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# News Nuggets

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**Addiction help.** Narconon Arrowhead offers free addiction counseling, assessments, and referrals to rehabilitation centers in the area and nationwide. Call 800-468-6933 or visit [www.stopaddiction.com](http://www.stopaddiction.com).

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**American Legion Auxiliary officers.** Kathy Dungan of Wesson, who is national chairperson of the national American Legion Auxiliary education committee, installed the 2014-15 officers of Wesson American Legion Post #79 Auxiliary: Sharon Langley (president), Annie Winger (vice president and membership committee chairperson), Frances Mullen (secretary-treasurer), Anna Hartgraves (historian), Mary Hopson (chaplain), Carolyn Frazier and Janet Currie (sergeants-at-arms), Shirley Hennington (poppy chairperson), Helen Page and Myrtle Page (greeting cards chairpersons), and Mary Boyle (coupons chairperson). At the state American Legion Auxiliary convention in Vicksburg, Hartgraves won second place for the unit's scrapbook, which she compiles.

**Checking up on seniors.** RUOK, an organization sponsored by TRIAD of Lincoln County, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Brookhaven Police Department, and AARP, makes daily telephone calls to Lincoln County older adults to check up on their well-being. Call 601-833-5231 to be placed on the call list and/or ask for a house number to be posted on a mailbox or driveway poll or beam.

**Co-Lin lauded.** The preliminary report to Co-Lin on its reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission of Colleges (SACSC) after members of its board toured the local campus suggested a few improvements, but conveyed an overall positive impression of the school, its educational program, students, faculty, and facility. Among recommendations made to Co-Lin, which it is implementing: revising a class

requirement in the undergraduate degree program catalog, improving monitoring of student progress in general education competencies, and strengthening the institutional capability and the assessment process related to its Quality Enhancement Plan, which is part of SACSCC accreditation. "We received so many compliments," Co-Lin President Ronnie Nettles said. "We have so much to be proud of, and sometimes it helps to have people remind us of how unique we are."

**February scholarship application deadline.** Co-Lin is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 Taylor Presidential Scholarship through February 2. Established by a \$1 million endowment from the late Fred and Jewett Taylor of Oxford, it is the most prestigious scholarship offered by the college, providing \$6,000 to a student planning to attend Co-Lin as a freshman on its Wesson or Natchez campuses or its Simpson County Center. Application materials are available at high school counseling offices, the Co-Lin Counseling Center on the Wesson Campus, Office of the Vice President on the Natchez Campus, and Simpson County Center. A select committee appointed by Co-Lin President Ronnie Nettles will screen applicants, conduct interviews, and award the scholarship based on high school and/or college grade point average, ACT/SAT score, difficulty level of courses taken in high school, financial need, high school interscholastic activities, community service activities, leadership, honors, awards, recognitions, and special talents or abilities.

**High performance awards.** Three Co-Lin employees have received the Howell C. Garner High Performance Award for their service to the college: Myrtis Tillman for her cafeteria-related work; Robert Newton for his work in the



Robert Newton



Myrtis Tillman

the maintenance division on the Wesson campus; and Daniel Case, director of the physical plant. Each of them received a rotating statuette, a certificate, and a \$100 check.



Daniel Case

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## Local legislator targets Common Core standards and amendment

cal Year 2016 budget, which calls for, among other things:

- A tax credit for low to moderate income working families that will only be available in years when the state "Rainy Day Fund" is full and revenue estimates meet or exceed three percent growth;
- Increasing public education funding to \$2.5 billion and again including \$15 million in funding for the implementation of the Third Grade Reading Gate, \$3 million for the Early Learning Collaborative Program, and \$2,500 pay raises for teachers, while meeting the full request of \$22.6 million for the National Board Certified Teacher Program, creating a \$3 million Mississippi Works Scholarship program, and hiking finan-

cial aid programs by \$2.8 million for students attending colleges and universities;

- New spending, including \$5.1 million and \$1.1 million respectively for tourism and site development grants and marketing; a three per cent pay raise for road troopers and employees of the Department of Public Safety's drivers services division; an additional \$329,000 for more district attorneys across the state; \$2 million for the State University School of Public Health, \$15 million for the Maternal and Infant Mortality Initiative administered by the Department of Health, and \$1.2 million for universities and community colleges to combat teen pregnancy.

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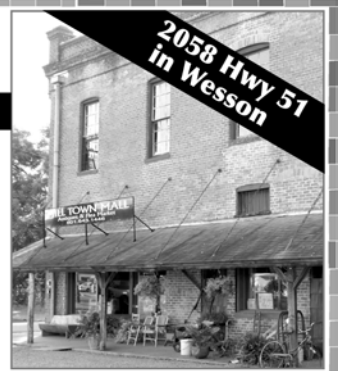
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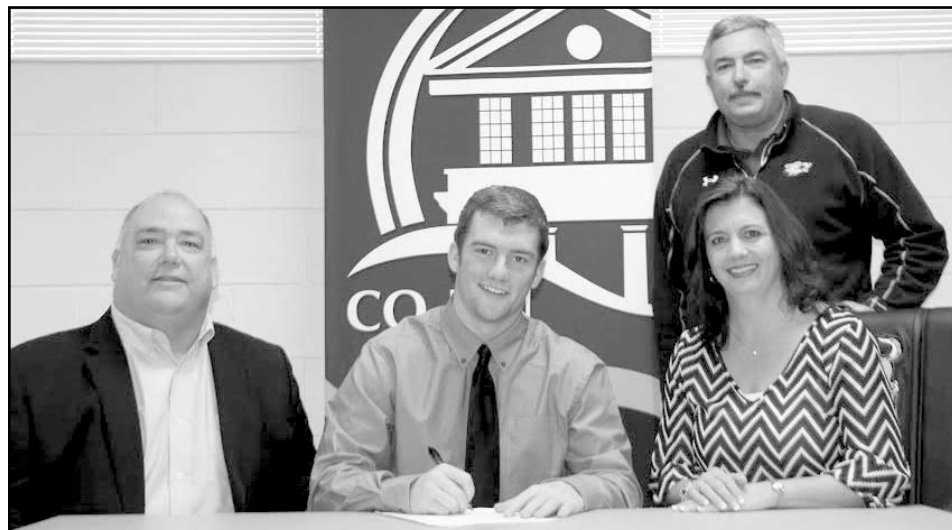
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# Sports Shorts



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Co-Lin wide receiver Koy McFarland of Wesson (seated second from left) has signed a national letter of intent with the University of Arkansas-Monticello to continue his football career. He was among a group of twenty-two Co-Lin gridiron players who have received scholarships to play at four-year colleges and universities. Pictured with him are his parents Robert McFarland (seated left) and Pam McFarland (right) and Co-Lin Head Football Coach Glenn Davis (standing).

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**Davis Coach of the Year.** The Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) has named Co-Lin head football coach Glenn Davis its 2014 Coach of the Year after he led the Wolves to an 8-3 record, the MACJC South Division championship, and an appearance in its championship game. The Wolves finished Number 11 in the final of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) poll and climbed as high as Number 3 during the 2014 season. Over eleven seasons at Co-Lin, Davis' teams have compiled a 61-42 record with three division championships (2006, 2010, 2014), four appearances in the MACJC state championship game (2006, 2010, 2012, 2014), two bowl games (2006 Golden Isle Bowl, 2012 Mississippi Bowl), and one state championship (2012). Co-Lin has posted a winning record in the last six consecutive seasons.

**All Americans.** Co-Lin redshirt freshman wide receiver Donald Gray Jr. and sophomore kick returner Diqun Davis have been named National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) 2014 All-Americans. Gray, who caught 55 passes for 989 yards — eighth best in the nation — was named first-team All-American and Davis, who returned 16 kicks for 562 yards and three touchdowns, was named to the second team.

**22 continue football careers.** Twenty-two Co-Lin players have signed letters of intent to continue their football careers at four-year schools: defensive lineman Demond Tucker of Hazlehurst (Iowa State University), defensive back Nick Beasley (Middle Tennessee State University), linebacker Teron Fitzgerald (Texas State University) running back De'Lance Turner (Alcorn State University), running back Diqun Davis (Delta State University), offensive lineman Nick Luckey (Mississippi College), offen-

sive lineman Dezmond Bedford (Tennessee State University), defensive lineman Ryan Duckworth (Alabama A&M University), defensive lineman Darrell Vanerson (Stephen F. Austin University), wide receiver Donald Gray and defensive lineman Johnathan Calvin (Mississippi State University), tight end Taylor Marini and offensive lineman Jacob Fleming (University of Southern Mississippi), linebacker DeMorris Bedford and wide receiver Courtney Foy (University of West Alabama), wide receiver Koy McFarland of Wesson and offensive lineman Quintarius Willis (University of Arkansas-Monticello), defensive back Ricky Green and running back Joshua Bates (Missouri Southern State University), linebacker Justin Morgan, offensive lineman Zechariah Ray, and defensive back Josh Russell (Jackson State University).

**16 go bowling.** Sixteen former Co-Lin football players were members of teams that qualified for postseason bowl games in 2014: Joe Craig, Jr. (University of Memphis in the Miami Beach Bowl), Carroll Phillips (University of Illinois in Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl), Jerrell Jordan, Terrell Hartsfield, and Casey Gladney (University of Cincinnati in the Military Bowl), Edward Muldrow and Stone Underwood (West Virginia University in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl), Darrion Hutcherson and Jocquell Johnson (Mississippi State in the Capital One Orange Bowl), Xavier Dampier (Auburn in the Outback Bowl), Greg Sims (Delta State in the Division II playoffs), and PJ Jarrett, DeVante Scott, AJ Bowen, Darrius Guy, and Marquis Hayes (Southeastern Louisiana in the first round of the FCS playoffs).

**Athletic scholarship.** Mallory Holden, Loyd Star soccer's center/forward and captain, has signed a soccer scholarship with the Co-Lin Lady Wolves.

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# Mississippi becoming filmmaking hotbed with boost from locals

By Guest Columnist R. Shaw Furlow

Lights! Cameras! Action!

Over the last few years, Mississippi has become a hot-bed for filmmakers who are bringing economic benefits from outside dollars spent on hotels, restaurants, caterers, and transportation, not to mention the stipends local extras receive. Most recently, the James Brown biopic, *Get on Up*, was shot in Natchez. Currently, there are as many as three films being produced in the state, and others are in the planning stages.

When I lived in Yazoo City, *The Miss Firecracker Contest* was filmed in a beautiful vacant house located virtually in my back yard. Beth Henley, a Jackson native with family ties in Brookhaven, wrote the play on which the movie was based. The town was abuzz with Hollywood types, including Mary Steenburgen, Tim Robbins, and Alfre Woodard, who had the starring roles. For three weeks, we all followed the film's progress. My Jackson Prep marching band had a brief role in the parade scene. It was not as glamorous as it seemed when I was approached by the producers. We



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waited the better part of a day for our turn and shot the same seventeen-second scene multiple times.

Filmmakers with ties to Mississippi, two of whom I am fortunate enough to know -- James Alexander Warren and Travis Mills -- are part of the mix. Alex and Travis have differing perspectives about their business, but agree the state has a big future in movies -- at least in their films. These guys are young, talented, and full of ideas and energy. I am sure they will be household names sooner than later.

Alex grew up in Terry and was exposed to film at a very early age. His father Don worked for Mississippi Public Broadcasting and later became an independent filmmaker himself. I have known Alex for several years and have watched him grow into a great writer and director. For his films *Young Bros* and *RAUT*, the Crossroads Film Festival at Jackson presented the Ruma Award for Mississippi's Promising Filmmaker to him. Alex screened his latest project, *Sequence*, which is a series of four short films that intertwine, in Oxford and Jackson and in Los Angeles and New York, where

he is hoping to catch a buzz from movie critics. Although he will soon be moving to Los Angeles, he intends to "shoot big hunks" of two feature-length films, which he is currently writing, in Mississippi.

Travis, who is from Phoenix, Arizona, and has family in Brookhaven, recently showed some of his works at The Haven Theatre in Brookhaven. Although Travis attended film school, making



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James Alexander Warren

only two films in his three years as a student, he says operating his own production company -- Running Wild Films -- has been his best teacher. Upon completing his last film, *Dual at the Mound*, Travis immersed himself in *Durant's Never Closes*. He is in the process of writing a few short films and has the idea for a full length film that he would like to shoot in Mississippi.



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Travis Mills

Both filmmakers started making shorts -- documentaries in Travis' case and music videos in Alex's. Both have acted but prefer to direct. When one film is over, they both move on to the next project. When it comes to casting, they both prefer to work with actors they know, but in some cases, are willing to take a leap of faith on unknowns. Both sometimes write a part for particular actors or have an actor in mind. On the film business, they offer these contrasting thoughts:

- **Film festivals.** Alex likes them because he believes they give his films exposure they may not otherwise receive. Although Travis thinks they are, in general, a waste of time and money, he believes the festival route may be good for his current film project -- *Durant's Never Closes* -- since it has some big name actors, including Tom Sizemore and Joe Don Baker.
- **Financing and production.** Travis has a number of backers, while Alex prefers to self-finance,

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## Co-Lin culinary arts students serve at benefit



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Culinary arts students from Co-Lin served at the third annual benefit dinner for Doll's House, a ministry in Brookhaven which assists troubled women. Participating students in front row are in Thomas Ashley of Summit; in middle row (left to right) Christina Knott of Jackson, Tabitha Erwin of Hazlehurst, Lindsay Hewitt of Summit, Hannah Page of Crystal Springs, Lawanda Stovall of Brookhaven (culinary arts student and Doll's House resident); and in back row (left to right) Charles Kelley of Wesson, Katina Wilson of Brookhaven, Christa McLendon of Crystal Springs, Olivia Travis of Liberty, Carlotta Battle and Carletta Battle of Hazlehurst, Alex Sullivan of Mendenhall, and Jody Hoff, culinary arts program coordinator.



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# Body shop owner recalls 40+ years in business

By Bob Arnold

Back in the early 1990s, an associate told Frank Parker to be prepared to close his business — Parker Paint & Body Shop (PPBS) — within ten years.

“The industry is changing,” he told Parker. “Big auto/truck body shops are the wave of the future; and insurance companies are, increasingly, referring their customers to them — their ‘preferred’ shops. Small shops can’t survive in this environment.”

Parker listened to the grim prediction, but says “I remained confident that if I did quality work, that would assure continuing business.” So far, history has proven him right. Parker Paint & Body Shop still stands in Wesson on East Railroad Avenue where Parker started it in October 1972. Thousands of vehicles have come and gone. But loyal customers, along with new ones, who discover its competitive prices and customer service, keep it going.

Things have changed since 1972, of course. And Parker Body Shop has had to change with the times. Indeed, the body shop industry now consists largely of conglomer-

ate-owned big shops which enjoy business that insurance companies refer to them, just as Parker’s associate warned. There’s more competition, too. The industry’s technology has also changed with the transformation of car and truck manufacturing. Costs have soared.

“Forty-two years ago, we had one major competitor in Brookhaven,” Parker recalls. “Business came to us from as far away as Jackson. Now we depend more and more on business from the immediate area with greater competition in the wider area.”

Initially, Parker focused on old car restoration, but within three years his service encompassed collision and frame repair, custom paint, glass replacement, and wrecker service. With business booming in the 1970s and 1980s, he



Frank Parker (left), who founded Parker Paint & Body Shop in 1972, with son Jeff, who operates business with his father today.

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employed up to ten people.

Over the years, new materials incorporated into the manufacturing of vehicles — plastics, rubber, and fiberglass — have changed the nature of work in body shops. “Future

cars and trucks will be made of aluminum,” Parker notes. “Ford is already moving in that direction. Today we increasingly replace parts rather than repair damage. When we repair damage, we use heat on the new materials instead of a hammer on metal. Repair processes are computerized.”

Recalling when he could once repaint a vehicle for a customer for about \$600, Parker shakes his head at the materials costs a body shop faces today. “A paint job is now minimally \$1000,” he says.

Parker Paint & Body Shop has stayed competitive by maintaining a low overhead and seeking to provide value to customers. It estimates it has a base of some 500 loyal customers, who return to it when they have a need.

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- Mike and Lynn Lusk (Beauregard Road) for the Best Outdoor Display
- Jo and Steve Jones (Beauregard Road) for the Most Traditional

Display

- Joe and Karen Coates (Dixie Garden Road) for the Best Door Display

Judges, who are members of the Wesson Garden Club, recognized Christmas decorators in both residential and business-institutional categories. The December issue of *Wesson News* announced the business-institutional award winners: Boswell Regional Center for its outdoor display, Los Lobos restaurant for its windows display, Porches restaurant for the best overall display, and Trustmark Bank for the most creative display.

The recognition of the residential and business decorators honor efforts to help spark and sustain the Christmas spirit through creative

and inspirational seasonal displays throughout the Wesson area and encourage expanding efforts in future years, *Wesson News* editor Bob Arnold said.

“Every year, Wesson businesses and residents turn their town into a Southern Christmas postcard-like setting with special seasonal decor and lighting displays,” Arnold observed.



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Shown clockwise from above: Best Door Display (Joe and Karen Coates); Best Holiday Spirit Display (Janice Fields); Most Contemporary Display (Robin and Richard Furr); Best Use of Lights (Katie Shephard); Most Creative Display (Bobby and Michelle Tadlock); Most Traditional Display (Jo and Steve Jones); Best Outdoor Display (Mike and Lynn Lusk)



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## Food bank gets fund raising dinner proceeds

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MAD charged the adults \$25 per head and children under twelve years old \$10 per head for the meal and entertainment and turned over all proceeds to the emergency food pantry operated by Wesson Baptist Church and Zion Hill Baptist Church.

The MAD men included Dr. Bert Bratton, Jeff Knight, Tim Sutton, Larry Ashley, Richard Furr, and Scottie King with funding assistance and other support from Mercy Reach Ministries, Wesson Ace Hardware, Copiah Bank, Pike National Bank, Shop & Wash, and WGK, Inc., Engineers.

"We're a men's group, but we couldn't have done this without our wives either," says Knight.

The men did all the cooking for the sit-down buffet dinner, including Cajun fired turkey, hickory smoked chicken, pulled pork, assorted side dishes, and Christmas cake.

Judahseed, a Christian rock group, performed throughout the evening. Santa Claus visited the children with gifts. Rev. Nelson Santa Ana, pastor of Wesson Baptist Church, presented the Biblical Christmas story with a meditation. A raffle winner received a Yeti ice chest donated by Wesson Ace Hardware.

The MAD men say their event will return next year after the big start.

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## Filmmaking in Mississippi

although he has used Kickstarter — a funding platform for creative projects. Their differing approaches may explain why Travis gets a project from concept to the screen faster than Alex. In 2013, Travis made a series of films that he called *52 Films in 52 Weeks* when he combined them. That's right, one film a week. The run time of each film varied from five minutes to 45 minutes. He screened ten of the films from that series in Brookhaven. In contrast, Alex's *Sequence* took two years to finish.

- **Role of music.** Both agree that music is essential to their work. Travis, however, uses music more traditionally to enhance a scene or to help build an emotion. And not just music, but sounds, as well. He spends quite a bit of time working on that aspect of the film. Alex, on

the other hand, has music coming at you like it would in real life — a radio playing in the background or a band on stage with the sound in front of you as you approach it, beside you as you pass it, and behind you when you're in front of it.

Check out the trailers of their films at *Durant's Never Closes* on YouTube and [www.SequenceTheFilm.com](http://www.SequenceTheFilm.com).

Our little corner of the world is fertile for the arts and creative minds. Filmmaking is part of it. If you have an idea you would like for me to explore, please feel free to share it at [shaw.furlow@yahoo.com](mailto:shaw.furlow@yahoo.com).

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**CORRECTION:** Somewhere along the line someone picked up that Nena Smith's School of Dance was built from an old renovated house on Grove Street in Wesson! This has been published many times in the newspaper and other media when articles appear about the studio, not written by Miss Nena. So, to set the record straight for further publication, Nena Smith's School of Dance was every inch designed by "Miss" Nena. It was built, brand new, from the ground up by Mike Hux accompanied by the amazing Wayne Page, Donald Porter, Voyce Williams and H.D. Bowman. Later additions were made by Clayton Britt and Team and also Brad Turner and Team. Dirt work, parking and driveway areas were done by Bobby Britt and Team.

*Thanks. We just wanted to set the record straight. We like to give credit where credit is due!*

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# It's time to make healthy new you resolutions

By Guest Columnist  
Dr. Stephanie Duguid

As you come to the New Year, it is time to think of resolutions and positive changes. Reflect on your current health, nutritional, and activity status. What are your realistic and reachable goals?

It has become tradition to make New Year's resolutions that you keep for a few weeks and then throw aside. The problem: many of them are unrealistic and poorly executed with no preparation. Change that. Make some plans that will last! Have a Happy New Year.

For long-term success, a detailed and sustainable action plan is key. Here are some tips:

**1. Change your health outlook.**

Instead of seeing health as all-or-nothing, look at it as a continuing process. Every decision you make pushes you in one direction or the other. If you keep making small, positive decisions, you move closer and closer to good health. Start with small steps to change big habits.

**2. Integrate exercise.** The number



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one reason people do not exercise is time! Try to make activity part of your daily routine in which you do not have to take "extra" time. Park farther away from your office and walk a little more. Climb stairs rather than using an elevator. Walk to check your mailbox or take out your trash rather than drive. Rather than emailing at work to get the message across, get up from your desk and visit your colleagues. Focus on being active at least 30 minutes a day.

**3. Say goodbye to fad diets.** If a diet offers you a quick fix, it is a fad. You didn't get in your current shape overnight, and you will not return to your ideal shape overnight either. Stay clear of empty calories and focus on foods that are nutritionally dense -- that is, foods that are mostly natural and not processed. When you go to the grocery store, stay on the perimeter where you will find fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh meats, dairy, and breads (whole grain of course). Once you travel to the aisles, you are looking at processed, high calorie foods.

**4. Head back to the kitchen.** Focus on preparing your own food from fresh ingredients. You will save

calories and money and will be healthier, too. Although fast-food and restaurants may be convenient, their food is also high in fat, high in calories, and high in poor health.

**5. Unplug daily.** With access to technology 24/7, it is no wonder that we are suffering from more and more stress-related illnesses. Make a point to spend time away from technology and focus on your families as well as yourself.

**6. Conquer clutter.** Living in the midst of clutter can drive your energy down. Clean up your mess, and use the renewed positive energy for creativity and being active.

**7. Get your finances in order.** One of the biggest stressors is financial challenges. In a time when spending is continually increasing and it is difficult to make ends meet, create an emergency fund and reduce your credit card use. An emergency fund should be about two months of your monthly output. If all of your monthly bills add up to \$2,000, develop an emergency fund

of \$4,000. Try to live below your means, and aim to save at least ten per cent monthly for retirement. Any amount of savings can add up. The key is beginning to save.

**8. Embrace generosity.** In the Hospitality State, Mississippians are

the first to help in a time of need. Continue your quest year round by donating time or money to people in need. Volunteer at a food bank, go out of your way to assist someone, or simply compliment someone when it is deserved. The boost in your and their morale helps you feel that life is good!

Within this overall framework, here are some simple specific suggestions as you continue your path to a healthy and happy you:

- Reduce the number of diet and regular sodas with additives, and drink water instead.
- Rather than immediately sit down when you get home from work, go to the gym or get active.
- Keep healthy snacks like almonds in your drawer at work so that if you get hungry, you won't reach for junk food.
- Get regular health screenings, including mammograms and annual physicals.

Small steps make a difference. Happy You Year!!

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## Wesson High School players and cheerleaders honored

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Members of Wesson High School varsity football, softball, and cheerleading squads have received special honors for their efforts during the 2014 fall semester.

**Football:** Kendrick Brown (Most Valuable Player and Best Defensive Player), Tyler McLeod (Best Defensive Back and Senior awards), Enrique Smith (Best Defensive Lineman, Team Captain, and Senior awards), Farrod Green (Best Offensive Player and Senior awards), Tyler Green (Best Offensive Back/Receiver), Justin Boone (Best Offensive Lineman and Senior awards), Timothy Craft (Most Versatile, Team Captain, and Senior awards), Jermaine James and Jeremiah Stapleton (Most Improved), Jamarcus Patterson (Iron Cobra), Justus Davis (Jim Lowery Attitude and Senior awards), and Timothy Ford (Jim Lowery Attitude), Blake Burns (Coaches and

Senior awards), and Tyler Christmas and Colby Porter (Senior awards)

**Slowpitch Softball:** Shortstop Kayla Britt (Most Valuable Player, Best Defensive Player, MAC Slowpitch All-Star Player, and Senior award), Kaitlyn Smith (Best Offensive Player and 7-3A All-District Player), Natalie Bonds (Most Improved), Amber Brinson (Hustle award), and Abby Meredith and Harmoni Ashley (7-3A All-District Players).

**Cheerleading:** Anna Speights (Cheerleader of the Year, All-American UCA Camp, Captain, and Senior awards), Aurianna Vaughn (Rookie of the Year), Jerrineisha Braxton (Most Improved), Brandi Wages (Heart of a Champion and Senior awards), Maya Granger (110% award), Brittany Moore and Mary Beth Munn (Most Dependable), Carley Fleming (Cheerleader Excellence and Senior awards), and Kelsey Pell (Co-Captain and Senior awards).

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## Body shop owner recalls 40+ years

Parker now operates most of the time with just three people — Frank and his son Jeff, who repair vehicles, and Jeff's wife Jodi, who manages the office. It will occasionally hire an additional person — usually someone out of high school — as business requires, but Parker knows he is training a body worker who will go elsewhere. "Good body shop workers are hard to find, because there are so many shops which need labor. We've trained many of them."

Jeff Parker has also added a new dimension to the business: scrap parts. "While I throw away old vehicle parts, Jeff recognizes their value and saves them," says Parker. "With scrap parts, we can save our

customers money on parts replacements."

While Parker Paint & Body Shop has good relationships with insurance companies and gets its fair share of business from insured customers, Parker says its low overhead gives it the capacity "to help people who have to pay out of pocket — something big shops can find difficult."

Over forty-two years of change, one thing has stayed the same at Parker Paint & Body Shop and is the reason it expects to be in Wesson for years to come, Parker says: "Quality work and honesty. We believe we're second to none. We work on our customers' vehicles like they are our vehicles."

## Community Calendar

January weather forecast: *The Old Farmers Almanac* calls for an average temperature of 41 degrees F (4 degrees below average) and precipitation, including possible snow in the early to middle of the month, of 3.5 inches (1.5 inches below average).

### JANUARY 13

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.

### JANUARY 14

Mississippi Food Policy Council general membership meeting. Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Brookhaven. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

### JANUARY 15

Fifty Plus Club meets. Anderson Building on Co-Lin campus. 10:30 a.m.

Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild (BRAG) meets. Lemanedi in downtown Brookhaven. 5:30 p.m.

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

### JANUARY 17

Application deadline and start of free Mississippi National Guard GED classes start for students ages 16 to 18. Building 80, West Jackson Avenue, Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

### JANUARY 19

Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday. Wesson Attendance Center, Co-Lin, and government offices closed.

Beginner clogging classes for persons of all ages beyond age 5 are held every Monday night. A small fee is charged each month. Brookhaven Recreation Department on Highway 51. Call 601-833-3791 for information.

### JANUARY 20

Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) meeting and membership social. Review of winter and spring semester program. Thames Center. 1 p.m.

### JANUARY 22

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

### JANUARY 26

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

### JANUARY 28

Copiah County Community Development District meeting. Thames Center. 11:30 a.m.

### JANUARY 29

Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild reception for its month-long (January) Lincoln County Public Library exhibit of George Mitchell photographs of Mississippi Blues singers. Venron Room, Lincoln County Public Library. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### FEBRUARY 3

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

### FEBRUARY 10

A Night of Originals. Presentations of original short stories, poems, and music by authors, poets, storytellers, and song writers from Co-Lin and wider area arts communities. Free event open to the public. This not a competition. No awards will be presented. It's an opportunity for artists to share their original material publicly. Co-Lin Fine Arts Auditorium. 7 p.m. Artists interested in participating the event should contact Shaw Furlow at shaw.furlow@colin.edu or 601-643-8353.

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## Police Blotter

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### Response to:

- Eight general complaints
- One simple assault
- One family disturbance
- Two vehicle accidents
- One petty larceny
- One disturbance
- One stalking
- One identity theft
- One burglary of an unoccupied residence

### Citations for:

- Seven speeding violations
- Two driving with no tag
- One careless driving
- One improper equipment
- One switched tag
- One driving with no license
- One driving with license suspended

### Arrests for:

- One resisting arrest
- One simple assault
- Two possession of marijuana
- Two possession of drug paraphernalia
- Four possession of controlled substances
- One domestic violence

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

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# Sports Shorts scores and games

### Scores:

Co-Lin basketball. Men. Pearl River 66-Wolves 50; Delgado 67-Wolves 64; Baton Rouge 67-Wolves 60. Women. Wolves 66-Pearl River 44; Wolves 69-Delgado 26; Wolves 74-Baton Rouge 39.

Wesson High School varsity basketball. Boys. Cobras 65-Bogue Chitto 39; Cobras 79-Salem 73; Cobras 61-Loyd Star 60; Cobras 76-Purvis 52; Loyd Star 75-Cobras 63 ; Cobras 66-Jefferson County 63; Cobras 75-Dexter 53. Girls. Bogue Chitto 41-Cobras 39; Cobras 61-Salem 44; Loyd Star 40-Cobras 39; Cobras 44-Purvis 16; South Pike 57-Cobras 34; Loyd Star 48-Cobras 37; Jefferson County 53-Cobras 49; Dexter 45-Cobras 36.

### Upcoming events & games:

January 13 Wesson Attendance Center girls and boys Junior Varsity and Varsity High School Basketball Cobras play at Puckett. 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.; Senior Scramble at Wolf Hollow Golf Club on Co-Lin's Wesson campus is every Tuesday at 9 a.m. Entry deadline is 8:30 a.m.

January 15 Co-Lin women and men Basketball Wolves play at East Central. 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

January 16 Wesson Attendance Center girls and boys Varsity High School Basketball Cobras play Hazlehurst. 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

January 20 Wesson Attendance Center girls and boys Junior Varsity and Varsity High School Basketball Cobras play Franklin County. 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

January 22 Co-Lin women and men Basketball Wolves play Southwest. 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

January 23 Wesson Attendance Center girls and boys Junior Varsity and Varsity High School Basketball Cobras play at Crystal Springs. 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

January 26 Co-Lin women and men Basketball Wolves play at Meridian. 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

January 27 Wesson Attendance Center girls and boys Varsity High School Basketball Cobras play at Wilkinson. 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

January 29 Co-Lin women and men Basketball Wolves play Hinds. 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

January 30 Wesson Attendance Center girls and boys Junior Varsity and Varsity High School Basketball Cobras play Jefferson County. 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

February Co-Lin women and men Basketball Wolves play at Pearl River. 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

February 3 Wesson Attendance Center girls and boys Varsity High School Basketball Cobras play at Hazlehurst. 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

February 5 Co-Lin men and women Basketball Wolves play at Jones. 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

February 6 Wesson Attendance Center girls and boys Junior Varsity and Varsity High School Basketball Cobras play at Franklin County. 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

February 9 Co-Lin women and men Basketball Wolves play East Central. 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

February 10 Wesson Attendance Center girls and boys Junior Varsity and Varsity High School Basketball Cobras play Crystal Springs. 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



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## Dancers celebrate Christ's birth



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Dance Haven Studio dancers praised and worshiped the birth of Jesus Christ in an informal holiday concert -- A Night of Worship hosted by Grateful Ministries International. The dancers' energy created an atmosphere of worship and praise that touched audience members. Pictured above in a modern dance routine are (left to right) Kaylee White, Shelley Griffith, Jaylynn Thompson, and Zadai Jointer.



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Using a wide range of Christian music, including traditional hymns and rhythm and blues and contemporary praise and worship selections, the Dance Haven Studio's various classes expressed their awe and wonder of the power of Christ. Here (left to right) in a creative movement are Braeligh Barnett, Kayleigh Smith, Rosalynn Buie, Paris Calloway, and Jaziya Wilson.

## Co-Lin's Ambassadors perform



Photo by Wesson News

The Ambassadors, Co-Lin's choral group, entertained at Fifty Plus Club. In front row (left to right) are Olivia McLaurin, Lauren Sasser, Alyssa Smith, Victoria Hazen, Kyra Lindsey, Chloe Johnson, and Charlesie Cunningham. In back row (left to right) are Denise Riley, conductor of the group; Steve Russell, Emmett Johnson, Troy Morgan, Andrew Barnett, Thomas Rials, Austin Farnham, and Tony Lowery.

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