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## Founders Day shopping & fun April 27 & 28

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Jazz and Gospel music concerts in the municipal park start Wesson's Founders Day celebration on Friday evening, April 27, with Mississippi Country Music legend Jeff Bates, fireworks and street dancing capping the fun and festivities the next night in the downtown area.

Upwards of 1,000 persons are expected for the array of events, which also include the annual parade, a flea market, a hot dog eating contest, and other musical performances.

The Co-Lin Jazz Band will set the mood for the festive occasion at 6 p.m. on Friday, followed by a Zion's Way Southern Gospel Quartet

performance at 7 p.m. The kick-off concerts will be the only events outside the immediate downtown area on Highway 51 and Spring and Factory Streets.

Bates, the Saturday evening headliner, will bring to the Wesson stage both secular Country & Western musical entertainment and witness to his recovery and redemption following a life of drugs and alcohol that landed him in jail in the late 1990s. "I share the trials and tribulations to drug addiction, going to jail, finding Jesus in jail, and what He's done in my life," says Bates. "I am now clean and sober." In 2011, he won the Inspirational Country Music (ICM) Faith, Family & Country Awards title for



Jeff Bates

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Mainstream Country Artist. "Me and Conway" was one of his major secular projects, including six original tunes and six Conway Twitty classics, one of which is a duet with Loretta Lynn. His albums also include "Rainbow Man" and "Leave the Light On" recorded by RCA and "One Day Closer" on Black River Entertainment.

The Wesson Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual festival for town's people and other visitors to celebrate the life of the community.

On Saturday (April 28) at 8 a.m., shoppers will begin looking at what Flea Market vendors are offering. Opening ceremonies at 10 a.m.

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## Easter Celebration Fun



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Some three hundred children and adults hunted for Easter eggs in a Play-It-Up community family event at the Newman ball fields on Grove Street last month. Among them were Avery McManus, who enjoyed her encounter with the Easter bunny, and Chloe Morgan, who found some bonus pocket money in a candy-filled Easter basket she was awarded for her egg-hunting efforts. The Play-It-Up program, coordinated by town hall staff and supported by volunteers and donors, seeks to bring Wesson families together in fun events throughout the year

## Officials review WAC security

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Wesson Police are prepared to provide a full-time armed officer for service at Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) during school hours, pending authorization of the Copiah County School Board, Chad O'Quinn, Chief of the Department, told a meeting of school officials, municipal police and fire department personnel and parents concerned about safety at WAC.

O'Quinn made the offer at the meeting he set up following an incident at the school, which prompted a number of parents to express their concerns about safety issues at WAC. The incident, which occurred less than a week after the shootings at Stoneman Douglas High School in

Parkland, Florida, involved a student who allegedly threatened a teacher. Wesson Police readily responded and referred the student to Copiah County Youth Court, charged with simple assault and intent to create fear.

Only a handful of parents came to the question-and-answer session at the Old School Community Center, with local school, police and fire officials predominantly present to address questions submitted in advance.

WAC Principal Marilyn Phillips reported that the school has instituted new security policies, with classrooms locked during teaching hours and all entrances locked after 8 a.m., except the one to the high school, where an unarmed school resource officer is

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## Police Blotter

*Special to Wesson News*

During March, Wesson Police Department activity encompassed:

**Response to:**

- One theft
- One vehicle accident
- One theft of medicines
- One domestic disturbance
- Four general complaints

**Response to:**

- One shoplifting
- One dog ordinance violation (unleashed or unconfined)
- One bail bond jumping warrant
- One contempt of court warrant
- Four speeding violations
- Three driving without licenses
- One driving with an expired license
- One driving without a tag
- Two driving with expired tags
- Three driving without proof of liability insurance
- Three stop sign violations
- One failure to signal
- Four possessions of marijuana in motor vehicles

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

**April weather forecast:** The Old Farmer's Almanac calls for an average of temperature of 62 degrees F (one degree below average) with precipitation of 7.5 inches (three inches above average). **April 10-18:** Rainy periods, warm. **April 19-23:** Sunny, cool. **April 24-28:** T-storms, then sunny, cool. **April 29-30:** T-storms.

## 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.

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.

## APRIL 11

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

Junior Informal Dance Showcase. Mississippi School of the Arts Johnson Institute, downtown Brookhaven. Also April 12. 7 p.m.

## APRIL 12

Lunch & music at Trinity Park. Various groups will perform on Thursdays (also April 19 & 26) through April. Park at Church of the Redeemer Episcopal Church on Monticello Street in Brookhaven. 12 noon.

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.

Visual Art Senior Pop-Up Showcases. Mississippi School of the Arts Enochs Gallery, downtown Brookhaven. Also April 19, 26 & May 10. 6 p.m.

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

## APRIL 13

Silver Cross Health & Rehab fundraiser. Purchase pulled pork lunch plates (sandwich, chips & dessert). for

\$8 each. Pick up between 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. The Aspen of Brookhaven at 500 Silver Cross Drive. All proceeds will benefit Relay For Life of Copiah-Lincoln counties. For more information, contact Kimberly Williams at 601-695-3299 or Brooke Daley at 601-455-1061.

## APRIL 16

ServSafe, National Restaurant Association food safety training for hospitality personnel. \$150 covers book, class and exam. Wesson Co-Lin campus. 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. (exam at 2 p.m.) For information, call 601-643-8707.

Blood drive every second and fourth Monday. King's Daughters Medical Center Hospital Annex. 1 p.m.- 6 p.m.

## APRIL 17

Institute for Learning in Retirement movie, "The Greatest Showman," an original musical about P.T. Barnum that celebrates the birth of show business; followed by a workshop -- Trip to Cuba in which Dr. Bettie Bullard and Beverly Britt discuss their travels on the Caribbean island. Co-Lin Thames Center. 10 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.

## APRIL 18

WorkKeys Assessment examination for Career Readiness Certificate. Thames Center on Co-Lin campus. 8:45 a.m.-12 noon. Also May 2. Participants must register in advance.

## APRIL 21

Golf Tournament fundraiser for Zion Hill Baptist Church Ukraine Mission Team. Lunch provided. \$60 individual. \$240 foursome. Wolf Hollow Course at Co-Lin. For information, contact, Brother Tom McCormick at 601-754-4797.

## APRIL 24

Institute for Learning in Retirement trip to Foley, Alabama, and Pensacola, Florida, starts and continues until April 26. Departs Co-Lin's Wesson campus at 8 a.m. with pickups in Brookhaven (8:15 a.m.) and Monticello (8:45 a.m.) 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.

## APRIL 25

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

## APRIL 26

Performance Troupe Showcase. Mississippi School of the Arts Lampton Auditorium, downtown Brookhaven. 7 p.m.

## APRIL 27

Wesson Founders' Day celebration. Co-Lin Jazz Band and Zion's Way Southern Gospel Quartet perform at Municipal Park at 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. on April 27. Flea market, parade, musical entertainment, hot dog eating contest, fireworks display, Jeff Bates in concert & street dancing. Downtown Wesson. 8 a.m.- 11 p.m. on April 28.

## MAY 1

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

Literary Arts Senior Showcases.. Mississippi School of the Arts Enochs Theater, downtown Brookhaven. 6 p.m.

## MAY 2

Media Arts Film Showcases. Mississippi School of the Arts Enochs Theater downtown Brookhaven. Also May 3. 6 p.m.

## MAY 4

Spring Chorale Concert. Mississippi School of the Arts Lampton Auditorium, downtown Brookhaven. 7 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**  
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# Officials review WAC security

located. She also highlighted WAC's protocols related to duty and visitor rosters, traffic plans, evacuation procedures and weather response; a hazardous waste policy due to the school's proximity to the railroad and camera monitoring throughout the facility. Although the school resource officer is unarmed due to training requirements, he has access to a firearm on campus, Phillips said. Details on security practices, policies and procedures are published in student manuals available on the WAC section of the Copiah County Schools website (<https://www.copiah.ms>), she pointed out.

Recognizing that immediate concerns following the incident largely stemmed from lack of information, Phillips also conceded, "I do see there's a need to better inform parents, and we're going to do a better job of putting that out there."

Although word started spreading after the incident that "something happened," WAC made no statement or sent a letter to homes of students,

and the Wesson Police issued only a brief report about the incident on its social media account three days later.

"At first I was angry I had not been notified -- that I had to find out through Facebook," one parent said at the meeting. The mother of a six-year-old kindergartener said "that's my child, and I should have been the one to make the decision on whether to send her to school those couple of days after."

Phillips and police officials cited privacy laws in partially defending the somewhat muted initial response following the incident.

"We had a disciplinary action at our school, and we can't share that information," Phillips noted. On the other hand, O'Quinn reassured the audience that his force is prepared to respond to incidents. Whether or not they are stationed at WAC, "if there was a shooting at the school, we're going to go to where the threat is," he said. "We're not going to stand outside."

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# Conquering stress in your life

By Guest Columnist  
Dr. Stephanie Duguid

Stress affects everyone to some degree. Some 67 percent of adults indicate they experience "great stress" at least one day a week. Stress Awareness Month is an occasion to identify stress and what you can do to conquer it.



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Stressors come in many forms, and even positive life events can increase our stress levels. In fact, stress in the U.S. has increased 30% over the last three decades.

At moderate levels, stress can motivate us to reach our goals and keep life interesting. However, when stressors are severe or chronic, our bodies may not be able to adapt. Stress can compromise immune functioning, leading to a host of diseases of adaptation. In fact, stress has been linked to between 50 and 70 percent of all illnesses. Further, stress is associated with negative health behaviors, such as alcohol and other drug use, and to psychological problems, such as depression and anxiety.

There are at least three different types of stress:

- **Eustress**, good or routine stress related to the pressures of work, family, and other daily responsibilities;
- **Distress**, bad stress caused by a sudden negative change, such as

losing a job, divorce, or illness;

· **Traumatic stress**, experienced when threatened with being seriously hurt or killed, such as in a major accident, war, assault or a natural disaster. This type of stress can cause post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The body responds to stress in a variety of ways:

- **Physiologically** (Body): elevated heart rate, palms get sweaty, muscles get tense.
- **Cognitive** (Mind): worry, lack of concentration, forgetfulness.
- **Emotional**: anger, hot-tempered reaction, panic, a sense of dread.
- **Behavioral**: impatience, hurrying, feeling high strung.

Common external causes of stress include, but are not limited to major life changes, work or school, relationship difficulties, financial problems, being too busy, and children and family. Common internal causes of stress include, but are not limited to chronic worry, pessimism, rigid thinking, lack of flexibility, negative self-talk, unrealistic expectations/perfectionism and an all-or-nothing attitude.

Physical symptoms experienced as a result of stress are fatigue (51 percent of the time), headache (41 percent), upset stomach (34 percent), muscle tension (30 percent), change in appetite (23 per cent), teeth grinding (17 percent), change in sex drive (15 percent) and feeling dizzy

(13 percent).

Chronic stress effects, according to helpguide.org, can lead to depression and anxiety, weight problems, autoimmune diseases, skin conditions, reproductive issues, pain, heart disease, digestive problems, sleep problems, cognitive and memory problems,

and much more.

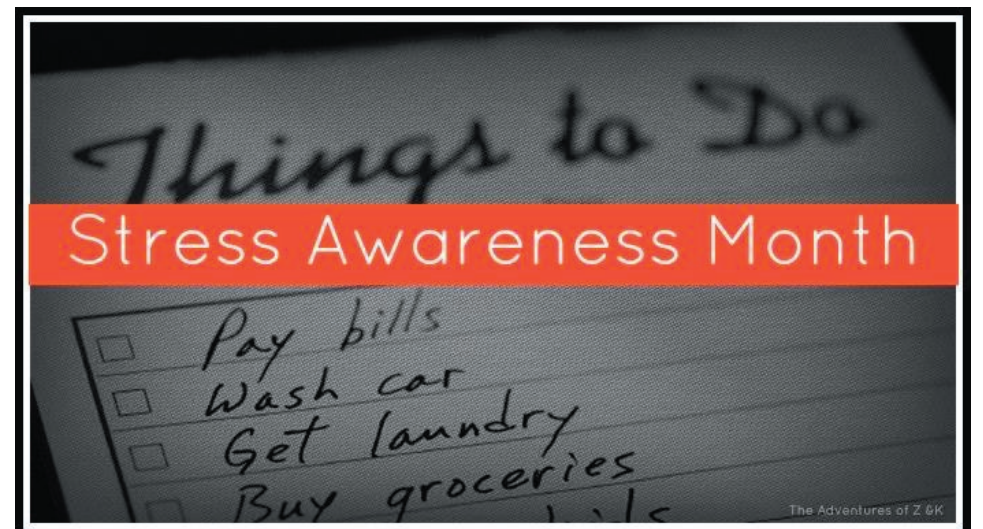
Stress management encompasses physical activity, sleep, journaling, listening to music, breathing exercises, guided imagery and time management.

Time management is particularly effective in adapting to the stresses of modern living. For example, managing time is critical to academic success as well as overall well-being. In one study of college students, higher

levels of perceived control over time were associated with lower levels of stress and higher levels of academic performance, problem-solving ability, and health. In another study, better time management was more helpful against academic stress than leisure activities. Time management involves knowing how to spend your time, setting goals and deadlines, prioritizing, writing what you need to do, scheduling both recreational activities and your responsibilities, avoiding procrastination, assessing your effectiveness at managing time and improving it.

*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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# AG probe, volunteers, fundraiser, award & grants

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**AG investigating Facebook.** In a letter, Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood has put Facebook on notice to preserve any relevant paper and electronic documents for an investigation into whether the social media giant violated the Mississippi Consumer Protection Act when it gave permission to University of Cambridge Professor Aleksandr Kogan to harvest information of users who downloaded his app, "thisisyourdigitallife." The information included user locations, friends and activity on the social media platform. Hood also joined a bipartisan coalition with thirty-six other state attorneys general in sending a separate letter to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg that raised questions about the social networking site's policies and practices. Hood reminded Mississippians to check the security settings on their social media accounts, paying close attention to any area that offers options for sharing data with applications connected to that social media platform. For more consumer protection tips, visit [agjimhood.com](http://agjimhood.com)

**Volunteers needed.** Keep Copiah County Beautiful (KCCB) is seeking volunteers to assist it in hosting the more than thirty Keep Mississippi Beautiful (KMB) affiliates throughout the state at the Great American Cleanup (GAC) Kickoff in Mississippi. GAC, the major project of Keep America Beautiful (KAB), is the nation's largest community improvement effort, rallying some four million volunteers across the U.S. every year to help 20,000 communities discourage littering, foster recycling and beautify their environments. For the first time, KCCB is launching Mississippi's involvement in the event at Lake Hazle in Hazlehurst on Saturday, May 19. Representatives from KMB affiliates across Mississippi will be on hand from 8 a.m. to 12 noon to help cleanup and beautify the public park. KCCB is seeking help as the host from local volunteers to provide food and refreshments and administrative assistance as well as to plant trees, shrubs and flowers; pick up litter and

debris and improve a walking trail. Keep Mississippi Beautiful (KMB) and its affiliates, including KCCB, participate in KAB, a 53-year old national not-for-profit organization which works through 600 community-based affiliates to provide expertise, programs and resources to help people shape clean, green and beautiful places to live.

**Band fundraiser.** Local drivers can sample the experience of a new car and support the Wesson High School Cobra band at the same time on Saturday, April 14. Crystal Springs-based Rogel Ford will make cars available at Wesson Attendance Center and will donate \$20 to the band for each driver who tries out a car on a test excursion between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. For friends who accompany primary drivers and also try out a car, Rogel will donate another \$10 to the band. Come to the school, show a valid driver's license, sample the experience of traveling in a new car. No salesmen. Nothing to purchase. Just drive a car, and the Cobra band gets the money.

**Nettles to receive award.** Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the premier honor

support to PTK chapters. Nettles, who announced his retirement in November of last year, has spent the last ten years as president of Co-Lin, served as Director of the Community and Economic Development on the Wesson Campus from 1994-1997, Dean of the Natchez Campus and Executive Vice President on the Wesson campus from 2004-2008.

**Pell Grants return.** Federal Pell Grants are again available year-round at Co-Lin and can provide assistance to students during the summer semester for the first time since 2011. Pell Grants provide students with the financial resources necessary to complete their degree and do not have to be repaid. Co-Lin students currently receiving Pell

Grant funds need to enroll for at least six hours during the Summer 2018 term to be eligible to receive them. New Co-Lin students, or students not currently receiving federal financial aid, need to apply for financial aid. Registration at Co-Lin opened Thursday, April 5, 2018, for online and on-ground summer courses during the Maymester Term (May 21-June 1), First Summer Term (June 4-June 28) and Second Summer Term (July 2-July 31). Visit <http://www.colin.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/grants/> for Pell grant information. Call 601-643-8465 for information on financial aid at Co-Lin. For class registration information, contact the Office of Enrollment Services at 601-643-8490.

## NEWS NUGGETS

society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders, is presenting Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles its Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award. He is one of thirteen college presidents who will receive the award at PTK Catalyst 2018 -- the society's annual convention in Kansas City, Missouri, April 19-21. The Bennett Awards, named for Dr. Michael Bennett, longtime president of St. Petersburg (Florida) College, honor retiring college presidents who have provided consistently outstanding

## Sugarcane processing a dying art



Wesson News

Mark Stevens discussed the dying art of sugar cane syrup processing at a Wesson Lions Club meeting. Stevens, who maintains the art on his Columbia, Mississippi, farm, plants seven to eight acres of new sugar cane in rows during the early fall from cut tops of the growing cane. He harvests stalks of cane in November or December, mills them to squeeze out juice and slowly cooks the juice three to four hours on a fire-wood furnace. From eighty gallons of juice, he makes forty to fifty quarts of syrup. As the juice is cooked, water and impurities come out. If the juice is over-cooked, Stevens warns, it turns back to sugar. On the other hand, it will expand and explode in the jars in which it is stored if it is under-cooked. Stevens produces about 3,000 quarts of sugar cane syrup each year.

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# Founders Day shopping and fun April 27 & 28

will officially inaugurate the event, with remarks by Chamber President Janet Currie and introduction of the Founders' Day Queen and Ambassadors.

The Founders Day parade, led by Grand Marshall Bobby Britt, will roll at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Among the parade participants will be the Wesson High School and Co-Lin bands, the Wesson Fire Department truck, Co-Lin cheerleaders and mascots, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Lions Club, John Green and his tractor, horse riders, wagons, buggies, and carriages from the Wesson Wagon Train; other colorful floats created by local businesses and service, civic and fraternal organizations, churches, and individuals; and cars carrying local dignitaries, including Senator Sally Doty and Representative Becky Currie.

Throughout Saturday, between thirty and forty street vendors along with town merchants will offer food and sell a variety of crafts, antiques, and fleas to visitors in the downtown area. The Wesson Garden Club will have a variety of plants, flowers, trees and pots for sale to help fund its beautification projects.

The Mississippi Spirit will begin

an afternoon of entertainment and fun at noon on Saturday with a competition cheer exhibition. Topher Brown and Marvin Curtis (3 p.m.- 4 p.m.), known throughout the area for their dueling piano and guitar performance, and former American Idol star Skylar Lane (6 p.m.), originally from Brandon and now living in Wesson, will headline musical entertainment. The Wesson High School Indoor Percussion Ensemble (12:30 p.m.), the Co-Lin Sojourners rock band (1 p.m.), Camilla & Good Time Line Dancers (1:30 p.m.), the Co-Lin Ambassadors choir (2 p.m.), Christian Scott (2:30 p.m.), Vanesha Harris (4:30 p.m.), Janet Hamilton Schmidt (4:45 p.m.) and Eric Sharp (5 p.m.) will also maintain an upbeat ambiance throughout the day with performances.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, children and youth from nine to thirteen years old and adults fourteen and older will compete in a hot dog eating contest. A spectacular fireworks display produced by the Town of Wesson will follow the Bates concert at 9 p.m., with DJ Dwight Sullivan providing the music for street dancing to end the night, starting at 9:30 p.m.

## Here is the schedule of events for the Founders Day celebration:

### Friday, April 27 (Municipal Park)

Co-Lin Jazz Band	6 p.m.
Gospel Concert	7 p.m.

### Saturday, May 2 (Downtown Wesson)

Flea Market vendor registration	6 a.m.
Flea Market shopping begins	8 a.m.
Welcome by Chamber of Commerce President Janet Currie	
Introduction of Founders' Day Queen & Ambassadors	10 a.m.
Founders Day Parade	11 a.m.
Mississippi Spirit cheer exhibition	12 Noon
Wesson High School Indoor Percussion Ensemble	12:30 p.m.
Co-Lin Sojourners	1 p.m.
Camilla & Good Time Dancers	1:30 p.m.
Co-Lin Ambassadors	2 p.m.
Christian Scott	2:30 p.m.
Topher Brown & Marvin Curtis	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Hot Dog Eating Contest	4 p.m.
Vanesha Harris	4:30 p.m.
Janet Hamilton Schmidt	4:45 p.m.
Eric Sharp	5 p.m.
Skylar Lane	6 p.m.
Jeff Bates in concert	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fireworks display	9 p.m.
Street dancing (DJ Dwibets Entertainment)	9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.

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# Wesson MSA student national award recipient

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A Wesson student was one of two in the Literary Arts department at The Mississippi School of the Arts (MSA) to receive national awards through the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

Shelly Castilaw of Wesson and Christopher Aaron of Bogie Chitto were also among Gold Key winners at the Mississippi Regional Competition hosted by The Eudora Welty House, in conjunction with the Eudora Welty Foundation. At the national level, they competed with thousands of other students from every state in the nation.

Shelly Castilaw, an MSA senior, received a Gold Medal in Poetry and a Silver Medal with Distinction for her Writing Portfolio, while Aaron, also a senior at MSA, received a Silver Medal for a short story. Students in the national competition had been identified by panels of creative professionals as the most talented young artists and writers in the nation and the award recipients will be honored at a ceremony at

Carnegie Hall in New York City this summer. This year, nearly 350,000 works of art and writing were submitted for national consideration, with less than one percent of them recognized.

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# Hyde-Smith goes to U.S. Senate

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A Co-Lin graduate from Brookhaven has become Mississippi's first woman and first Southwestern Mississippi native to serve in the U.S. Senate.

Before a crowd of local citizens and state officials in Brookhaven, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant announced the appointment of Cindy Hyde-Smith, the State Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner, to fill the seat of retiring U.S. Senator Thad Cochran from April 1 until voters select his replacement in a special November election.

"This decision is all mine," said the Governor, who reportedly also considered Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves and Secretary of State Delbert Hoseman for the appointment.

With her husband Michael and daughter Anna-Michael, Hyde-Smith told the cheering crowd "I'm honored the Governor chose me when he had a great list of qualified candidates." In her brief remarks, she also confronted an issue that is likely to loom large in her campaign for the November special election -- namely, her history as a Democrat before moving over to the Republican Party with many other Mississippi elected officials in 2010.

"I've been a conservative all my life," she proclaimed. As a Democrat, who served Mississippi Senate District 39, which encompasses Lawrence and Lincoln and parts of Copiah and Walthall counties, for three terms beginning in 2000, Hyde-Smith said she left behind a "long paper trail" that documents "a record of conservatism, a record of accomplishments and getting



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Wesson Mayor Alton Shaw congratulates new Mississippi U.S. Senator. Cindy Hyde-Smith

things done." She also cited a list of Republican causes she supports -- rebuilding the military, border security, repealing Obamacare and protecting Second Amendment rights; praised the Trump Administration for slashing government regulations, repeated President Trump's "make America great again battle cry" and reminded

her audience that she advised President Trump on agricultural issues during his run for the White House.

Wesson Mayor Alton Show, who was on hand to celebrate the appointment of the new Senator, said it was good to have someone in the state's Congressional delegation who knows southwest

Mississippi.

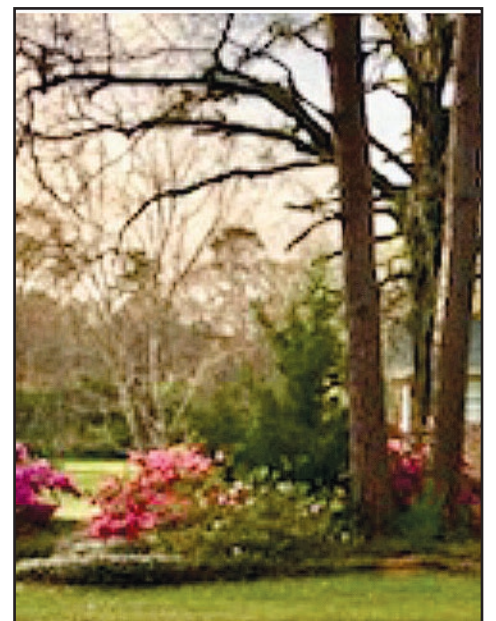
"Our Congressional delegation has always been responsive and listened to our needs," Shaw said. "But it's a bonus to have someone who personally understands your interests and concerns because they are part of your area."

Currently, State Senator Chris McDaniel, a conservative associated with the Tea Party wing of the Mississippi Republican Party, and Democrats Mike Espy, who served as a Mississippi U.S. Representative and President Bill Clinton's Secretary of Agriculture, and Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton will be on the November special election ballot with Hyde-Smith. A Chism Strategies poll recently showed Espy leading in the race. McDaniel's campaign and around hundred county-level Republican leaders across the state have called on President Trump to withhold support for Hyde-Smith.

Mississippi voters first elected the Lincoln County cattle farmer State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce in 2011 -- a role in which she was instrumental in getting China to lift its ban on importing American beef and persuading U.S. authorities to set standards for imported catfish, she pointed out

"I pledge to you to serve all our citizens with dignity, honor and respect," Hyde-Smith said. "I look forward to serving in the U.S. Senate with Senator Roger Wicker and Mississippi's Congressional delegation. You can get many things done in Washington, DC, for Mississippi and I look forward to working side by side with them to truly make our state a better place."

# Garden Club March honor yards



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Wesson Garden Club recognized the landscaping efforts of Copiah Bank on Highway 51 (left), Mrs. Albert Peets at 1014 Mount Zion Road (center) in a rural residential setting and Judy and Phillip Case at 2001 Railroad Street in the Wesson corporate limits for its March Yard of the Month honors. The awards, based on maintenance and landscape design, seek to encourage ongoing beautification and cleanliness of the Wesson area and cultivate a citizenry that values and protects natural resources and assumes responsibility for enhancing the environment. The Garden Club's Yard of the Month awards honor properties in organizational, town residential and rural residential (limited to Wesson School District) categories during the spring, summer and fall.

# Nine recognized for Co-Lin donations

Special to Wesson News

The Co-Lin Foundation welcomed nine new members into its Hall of Fame at its annual banquet last month. The new people and organizations join 113 formerly recognized members honored for donations in excess of \$10,000 to support the Foundation from 1994 through 2017. They were:

**Rachel Ragus and Elton Bolin** of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for supporting the Arthur Boyte, Jr. Family Scholarship. Ragus has worked for the Baton Rouge Park and Recreation Commission for the past fifteen years and is a graduate of Co-Lin Natchez. Bolin has managed a tile business in Baton Rouge for the past twenty-five years.

**Arthur Leon and Edna Jerlene Boyte** of Roxie, Mississippi, for also supporting the Arthur Boyte, Jr. Family Scholarship, which honors their son, who died in 1989, just shy of his twenty-first birthday.

A 1959 Co-Lin graduate, Arthur Boyte, Sr., worked for International Paper at Natchez for thirty-three years and served in the Mississippi National Guard for twenty-three years. His wife Edna worked in banking and for the Department of Human Services at Co-Lin Natchez, where she graduated in 1989. They owned and operated A&J Burgers in Bude from 1990-1999.

**Copiah County Medical Center (CCMC)** for supporting Co-Lin's Licensed Practical Nursing programs through an Urban Research Park CDE grant. Formerly Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital, CCMC is a Critical Access Hospital that operates in a new facility opened in 2017 and houses twenty-five private, spacious inpatient suites, nine state-of-the-art emergency department rooms and modern radiology, laboratory and cardiopulmonary departments.

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The Co-Lin Foundation inducted nine new members into its Hall of Fame. Those pictured (left to right) are Curtis McMillan of Mendenhall, Edna and Arthur Boyte of Roxie, Rachel Ragus and Elton Bolin of Baton Rouge, Insurance and Risk Managers represented by Josh Smith and Mike Smith, King's Daughters Medical Center represented by CEO Alvin Hoover, Burrell Kyzar of Sumrall, Tricia Walker of Cleveland, and Copiah County Medical Center represented by CEO Ben Lott. Marilyn Riley of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, is not pictured.

Mississippi based in Brookhaven, with twenty locally-owned branches that employ thirty-two persons, including fifteen licensed professionals, from Gulfport to Hernando and Natchez to Meridian.

**King's Daughters Medical Center (KDMC)** of Brookhaven for supporting Co-Lin athletics. Willing Hearts Circle, a group organized in 1894 in Brookhaven to provide food, clothing and medicine to the needy and committed to nursing and visiting the sick, opened the hospital in 1914, operated a nursing school there from 1924-1944 and relocated KDMC to its present location off Highway 51 in 1964.

**Burrell Kyzar** of Sumrall for supporting the Jodie Kyzar Greer George Scholarship, established in

memory of his aunt. The Lawrence County native graduated from Co-Lin in 1964 and started his career in 1967 with Blair, Follin, Allen, and Walker, Inc. in Nashville, Tennessee, after receiving a degree in marketing from The University of Southern Mississippi. He launched his own employee benefit company -- Kyzar and Company -- in 1974 at Harrisburg, PA, which he sold to BancorpSouth in 2005.

**Curtis McMillan** of Mendenhall for supporting the AJ, Charlene and Susan Mangum Scholarship and the Charlotte Hill Scholarship. A 1960 Co-Lin graduate, McMillan played football for the Wolfpack and later served as assistant coach at the college and taught and coached at Wesson High School. He now owns

a real estate and appraisal service in Mendenhall, where he was an alderman, mayor pro tem and city judge, former member of the Lions Club and a founder of the Simpson County Academy. He is a member of the Co-Lin Sports Hall of Fame and will be inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame this month.

**Marilyn Riley** of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, for supporting the Bernard L. Riley Scholarship in memory of her late husband, who was a 1953 graduate of Co-Lin, where he played basketball and was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 1989. Bernard Riley worked in executive positions at International Paper Company, Emcore and Dataram Corporations. He and his wife were married for fifty-five years.

**Tricia Walker** of Cleveland for supporting the Marie Farr Walker scholarship, established in memory of her mother. Co-Lin's 2007 Alumnae of the Year, Walker, a Fayette native, graduated from the college in 1972, was a member of the student Hall of Fame and received degrees in music education from Delta State and music theory and composition from Mississippi College before pursuing a distinguished career as a singer and songwriter. She toured extensively with Shania Twain and Paul Overstreet as a keyboard accompanist and vocalist, and performed at the Grand Ole Opry with Connie Smith and Roy Acuff. Faith Hill and Pattie Loveless have recorded her songs, and Alison Krauss won a Grammy award with the recording of Walker's "Looking Through the Eyes of Love." Along with Pam Tillis, Karen Staley and Ashley Cleveland, she was a founding member of "Women in the Round," one of the most celebrated foursomes at Nashville's prestigious Bluebird Café. She has performed at the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Tin Pan South Songwriting Festival in Nashville.

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# Phyllis Jordan learned about “home” in Wesson

By Bob Arnold

Phyllis Jordan may reside in Dentville, Mississippi, outside Hazlehurst, but Wesson is her home, if that is the place where you can find special people who love and care for you.

In Wesson, Jordan found a place that educated and nurtured her children and provided employment, but she came to fully appreciate it as “home” in 2015 when doctors told her husband, Eddy Jordan, he needed a liver transplant.

“We had to go to New Orleans to live while he prepared for surgery, received his new liver, and recovered at Ochsner Medical Center,” she relates. “Our health insurance, fortunately, covered the medical expenses, but we came close to losing everything, with no income coming in because we had to quit our jobs, while trying to pay for housing in New Orleans, keep our house in Wesson, travel back and forth from Wesson to New Orleans and cover other general living expenses.”

The people of Wesson, however, stepped up to help. They put dollars and change in jars at Ashley’s 51 and the Dollar Store, donated money through a Go Fund on the internet, gave money directly to Jordan when they saw her on the street.

“People I didn’t know would walk up to me and put a hundred dollar bill in my hand,” Jordan recalls. A church raised \$500 to assist her. “The people of Wesson are unlike people I know anywhere else in their generosity,” Jordan says. “They opened their hearts and pocketbooks. I couldn’t be more grateful.”



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Attracted by Wesson Attendance Center, Jordan and her husband came to Wesson in 1988 to rear their three children -- Crissy, now 35; Sasha, now 30, who works at the Dollar Store; and Zachery, now 25, and a licensed preacher, who aspires to studying for the ministry. They all attended Wesson Attendance Center, starting

Degree in Criminal Justice from American International University. She is now a regional retail service manager for American Greeting Cards, maintaining point-of-sales displays and taking and delivering card orders at large and small stores throughout the area. Jordan’s retail work has also encompassed employment at the

and do yard work. I have seven cats and two dogs -- a pitbull and chihuahua. If a stray wanders into my yard, I will probably keep it.

## You say you are a reader?

I focus on religious, spiritual and devotional reading. At Gallman Baptist Church, I am part of Bible studies and enjoy reading scripture. I like Max Lucado, who has written a lot of books on Christian living.

## Favorite movies?

The last movies I watched were cartoons with my kids. On television, I enjoy the Hallmark channel. Otherwise, I am not a big TV watcher. On the other hand, I have become a fan of religious drama with performance of *Heaven’s Gate-Hell’s Flame* and *Judgment House* at Clear Branch Baptist Church.

## Would you change anything about your life?

Everything I have been through has made me what I am, and I like my life, including 32 years of marriage.

## Do you have any wishes you would ask the good fairy to grant you?

My house needs to be totally renovated. The roof needs to be repaired. The kitchen needs attention. Recently, a pickup truck crashed into my front porch. My husband, a carpenter, can do a lot of the work. My wish is that we get at it!

## Would you change the world in any way?

I would make everyone get along with each other and stop racism.

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in elementary school and graduating from Wesson, High School. Jordan’s husband built a carpentry business in Wesson and she made a career in the retail business, including working for the Dollar Store from 2012-2018.

In 1988, Jordan earned her high school diploma online and went back to the internet in 2006 to get a Bachelor’s

Dollar Store in Crystal Springs and Wal-Mart, Piggly-Wiggly and Fred’s in Hazlehurst. Today, she and Eddy live in her grandmother’s old house near Hazlehurst, but Wesson is still where they found a “home.”

## What are your hobbies?

I read, keep a journal, tend a garden

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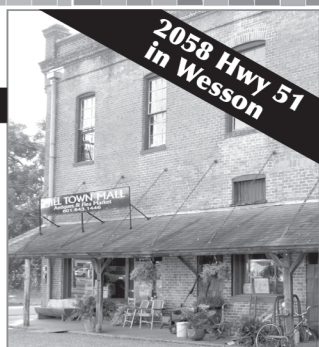
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# Unique barn nurtures artists

By Guest Columnist Shaw Furlow

Nearly every Thursday morning, just to the south of Wesson off Highway 51 in an old barn, you can find a dedicated group of artists sitting at their easels or work stations, doing what they love. Painting.

Tucked away in a serene setting off Newman Trail is the Art Barn, built to give artists a space to work and young students a setting to learn - a unique place that nurtures artists in different ways.

Ava Jane Newell's husband Mark built it in 2000 to give her a place to teach. He used materials mostly scrounged, borrowed or donated.

"Windows, doors came from old barns and houses," Newell told me on a recent visit to this magical place.



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On the floor are sporadic paint spills along with some pretty clever designs. "Students painted their names all over the floor, and whatever else they thought of," Newell says. While Newell no longer teaches, she has opened up the barn to artists to use as a work space. "From ten until two every Thursday, we gather to paint and have fun. Of course, food and coffee are also involved."

The idea of the Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild (BRAG), which has become a growing influence in the arts in our area, came out of the Art Barn. BRAG sponsors several art showings throughout the year, including an annual show in which it awards ribbons to the best in several media and an overall best work.

I came to the Art Barn to learn more about a project Newell and fellow artist Maxine Minter undertook during January -- to paint constantly every day and complete as many works as possible during the month.

"I was able to complete twelve paintings," Minter, 92, said.

"It takes over your whole life. My sun room is filled with paintings." Newell added: "The painting never stops. I took my water colors with me when I visited Texas during the month." Newell pursued the challenge previously, but this was the first time for Minter. "Painting keeps you sharp," Newell said as the explanation for the



project. "You don't just pick up your brushes and start painting. It takes a lot of preparation." Since January, four of Minter's marathon painting month works have been selected for post cards to promote her home town of Savanna, Tennessee.

But the Art Barn is more than mara-

thon painting. It's about giving artists a venue for perfecting technique and a place to find unique ways to express their deepest feelings and emotions. While I looked around at all the works hanging on every inch of the walls, I stood behind Bettie Bullard, fascinated by her technique -- applying just a dab of paint to her canvass, and then with a cloth manipulating the color just the way she wanted it. I also watched Sharon Allen working on a project near to her heart. After her young adult daughter died, she chose a unique way to memorialize her: decorative boxes for storing books.

"She was a reader," Allen says. "So I'm building these boxes for books. People can take a book and read it and return it." She was working on her third box. The first one is at her house, while the second one is at Dr. Sessums pediatric dentist office.

I confess that I once took an art class to meet a girl. I learned how to draw a box and a corner -- and I got a date. The Art Barn proves there is more to be had!

That's it this month, friends. Plays are running, music is being played and festivals and outdoor concerts are just around the corner. Go out and 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.



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Art Barn painters (left to right) are Sharon Allen, Ava Jane Newell, Maxine Minter and Betty Bullard.



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# New WAF ball-playing season begins

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Play ball!! Between 300 and 400 children from four years old to twelve years old are responding to the charge this year through thirty-two teams that are playing in the new Wesson Athletic Foundation (WAF) season that opened this past weekend and concludes at the end of May.

Every Saturday over the next seven weeks, baseball, softball and forms of these sports designed for very young children will make the Hiram C. Newman Memorial Fields on Grove Street the center of community activity, with more than a 1,000 strong on hand -- boys and girls who play, their parents and grandparents, who volunteer as WAF coaches, concession stand staff, maintenance workers and officers, and fans, who enjoy the games and social life at the ball park.

WAF fields Tee Ball teams for boys and girls aged four, five and six years old; coach-pitch softball teams for children seven and eight years old, softball teams for girls nine, ten, eleven and twelve years old; and baseball teams for boys nine, ten, eleven and twelve years old. The games are played on four different fields -- each one laid out to accommodate

the ages and genders of the players. In Tee Ball, batters hit a ball placed on an adjustable tee atop home plate and players learn other game skills. Coach-pitch baseball or softball (sometimes called Buddy Ball) is the next step for children in which the team coaches pitch to batters on the opposing team, with the intent of allowing them to hit the ball or put it into play. Finally, the girls and boys move on to softball and baseball.

The season for the varied WAF teams will feature twelve to sixteen games. In softball and baseball competition, teams from the Copiah County Baseball Association also play their WAF counterparts. At the end of season, WAF chooses All Star Teams with the outstanding performers in coach-pitch, and regular softball and baseball. The softball and baseball All Star teams compete with similar All Star teams from throughout the state and region in post-season tournament play organized by the U.S. Specialty Sports Association (USSA). In 2012, WAF's baseball All Stars of eleven and twelve year old boys competed for the state championship.

WAF's origins trace to the 1970s, when Co-Lin started baseball and softball programs that involved some

30 to 40 children. By the 1990s, a loose organization of volunteers was spearheading expanding programs with some 90 to 100 participants. With land donations that allowed them to develop new ball fields, the need for additional acreage to serve growing numbers of children, and a concessions business that was generating increasing funds, volunteers, who guided the program, decided to incorporate as the Wesson Athletic Foundation in 2006 in a formalized structure with a board, bylaws, and stricter financial management. By 2009, WAF had purchased five acres of the Hiram Newman land and received donated land for its Buddy Ball field and a parking lot.

Although WAF Today draws its participants primarily from the Wesson area, children from Bogue Chitto, Bude, Crystal Springs, Hazlehurst, Meadville and Monticello are also involved in it program. It operates as a member-owned organization. The members are the parents or grandparents, who pay fees for their children to play on WAF teams (currently \$65 for one child and \$50 for each additional child three years old to six years old and \$75 for one child and \$60 for each additional child seven years old to twelve years old). Beyond the fees, which cover uniforms and season-end trophies and medallions for

players, WAF generates revenues for maintenance and improvements, lights, utilities, and umpires from concession sales, thirty-two team sponsors (\$300 each) and six scoreboard sponsors (\$1000 each).

"Our strength is that we are an organization owned by member volunteers who will do anything to benefit the children we serve," says WAF board member Brett Selman. "Organizations that provide similar services are most often departments of parks and recreation operated government, which do not have the kind of stakeholders we have -- parents and grandparents concerned about the quality and value of our program."

A former board member adds: "Coaches, the volunteers who maintain the playing fields, concession stand workers and the organization's officers bond as they work together. I made some of my best friends through service with the Wesson Athletic Foundation. Even when the work was done, we would hang around the ball fields and talk with each other."

In addition to Selman, WAF's current board members are Cody Burns, Travis Coleman, Clay Earl, Jake Martin, Travis Smith, Scotty Thaxton and Todd Warren.

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# Scoreboard

March 13-April 10  
**WHS Cobras**  
Baseball

Record: Recent Wins: Jefferson Davis Country. 14-1. Recent Losses: Columbia. 8-1. Bookhaven. 13-1. 5-1. West Marion. 6-5, 15-0. Terry. 8-6  
Softball

Record: 8-2. Recent Wins: Tylertown. 17-0. Salem. 10-0. Columbia 12-0. Purvis. 3-0. Franklin County. 12-0. Recent Losses: Sumrall. 5-3.  
Tennis  
Record: 3-0. Recent Wins: Franklin County. 6-1. Loyd Star. 4-3. West Marion. 6-1

**Co-Lin Wolves**  
Baseball

Record: 14-9. Recent Wins: Southwest. 13-11, 8-5, 14-4. Highland, Illinois. 6-1, 12-2. Marshalltown. 8-6. East Mississippi. 8-4. Recent Losses: Meridian. 12-11, 7-6. Mississippi Gulf Coast. 13-5, 6-5. East Mississippi. 13-11. Northwest Mississippi. 9-5, 7-2.  
Softball  
Record: 15-13. Recent Wins: Coahoma. 9-1, 13-0. Southwest. 4-2, 5-3. Baton Rouge. 4-2, 8-4. Meridian. 3-0, 2-0. Recent Losses: East Mississippi. 9-5, 8-0. Jones County. 8-0, 9-0. Itawamba. 8-0, 4-1.

Men's Tennis  
Record: 4-3. Recent Wins: East Central. 5-4. Wallace State. 5-4. Recent Losses: Hinds. 6-3. Mississippi Gulf Coast. 5-4. Meridian. 6-3.  
Ladies' Tennis  
Record: 5-2. Recent Wins: Hinds. 7-2. East Central 6-3. Wallace State. 6-3. Meridian. 5-4. Recent Losses: Mississippi Gulf Coast. 5-4.

Golf

Third in Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) tournament at Northwood in Meridian. Fourth in MACJC tournament at Riverbirch in Amory, Mississippi.

# 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 softball Cobras play Mize. 6 p.m.

**APRIL 10**  
Co-Lin baseball Wolves play doubleheader against Jones County. 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Co-Lin softball Wolves play doubleheader against Pearl River. 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

**APRIL 16**  
Wesson High School varsity baseball Cobras play at North Pike. 6 p.m.  
Wesson High School varsity softball Cobras play at Warren Central. 6 p.m.

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

**APRIL 17**  
Co-Lin softball Wolves play doubleheader at Hinds. 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.  
Wesson High School varsity softball Cobras play West Lincoln. 6 p.m.

**APRIL 11**  
Co-Lin Wolves men and women tennis teams play at Mississippi Gulf Coast. 1 p.m.

April 18  
Co-Lin baseball Wolves play doubleheader at East Central. 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.

**APRIL 12**  
Co-Lin Wolves men and women tennis teams play Holmes. 2 p.m.  
Co-Lin softball Wolves play doubleheader against Northeast. 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

**APRIL 21**  
Co-Lin softball Wolves play doubleheader against Holmes. 12 noon & 2 p.m.  
Co-Lin baseball Wolves play doubleheader against Holmes. 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Wesson High School varsity softball Cobras play at Loyd Star. 6:30 p.m.  
Co-Lin Wolves golf team begins play in MACJC State Championship tournament at Dancing Rabbit in Choctaw, Mississippi, and continues April 13.

**APRIL 24**  
Co-Lin baseball Wolves play doubleheader against Hinds. 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.

**APRIL 13**  
Wesson High School junior varsity and varsity baseball Cobras play Tylertown. 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**APRIL 28**  
Co-Lin baseball Wolves play doubleheader against Itawamba. 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.  
Co-Lin Wolves golf team begins play in NJCAA District D Championship tournament at Lion Hills in Columbus, Mississippi, and continues April 29.

**APRIL 14**  
Co-Lin Wolves men and women tennis teams play Meridian. 11 a.m.  
Co-Lin baseball Wolves play doubleheader at Coahoma. 12 noon & 3 p.m.  
Wesson High School varsity baseball Cobras play at Enterprise. 1 p.m.

**MAY 2**  
Co-Lin softball Wolves play doubleheader against Pearl River. 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.  
Co-Lin baseball Wolves play doubleheader at Pearl River. 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.

**MAY 5**  
Co-Lin baseball Wolves play doubleheader at Mississippi Delta. 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.



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