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Black History Month celebrated

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Inspired and implored by empowerment specialist and life coach Dr. Kimberly Washington, guest speaker at the twelfth annual Wesson High School Black History Month celebration, students at the special assembly shouted out for all the world to hear:

"I can do all things! I can do all things! I can do all things!"

Washington urged her audience to believe in themselves and believe that God will help them get to where they want to go. "Visualize and set boundaries," she advised. "Life is not always easy. Everyone has problems and issues, but you have the tools to go where you want to go."



An array of student posters focusing on historic Black American people and events were displayed at Wesson High School Black History program



Empowerment specialist and life coach Dr. Kimberly Washington told Wesson High School students "you have the tools to go where you want to go."

The Natchez native and Alcorn State University and Mississippi State educated motivational speaker, who leads worship at Relevant Empowerment Church, said all persons have the ability to change, but experiences of which they are ashamed hold them back. "Think on positive things," she told the high school students and town guests at the celebration. "Don't try to fit in where you are not supposed to fit in. Every day, declare what you are going to do and what you are going to be. Your life journey may take left, right and even 'u' turns, but keep on course. You can do all things."

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Chamber meeting



Wesson Chamber of Commerce resumed regular membership meetings last month after a hiatus of several years and started recruiting new dues-paying members. Chamber President Janet Currie said members will come together at three meetings during the year to network and hear special speakers in addition to the organization's annual awards banquet. At the February meeting, Mayor Alton Shaw spoke about town projects -- paving Sylvarena Road, splash pad improvements in the municipal park, a police program to educate elementary school students, possible grant-funded library renovation and the Play-It-Up family events program -- and initiatives in the state legislature that could mean greater revenues for Wesson. Nora Berch, Director of the Copeiah County Tourism Council, and Kim Palmer, Co-Director of Keep Copeiah County Beautiful, discussed activities of their organizations. More than 30 persons attended the meeting, including Copeiah County supervisors, local government officials, and town business leaders. Lonnie and Michael Keller, who plan to open a firearms sales company in downtown Wesson, were introduced. In connection with the meeting, more than a dozen new members joined the Chamber. Membership dues are \$35 per person.

Townpeople to go egg-hunting

By Bob Arnold

More than one thousand Wessonites -- young and old alike -- will go egg-hunting on the Saturday before Easter.

The Easter egg hunt is the latest family fun community event planned by the Play-It-Up program, coordinated by town hall staff, with the support of local volunteers and donors.

The March 24 event starts at 2 p.m. on the Wesson Athletic Foundation Newman ball field east of Wesson Attendance Center. Before the hunt, Wesson Baptist Church will present a special children-oriented Easter performance. There will also be games, including a relay race. Refreshments will be available, including hot dogs, which will be sold to raise funds for the Play-It-Up

program.

"The hunt will appeal to all ages," Town Clerk Angela Hester says. "Hunters will get cartons designed for particular eggs, and the nature of their search will be age appropriate. Those who fill their egg cartons will receive prizes -- goodie bags with candy. Those who find hidden golden eggs will get special prizes."

"Everyone will have fun."

Hester said event planners are collecting plastic eggs and cartons for the hunt. Funds and in-kind donations are needed for the candy-filled goodie bags, other prizes and refreshments.

The hunt will be the fifth family-oriented event designed to bring the Wesson community together for fun, fellowship and service to neighbors.

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Police Blotter

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During February, Wesson Police Department activity encompassed:

Response to:

- One malicious mischief
- One dog complaints
- One accident
- On disturbance
- One disorderly conduct

Response to:

- Four speeding
- One Driving Under the Influence/no insurance
- One driving with an expired license
- Five possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle
- Five driving with no license
- One driving with a suspended license
- One driving with no proof of liability insurance
- One driving with an expired license, obstruction of traffic, marijuana possession and firearm violation
- One driving with expired license/drug paraphernalia
- One stop sign violation
- One possession of open container by a minor
- One contempt of court warrant

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

Community Calendar

March & April weather forecast: *The Old Farmer's Almanac* calls for an average of temperature of 57 degrees F (one degree above average) with precipitation of eight inches (two inches above average) in March and 62 degrees (one degree below average) with precipitation of 7.5 inches (three inches above average) in April. March 13-16: T-storms, then sunny, cool. March 17-31: Scattered t-storms, warm, then cool. April 1-7: Rain, then sunny, cool. April 8-18: Rainy periods, warm.

MARCH 12

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.

MARCH 13

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.

MARCH 14

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

MARCH 19

Institute for Learning in Retirement overnight trip to Starkville, Mississippi, and Columbus, Mississippi, starts and continues on March 20. Tours on the Mississippi State University campus, including the Cullis & Gladys Wade Clock Museum, the Custer Dairy Processing Plant and the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library Collection. Departs Co-Lin Wesson campus at 8 a.m.

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.

MARCH 20

First day of Spring.

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

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

MARCH 21

WorkKeys Assessment examination for Career Readiness Certificate. Thames Center on Co-Lin campus. 8:45 a.m.-12 noon. Also April 4 & 18. Participants must register in advance.

MARCH 22

Fish fry fundraiser hosted by United Methodist Men. Brookhaven United Methodist Church. \$8 tickets. 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Drive through church parking lot to pick up meals.

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

MARCH 24

5K walk/run fundraiser for Socks for Heroes at Lake Hazle in Hazlehurst. Entry registration fees: \$25 on the event day/\$15. 7:30 a.m.

Wesson Community Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by town's Play-It-Up program. Volunteers and donations needed. 2 p.m. For information, visit Play-It-Up on Facebook or call Town Clerk Angela Hester at 601-643-5221.

MARCH 27

Co-Lin Pathways Job Fair. Job-seekers should bring copies of their resumes and dress for job interviews. Thames Center on the Co-Lin Wesson campus. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit careertraining.colin.edu/jobfair for details.

MARCH 28

Institute for Learning workshop -- a Salon conducted by Co-Lin Centurions. Gifted, a movie about a single man (Chris Evans), who is rearing a child prodigy and has a custody fight with her grandmother, follows. Thames Center on Co-Lin campus. 1 p.m.

APRIL 3

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

APRIL 5

Luncheon, with entertainment provided by Co-Lin Jazz band. \$10. Thames Center. 10:30 a.m.

APRIL 10

Three Institute for Learning in Retirement workshops. Thames Center 10 a.m.

· *Veterans Services & Smithsonian World War I Exhibit.* Dr. Tim Lea, Co-Lin Director of Veterans Services will discuss the program he manages and show highlights of the Smithsonian exhibit.

· Co-Lin Centurions conduct a Salon.

· *What's on Your Coffee Table,*

a fun workshop featuring a slide show with photos of coffee tables contributed by ILR members, who will talk about them. Coffee table design ideas will be discussed, with a demonstration.

APRIL 12

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

Widows Support Group meets. The group supports widows, who are walking through the grief process, with programs on pertinent issues related to their situation. Brookhaven. 5 p.m. For further information, contact Becky Vaughn Furlow at bvaughnfurlow@gmail.com or 601-540-4308.

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

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.

Email Community Calendar items to bobarnold@wessonnews.com.

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Townpeople to go egg-hunting

The Play-It-Up programs calls for six events held every-other-month. At Halloween, a costume party in the park with trunk or treating at vehicles and harvest festival games drew upwards of a thousand children, youth and adults, Hester says.

“We’re expecting the Easter event to rival the popularity of the Halloween party, with fun and fair spring weather to match,” she adds.

Play-It-Up depends on volunteers and donations, since the Town provides only facilities and volunteer time of Hester and Assistant Town Clerk Olivia Kirton. Hester says she can count on help from Alana Hughes, along with 15 other volunteers from the community “who are always available” for setting up events and

cleanup after them. She would like to establish a reliable funding stream for the approximately \$2,000 required throughout the year for prizes, candy and refreshments. As it is, she, Hughes and Kirton often lay out their own money and the program receives event by event contributions.

Play-It-Up is planning a water sports event on June 1 that will utilize the splash pad in the municipal park and again hold a Back to School Bash in August, the Halloween party in October and a Christmas season event, with the town’s tree lighting.

For information, visit Play-It-Up on Facebook or call Town Clerk Angela Hester at 601-643-5221.

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New kid on the block: Distylium hybrid plants

By Guest Columnist Rebecca Bates

Distylium hybrids are an exciting new arrival in the nursery trade. They

are a Southern gardener's dream plant because they are ever-green, compact, disease and insect resistant and are

heat and drought tolerant. Distylium hybrids will also grow in wet soils!

The plants require very little pruning. In addition, they produce a small reddish maroon flower from late January until March. They are a member of the witch hazel family and a distant cousin to the common witch hazel, *Hamamelis Virginiana*, which is native to our region of the south.

Due to their toughness, Distylium hybrids are an excellent alternative to junipers, hollies, Indian hawthorns and boxwoods.

Depending on the variety, the cas-

cadings growth habit ranges from three to ten feet in height and four to eight feet wide. Their foliage color can be dark green, blue green or copper depending on variety.

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They will grow in full sun or light shade. When planted in shaded areas, Distyliums will have a looser shape.

If all of this doesn't seem great enough, there's more: the plants have shown a high resistance to deer and rabbits munching on them!

As long as I have been in this business, it takes an awful lot to get me excited about a plant. Well guess what – I'm excited and am looking forward to including this plant in my new landscape.

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

Gifted students visit state capitol buildings



Special to Wesson News

Fifth and sixth grade students in class for intellectually gifted students at Wesson Attendance Center toured the state capitol building and visited state officials in field trip to Jackson. They are pictured above with unidentified students from a similar class in Crystal Springs. Kneeling (left to right): Ethan Bonsall, two Crystal Springs students, Ayden Carraway, Cotton Westbrook, Linda Grace Dunn, Melody Waltham, Abbey Berch, Aubree Smith and Avery Anna Watts. Second row (left to right): Abby Mooney, Julianna Wilson, four Crystal Springs students, Lilly Kate Channell, Mason Ashley, Maggie Runnels, Emmaleigh Woodson and Allison Hamilton. Back row (left to right): Hannah Cameron, four Crystal Springs students, State Senator Chris Caughman, Taylor June, Mary Gwyn Hynum, Brandon Ebarb and Brett King.

By Bob Arnold

Fifth and sixth graders who are part of the intellectually-gifted students program at Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) helped generate awareness of their special educational needs in Mississippi at the state capitol last month.

The field trip to Jackson was one way the WAC program helps its students, who score in the 91st percentile on the IQ test, get more out of their education. At Jackson, they toured the old and new Mississippi state capitol buildings, learned about state government and met with legislative leaders.

Mississippi mandates programs for intellectually-gifted students in the second through sixth grades.

At WAC, Amanda Smith and Debbie Boone currently work with twenty-three students. Kathleen Waltman started the program in the 1970s and continues to consult on it in her retirement. Smith, who came to WAC in 2006, has worked with the gifted students for seven years and teaches third and fourth graders. Boone, who focuses on fifth and sixth graders, joined the program four years ago after teaching second grade at WAC for fifteen years. Smith and Boone team-teach second grade gifted students.

Each WAC class of gifted students meets five hours per week during which Smith and Boone seek to:

- Provide educational experiences that are qualitatively different from regular classrooms;
- Encourage creativity and exploration;
- Nurture their higher level thinking, self-directed learning, creative thinking, problem-solving and research skills;

- Build their proficiency in group dynamic;

- Introduce various careers and subjects, i.e., the arts and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics);

- Stress personal integrity, ethics and social responsibility;

- Make learning an enjoyable and successful experience.

"We have no formal curriculum or standards to guide us," Smith relates. "We draw much of our classroom material from the internet."

The students play a lot of games, such as chess and checkers, which require critical thinking; marbles and other games that encourage strategic thinking and team games in which they learn to work together. They build LEGO robots and marble runs, which they may also have to fix if not properly working. They create their own games on computers with code. Life skills, such as making change, are also part of their learning experience.

Smith and Boone say they want their students to move out of the program into junior and high school at WAC equipped to think on their own, solve problems and possibly apply their engineering skills on the WAC robotics team.

"Above all, we're seeking to help them grow into accomplished adults," Smith says. "Past participants in the program have become physicians and attorneys."

In May 2017, the Mississippi Office of Elementary Education and Reading awarded Copiah County School District gifted programs at its schools, including WAC, an exemplary rating after a monitoring visit.

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Old & new musicians learn at music stores

By Guest Columnist Shaw Furlow

The heart of every music scene is the local music store. It serves as a resource center for teachers, a place to get supplies for students and a gathering place for musicians to discuss gigs and all things music.



Special to Wesson News

On Saturday mornings, you can find local band members gathered around the counter talking about last night's show or preparing for the one to come. Do you need a bass player for your band? Check the cork board for help wanted listings. It's all at the music store. In our corner of the world, Co-Lin graduate Tyler Bridge maintains that special place at Brookhaven Music and Sound (BMS), a store he has operated for nine of the 20 years it has served school kids and professionals alike.

For old and new musicians, music stores are learning venues. I remember as a kid, while my mother shopped, going to Capital Street in Jackson, where many music stores were located, hanging out and absorbing as much as I could. When I became a band director, Wrights Music was the place to be on Wednesday night and Saturday mornings -- where I learned more from older band directors than from classes I took. Before I started working at BMS, I used to hang out there every Friday afternoon, learn-

ing about PA systems and new technology guitar amps. Today, if I am in a town with a music store, I drop by. Nearly every time I walk in the door of a store, I learn something new. That's cool, if you ask me.

At BMS, of course, Bridge sells instruments, but his real product is experience. "You can buy nearly anything you want online, but you can't get our knowledge and experience online," Bridge told me. Bridge has plenty of experience, having played professionally his entire life. Bridge has played with well known artists and local bands from every musical genre and now is the leader of The Bridge Band, a four-piece group made up of some of the area's top players. "I started young, playing with my dad's band since there really weren't any serious musicians my age," he relates. Asked why he never went on the road with a big name act, he says "I really like having a family."

Over 20 years, Bridge has kept up with the changes in pop music -- experience he brings to BMS. What was once a medium driven by piercing guitars, thumping basses and powerful drums is now a synthesized, overly produced mega show with background tracks and dancers. Guitar players have been relegated to the back of the stage, only to be spotlighted on the rare solo. If it weren't for country music and blues players, there would be very few well known guitar artists. "Electric guitar sales are down all over, but we still sell a good bit of acoustics," Bridge says. BMS is ready to respond to the current music environment at retail, but it also has a school with over one hundred

students learning to play instruments, ranging from piano, violin brass, woodwinds, percussion to, of course, guitars, from one of the nine teachers on staff. It is much like a track meet starting about 2 p.m., when students head to their lessons from their other studies -- elementary students, with their half-size violins slung over their shoulders, and advanced high school students,

Bridge also offers a unique feature in the back of his store: a recording studio. Many local artists have cut their first albums in the two-room studio. Like all studios, there are lines and cables and microphones everywhere. Bridge sits at the controls and calls the shots. "Most people have a general idea what they want but need a producer to help get the right sound," he says. "Then others, like Betsy (Berryhill), know exactly what they want and I am able to capture their sound." Bridge describes Co-Lin student Berryhill's *Lost Lover* -- a spectacular five-song EP that I highly recommend -- as a "pretty doggone good album." Berryhill and Bridge also worked on her contribution to the special fundraising album for the Mississippi School for the Arts -- *A Brookhaven Christmas*. It was a huge hit.

Until next month, support the arts.

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



who have been playing for years -- all stopping to speak with each other and encourage one another. The next guitar hero could come from here. At least if Bridge has anything to do with it. As a former teacher, it does my soul good to see the future of the music scene is in good hands.

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Wesson Celebrates Black History Month

At the celebration framed by "Nourishing the Roots of Our Past to Grow the Fruit of our Future" as its theme, the WHS Gospel Ensemble interspersed inspirational music, including William Becton's "Be Encouraged," Bishop Clarence McClendon's "Magnify the Lord," DeWayne Woods' "Let Go and Let God." The ensemble's featured soloists were Paris Dickerson, Heaven Howard, Kiera Hermanes and Tyler Fuller. The Cobra Steppers performed "Legacy," a routine choreographed by WHS students Dontrel Brown and Samaiyah McCullough that incorporates stepping, clapping and words and recaptures the African tradition of foot music, created when drums were banned. Brookhaven-based God's Movement -- a mime ministry -- performed Anthony Brown's "Trust in You." Woody Smith read Maya Angelou's "Hey, Black Child." A special treat was the singing of the "National Anthem" by WHS student Kenzie Sullivan.

A display of more than 700 posters on the walls of the WAC old gym surrounded the speakers, readers,

singers and dancers during the program and told a visual story of African American history. The posters, an annual tradition at the event, are a product of students in the English and theater classes taught by Albert Brown, who has coordinated the Black History Month celebration program since its inception.

Brown's students select and research a person or event important in the history of African Americans and report on it in their classes through the posters and other visuals and a narrative. Brown archives the posters and displays them at the Black History event every year with new ones.

Brown recognized students Katelynn Burns, Diego Mendez, Jane Marchand, Dontrel Brown, Savannah Madison, Nias Mendez, Elizabeth Shirley, Kaitlyn Davison, Samaiyah McCullough and Coach C. McDuffey for their assistance in producing this year's celebration. His theater classes in grades nine through twelve did the stage and production work.

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Amateur chefs learn about tools & techniques

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Six amateur chefs, who want to create quality culinary experiences for their families and friends, complete their learning this evening at the first Porches Restaurant cooking school of 2018.

The recent classes, which started in February, were the latest in the history of the school that Porches started more than ten years ago. Each year, it has shared its cooking secrets with eight or nine self-organized groups of four to six persons through the on-demand classes that it offers on either Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays over the course of three consecutive weeks. The classes are two and one-half hours, normally running from 5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. For groups interested in preparing brunch and breakfast foods, Porches offers a half-day class (9:30 a.m.-12 noon) on Saturdays.

In general, the classes come out of the restaurant's customer base and include people from the area," says Porches' Al McSweyn, who teaches them with his son Chris, the chef at the local eatery. The latest group encompassed persons from Crystal Springs and Brookhaven. "They are often couples, who bring their friends, and Sunday School groups," McSweyn says. "People learn about the school through word-of-mouth. We have had people aged 12 to 92 in the classes. Often, former class participants come back to our classes with a new group of people. One person has come three times with different groups. Most of the groups come to us after the holidays and during the spring, rather than in warmer weather."

Although the classes are partially customized to the specific needs and interests of the participants, they cover basics of preparing food on the Porches' menu and in its cookbook. "The group sits around our kitchen island, where Chris and I do the food preparation from scratch in front of them and comment on it," McSweyn says. "Chris and I have different cooking styles, so classes hear varied perspectives." The

latest class offerings were:

- **Never Grill a Steak Again, Well Almost Never.** Participants learned how to trim and carve a 12-pound to 14-pound choice aged Back Angus cut, create Steak Dianne rib loin, Lady in the Moon beef stew, pan-seared strip; and make pan brandy steak sauce, Apple Napoleon with a caramel sauce and rolls.

- **Why Your Grandmother Canned Soup Stock.** The McSweyns focused on basic foundations for broccoli and cheese, potato bacon, and chicken noodle soups, no-knead rustic cornbread and lemon and caper chicken piccata; and discussed buying ingredients and fast-cooking.

- **Fish in the Style of the Miller's Wife.** The class watched the McSweyns make pan seared salmon and snapper, a shrimp and oyster appetizer, lemon pepper crackers and a spin salad.

In an informal and fun presentation, the McSweyns provide tips and discuss and demonstrate their techniques and tools.

"We talk about starting with recipes for inspiration, but adding a special twist," McSweyn says. "We stress quality tools and utensils. We may use mixers and blenders, but our most important tool is an eight-inch cutting knife. We still use 22-year old pans and skillets. No-kneading is a special non-technique in cooking breads and rolls."

After instruction, classes dine on the food that is prepared, and "usually take a lot of it home," McSweyn says. Class participants also go away with recipes and eight-to-twelve page handouts on which they can take notes.

The cost of three classes together is \$150 per person. If a class does not have six participants, individuals outside a group can take a single class at a one-time rate of \$60. For information, contact Al McSweyn at 601-643-9035 and visit www.porchesofwesson.com.



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Suffering from Friday through Sunday

By Guest Columnist
Rev. Nelson Santa Ana

Have you ever thought about your own suffering and struggles in view of the suffering Jesus Christ? I don't ask that question to diminish anyone's pain by comparing it to what Christ endured. Rather, I'm just trying to point out that the process of suffering that Christ endured is the same process that we must endure as well.

The suffering of Christ can be broken down into three stages:

Stage one is Friday -- the climax of suffering, the day of almost unbearable pain and agony. For Christ, this was the cross and all that it entailed -- physical, emotional, relational, mental and spiritual torment and death on that day. For us, it is whatever that is crushing us. It could be when loved ones die, families break apart, we lose a job, are unjustly persecuted, betrayed, ignored or abused. Or it could just be past sins catching up to us. But the suffering and weight of such events are what compose Friday.

Stage two Saturday -- the climax of confusion. Saturday is the day of doubt and depression. For Jesus' disciples, it was the day they barricaded themselves into a small room to try and process what happened to their friend, mentor,

and leader, and now tried to make sense of their own lives. It is the same for us. Saturday is the day when we can't see beyond the moment, and the only thing that we can do is ask the question "why?"

Finally, stage three is Sunday -- the climax of victory. Sunday is a day filled with hope and joy. For Christ, it was the day He overcame death, bursting forth as its victorious conqueror! For us, it is

(Matthew 28:1-10), some women "went to look" for Jesus. We must remember, the women had just experienced Friday and Saturday, and this was the dawning of a new day. As we seek to find healing in our lives, remember that God provides the mercy to overcome in His Son Jesus. Seek Jesus and learn that "His mercies are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23).

As the women looked for Jesus, they

into our lives. God recognizes that you have real hurts and real doubts. So much so, that His Son died to heal your wounds. God never minimizes your suffering. He validates it through the cross.

Finally, there is one more truth that needs to be recognized and embraced. The angel told the women, "He is not here, He has risen" (Matthew 28:6)! If it had been within their power, I'm sure the women would have raised Jesus from the grave themselves. But, that's the whole point. It wasn't within their power. Only Jesus could conquer death, and only Jesus can bring us lasting victory over our wounds. No matter how hard we try, it is beyond our strength to bring about Sunday in our own lives. We need someone who can do it for us, and by God's good and gracious plan, we have Someone who already has.

Are you experiencing Friday and Saturday this Easter season? Let me encourage you. Seek Jesus and He will meet you (Matthew 28:9) right where you are and you can share in His victorious Sunday!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rev. Nelson Santa Ana is the pastor at Wesson Baptist Church.



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when we experience the victory on the other side of our suffering.

But how do we move from the doom and gloom of Friday and Saturday and enter into the victory of Sunday? We start by looking for Jesus. In Matthew's account of the resurrection story

were confronted by an angel who gave them a great truth: "You are looking for Jesus, who was crucified." Embracing truth is the second part of finding Sunday's victory. The angel did not deny what had happened in the past. Likewise, we cannot deny the realities that have brought Friday and Saturday

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Local radio plays important role amid change

By Bob Arnold

In the fast-changing media world, few things are predictable. But Ken Hollingsworth, the operations manager at Brookhaven Broadcasting, says you can count on one thing: radio will continue to play an important role in covering local news, sports, and issues.

Brookhaven is the base of local radio programming in the Wesson area, with the studios of five stations. Although Crystal Springs, Hazlehurst and Wesson all had radio stations at one time, there are none in Copiah County today. Co-Lin owned and operated a station for several years on the second floor of what is now its Police Department headquarters. The Brookhaven-based radio stations are:

- WBKN (92.1 FM), or "B Country," a licensed Brookhaven 3,500-watt classic country music station, featuring live morning and afternoon hosts, who report news, weather, sports, obituaries, classified items and interview local guests for listeners in Copiah, Franklin, Lawrence, Lincoln and Pike counties. It covers Brookhaven Academy and Ole Miss sports.

- WCHJ (1470 AM), a licensed Brookhaven 1000-watt (66-watt night), Gospel music station. It also operates W248CY (97.5 FM), a low-power FM station that simulcasts the programming.

- WMJU (Magic 104.3 FM), a licensed Bude 25,000 watt station, which reaches 125,000 listeners in eight counties and streams its programming worldwide on the internet, emphasizes modern hits for a younger audience -- chart-toppers in the "adult contemporary format from the 80's, 90's and today"-- and covers Co-Lin and Franklin County sports. Although 60 percent of its programming is syndicated via satellite with local inserts, live morning and afternoon hosts report on local news and events, weather, sports and entertainment.

- WRQO (Southwest Mississippi SuperTalk 102.1 FM), Monticello-licensed, which features Jackson-originated local interview and listener call-in shows focused on Mississippi as part of a statewide network.



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Ken Hollingsworth, radio man for 53 years.

- WDXO (ESPN Sports 92.9 FM), WRQO's sister station and formerly Hazlehurst-licensed, which covers national sports and news events, while locally featuring Sunday worship services of Hazlehurst First Baptist Church, a Friday show focusing on the heroics of local armed forces veterans and Loyd Star High School sports.

The radio studios are going to "where the people are" in line with Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules that now allow them to locate studios anywhere, while requiring them to transmit from where they are licensed, Hollingsworth explains.

Over more than fifty years in broadcasting, Hollingsworth has seen many other changes. In general, the changes have allowed radio stations to cut costs, improve finances, and just maybe provide better radio to all communities in their transmission range, including those which no longer have studios.

Hollingsworth started his radio career in 1965 at WMDC FM in Hazlehurst before entering the University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned a degree in radio and television and worked for the campus radio station. After graduating from USM, he worked for WXXX AM in Hattiesburg, Armed

Forces Radio during his military service and New South Broadcasting on the Gulf Coast and at Meridian before going to Crystal Springs, where he owned and operated WCSP AM; and then finally landing in Brookhaven.

"Computer automation has been the single most important change affecting radio," he says. "Fifty years ago, everything was live. There were no computers. You pulled the records you played. You put them on a turntable. You made your own commercials and often read the copy live. This would be prohibitively expensive today."

Broadcasting continues today in studios with microphones and a control board, but music and much of the audio is computerized. In the modern radio station, music and other audio, such as pre-recorded commercials, are on a program log on computers. A live announcer, if there is one, pushes buttons or clicks a computer screen to play them or find music and other recorded material.

If there is no announcer, syndicated programming is downloaded from satellites to the computers and played in combination with local inserts stored on the studio computer.

"I haven't played a record on a turntable

in twenty years," says Hollingsworth.

FM radio's transition to a music medium, which started in the 1960s, was another major change -- one which was a career-changer for Hollingsworth and brought him to Brookhaven Broadcasting, where he manages Magic 104 and B92 Country.

"I had dreamed about operating a radio station in Crystal Springs, my home town," he explains. "I started WCSP AM and ran it for about eleven years in the 1980s and 1990s, when AM radio was dying as a music medium and becoming a venue for sports, news and talk. It was poor timing!"

Going hand-in-hand with the changes driven by computers is the internet and streaming technology. Radio stations like Magic 104, which streams its programming via its web site or a special app, can be heard anywhere in the world.

FCC rules, like the one on studio locations, have also made a difference: Hundreds of new FM frequencies have been licensed for small towns and snapped up by owners in larger communities.

Individuals and organizations can now own a virtually unlimited number of radio stations in a single market. Newspaper publishers and television station owners can acquire radio stations. Although the FCC does not specifically require local news and public affairs programming, radio stations must maintain proper files on their operations that can become issues in their license renewals and warrant FCC fines.

With all this, Hollingsworth points out, centralized program production is a trend that has helped local radio by containing costs, but standardized programming to the degree that stations in some markets have lost their individual character, making them almost indistinguishable from other stations in other markets under the same ownership.

For all the changes, though, Hollingsworth remains confident that local radio will remain a strong force where the people are..

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School safety discussion set. Wesson parents and others concerned about safety at Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) in the wake of the recent mass murders at a Florida high school will meet with local law enforcement and school officials on March 22. The Wesson Police called for the discussion session to be held at Wesson Town Hall from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Wesson Police responded to an incident at WAC in February that led to a student's being charged with simple assault and intent to create fear, and referral to Copiah County Youth Court. Wesson Mayor Alton Shaw said they would like to get questions in advance for the meeting. To submit relevant questions in advance, contact Latisha Beasley (601-622-4485), Melissa Williams (601-748-6602), Mikina Holloway (601-754-4482) or Libby Kirton (601-320-6293).

Fire prevention & preparedness. Over the past three years Wesson Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) has reached an average of 2,900 people per year with its fire prevention messages, WVFD Chief Ken Carraway

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told the town's Board of Aldermen last month. His volunteer team also stays crisis-ready with mock emergency runs to test WVFD's dexterity each month, he reported. "We're preparing for what we pray never happens," Carraway said.

Running & walking for vets. Adults, youth and children, who want a bit of exercise on a Spring morning and to contribute to a charity that assists armed forces veterans, can participate in a 5K walk/run on March 24 at Lake Hazle in Hazlehurst. Socks for Heroes (SFH), the Wesson-based organization that gives creature comforts, including socks and other sundry items, to armed forces

veterans in caring facilities during the Christmas season, is sponsoring the fundraiser, which starts at 7:30 a.m. The entry registration fee is \$25 on the event day. For children ages 5-10, it is \$15. In addition to raising funds, Socks for Heroes is seeking to draw attention to the wellbeing of retired U.S. military veterans, who SFH president Kathy Stroud says are "overlooked" and "often don't have family nearby." Stroud works with fourteen Wesson area women in carrying out the group's work. In 2017, it collected 12,000 pair of socks and sundry items for veterans. The group accepts financial and in-kind donations.

Franchisees sought. Clinton-based Froghead Grill (FHG) is looking for qualified franchise partners in central Mississippi. Its family-friendly restaurants, which have earned Small Business of the Year and Restaurant of the Year honors, feature an American eclectic menu of attractively-priced homemade appetizers, sandwiches, quesadillas and wraps, platters and salads, Cajun flair po boys, seafood gumbo, red beans and rice, sodas and classic, craft and local beers; fast-casual service -- counter during the day and table side after 5 p.m.; and earth-toned decor in a 3,000-to-3,500-square-foot setting, adaptable for existing buildings and shopping strip locations. Franchise partners can rely on site selection assistance, precision training and ongoing support through FHG Management.

Rates drop due to tax law. Entergy Mississippi rates will go down at least \$30 a month this summer, thanks to the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The reduced charges are Entergy's response to a Mississippi Public Service Commission request to utilities in its rate jurisdiction to present plans for crediting tax deductions and rebates to their customers. Under the old tax law, utility companies paid a 35 percent tax rate, which was reduced to 21 percent in the new legislation. Entergy, which has 447,000 customers in 45 Mississippi counties, expects its bills to drop more than \$30 per month during July, August and September.

Music treat at 50 plus



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Thirteen-year-old Aninsly Marler, a budding songstress and concert performer from Crystal Springs, and her pianist grandfather Kenneth Jollie, also a teacher at Copiah Christian Academy in Gallman, offered a special musical treat at the February Fifty Plus Club meeting at Co-Lin. Marler, who is a member of the choir at Crystal Spring First Baptist Church and a vocalist in training under Crystal Springs voice coach Suzanne Starkey, presented a wide variety of sacred and secular selections, including hymns, songs from popular shows, and pieces from operas, that demonstrated her versatility and talent. Jollie, who accompanied this granddaughter, is also known for his artistry in improvisation.

Scouts convene Aldermen



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Wesson Boy Scout Troop 125 members convened last month's town's Aldermen meeting with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. During the meeting, they took notes as part of their requirements for a civic awareness merit badge.

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Act soon to save your vision

By Guest Columnist
Dr. Stephanie Duguid

During March, the American Optometric Association wants to "Save Your Vision," and the American Association of Ophthalmology wants to focus on "Workplace Eye Wellness." So it's



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time to increase awareness of good eye care and encourage more people to go for regular eye exams and to wear the appropriate eye protection at work.

Save Your Vision Month is a reminder that most of us take our vision for granted. From work to entertainment, our eyes form a large part of our everyday lives. Regular eye exams are obviously important if your eyesight is decreasing or faulty. Taking corrective measures immediately is healthier than putting up with eye strain until it becomes a real problem to see. Eye checks can also tell you a lot about your general state of health. Diabetes is very often diagnosed in an eye exam. Other diseases like glaucoma can be quickly detected and treated by going for regular eye tests.

Beyond ordinary care, eyes should be a high priority and part of an overall workplace wellness routine. Each day, some 2,000 U.S. workers sustain

a job-related eye injury that requires medical treatment. Workplace eye injuries cost more than \$300 million a year in lost productivity, treatment, and compensation. They include simple eye strain and trauma, which may lead to permanent damage, vision loss, and blindness. They are particular threats to workers in construction, manufacturing, and mining, where 40 percent of them happen. Ninety percent of them, however, can be avoided by regular check-ups and wearing eye protection.

Eye care on the job should not be limited to those who do physical labor, but also encompass people who spend long hours working on a computer, who can experience eye discomfort. With computers becoming an everyday part of people's lives, the risk of eye strain and damage is higher than ever before. Focusing on a small font type for hours on end can cause eye strain, fatigue, and headaches. Staring at computer screens or other digital displays for long periods can reduce a person's blink rate by as much as 50 percent and leave eyes dry, parched and red.

If an eye injury occurs, seek care from an ophthalmologist -- a physician who specializes in the medical and surgical treatment of eye diseases and conditions -- or go to an

emergency room for immediate care. Before that becomes necessary, here are some preventative tips:

- **Wear protective eyewear.** Eye protection should be appropriate for the type of hazard that may be present in the workplace -- flying debris, falling objects, chemicals, intense light and heat, etc. Eyewear should be American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approved and OSHA compliant. Special-purpose safety glasses, goggles, face shields or helmets should be used near hazardous radiation welding, chemicals, lasers or fiber optics.

- **Position computer monitors 25 inches away** -- arm's length from the face -- when working on a desktop computer. Then font size may need to be adjusted to appear larger at that distance.

- **Follow the 20-20-20 rule.** Eye strain and dry eye occur after long, continuous periods of viewing digital screens up close. To help alleviate this, take a break every 20 minutes by looking at an object 20 feet away for 20 seconds to relax the eyes and return to a regular blinking rate. Normally, people blink about 14 times a minute. Every blink lubricates the eyes with fluid that contains moisturizing elements, including oil.

- **Reduce glare on smartphones and digital screens.** While many new phones and digital devices have

glass screens with excellent picture quality, they also produce a strong glare that can aggravate the eyes. For glass screen devices, adjust the low light filter setting to lower screen brightness or use a matte filter to reduce eye strain.

- **Adjust environmental lighting at your work.** Computer screens brighter than surrounding light cause eye strain. Adjust lighting accordingly.

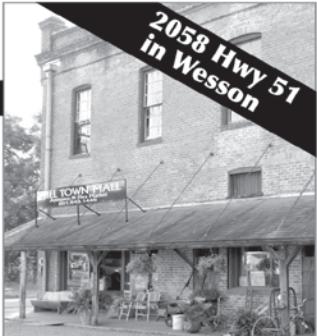
"It takes only a few seconds to protect yourself from eye related issues that can cause vision problems," says Brenda Pagán-Durán, M.D., a clinical spokesperson for the American Academy of Ophthalmology. "I can't stress enough the importance of incorporating eye wellness into your daily routine; whether it's simply adjusting the setting on your computer monitor, or wearing appropriate protection to avoid serious eye injury. This is truly an ounce of prevention that can safeguard your vision."

Last but definitely not least, eat plenty of fresh vegetables and fruits and get a good night's sleep to preserve eye health.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Stephanie Duguid is Dean of Academic Instruction at Co-Lin. She is also an athletic trainer and nutrition specialist and has been teaching courses related to those two areas as well as practicing what she preaches for more than twenty years.



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New training initiatives geared to jobs

By Bob Arnold

Co-Lin's Division of Career, Technical and Workforce Education -- the go-to place for employers seeking skilled labor in Adams, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln and Simpson Counties -- is launching six training initiatives to meet current job needs in the area.

The college's Workforce Center, which offers non-credit short-term training through courses for existing workers and unemployed persons to enhance their skills and find jobs, is planning classes on the Wesson campus in Structural Fitting and to provide career training that leads to certification as a Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA).

The Co-Lin Career and Technical program, which prepares students for immediate employment through college credit one-year certificate and two-year Associate Degree curricula, will also offer Wesson campus Electrical Technology, Natchez campus Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) Paramedic and Simpson County Center Automation and Control Technology training funded by \$658,000 Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) Challenge Grants. A Registered Apprentice Program in Automotive Technology on the Wesson campus will be funded by a \$75,000 Department of Labor grant.

The Workforce Center's longstanding popular non-credit welding class is also on Co-Lin's 2018 agenda. One will start on May 14 and be held Monday-Thursday from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. over ten months. After completing classes, students can move immediately into

jobs inside or outside the area, with NCCER Welding Contren Core, Level One and Level Two credentials, Workforce Center Director Angela Berch says. To qualify for the classes, students must earn a Bronze Level National Career Readiness Certificate on the basis of performance on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment.

The Structural Fitting class will be offered during the summer for students who work or are seeking jobs in the oil, gas and shipping industries, reports Berch report. It will cover blueprint reading, precision measuring, burning, cutting, washing and tack welding in Monday-Friday sessions over twelve weeks, providing NCCER Structural Fitter Contren Core and Level One credentials for students.

"The new CCMA certification classes will prepare students to work alongside doctors and nurses in administering medications and injections, obtaining laboratory, assisting with minor procedures, performing electrocardiograms, educating patients and managing offices," Berch says. "The training, including classroom theory, lab work and clinical rotations, will cover medical terminology, basic pharmacology, nutrition, psychology, anatomy and physiology, clinical patient care, infection control, testing and laboratory procedures, phlebotomy, patient coordination and education, administrative assistance and medical laws and ethics."

Classes will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. over six months, starting in the spring. Students who complete the course will

be eligible for the National Healthcareer Association CCMA Board exam for licensure.

Kenny Goza, a Career, Technical and Workforce Education program coordinator, says the new courses of study in Electrical, EMT Paramedic and Automation and Control Technologies will require hiring new instructors and purchasing equipment. At the Simpson County Center, there will also be new construction to provide housing for the Automation and Control Technology program. Although the MCCB Challenge Grants provide only seed money for the programs, Co-Lin anticipates continuing support for them from business partners and other sources that recognize the college is responding to community needs for skilled workers, Goza says.

"In the Registered Apprentice Program, students will both work in paying apprentice jobs that require automotive technology skills for dealers, shops, and other businesses, and attend training courses at Co-Lin," Goza explains. "For on-the-job training, which covers what is taught in the classroom, Co-Lin will award credits to apprentice students. Students who complete the program will earn a two-year Associate Degree and gain work experience that will often give them a Master Technician status." Goza is currently recruiting Co-Lin business partners to offer the apprentice jobs as part of the program. Coahoma, Hinds and Pearl River community colleges were the only other Mississippi institutions to receive funding for apprentice programs.

Every year, more than 700 students take courses that are part of Co-Lin Technical and Career programs, more than 5,000 first-time students enroll in Workforce Education classes for job-specific training, and more than 17,000 students return for additional Workforce Education classes.

"All Career, Technical and Workforce Education training classes and their content originate in the needs of area industries," says Goza, who



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is responsible for building Co-Lin partnerships with employers, says. "We currently respond to needs of more than forty area businesses."

Another part of Co-Lin's role in connecting workers and jobs is its annual Pathways Job Fair, which will be held at The Thames Center on the Wesson campus on March 27. "Although the Fair is held at Co-Lin, it is a community event for all job-seekers," says Berch. "You do not have to be a student." In contrast to previous years, all employers will be on hand throughout the event to meet with people from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. There will not be different hours for different types of employers. Job-seekers should bring copies of their resumes and dress for job interviews. Visit careertraining.colin.edu/jobfair for details.

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Wolves start winning seasons on diamond

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Co-Lin baseball and softball teams started their seasons with winning records, giving their coaches hope that they can meet their high expectations. Coach Clay Smith and his assistants Bryan Nobile and Jack Edmonson think the baseball Wolves could win 30 or more games, make another a trip to the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) playoffs, get to a regional and make a trip to the National Junior Colleges Athletic Association (NJCAA) World Series. Meanwhile Lady Wolves softball Coach Allen Kent says: "If we play to our potential we should be able to compete against anyone. It's just a matter of executing and playing to our potential on a consistent basis."

The baseball roster is full of sophomore talent, including Jaylyn Williams from Greenville, Mississippi, who earned Mississippi MACJC First Team All-State honors after leading the Wolves with a .384 batting average, eight homeruns, and 43 RBIs; pitcher Christian Day from Natchez, Mississippi, who earned MACJC Second Team All-State after posting a 5-4 record in 61.1 innings, with 63 strikeouts and giving up 67 hits; and Blake Sigrest, another MACJC Second Team All-State honoree. Others are catcher CJ Estave from Franklinton, Louisiana; infielders Hayden White from Madison-Ridgeland Academy and Austin O'Flynn from Oak Grove High School; outfielders Blake Estabrook from Terry, Mississippi, and Chandler Dillard from Germantown High School; Tyler Vroman, a designated hitter and pinch hitter; and pitchers Josh Stephens from Lawrence County High School, Gabe Smith from Cathedral High School, Anthony Clapp from Seminary, Mississippi, Jordan Bowden, Zach James

from Madison, Mississippi, Kyle Whittington from George County High School, and Tyler Etheridge from Jewel Sumner High School.

New faces are freshmen infielders and outfielders Craig Bradley from Cathedral High School, Thomas Slagle from Franklin County High School, Will Clark from Clinton High School, Madison Smith from Brookhaven Academy, Ryan Zimmerman from Fountainebleau High School and Mark Hubbard from Simpson Academy; pitchers Parker Lee from Clinton High School, Zach Smith from Oak Grove High School, Austin Tidwell from West Ouachita High School, Conner Ingram from Oak Grove High School, Alex Mooney from Wesson Attendance

Center and Dawson Dabbs of Clinton High School; and transfers Justin Hutton, a pitcher from Holmes Community College and Zach Pope, an outfielder from Northwest

Community College.

Sophomore pitchers Bailey Root, an MACJC All-State Honorable Mention, and Christian Black Root, along with freshmen Mackenzie Gros from Labadieville, Louisiana, Makenzie Smith from Loyd Star High School and Morgan Dubose from Clinton, Mississippi, give the softball Lady Wolves important pitching strength. At the plate and in the field the Lady Wolves are looking to returning sophomores Alex Anthony from Kokomo, Mississippi, Taylor Bryant from Magee, Mississippi, Allison Livingston and Alexsundria Thomas. Harmoni Ashley from Wesson, Callie Fortenberry from New Hebron, Morgan Dubose from Clinton, Julie Sheuermann from Destrehan, Louisiana, Paige Hulin from Mandeville, Louisiana, Tori Pettit from Florence, and Abigail Thornton from Wesson are incoming freshmen.

Scoreboard

February 13-March 13

WHS Cobras

Girls Basketball

Record: 2-17. Recent loss: Columbia. 42-16.

Boys Soccer

Record: 8-10-2. Tie: Magee. 1-1. Recent loss: Sacred Heart. 9-1.

Girls Soccer

Record: 15-6. Recent loss: North Forest. 4-2

Baseball

Record: 0-3. Recent Losses: Lawrence County. 19-11. North Pike. 5-1. Loyd Star. 14-7

Softball

Record: 3-1. Recent Wins: Magee. 5-2. Columbia. 7-1. West Marion. 11-0. Recent Loss: Loyd Star. 9-7.

Co-Lin Wolves

Men's Basketball

Record: 18-4. Recent Wins: East Central. 77-79. Southwest. 73-71. Meridian. 66-57. Recent Losses: Pearl River. 79-75. Northeast. 79-73 (Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) tournament).

Ladies' Basketball

Record: 20-4. Recent Wins: East Central. 74-69. Southwest. 55-53. Meridian. 64-53. Pearl River. 53-46. Northwest. 70-47 (MACJC tournament). Northeast. 65-57 (MACJC tournament. Recent Loss: Jones County Junior College. 78-53 (MACJC tournament).

Baseball

Record: 4-2. Recent Wins: St. Louis. 2-0. Baton Rouge. 10-8. Kaskaskia. 12-8. Delgado. 11-0. Recent Losses: Panola. 9-4. Delgado. 11-4.

Softball

Record: 7-6. Recent Wins: Spoon River. 5-2. Hinds. 4-2. Mississippi Delta. 8-2, 5-2. Gulf Coast. 2-1. Recent Losses: Holmes. 2-1, 11-7. Southwest. 5-1, 14-13. Gulf Coast. 5-4.

Men's Tennis

Record: 2-0. Recent Wins: Jones. 7-2. East Central. 6-3.

Ladies' Tennis

Record: 1-1. Recent Wins: East Central. 7-2. Recent Losses: Jones. 6-3.

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Upcoming sporting events

MARCH 13

Co-Lin baseball Wolves play Spoon River in double header. 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity baseball Cobras play Columbia. 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

MARCH 17

Co-Lin baseball Wolves play at Meridian in double header. 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Wesson High School varsity baseball Cobras play at Brookhaven. 6:30 p.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play Tylertown. 6 p.m.

MARCH 19

Wesson High School tennis team plays West Marion. 4:30 p.m.

MARCH 18

Co-Lin softball Wolves play at East Mississippi in double header. 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

MARCH 20

Co-Lin men's and women's tennis wolves play at Holmes. 1 p.m.

Wesson High School varsity baseball Cobras play at West Marion. 6:30 p.m.

MARCH 21

Co-Lin men's and women's tennis wolves play Mississippi Gulf Coast. 1 p.m.

Wesson High School tennis team plays Columbia. 4:30 p.m.

Co-Lin softball Wolves play Jones County in double header. 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Co-Lin baseball Wolves play at Mississippi Gulf Coast in double header. 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.

MARCH 22

Wesson High School softball Cobras play Salem. 6 p.m.

MARCH 23

Co-Lin softball Wolves play at Itawamba in double header. 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity baseball Cobras play West Marion. 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play Columbia. 6 p.m.

MARCH 24

Wesson High School softball Cobras play Purvis in South Jones Tournament. 11 a.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play Sumrall in South Jones Tournament. 3p.m.

Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity baseball Cobras play Terry. 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Co-Lin men's and women's tennis wolves play Wallace State Community College-Hanceville at East Central. 1 p.m.

Co-Lin baseball Wolves play East Mississippi in double header. 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Co-Lin men's and women's tennis wolves play Meridian. 2 p.m.

Co-Lin Golf Wolves play in Round 1 of Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) conference event at Riverburch, Amory Mississippi. Round 2 is March 25.

MARCH 26

Co-Lin softball Wolves play Meridian in double header. 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play Franklin County. 6 p.m.

MARCH 27

Co-Lin baseball Wolves play at Southwest Mississippi in double header. 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity baseball Cobras play Jefferson Davis County. 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play at Port Gibson. TBA

MARCH 28

Co-Lin men's and women's tennis wolves play at Meridian. 2 p.m.

Wesson High School tennis team plays West Lincoln. 4 p.m.

MARCH 29

Co-Lin softball Wolves play Northwest Mississippi Community College in double header. 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Co-Lin men's and women's tennis wolves play Jones County. 2 p.m.

Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity baseball Cobras play at Jefferson Davis County. 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

MARCH 30

Co-Lin baseball Wolves play Northwest Mississippi in double header. 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.

APRIL 3

Co-Lin men's and women's tennis wolves play at Hinds. 1 p.m.

Wesson High School varsity and junior

varsity baseball Cobras play at Seminary. 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wesson High School tennis team plays Bogue Chitto. 4 p.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play at Tylertown. 5:30 p.m.

APRIL 4

Co-Lin baseball Wolves play at Bishop State Community College in double header. 12 noon & 3 p.m.

Co-Lin softball Wolves play at East Central in double header. 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Wesson High School tennis team plays Magee. 4:30 p.m.

APRIL 5

Co-Lin men's and women's tennis wolves play Itawamba. 2 p.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play Port Gibson. 6 p.m.

APRIL 6

Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity baseball Cobras play Seminary. 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play Florence. 6 p.m.

APRIL 7

Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity baseball Cobras play at Loyd Star (Brookhaven). 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Co-Lin softball Wolves play at Mississippi Delta Community College in double header. 12 Noon & 2 p.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play at Columbia. 11 a.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play Forrest County Agricultural. 1 p.m.

Co-Lin baseball Wolves play Northeast Community College in double header. 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.

APRIL 8

Wesson High School tennis team plays at Brookhaven. 4 p.m.

APRIL 10

Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity baseball Cobras play at Tylertown. 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wesson High School softball Cobras play Franklin County. 6 p.m.

Co-Lin softball Wolves play Pearl River in double header. 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Co-Lin baseball Wolves play Jones County in double header. 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.

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LeDale (Dell) Thigpen (center front row) of Wesson signed a football scholarship with the Co-Lin Wolfpack football team. Present for the signing are: Belinda Thigpen (front row left), the recruit's mother; Frank Thigpen (front row right), the recruit's father; (left to right back row) Jeremy Loy (Wesson Head Football Coach), D'Asia Thigpen (the recruit's sister) and Ronald Greer (Wesson Athletic Director).

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