis STAR Student at WHS. Drew Hulon received the Senior Class President Award. WHS Hall of Fame inductees Melody Ashley, Jim (L.J.) Guess, Will McInnis and Elizabeth Shirley were introduced. McInnis was also recognized for scoring highest on ACT testing with a 34. Sam Carraway received the DAR Good Citizenship Award. Recognized with cords for completing the Teacher Academy two-year program were Latavia Doss, Matthew Holliday, Jasmine Barner, Destiny Vaughn, Nikki White, Hannah Wells, Madison Oster, Caily Keen and Paola Martinez. Hannah Wells received the Perfect Attendance award.

Academic achievement awards were presented to students for class performance in U.S. Government, Economics, Web Design, Spanish II, English IV, English Comp I, English Comp II, College Algebra, Essentials for College Math, Resource Management, Environmental Science, Ge-

netics, Physics, Zoology, Botany and Human A & P:

- Receiving plaques for highest averages in their classes were Elizabeth Shirley (U.S. Government, Economics), Katelynn Burns (Web Design, Family Dynamics), Shaylin Green (Spanish II, Human A&P), Melody Ashley (English Comp I, College Algebra, Physics), Will McInnis (English Comp II, Resource Management), Sebastian Garduno (Zoology), Jasmine Barner (Botany)

- Recognized as Outstanding Achievers were Melody Ashley (U.S. Government, Economics), Anna Carraway (U.S. Government, English Comp I, English Comp II, College Algebra, Human A&P), Shaylin Green (U.S. Government, College Algebra), Kierra Brown (Economics), Will McInnis (Economics, English Comp I, Family Dynamics, Physics), Savannah Madison (Web Design, English IV, Family Dynamics), Abby Kimble (Web Design, English IV, Botany), Jerinesha Edwards (English IV, Resource Management, Family Dynamics), AnnaElise Beasley (English Comp I), Elizabeth Shirley (English Comp II, College Algebra, Physics), Madison Oster (College Algebra, Essentials for College Math), Breanna Gladden (Essentials for College Math, Environmental Science), Jane Marchand (Essentials for College Math), Katelynn Burns (Resource Management), Alashyia Mims (Resource Management), Sam

Carraway (Environmental Science, Genetics), Alissa Coone (Genetics), Drew Hulon (Physics), Jasmine Barner (Zoology), Xan King (Zoology), Jake Papizan (Zoology, Botany) and Madison Boleware (Botany).

Academic Team Member awards were presented to Sam Carraway, Will McInnis, Caleb Cameron, Breanna Sullivan and Cody Meredith and Peyton Graham received the John Phillip Sousa Band Award.

Other awards recognized:

- Yearbook service. Senior members Melody Ashley, Anna Carraway, AnnaElise Beasley and Elizabeth Shirley. Co-editors Allie Runnels and Breanna Sullivan.

- Student Council service. Senior members Elizabeth Shirley and Jim (L.J.) Guess. Student Body President Drew Hulon.

- Robotics team participation (Bionic Cobra Award). Caleb Cameron.

- Reading Fair winners Katelynn Burns and Savannah.

- Beta Club service. Elizabeth Shirley (President), Kierra Brown (Vice President), Latavia Doss (Vice President of Membership), Sam Carraway (Secretary) and Drew Hulon (Historian/Reporter).

- Citizenship. Sam Carraway and Anna Carraway.

- Overall Service. Elizabeth Shirley and Drew Hulon.

- Character (Senior Cobra). Shaylin Green and Jim (L.J.) Guess.



# Aldermen, scammers, pets & awards

Special to Wesson News

**Aldermen act on sewage & water.** Wesson's Board of Aldermen has agreed to allow Beauregard to pump its sewage to Wesson for treatment. Beauregard received a grant to install a lift station for its sewage, but had no treatment system to handle it. Wesson will charge Beauregard \$8 per customer for the first 1,000 gallons it treats. At their June meeting, Wesson Aldermen also agreed to consider quotes on moving to a wireless system to control its water plant and wells, saving money on the current system controlled by telephone lines.

**Entergy scammers.** Entergy customers, beware! Scammers are going after money. Typically, they call, telling customers their electric bill payments are past due and their services will be disconnected if funds are not promptly transferred electronically -- via "Money Pak," "Green Dot" or another system. The scammers are also using spoofing technology that makes it appear on caller id that Entergy is calling. Entergy's Bill Howard advises consumers to never give private information to callers, report suspicious calls to 1-800-ENTERGY, transfer money to Entergy only through Bill-Matrix and download the Entergy smartphone app or register accounts on entergy.com to keep track of them.

**New scam law protections.** Beginning this month, Mississippi charitable organizations that pay telephone solicitors are covered by the Telephone Solicitation Act and will be subject to fines up to \$10,000 per violation for failure to register and/or calling consumers on the No Call List. The change in the law is designed to protect consumers from callers and texters who seek donations, claiming to represent a charity, but don't. The State Public Service Commission encourages people considering donations to charities to research the organizations to make sure they are legitimate and avoid giving out private information, i.e., credit card numbers over the phone.



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Co-Lin's Diesel Equipment Technology Program, coordinated by Steven Esch (above), won a first place National Career Pathways Network (NCPN) Career Pathways Partnership Excellence Award. It is based on employer engagement, curriculum, counseling and program outcomes, with emphasis on career guidance and advising, professional development for educators and employers, and the employer role in providing work-based learning opportunities for students. The college's program, offered on the Wesson and Natchez campuses, trains students over two years to maintain and repair a variety of industrial equipment -- agricultural tractors, commercial trucks and construction equipment. Instruction, including hands-on experience and cooperative learning, encompasses inspection, repair, and maintenance of engines; power trains, hydraulic systems and other components. The program, which boasts a 100 percent student completion rate and 98 percent job placement rate, has cultivated relationships with business and industry leaders in Southwest Mississippi over 50 years to ensure students are adequately prepared to enter the workforce as skilled employees. As partners with the college, companies like Empire Trucking, Puckett Machinery, Waters International Trucks Inc., and Wal-Mart Trucking have provided internship and employment opportunities and student scholarships. "We're honored that our Diesel Equipment program has been recognized for its work in building partnerships to benefit the college and our diesel students," said Brent Duguid, Co-Lin Dean of Career, Technical and Workforce Education. For more information on the Diesel Equipment Technology Program, visit [www.colin.edu](http://www.colin.edu)

**Seniors to get \$\$ aid for pets.** Pets for the Elderly Foundation has selected Brookhaven Animal Rescue League (BARL) as a shelter partner member and will pay a portion of the fee of senior citizens who adopt a companion dog or cat. Last year, BARL launched "Placing Animals with Seniors," allowing older person to adopt up to two animals -- \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats.

**KDMC among best work places.** Brookhaven-based King's Daughters Medical Center (KDMC) is one

of Modern Healthcare's 2019 Best Places to Work in Healthcare, which recognizes organizations that continuously strive to improve their work environments and increase employee engagement, satisfaction and retention through innovative work place change. Selection is based on an extensive employee survey.

**Scholarship accounts for disabled students.** For the 2019-20 school year, the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) will award Education Scholarship

Accounts (ESAs), which the Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act of 2015 established for parents of students with disabilities who want to remove them from a public school for educational services elsewhere. ESA recipients are eligible to be reimbursed up to \$6,765. ESAs will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis and priority will be given to families that have previously submitted an eligible application, but have not yet been awarded an ESA. For more information, visit [www.mdek12.org/OSE/ESA](http://www.mdek12.org/OSE/ESA) or call the MDE Office of Special Education at 601-359-3498.

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## Wesson Attendance Center expects decline in enrollment

released by their local school board and approved by the Copiah County School Board," Phillips says. "Otherwise, law requires students to attend school in the districts where they live.

"Residency means a student resides full time, days and nights throughout the week and on weekends, at a place of abode within the limits of the school district. Students must reside full time at the address used for registration. Further, students must live with a natural parent or have legal documentation on file with WAC that they are under the guardianship of someone."

To enroll for classes at WAC, four documents for each incoming student, who did not attend the school last year, must be provided:

- Birth certificate
- Social Security Card
- Original copy of Mississippi Immunization Form 121
- The final report card from the previous school

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

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

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

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## Women explore grace and grit to succeed

talked about the fear of situations and finding solutions to them that "stops us from moving forward in our lives." "Grace and grit have been given to you," she observed. "Don't let fear hold you back. The spirit of fear keeps you living in the past. Don't let the outside get inside you -- negativity, doubt and bad news. Surround yourself with people who build you up. Listen to what your heart is saying. Move into the future."

Bassett also pointed to stories in which Jesus said God uses the misfortunes of people to show his glory.

"Understand challenges as setups so God can show power and pray until you hear God," she advised. "Get excited about the challenges you face. Stop worrying. Walk, living in faith. Get to the place where you are only overwhelmed by what overwhelms God."

In introducing Wells and Bassett, Beverly Barnes, Co-Lin's academic counselor on the Simpson County campus, called grit "the passion to do something," "keeping on keeping on" and cited five keys to accessing the talent and skills in untapped potential: "pursuing your interests, surrounding yourself with persistent people, self-discipline, courage and taking care of your body, mind and spirit."

Dr. Brenda Orr, Dean of Co-Lin Community Programs and Director of

the college's Thames Cente at Wesson; and Tiffany Perryman, Director of Institutional Effectiveness at the college, organized the conference.

"The Thames Center is looking to sponsor more events that are open to the public," said Dr. Orr. "We are very excited that Grit and Grace is the first of such events. We chose to host a Women's Conference to highlight the end of Dr. Hulon's first year of presidency at the college and provide a forum for women in the community to come together and fellowship while enjoying dynamic speakers. Grit and Grace was chosen as the title because it defines women of our community. We admire successful women who are able to make tough decisions and overcome obstacles while maintaining graceful dispositions."

"This special conference was designed to help women develop themselves professionally and find fulfillment in everything they do," said Dr. Hulon. "There are absolutely no limits to what women can achieve, especially when they are equipped with the right tools, the right plan and the right attitude, and that's what this conference was all about. It provided the most inspiring professional women trainers you'll ever hear and opportunity to network with women who are facing similar life situations."

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# Painter keeps busy to change world

By Bob Arnold

In 1993, when Richard Dorris settled in an old two-story house on Sunset Road near Lake Lincoln, little did he suspect it would become a massive studio for painting and storage space for his work. Until 2011, folk around town knew Dorris as a physical therapist.

A Jackson native, Dorris didn't discover painting until he took a few art courses while studying to become a physical therapist in the late 1980s at the University of New Orleans, following a career in the Merchant Marines, working on steamships and applying his skills as an operating engineer to needs of buildings on land. Dorris lived in New Orleans from 1978 to 1990 and returned to the Jackson area, where he completed his preparation for physical therapy work and took a few more art courses at Mississippi College. From 1993 to 2011, he practiced physical therapy in Jackson, Brookhaven and Noxabee General Hospital at Macon, Mississippi.

Then in 2011, neck surgery left him disabled, unable to effectively use his hands, which were necessary in a physical therapy practice. "Art was a small hobby for which I had little time," he recalls. "I did some painting and sculpture and made some jewelry. But when I was left unable to do my work, I was fortunate to have a hobby to give me something to do." Dorris focused on painting for the "magic" and "joy" of turning a blank white canvas into things he never imagined when he started the creative process.

Since 2011, Dorris has painted largely for himself. He has not tried to sell his paintings, nor has he exhibited them until recently, encouraged by artists and art lovers. Brookhaven Regional Art Guild, in which he is an active member, displayed his paintings earlier this year at Lincoln County-Brookhaven Public Library. At his home, where he lives with his wife, Cynthia, he stores more than



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500 paintings he has created over the years -- some hanging on walls, most of them stacked like folding chairs leaning against each other.

More than pleasing himself today, Dorris says his goal now is "to do as many quality paintings as I can in the time I have and get them into places to provide joy and inspiration to others."

Dorris, who says he has been influenced by the late Leroy Neiman and his use of color, paints abstracts usually featuring a mix of vibrant colors with images or figures that "magically" emerge, provided by stencils, or created by an illustrator. "I can't draw," he explains. "So I hired an illustrator a few years ago to draw certain images and figures to my specifications that I wanted to highlight with color on the canvas."

Dorris works with oils, water col-

ors and acrylics and paints with brushes, spray paint and spray bottles. "When I am in painting mode, I meditate on a general direction or theme," he says. "In general, I paint in the mornings, but I'll work anytime. When something hits me, I will go to the canvas even late at night when I am in bed." He says he produces his best work when he lets go of his ego and "I allow the Great Spirit -- God -- to come out of me." Sometimes, he explains, that means violating what his mind is telling him to do. "When I don't try to get in the way, something special and beautiful comes out," he says. He has finished some paintings in fifteen minutes. Others take hours, days or weeks. Some paintings that he started years ago are still not done, he says.

"I try to paint especially for women, who are particularly sensitive,"

he says. "I want my paintings to be joyful, colorful and uplifting to make people feel better. I want individuals to interpret them for themselves -- and that may be different from my interpretations."

**Your hobby has obviously become your career. Do you do anything else?**

I enjoy spending time with my wife and I participate in the life of the Brookhaven United Methodist Church. Otherwise, my life is painting.

**Are you a reader?**

I have to be doing something. Of course, I read newspapers. But books are my wife's passion, not mine.

**How about movies and theater?**

I like old movies and appreciate good acting. My favorite actors are Anthony Hopkins, Alec Baldwin, Robert DeNiro, Al Pacino, Denzel Washington, Robert Duvall and Harrison Ford. The actresses I like are Meryl Streep, Bridgett Fonda, Jennifer Lopez, Jessica Lang, Sandra Bullock and Demi Moore.

**Are you a music fan?**

I haven't done it yet, but I want to pipe music into my studio when I am painting. REM. Tom Petit. The Rolling Stones. The Beatles. Music not only inspires painting. It comes into paintings.

**How would you spend your lottery winnings if you were so lucky?**

I believe the most high God helps humble servants. I would find people who need the money more than I do and donate it.

**How would you change the world?**

I am a Christian and I try to express my values through my paintings. I want them to be pure, simple, good and healthy. If I can create this kind of art and get them into places where they can help people, I can change the world.



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# New songwriters festival unveiled

By Guest Columnist Shaw Furlow

"It all begins with a song." Tricia Walker's students heard this time and time again during her tenure as director of The Delta Music Institute (DMI) at Delta State University (DSU) from



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which she is stepping down this month. Before returning to DMI and DSU, Walker pounded the streets in Nashville for twenty-six years, played the Grand Ole Opry with Connie Smith, teamed up with Paul Overstreet, wrote songs for Faith Hill and Alison Kraus among others and performed in a successful solo career. Walker promises "I'll still be writing, performing and promoting music," and the Grammy Award winning songwriter and Co-Lin Hall of Famer is coming to Brookhaven on August 3 as the headliner in the first Overbrook Songwriters Festival as she begins enjoying retirement and working on other projects.

The new Brookhaven event celebrates songwriters like Walker -- the person who sits down with a blank sheet of paper and an idea and bends words into phrases until, hopefully, a song emerges.

"It is clearly one of the most frustrating, yet rewarding things a person can do," says local songwriter Tony Norton, who will also participate in the festival.

Personally, I have been writing songs off and on since I was in junior high school, mostly bad, some even regrettable. For the last ten years, however, I have taken a slightly more serious approach, and have written some pretty good songs. I have recorded some on my album "Tonight Only," but most are just heard when I play a show or for friends. And that seems to be the case with so many



Tricia Walker

songwriters I've met in the last few years.

Unlike Walker, not everyone makes it to Nashville, L.A. or New York by fate or by design. My friend Tommy Ike Hailey, from Pontchulla, Louisiana, said it best: "Most of us just can't help ourselves. It's like we have this idea, and it just has to come out somehow." Hailey, who is very active in Louisiana songwriters circles, is also one of the artists playing the Overbrook Songwriters Festival. "I'm looking forward to this," he says. "A new festival is always fun."

Most of the artists performing in the festival are from places other than Southwest Mississippi. The festival is seeking to foster the local songwriters community by bringing in an array of songwriters whose styles vary and to establish our little

corner of the world as an arts hub.

The festival has five venues, with a couple of shows overlapping. All events are free with the exception of Walker's show at Recess 101, with an admission fee of only \$5.

In addition to Recess 101, the other festival venues are Magnolia Blues, Georgia Blue Bakery, Betty's Eat Shop and the new Downtown Music Academy (DMA).

At DMA, one of the more interesting events of the day will happen:

Academy owners Greg Smith and Tony Norton will host what promises to be a musical free-for-all with not only the festival artists, but anyone who wants to join in a songwriters circle.

No matter how many show up, everyone will get a chance to perform.

The Overbrook Festival is small by the standards of similar events, but

"baby steps" was the mantra I kept repeating to myself as I lined up the five venues and sixteen participating artists. By the way, each artist and venue I contacted, jumped at the chance to be a part of this new venture. Not only did the venue owners like the idea, but so did the many sponsors who contributed financially to the festival.

The schedule of events:

• **12 noon.** Betsy Berryhill and Sophie Smith at Georgia Blue Bakery

• **2 p.m.- 4 p.m.** Clayton Lee Rayborn, Tommy Ike Hailey and Gabriel Bass at Betty's Eat Shop

• **2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.** J.P. Dove, Daniel House and Charlie Hewitt at Magnolia Blues

• **5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.** Songwriters Jam (everyone invited) at Downtown Music Academy

• **7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** Tricia Walker at Recess 101

• **9 p.m.-11 p.m.** Cole Furlow, Jesse Coppenbarger, Reed Smith, Spencer Thomas and Cody Rogers at Betty's Eat Shop

I used to tell my Co-Lin Music Appreciation classes that, in order for there to be a concert, you must have these three elements: a composer, a performer and an audience. Consider this your personal invitation to complete the triangle because, without you, the Overbrook Festival isn't going to be successful. There are very talented songwriters, most of whom are probably unknown to you, but believe me, they are great. And bring your guitar to the Academy. Sing one of your songs. It's going to be a long day, but one to remember!

That's it this month, my friends. Support the Overbrook Songwriters Festival; you'll be glad you did.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: R. Shaw Furlow is a local composer, musician and arts promoter. He produces an internet-based video show -- From the Shadyside -- that spotlights area musical talent and is a consultant to school bands in the region.*



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# Water and calcium curb tomato disease



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By Guest Columnist Rebecca Bates

Blossom end rot is a troublesome disease familiar to most gardeners who have grown tomatoes. Symptoms may occur at any stage in development of the fruit, but most commonly, are first seen when the fruit is one-third to one-half full size.

As the name implies, symptoms appear only at the blossom end of the fruit. Initially, a small water soaked spot appears, then enlarges and darkens rapidly as the fruit develops.

This disease does not spread from plant to plant or from fruit to fruit. Since it is physiological in nature, fungicides and insecticides are useless as control measures. The occurrence of the disease is dependent on a number of environmental factors, especially those that affect the supply of water and calcium in the developing fruit.

Blossom end rot is especially prevalent when rapidly growing, succulent plants are exposed suddenly to a period of drought. When the roots fail to obtain sufficient water and calcium to be transported up to the rapidly developing fruit, they become rotted on their basal ends.

Control of blossom end rot is de-

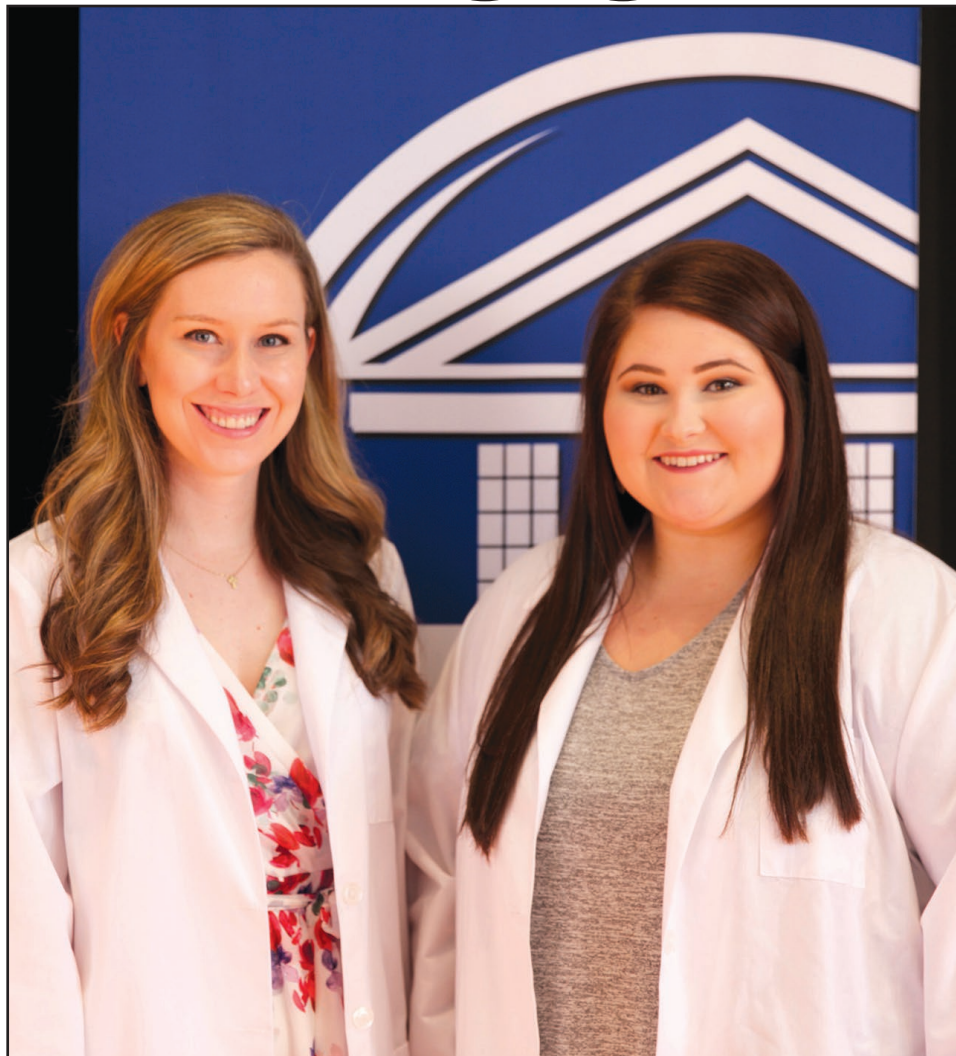
pendent upon maintaining adequate supplies of moisture and calcium to the developing fruit. Tomatoes should be planted in well drained, adequately aerated soils. Tomatoes planted early in cold soil are likely to develop blossom end rot on the first fruit. Planting when the soil is warm will alleviate the problem. Irrigation must be sufficient to maintain a steady even growth rate of the plants. Mulching is often helpful in maintaining adequate supplies of soil water in times of moisture stress.

Fertilizer low in nitrogen, but high in super-phosphate, such as 4-12-4 or 5-20-5, will do much to alleviate the problem of blossom end rot. In emergency situations, foliage can be sprayed with calcium chloride solutions. Calcium chloride can be phytotoxic if applied too frequently or in excessive amounts.

Foliar treatment is not a substitute for proper treatment of the soil. Maintain an adequate supply of moisture, mulch to conserve water and plant when our soils have warmed

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

# Nursing grads



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Graduating from Co-Lin's Associate Degree Nursing program from Copiah County are Jocelyn Duguid of Wesson (left) and Taylor Wright of Hazlehurst. Twenty-five students received graduation pins during ceremonies on the college's Wesson Campus.

# Parrett retires



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Brenda Parrett of Hazlehurst (center) is has retired from Co-Lin after serving as administrative assistant to four Co-Lin presidents, a career spanning 28 years. From left to right are past Co-Lin Presidents Dr. Ronnie Nettles and Dr. Billy Thames, Parrett, Dr. Howell Garner, past president; and current President Dr. Jane Hulon.

  
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## Events prepare teachers, students & parents

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In a variety of settings during August, Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) will offer advice, information and support to help teachers, students and parents alike successfully navigate the events and challenges they will face in the ten months of the 2019-20 school year.

**Teachers return** to WAC before students for a staff development program on Thursday and Friday, August 1 and 2 that will orient them to their working environment, review their job landscape and expectations and give them direction to perform well. Faculty and staff will get their ID badges starting at 8 a.m. on August 1.

From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on **Thursday, August 1**, parents and students can learn more about WAC: At an **open house**, students, parents and teachers will socialize informally and a Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) meeting will show parents how they can sustain their relationship with WAC throughout the school year.

Kindergarten and elementary school children and their parents will have an opportunity to **meet teachers**, make sure they have acquired the proper school supplies required for the classroom experience and talk the nature of studies over the coming year.

A special **orientation for incoming seventh graders** will cover the transition for both students and their parents in the move from elementary school to junior high and high school.

"The seventh grade orientation makes the big changes in junior high and high school easier," says WAC principal Marilyn Phillips. "Junior high school can be a shock for entering seventh graders. You store your books in lockers. You move from classroom to classroom when the bell rings to go to different teachers who specialize in particular subjects. It's very different from K-6. We work with students and parents. Parents can ask questions, meet the staff, and find way to better support their children in the transition."

**Meet the Cobras** on **Thursday, August 8**, will introduce students to WAC's athletic program at the Old Gym. Players and coaches will make presentations in a rally-like atmosphere.

WAC also publishes an annual 82-section handbook for students that informs and guides parents and teachers on elementary school and high school procedures and policies ranging from response to emergencies to counseling services and dress code to the grading system and truancy, among other subjects and issues. The entire handbook is accessible on the WAC web site: ([wac.ccsd.schoolfusion.us](http://wac.ccsd.schoolfusion.us)).

## Proof of vaccinations required

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All students enrolling for the first time at WAC must comply with Mississippi immunization requirements against communicable diseases and entering seventh graders must show proof of an adolescent whooping cough (pertussis) booster vaccination.

Current state entry immunization requirements encompass vaccinations that provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP)
- Polio (IPV)
- Hepatitis B
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (chickenpox)

Mississippi instituted the whooping cough booster (Tdap) vaccination

requirement in 2012-23 due to increasing concern about pertussis -- a highly contagious and life-threatening disease that adolescents can contract and easily transmit to younger children. Immunity to pertussis from early childhood vaccinations weakens over time.

The Mississippi State Department of Health also suggests consideration of vaccinations against meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus (HPV), and a varicella (chickenpox) booster as well for teenagers. Doctors, other health care providers, and county health departments provide vaccinations and complete the Form #121 Certificate of Immunization Compliance to present to schools.

## 2019 - 2020 WAC Calendar

### August

- 1** Pre-term teacher workdays start & continue through August 2, with focus on staff development.  
Faculty & staff get id badges. 8 a.m.  
Meet the Teacher for elementary school teachers, Seventh Grade Orientation, Open House/PTO Meeting. 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
- 5** First school day for students
- 8** Meet the Cobras. Old gym. 6:30 p.m.
- 12** Deadline for returning signed handbook forms to office  
Beta Club initiation ceremonies (TBD)  
Kindergarten universal screener starts (TBD)

### September

- 2** Labor Day holiday
- 3** Ring presentation to juniors
- 4** Photography for school pictures starts & continues on September 5
- 5** First Nine-Week Progress Reports
- 10** Juniors order rings
- 13** Homecoming

### October

- 2** Nine Week Tests begin & continue on October 3 & 4
- 3** Makeup day for school photos
- 5** Elementary Beauty/Beau Pageant
- 7** Fall break starts & continues on October 8
- 10** Presentation of graduation invitations to seniors
- 11** Report cards.
- 17** Seniors order graduation invitations
- 24** Red Ribbon Week Festival. 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 26** High School Beauty/Beau Pageant  
Who's Who pictures (TBD)

### November

- 7** Second Nine-Weeks Progress Reports
- 8** Veterans Day program.
- 25** Thanksgiving holiday break starts & continues through November 29  
College Fair (TBD)  
Book Fair (TBD)

### December

- 6** Wesson Christmas Parade. Classes dismissed at 2:20 p.m.
- 18** Nine-week tests start & continue on December 19 & 20

### 23 Christmas holidays begin

### January

- 6** Second semester begins.
- 20** Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- 21** Parents pick up report cards. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Student holiday.

### February

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

### March

- 4** Nine-week tests start & continue on March 5 & 6
- 9** Spring Break starts & continues through March 13
- 18** School resumes
- 21** Spring pictures
- 20** Report cards  
Statewide ACT testing for eleventh grade students (TBD)

### April

- 9** First Priority & Beta Club Assembly
- 10** Prom (tentative)  
Easter Holiday continuing through April 13  
Weather Day
- 16** Progress Reports for fourth nine-weeks
- 30** Vespers rehearsal at WAC

### May

- 1** Vespers rehearsal starts at Co-Lin
- 3** Vespers. 7 p.m.
- 7** National Day of Prayer
- 19** Nine-week tests start & continue on May 20 & 21
- 22** Graduation at Co-Lin. 7 p.m.
- 25** Memorial Day
- 22** Teacher work days continuing on May 26 & 27  
Elementary Awards program. Grades 2-3. 9 a.m. Grades 4-6. 12:30 p.m. (TBD)  
Senior Awards Night (TBD)  
Junior High & Senior High School Awards (TBD)  
Kindergarten Awards program (TBD)



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# Beating the high summer heat

By Guest Columnist  
Dr. Stephanie Duguid

When the temperature goes up, a multitude of problems can, and do, arise. Anyone can develop heat illnesses, which can develop into life-threatening conditions.



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The human body is always working to keep the body temperature at 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. The natural process that helps cool the body down when we get hot is sweating. When you sweat, you lose vital water and electrolytes that assist with natural body processes as well as muscle contraction.

When you become dehydrated (lose too many fluids without replenishing them), your body can experience **heat cramps**, or painful muscle spasms that happen suddenly. Typically these muscle cramps affect the back of the leg or abdomen. The treatment for this condition is to rest in a cool

place, drink a commercial sports drink (diluted with water for faster absorption), and stretching out the muscle.

Continued and prolonged dehydration and physical exertion can lead to **heat exhaustion**. When you are in a hot environment, your body creates heat faster than it can lose it through profuse sweating. Now you may be experiencing severe thirst, fatigue, headache, nausea, or vomiting. Some even feel they have flu-like symptoms. Get the person out of the heat, give cool liquids, place cool wet towels on the side of the chest, neck, armpits, and groin area to bring down the body temperature as quickly as you can.

The most severe type of heat illness is **heat stroke** -- a life-threatening condition which typically affects elderly, chronically ill, alcoholic, and obese individuals, and has a 50% death rate. Under normal conditions, the body uses sweat to release the heat and reduce its temperature down. During heat stroke, the body is so dehydrated that the sweating stops and the skin becomes hot, and maybe even

dry. Many suffering heat stroke seem confused, agitated, or disoriented and can become unresponsive. **This is a life-threatening emergency.** Get this person to a cool place, keep the head and shoulders elevated and cool the person down as soon as possible. Use ice, cool water, and towels on the neck, chest, armpits and groin around the large vessel areas. You may even need to place the victim in a cool water bath. It is essential to get medical attention.

To beat summer heat:

- **Stay hydrated** (if you are thirsty, you are dehydrated!)
- **Stay cool** (try to stay in the shade or work during cooler times of the day).
- **Stay safe** (always let someone know where you are and what you are doing!)
- **When in doubt about the way someone is feeling or behaving, call 911.**

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Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
<b>Mild dehydration</b>	<b>Severe dehydration</b>
<b>Core temperature: 100.4F degrees to 104F degrees (38C degrees to 40C degrees)</b>	<b>Core temperature: 104F degrees (40C degrees)</b>
<b>Profuse sweating</b>	<b>Flushed with hot, dry skin</b>
<b>Thirst, nausea, vomiting, confusion, headache</b>	<b>Dizziness, vertigo, syncope, confusion, delirium, ataxia</b>
<b>Feels faint or has collapsed</b>	<b>May be unconscious. Shock.</b>

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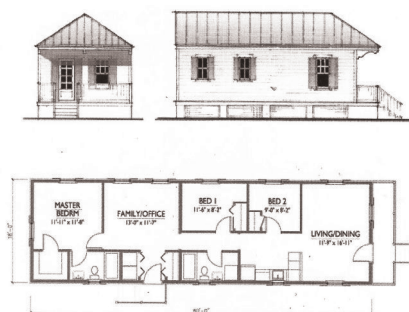
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## Wesson Attendace Center Required tools & supplies

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

#### **Kindergarten:**

- Box of Kleenex
- Fiskar blunt-tip scissors
- 3 rolls of paper towels
- 2 boxes of eight Crayola crayons (no jumbo)
- 4 boxes of twenty-four Crayola crayons (no jumbo)
- 1 box of Crayola Washable Markers
- 2 two-pocket plastic folders with brads
- 2 Elmers school glue bottles
- 2 Germ-X hand sanitizers
- Foaming hand soap
- 24 non-decorative wood pencils (Ticonderoga recommended),
- 4 glue stick four-packs
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 small party favors pack for prize box
- 1 four-pack of Play-Doh
- 1 heavy duty leather or canvas zipper bag (no boxes)
- 1 backpack (large enough for folder and extra clothing)
- 1 box of gallon freezer bags
- 1 box of Ziploc freezer bags
- Change of clothes in a gallon Ziploc with name on it (shirt, pants, underwear, socks) to be kept in backpack
- 1 book bag (large enough for folder & extra clothing)

#### **First Grade:**

- 1 5/8-inch wide tablet with at least eight lines per page
- Zippered bank bag (not plastic)
- 6 boxes of twenty-four Crayola crayons (no jumbo)
- Children's Fiskar scissors
- 16 glue sticks, Elmers Glue bottle,
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Mead Primary Journal (blank at top, lined at bottom)
- 1 wide-ruled spiral notebook
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 2 plastic folders with pockets
- 2 packs of pencil top erasers & two hand-held erasers
- 4 packs non-mechanical #2 pencils
- 1 container of Germ-X
- 4 rolls of paper towels

#### **Second Grade:**

- 4 packages of wooden pencils (not Dixon, decorative or mechanical)
- 8 glue sticks
- 1 package of wide-rule loose leaf paper
- 3 large boxes of Kleenex tissue
- 1 packages of four dry erase markers
- 2 packages of pencil-top erasers
- 3 one-subject wide-rule notebooks
- 3 packages of 24 crayons
- 1 pair of scissors
- 5 plastic pocket folders
- 1 Clorox wipes
- 1 package of Manilla paper
- 1 zippered bank bag
- 1 bottle Germ-X
- 1 package of construction paper
- 1 box of quart Ziploc bags for girls
- 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags for boys
- 1 package of post-it notes

#### **Third Grade:**

- 3 boxes of crayons
- Hand sanitizer
- 4 packs of cap erasers
- 3 glue sticks
- 2 packages of wide-ruled notebook pager
- 3 boxes of Kleenex tissues

- 6 packages of 24 wooden pencils (not Dixon or decorative/no trapper keepers of mechanical pencils)
- 4 wireless black & white wide-ruled composition notebooks
- MAP colored pencils
- Scissors
- 2 packages of disinfecting wipes or 1 large one
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- Black dry erase markers
- Highlighters
- Pouch of crayons
- 3 plastic pocket folders without prongs
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- Manila paper & gallon Ziploc bags for girls
- Construction paper & quart Ziploc bags for boys

#### **Fourth Grade:**

- 1 pack of 24 non-decorative U.S.A. Gold or Ticonderoga wooden pencils (no Dixon)
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- 18 x 12 sketch pad
- 4 tennis balls for student desk
- 2 plastic pocket folders without prongs (do not fill with paper)
- 2 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 USB jump drive
- 3 packs of cap erasers
- 1 pack of pen style highlighters
- 1 pack of wide-rule loose leaf notebook paper
- 1 wide-rule spiral notebook for Science & Social Studies
- 2 non-spiral composition notebook for reading & language arts
- 4 boxes of 100 or more Kleenex tissues
- 1 eight-pack of Crayola markers
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 large bottle of Germ-X
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 box of quart Ziploc bags for girls
- 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags for boys

#### **Fifth Grade:**

- 4 large packs of mechanical pencils
- Replacement lead for mechanical pencils
- 1 box of twenty-four Crayola crayons
- 2 red ballpoint pens
- 1 box of coloring pencils & sharpener
- 2 highlighters
- 2 pink pearl block erasers
- Three-ring sturdy pencil pouch with zipper'
- 1-1/2-inch binder
- Five binder dividers labeled (1) Science (2) Language Arts (3) Reading (4) Math & (5) Scratch Paper
- 5 packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 package of dry erase markers
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 3 boxes of facial tissue
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 sturdy plastic folder with pockets, no prongs (no paper folders)
- USB jump drive
- 4 tennis balls for student desks

#### **Sixth grade:**

- 4 packs of #2 mechanical pencils
- Replacement lead for mechanical pencils
- 1 pack of pink block erasers (at least two per pack)
- 2 one-inch heavy duty binders
- Three-hole binder pouch
- 1 plastic pocket folder without prongs (any color)
- 1 red plastic pocket folder without prongs
- 2 packages of reinforced loose leaf paper or loose leaf paper & reinforcers
- 1 set of eight plastic dividers
- 4 highlighters (different colors)
- 1 package of colored markers
- 3 boxes of tissues
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 2 containers of disinfectant wipes
- 1 30-ounce bottle of hand sanitizer
- 2 small non-scientific hand-held calculators
- 1 portable memory drive (jump drive) for saving computer work



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# Students get \$590,750 in scholarships

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Wesson High School students have received scholarships valued at an estimated \$590,750 to pursue their educations at the college level. Kierra Brown received the \$48,000 Hagen and \$1,000 Rogel Ford Scholarships; Latavia Doss, the \$4,000 Minister's Alliance Scholarship; and Will McInnis, the District 7 \$1,500 Lindy Callahan Scholar Athlete scholarship. Other scholarship recipients were:

• **Wesson Lions Club \$500 Scholarships:** Sam Carraway, Seth Cone (Jimmy Hodges Memorial Scholarship), Madison Oster (James M. Lewis Scholarship).

• **University Scholarships:** Will McInnis for Mississippi State; Pey-

ton Graham, Colton Newman, Kierra Brown and Elizabeth Shirley for the University of Mississippi; Jasmine Barner for the University of Southern Mississippi; Jane Marchand for Millsaps College; Anna Carraway for Mississippi College; Thomas E. Ricks for Brigham Young University; and Shaylin Green for Idaho.

• **State Representative District 76 Gregory Holloway Scholarship:** Cade Lowery,

• **Junior Auxillary Crystal Springs Ann Gullledge Scholarship:** Latavia Doss.

• **Phi Beta Sigma Scholarship:** Malik Clay.

• **Eagle Scouts Scholarship:** Sam Carraway, Seth Cone and Colton Newman.

• **Jim Lowery Memorial Scholarship:** Cade Lowery.

• **Co-Lin Scholarships:** Slay Acy (ACT & Endowment), J.D. Allen (Basketball & Endowment), AnnaElise Beasley (Academic & Endowment), Madison Boleware (ACT), Hannah Burgess (ACT), Katelynn Burns (ACT & Endowment), Caleb Cameron (Band & Endowment), Sam Carraway (ACT), Seth Cone (ACT, Leadership & Endowment), Latavia Doss (ACT), Derek Freeman (ACT), Nekevia Frye (ACT & Endowment), Sebastian Garduno (ACT), L.J. Guess (ACT & Endowment), JaQuavion Harris (ACT & Endowment), Matthew Holliday (ACT), Drew Hulon (ACT, Leadership & Endowment),

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Melody Ashley and Will McInnis were nominees for the **Wendy Heisman Scholarship**, and Shaylin Green was nominated by WHS for a **Lindy Callahan Scholar Award scholarship**.

## Three to join Wesson Attendance Center faculty

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Three new teachers are joining the WAC faculty in the 2019-20 school year.

Following the departure of Band Director Susie Phillips due to family considerations, Nolan R. Jones is coming on board to replace her, with Cody Spurlock as assistant band director. Bethany Martin will teach eighth grade math.

Jones, most recently, directed the bands program at Jackson's Hillcrest Christian School, where he had responsibility for the beginners, middle school and high school bands. His background also includes work as instructor and caption head for the Music City Drum and Bugle Corps at Nashville, Tennessee, and as a teacher and instructor at Lexington (Kentucky) Christian Academy, where he specialized in technology-based classes; and at Private Trumpet Studio in Frankfort, Kentucky. Jones is a certified music educator in secondary instrumental music and

currently resides in Flowood, Mississippi.

Spurlock comes to WAC from Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton, Mississippi, where he was administrative assistant to the music director and led the church orchestra. He also has worked part time in music education in schools throughout central Mississippi. He is a graduate of Hinds Community College and Mississippi College in Clinton and varied music education associations, including the Mississippi Bandmasters Association.

Martin joins WAC after teaching seventh grade math/pre-algebra for four years at Phillips Preparatory Middle School in the Mobile County (Alabama) public school system and five years as a math/science/social studies inclusion teacher in the Flour Bluff Independent School District at Corpus Christi, Texas. She is a May 2006 graduate in elementary education from the University of South Alabama at Mobile, Alabama.

## Website tracks WAC happenings

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A user friendly website that is updated weekly throughout the school year tracks events, schedules, and topics of interest for Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) teachers, students and parents and facilitates communication among WAC stakeholders.

Online visitors can access the website through the Copeiah County School District website at [www.copiah.ms](http://www.copiah.ms) or directly at [www.copiah.ms/Page/99](http://www.copiah.ms/Page/99). On the School District website, which provides information about the Copeiah County School District board and its policies, visitors can select "Wesson Attendance Center" from a dropdown menu to go to the component of the site dedicated to WAC.

The WAC homepage includes photos and stories, notices of upcoming events with access to the full WAC calendar, links to student handbooks and click-on menu items that link to detailed infor-

mation about WAC in general, specifics about its elementary and secondary schools, special interest topics geared to teachers, students and parents and news about athletic events. WAC staff and teachers are listed on the site with email addresses through which they can be reached. Cobra Chatters -- a weekly newsletter that covers what is happening at WAC and spotlights dates -- is also accessible on the homepage.

Through the WAC website, parents can download an Active Parent application form to access information related to their students -- attendance, schedules and grades -- and school news. WAC verifies completed forms and assigns a login name and password to use the Active Parent website -- <http://ms1500.activeparent.net>.

The WAC website is maintained and updated from the start of the school year in August through May, when it ends.



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