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Food, fleas & crafts coming Saturday

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Whether you're looking for a special book to read, a gift for someone, or a pet dog or cat to keep you company, you will probably be able to find it and much, much more this Saturday in Wesson.

The 43rd annual Wesson Flea Market Outdoor Arts and Crafts Show and Sale will have some 300 to 400 vendors and other exhibitors — individuals, church groups, clubs, civic organizations, and businesses — on hand October 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to sell their wares, distribute literature, and meet and greet the public.

Event coordinator Kenneth Furr is predicting a record crowd numbering 6000 or more persons — shoppers who know what they want and gawkers waiting for an unexpected opportunity or deal — will be in town



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to buy and browse along Highway 51 and Factory and Spring Streets, where they can find crafts, arts, antiques, jewelry, clothes, flea market knick knacks, among other things; and enjoy an array of foods and snacks in the bazaar-like atmosphere. Furr says at least 25 to 30 first-time exhibitors will join returning ones in the 10-foot-by 10-foot display spaces they rent for the day.

A major fundraiser for the Town of Wesson Fire Department, the show and sale, better known as the "Wesson flea market," was started by a merchants association before the volunteer fire fighters turned it into the big event it has become on the third Saturday in October. It generated some \$5000 last year for the fire department on sales of flea market spaces at \$45 each. Wesson civic organizations also use the flea market

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Aldermen approve 2014–15 budget

By Bob Arnold

The Board of Aldermen have approved a 2014-2015 budget for Wesson, which calls for a projected \$1,096,832 in revenues and \$1,069,275 in expenditures — increases of four per cent and seven per cent, respectively.

Wesson Mayor Alton Shaw said the increased expenditures traced largely to personnel costs, including a two per cent wage hike for City employees.

The budget, which covers general government operations, the police, street, water/sewer, and fire departments, water meters, the public library, and Old School community center, calls for no new taxes, but reflects the 2.89 millage rate increase

on real estate implemented last year to cover anticipated revenue losses from relocation of the Newman package store to Brookhaven.

Estimated expenditures on government operations and police and street departments fell to \$530,000 this fiscal year from \$537,000 in the prior year, while projected expenditures jumped for the water/sewer department and water meters (up \$73,522 to \$470,950), Old School community center (up \$5,675 to \$25,675), fire department (up \$5,265 to \$26,950), and public library (up \$600 to \$12,700).

All of the budget areas except the Old School community center showed projected increases in revenues:

- Water/sewer department and water meters up to \$490,625 from \$449,625 on increased fee income

from customers;

- General government operations and police and street departments up to \$565,150 from \$540,058, with ad valorem (property and real estate) tax revenues increasing from \$125,000 to \$164,000;
- Fire department up to \$31,532 from \$26,432, with revenue streams from the ad valorem tax and state and country fire funds increased by \$7,000 and \$20,000, respectively;
- Public library up to \$19,525 from \$16,625 due to a \$3000 boost from ad valorem tax revenues.

The budget for the Old School community center showed a \$15,675 deficit, reflecting diminished expectations on rental fee income in 2014-15 compared to the prior fiscal year.

"We anticipate Old School rental income from varied functions will cover the community center's current maintenance and expenses," Shaw pointed out. "Although we expect this rental income to grow as our marketing efforts and word-of-mouth endorsements generate greater use of the facility, we will need to draw on our general fund to pay off the loan that helped finance its renovation."

Shaw projects the general fund will grow by more than \$35,000 this year based on the budget.

"Because our budget has little fluff in it, Wesson did not face the severe cutbacks many cities and towns had to make," Shaw added.

He called it a "work in progress" that can be amended as needs and circumstances change."



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Co-Lin alumni recognized at Homecoming

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Co-Lin alumni received special recognition during the community college's homecoming festivities this past weekend. Kenneth Furr of Wesson, Jim Carmondy of Madison, and Tammy Torrey of Meadville were honored as Alumni of the Year. The Band and Colette chapter of the Co-Lin Alumni Association inducted Charles McCall of Meadville into its Hall of Fame and Chance McMinn of Boyle received the Stanley Stewart Outstanding Young Alumni award. Stephen Hobbs of Hoover, Alabama; Gerald "Tooley" Martello of Baker, Florida; Bruce Steele of Florence; and Heather Ratcliff Watts of Brookhaven were inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.

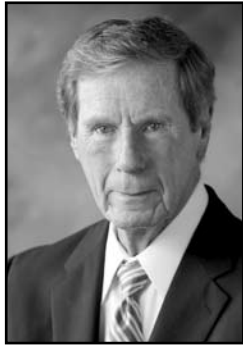
Kenneth Furr: A 1948 graduate of Co-Lin High School and a 1950 graduate of the college, Furr is an institution in Wesson as owner/operator of Furr's Service station for over 74 years and the long-time organizer of the Wesson Flea Market. Furr was a student at Co-Lin



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when his father passed away, leaving a young family and a business behind. Furr abandoned his plans for senior college to take over the service station and paid for the education of his two siblings. Furr is a 59-year member of the Wesson Lions Club and is also a member of DeCell Memorial United Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Wesson Volunteer Fire Department, which he served as chief for 50 years. The Wesson fire station was named in honor of Furr in 2002. The Wesson Chamber of Commerce selected Furr as its Citizen of the Year and he was named one of the *Daily Leader's* Five Fascinating Figures in its *Focus* magazine. Furr and his wife Margaret have been married 60 years and have two daughters, Barbara Handcock and Amy Furr, and two grandchildren.

Jim Carmondy: A 1954 graduate of Co-Lin, Carmondy is a retired nationally-acclaimed football coach. He was a co-captain of the Wolfpack football team and a member of the Co-Lin baseball team. At Tulane University, he was a two-year football letterman, led his team to its first winning record in five years, and received bachelor's and master's degrees. He started his coaching career in the armed services in Korea and served as an assistant football coach at Tulane, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Ole Miss and North Carolina before becoming defensive coordinator at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he was nicknamed "Big Nasty" for his role in shaping the "Nasty Bunch" defense there. He spent a season as an assistant coach for the Buffalo Bills in the National Football League before returning to Southern Mississippi as the head football coach, where he boasted a winning record in five of his six seasons and ended a 57-game Alabama winning streak in an upset in which his team scored the most points scored against a Bear Bryant team in Tuscaloosa. Following his career at Southern Mississippi, Carmody coached at Mississippi State, Mississippi College, and Ole Miss before returning to the NFL as a scout for the Arizona Cardinals for 10 years and retiring in 2005. Carmody was inducted into the Co-Lin Sports Hall of Fame in 1993 and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2009. He is married to Earlyn "Noonie" Carmody, a former Miss Louisiana, and has four sons, Steve, Brian, Keith and Chirs, and six grandchildren.



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Tammy Torrey: A 1980 graduate of Co-Lin, Torrey is businesswoman and active volunteer in community and Co-Lin affairs. She received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Delta State University and has worked as revenue manager for Telapex, Inc., in Meadville for 31 years. She is also a

bookkeeper for McGehee, McGehee and Torrey, Attorneys. She is past president of the Co-Lin Foundation Board of Directors, board member and treasurer of the Brookhaven Animal Rescue League, president of the Franklin County Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, treasurer of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, secretary/treasurer of the Mid-South Chapter of the Independent Telephone Pioneers, and treasurer of Meadville United Methodist Church. Torrey served as an alderman of the Town of Meadville, was selected as Pioneer of the Year by the Mid-South Chapter of the Independent Telephone Pioneers and Lion of the Year by Franklin County Lions Club. She is married to Jimmy Torrey of Meadville.

Charles McCall: A 1963 graduate of Co-Lin, McCall played trombone in the Co-Lin Show Band, was a member of the Men's Ensemble and the Wesley Foundation, and assisted the late Clyde Wilson in directing the Wesson Grammar School Red Knight Band. After Co-Lin, McCall attended Delta State University, where he was also a band member and received a bachelor's degree in music education. He started his career as a band director at Tylertown High School and later served as band director at Hazlehurst and Carthage High Schools. He also worked for Chevron Corporation until his retirement. McCall still assists with the Franklin County High School band program, is a member of the Ole Brook Wind Symphony in which he plays the trombone, and is a bass singer in the Southern Praise Gospel Quartet. He is an active member of Meadville Methodist Church. An avid Co-Lin supporter, McCall was instrumental in organizing the college's Band and Colette alumni chapter and served as its first president. With his leadership, the chapter became one of the



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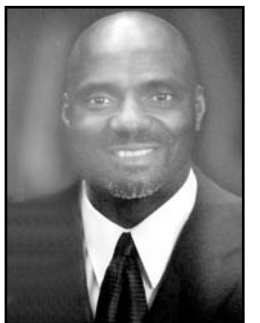
most active alumni organizations at Co-Lin. He currently teaches in Co-Lin's Workforce Education Division and Southwest Community College's vocational-technical program.

Chance McMinn: A Co-Lin student from 2006-2009, McMinn served as drum major for the Blue Wave Show Band and played alto saxophone. He was in the marching, jazz, and symphonic bands and a member of the Co-Lin choir and Ambassadors and the Baptist Student Union. After Co-Lin, McMinn attended Delta State University and studied audio engineering at the Delta Music Institute. He has served as minister of music at various churches and is often asked to lead music at churches during revival services. He has been a church pianist and organist since high school and started composing his own music as a teenager. He currently serves as modern worship leader at First Baptist Church of Bastrop, Louisiana. McMinn is married to the former Faith Johns, a 2009 Co-Lin graduate.



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Stephen Hobbs: A football player at Co-Lin in 1983 and 1984, Hobbs earned All-State and All-Region 23 honors. After Co-Lin, he played for the University of North Alabama, where he was the leading receiver in 1986 and 1987. He signed as an undrafted rookie free agent with the Kansas City Chiefs in 1988. He later signed as a wide receiver with the Washington Redskins, leading it in special teams tackles in 1991 and serving as team captain on the Super Bowl XXVI champions. Hobbs and his wife Demetria have two children, Nalona and Brandes.



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Gerald "Tooley" Martello: A 1957 graduate of Co-Lin, Martello was an honorable mention All American as defensive tackle in his sophomore year. After Co-Lin, he attended Southeastern Louisiana University. Steele worked offshore for 12 years, as a building contractor for 12 years, and as a hunting outfitter. He is currently employed by Berry's Seafood in Florence. Active in his community, he is a coach, deacon, and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in Florence. He is married to Dr. Claudia Steele and they have three children, Bryan, Bradley and Brittany, and three grandchildren.



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Heather Ratcliff Watts: A 1995 graduate of Co-Lin, Watts led the women's basketball team to the MACJC state championship and the Region 23 championship her freshman year and participated in the NJCAA national tournament. She was named MACJC First Team All-State and NJCAA All Region 23, averaging 14.5 points, 6 rebounds, 1.7 steals, and 1.5 assists per game. A torn ACL ended her basketball career after her promising freshman year. After Co-Lin, Watts attended Pearl River Community College, where she received a Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) degree. She has worked as a PTA for 18 years, and currently works at Brook Manor nursing home. She and her husband of 20 years, Jason, have four children, Courtney, Sawyer, Tucker and Tanner.



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Bruce Steele: A 1973 graduate of Co-Lin, Steele was named First Team All-State in football, and



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Chamber banquet to feature Grayson in Sesquicentennial finale

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Veteran broadcaster and author Walt Grayson will be the featured speaker at the Wesson Chamber of Commerce's 25th annual awards banquet on Thursday, November 13.

Grayson, a fifth-generation Mississippian who cherishes the history of the Magnolia state in his commentaries and writing, will highlight an event designed to culminate Wesson's celebration of its history over the past year.

"We scheduled our awards banquet at the end of the current year rather than early next year, in line with custom, to close out Wesson's Sesquicentennial celebration in a gala event that recognizes the people and organizations that produced Wesson's festive Founders Day birthday party in April," Chamber president Marilyn Britt said. "This will be the grand ending of Wesson's year-long 150th

birthday celebration."

In harmony with the celebration of Wesson's history, the banquet venue will be the Old School community center. The \$20 tickets for the event will be available at the Trustmark Bank branch in Wesson through the November 5 deadline for purchasing them.

The focus of the awards banquet will be the community groups and their leaders who planned and implemented Sesquicentennial activities on Founders Day. Unlike past events in which the Chamber conferred a dozen or more awards, it will present only the Business of the Year award at the banquet and name the 2015 Founders Day Queen and Ambassador.

"Instead, our town's churches, clubs, and service and civic organizations will be recognized and honored for their dedicated efforts," Britt said. "They were Wesson's heroes during

the past year."

Britt said Grayson, who is the host of Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Mississippi Roads, will provide an appropriate framework for the banquet's focus as its featured speaker.

A member of the Associated Press Mississippi Broadcasters Hall of Fame, Grayson started his career as a radio announcer in high school at Greenville, Mississippi, where he was born and raised. His first television experience came as a weekend weather fill-in and an occasional travel feature reporter while working full time at Jackson's WSLI radio. He joined Jackson's WLBT-TV team as a weather anchor in 1984.



Walt Grayson

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Today, he takes WLBT viewers on a "Look Around Mississippi" weekly and shoots all of the video for his stories.

Grayson also writes a monthly newspaper column for *Today in Mississippi*, the Electric Power Association's Mississippi's newspaper, and he is the author of four books: *Jackson the Good Life*, *Looking Around Mississippi with Walt Grayson*, *Looking Around Mississippi Some More!* *With Walt Grayson* (which was awarded

the Mississippi Library Association's Non-Fiction Book of the Year award in 2008), and *Oh! That Reminds Me, More Homegrown Mississippi Stories with Walt Grayson*.

News Nuggets

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Around the state, Mississippi ranks at or near the bottom among U.S. states in physical health, life expectancy, income level, and divorce rate. All of those factors, and others, conspire to leave Mississippians ranked among the nation's "least happy" residents, according to finance website Wallet-Hub. The state ranks 49th out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

State prison officials say they're working to erase a backlog of parole cases that are up for consideration, as recommended by a legislative watchdog group. The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review released a report that said some inmates are not receiving parole hearings the first month they're eligible, and that is causing the state to spend thousands of dollars a month to

keep people in prison longer than necessary.

The Mississippi Department of Education plans to seek grants from the federal government worth up to \$15 million a year for four years to expand an existing pre-kindergarten program. That money could boost Mississippi's fledgling effort to provide state-paid preschool for four-year-olds.

Coming to town. Mississippi author and poet **Patricia Neely-Dorsey** will speak at the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) luncheon at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, at Colton's Thames Center. The Tupelo native, who graduated from high school there in 1982 and from Boston (MA) University in psychology, works in mental health and is the author of two

poetry books — *Mississippi Magnolia - A Life In Poems* and *My Magnolia Memories and Musings - In Poems*.

She calls herself a "Goodwill Ambassador" for Mississippi and the south. She seeks to "bridge gaps of misunderstanding across regional, racial, cultural, generational and economic lines" through her stories, which, she says, will make her readers and listeners "chuckle and laugh out loud, maybe even shed a tear or two, and relive some of their own most beautiful childhood memories, whether they are from the North, East, South or West." Cost of the luncheon is \$10.

Mississippi watercolor painter **Wyatt Waters** will be the special contributing guest at Brookhaven Animal Res-

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Patricia Neely-Dorsey

OBITUARY

Michael Arispe Wesson

Michael Arispe, 48, passed away September 12, 2014. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. on September 16, 2014, at Stringer Family Chapel in Hazlehurst.

Mr. Arispe worked for the Town of Wesson.

He is survived by his wife, Carmen Arispe; son, Christopher Michael Arispe of Wesson; daughters, Stephanie Marie Arispe and Michaela Renee Arispe, both of Wesson; brothers, Byron Chavez and Felix Elias Chavez, both of Abilene, Texas; sisters, JoAnne Chavez and Emily Chavez both of Abilene, Texas; and grandchild, Camerine Nichole Arispe.

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Police Blotter

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During September, the Wesson Police
Department activity encompassed:

Response to:

- Five general complaints
- Two vehicular accidents
- Two harassment complaints
- One grand larceny report
- One trespassing & telephone harassment
- One motor vehicle accident

Citations and warrants:

- Sixteen speeding
- Five general traffic
- Four open container violations
- One contempt of court

Arrests:

- Three possession of marijuana
- Four funeral escorts

Local visual arts displays highlight October

By Guest Column R. Shaw Furlow

Fall is my favorite time of the year. Mississippi is never more beautiful than when the leaves change from green to brown and yellow and gold. Colors, smells, and fun times — the State Fair, Halloween, and Thanksgiving — make the fall special. It's appropriate that, in this season of color and sensual appeals, local visual artists are displaying their works.

On the Wesson Co-Lin campus throughout the month of October, the art gallery in the Mutton building will host a show with the works of art faculty members Janet Smith and Roberto Bonilla on display. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. There is no admission fee. At Brookhaven Public Library this month, the recently-formed



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Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild (known by the acronym BRAG) is displaying more than one hundred works by area visual artists, who are competing for monetary prize awards for their oil paintings, ceramics, and photography, among creations in other mediums. On October 21, BRAG will present the awards.

BRAG is the newest addition to the area arts community. In the spring of 2014, some like-minded people formed it to replace the defunct Brookhaven Arts Council and provide space for visual artists to create and display their works and patrons to enjoy them. "We called our group a 'guild' so people would know there is work involved," says Sue Minter, one of BRAG's founders.

Seeking a facility for artists to both work and display, BRAG teamed up with Brookhaven Little Theater (BLT) after organizing and is cooperating with it in turning the Marquee Room, next door to BLT's home on Cherokee Street, into an art gallery. "The Marquee Room, with its large store front windows, is just perfect," Mint-

er says. BRAG envisions the Marquee Room as the first of several art galleries in downtown Brookhaven. "Brookhaven's downtown area is very vibrant, unlike many other cities our size," Minter observes.

In April, a rainstorm washed out BRAG's first planned event — an Art Walk along Cherokee Street. Business owners had helped out, placing art works in their windows so people could leisurely walk down the street and see the creations of several of the guild members and have some fun at the same time. Several towns across the state provided a model for the event. The art walk in the Fondren district of Jackson, for example, offers refreshments and live music as you mingle and stroll from place to place. For several weeks, in spite of the rain on the night of the event, you could walk along Cherokee Street and see the art in the windows. One of my favorites was a display of shoes painted to look like works of Picasso and Monet.

The guild, now encompassing about
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Memorial hikers, traditional parade remember 9/11 terror victims

By Bob Arnold

On Wesson's Patriot Day remembrance of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the U.S., a morning memorial hike honoring the lives of first responders who died in the event continued this year, becoming a new tradition that complements the annual parade led by pre-school children and their parents.

Chris Davis, a Wesson volunteer firefighter and paid professional in the Brookhaven Fire Department, started the memorial hike last year. He and Rev. Frank Newell, another Wesson volunteer firefighter and the pastor at Decell Memorial United Methodist Church, geared up and hiked through the Co-Lin campus and other Wesson neighborhoods in memory of police officers, firemen, and medical technicians who died while assisting other victims on September 11 in New York City and Washington, DC. With Davis committed to training at the State Fire Academy this year, Newell thought it was a tradition worth preserving and recruited Wesson volunteer fireman Rusty Arnold to accompany him on the three and a half mile trek.

"I would like to see this memorial hike become an ongoing event open to any firemen and other first responders who want to demonstrate their appreciation for their counterparts who sacrificed their lives on September 11, 2001, honor them, and remind the public of their heroism and bravery,"



Photo by Wesson News

Pre-schoolers and their parents lead Patriot Day parade.

Newell says. "The terrorist attacks were unique in American history because civilian first responders were targeted rather than the military."

As a clergyman, Newell says he personally identifies with Father Mychal Judge, the New York City Fire Department (NYFD) chaplain who was one of the first fatalities in the September 11 attacks. Although he had been urged to retreat to a safe area, Judge chose to "stay with his boys"

— the NYFD personnel responding at the World Trade Center. Before he perished, he had been repeatedly praying aloud, "Jesus, please end this right now. God, please end this!"

In the presence of its Engine #2 driven by Kenneth Carraway, the Wesson Volunteer Fire Department also participated in the town's traditional Patriot Day parade following the memorial hike. Starting at

Wesson Baptist Church, marching south on Highway 51 to the stop light, reversing their tracks, and returning, children in the church's pre-school program along with their parents led the parade on their bikes and tricycles and in wagons, which they decorated with flags and red, white, and blue balloons and ribbons.

The parade started in 2003, according to Wesson Baptist Church pre-school program director Sharon King.



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Wesson volunteer firefighter Rev. Frank Newell, also pastor at Decell Memorial United Methodist Church, displays the Flag of Heroes, which carries the names of first responders who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the U.S. The flag will fly on Wesson fire engines during special events like the Patriot Day parade.

Inspired by the first ceremony in remembrance of events on September 11, 2001, when terrorists hijacked commercial airliners and crashed them into New York City's World Trade Center, the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and a Pennsylvania farm, the program's adult leaders wanted to teach their pre-schoolers about patriotism and how to appropriately honor the men and women who lost their lives in the September 11 tragedy.

It was supposed to be a one-time event, but townspeople welcomed

the parade and it has become a tradition on September 11 — now known nationally as Patriot Day — in Wesson. More than 100 pre-school children participate with spectators lining Highway 51. Wesson America Legion Post Commander Charles Langley is at the front of the parade, carrying an American flag. And the tradition continues to grow — now with the memorial hike.

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Catching breast cancer early is October focus

By Guest Columnist
Dr. Stephanie Duguid

Increasing awareness about the importance of the early detection of breast cancer is the focus of health care providers during October — National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Some quick facts about breast cancer:

- Every woman is at risk
- 1 in 8 women will get it in their lifetime
- Every 13 minutes a woman dies from breast cancer
- It is the leading cancer death for women 15-54 years old
- 96% survive with early detection



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- It is 100 times more common among women than men
- Black women have the highest breast cancer death rates of all racial and ethnic groups

Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women. The good news is that you can survive breast cancer if it is found and treated early. Breast cancers have different symptoms — any change in the size or the shape of the breast, pain in the breast area, nipple discharge other than milk, and a new lump in the breast or underarm. Some people have no symptoms at all. If you have any signs that worry you, see your doctor right away. A mammogram, the screening test for breast cancer, can help find breast cancer early when it is easier to treat. Getting mammograms regularly can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer. If you are over 40 years old, you should talk to your doctor

about how often to get screened. Women over 50 years old should have a screening mammogram every two years.

You cannot control the main factors that influence your risk for breast cancer — being a woman, being older than 50, having the breast cancer gene (BRCA1 and BRCA2).



You can control other factors and help lower the risk of breast cancer by maintaining a healthy weight, adding physical activity to your

daily lifestyle, avoiding the use of tobacco and alcohol.

National Breast Cancer Month is a good time to take the steps necessary to develop a personal plan to detect the disease in its early stages and to get involved in encouraging others in your family, organizations of which you are a part, and your community to do the same.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Stephanie Duguid, Assistant Dean of Academic Instruction and Health, and Physical Education, and Recreation Division Chair at Co-Lin, makes regular contributions to Wesson News on healthy living topics. She is also an athletic trainer and nutrition specialist and has been teaching courses related to those two areas as well as practicing what she preaches for more than 20 years. She is an avid reader and learner on health issues and encourages people to follow her example.



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SPORTS SHORTS

Special to Wesson News

Fall baseball. Area high school baseball players can once again expect to sharpen their skills in the 2014 Co-piah-Lincoln Fall Baseball League.

From October 20 thru November 13, Co-Lin baseball Coach Clay Smith and his staff organize teams that play games based on pitch counts each week and provide instruction before, during, and after games.



Special to Wesson News

Co-Lin running back Josh Bates (33) gets away from Pearl River defensive end Alvonte Bell (12) in 20-9 Co-Lin victory.

Scores:

Co-Lin football.

Wolves 50-Mississippi Delta 0; Southwest 45-Wolves 35; Wolves 43-East Central 0; Wolves 20-Pearl River 9; Wolves 41-Hinds Community College 21.

Co-Lin soccer.

Men. Meridian 3-Wolves 1; Jones 7-Wolves 0; Pearl River 4-Wolves 0; Gulf Coast 1-Wolves 0; Wolves 3-Northwest 1; Itawamba 6-Wolves 0; East Central 3-Wolves 3. Women. Meridian 10-Wolves 0; Jones 10-Wolves 0; Gulf Coast 7-Wolves 0; Northwest 3-Wolves 0; Itawamba 5-Wolves 0; East Central 9-Wolves 0.

Wesson High School football.

Seminary 34-Cobras 6; North Pike 50-Cobras 0; Salem 22-Cobras 14; Hazlehurst 22-Cobras 20; Cobras 45-Crystal Springs 31.

Wesson High School slowpitch softball.

Bogue Chitto 12-Cobras 3; Cobras 10-Puckett 2; Cobras 19-Richland 2; Cobras 19-Crystal Springs 0; Cobras 22-Hazlehurst 1; Cobras 6-Franklin County 4; West Lincoln 8-Cobras.

Upcoming games:

- Oct. 14 Co-Lin women and men Soccer Wolves play at Jones. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Oct. 17 Wesson High School Football Cobras vs. Jefferson County. Co-Lin's Stone Stadium. 7 p.m.
Co-Lin women and men Soccer Wolves play at Pearl River. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Oct. 21 Co-Lin women and men Soccer Wolves play Gulf Coast. Co-Lin Wesson campus. 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 23 Co-Lin Football Wolves vs. Jones County. Co-Lin's Stone Stadium. 7 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Wesson girls and boys Junior High School Basketball Cobras play at Brookhaven. 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Nov. 3 Wesson girls and boys Junior High School Basketball Cobras play at Lawrence County. 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Co-Lin women and men Basketball Wolves play at Holmes. 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 6 Co-Lin women and men Basketball Wolves play at Mississippi Delta. 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Co-Lin women and men Basketball Wolves play at Baton Rouge. 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Nov. 11 Wesson girls and boys Junior High School and High School Basketball Cobras play West Lincoln.
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Nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus had a conversation with a man named Nicodemus. In this conversation, Jesus said, "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit" (John 3:8, NIV).

As a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ for the past 11 years, I've seen the truth of these words displayed many times over. God is mysterious, in that, we don't know when and where He's going to blow the fresh wind of His Spirit until He actually does it. That said, by the grace of God alone, that is exactly what He is doing right now at Wesson Baptist Church, and we want you to be a part of it. This may seem like a preacher's desperate ploy to get his attendance numbers up. But, I assure you, that is the

furthest thing from the truth. The truth is God has been preparing our church for the last two years to receive what He is beginning to allow us to experience. We began to see the fruit of this a little over a month ago when, on one Sunday, 27 people responded to the gospel. Of those 27, twenty were adults who had been in the church for most of their entire lives. I had never seen anything like it before outside of Christian youth summer camps or on TV. But, I want to let you know, God's not done yet. His wind is still blowing!

Maybe you are not the church-going type or someone who claims to be a Christian has offended you. Maybe you have had a hard life and you don't feel like you fit in to the "church crowd." I want you to know, God still wants you for Himself, and God has blessed us with

a speaker who has been where you are. His name is Ken Freeman, and here is his story.

The son of an alcoholic mother and an absentee father, Ken's life was filled with abuse and neglect. Often times, he and his sister would be left for days while his mother satisfied her addiction to alcohol and other drugs. Other times, she'd leave them with a boyfriend, who would physically and sexually abuse them. There were times he thought about suicide. Other times, he thought about murder. His life seemed out of control. Ken spent his life running, trying to survive. He was bitter, hurt, and alone.

Despite a horrifying childhood, Ken defied all odds with one choice that would change his life forever, his decision to accept Jesus Christ as his personal

Lord and Savior. With that one choice, Ken's years of mental and physical abuse turned from a useless mess to a powerful message (www.kenfreemanministries.com).

Now, God has blessed Ken with the ability to share his story and connect to any age group, culture, or background, including you. By the time you read this, we will be on the last three days of our revival (see schedule in Wesson Baptist Church ad). Even if you haven't come to any part of it yet, I want to invite you to join us for the remainder of our services, and come experience the work of God in your life.

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Community Calendar

October weather forecast: *The Old Farmers Almanac* calls for an average temperature of 65 degrees F (average for this time of year) and precipitation of 1 inch (two inches below average).

OCTOBER 14

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary Post 2618 meeting. \$5 for meal. VFW Hall on Industrial Park Road, Brookhaven. 5:30 p.m.

Revival featuring Ken Freeman. Also on October 15. Wesson Baptist Church on Highway 51. 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 15

Flu shots for students and staff at Wesson Attendance Center (WAC). Vaccines are provided by the Hazlehurst Clinic and administered throughout the day by the WAC and Copiah County board of education nurses. Insurance or Medicaid cards must be presented, along with parental consent forms for students.

OCTOBER 16

Go the Pumpkin Patch. Kids choose pumpkins to take home to their families, play in the hay, listen to Halloween stories, and enjoy treats. 9 a.m. for Wesson Baptist Church pre-school children. October 17 at 1 p.m. for Wesson Attendance Center first graders. WAC administrator Ginger Herd will host the events at her home in Beauregard. Call her at WAC for information.

Fifty Plus Club. Co-Lin Ensemble led by Denise Riley will sing. Anderson Building on Co-Lin campus. 10:30 a.m.

Copiah County Republican Executive Committee (CCREC) meeting open to all Republicans in the county. Noble Meeting Room at Hazlehurst Public Library. 7 p.m. For information, contact Charles J. Ferg, co-chairperson of CCREC, at 601-894-9085, 601-832-7925 or charlesferg@bellsouth.net.

OCTOBER 21

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

OCTOBER 29

Family Fall Festival. A safe, family-friendly alternative to Halloween with carnival style games, including a dunk tank; face painting, inflatables, trunk or treat for candy, cake auction, free food and drinks, door prizes, including a television, donated by local businesses. Please, no scary costumes. Wesson Baptist Church parking lot and gymnasium. 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 30

Red Ribbon Festival tied into National Red Ribbon Week focus on drugs and alcohol awareness sponsored by Parent Teachers

Organization (PTO) for elementary school children and their families. There will be a silent auction for adults and carnival-like events for children created by each elementary class (a cake walk, face painting, photo booth, costume contest, and games such as go-fish), and a canteen offering food and drinks. Tickets are 50 cents for selected events or \$10 arm bands can be purchased for participation in all events. Funds support the PTO. WAC elementary school. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. For older youth and adults, a haunted house hosted by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) follows at 8 p.m. in the main hallway of the high school. It offers fun in a scary setting with a serious message about making good choices in life. \$5 admission. Funds support SADD charities.

OCTOBER 31

Halloween. At Trick or Treat Downtown in the morning, children from Precious Moments day care center, the Wesson Baptist Church pre-school children, and the Wesson Attendance Center kindergarten will go to local businesses, which will be waiting for them with special candy and other treats. 10 a.m.

Halloween night trick or treating starts at 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4

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

NOVEMBER 6

Institute for Learning in Retirement. Luncheon. Guest speaker is poet/author Patricia Neely-Dorsey. \$10. Co-Lin Thames Center. 10:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day breakfast and program. The Wesson High School student council invites area armed forces veterans to a breakfast and a program honoring them at Wesson Attendance Center (WAC). Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. The program is at 9 a.m. and will feature the High School Chorus under the direction of Daphne Johnson, band under the direction of Susie Phillips, and members of the theater troupe coached by Albert Brown. Between the breakfast and program, WAC elementary school will meet and greet the veterans.

Institute for Learning Retirement. Workshop on history and production of muscadines led by Dr. Eric T. Stafne, Associate Extension Professor at Mississippi State University Coastal Research & Extension Center, Poplarville, MS. Lunch and movie — Seven Days in Utopia — follow. \$5 for meal. Co-Lin Thames Center. 11 a.m.

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Food, fleas & crafts

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• The Wesson Lions Club will hold its second annual sweet potato sale. It will sell sweet potatoes in 5-pound, 10-pound, 20-pound, and 40-pound assortments at 50 cents per pound. Other civic organizations and churches will also be selling food and products to raise money.

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•• INFOBOX ••

The Fall Flower & Garden Fest October 17 and 18 at Crystal Springs is once again bringing people into the area and building traffic for the Wesson flea market.

The annual event at the Mississippi State University (MSU) Truck Crops Experiment Station — the Southeast's most popular gardening show — draws more than 5000 leisure gardeners and horticulture professionals alike to the area. The two-day event will be built around the theme "Healthy Living-Healthy Gardening."

Specialists with the MSU Extension Service and Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, Master Gardeners, and others will offer information on native plants in the landscape, fruit and vegetable crops for the home, rain barrel construction, flower arrangements, herb use, and more. More than 60 vendors will have plants, yard art and garden tools for sale. Event hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. The Let's Go Walking Mississippi initiative will kick off the fest with a one-mile fun walk at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 17. Educational seminars begin at 9:30 each morning. Admission and parking are free. Food and drinks will be available from vendors both days.

For more information or to view the full list of seminar and walking tour topics and times, visit <http://www.msucare.com/fallfest/> or contact Rick Snyder at 601-892-3731 or rick.snyder@msstate.edu.

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Arts displays highlight October

35 members, meets on the third Thursday each month at Lemenadi — a gallery owned by Kathy Nix. Many of the members are accomplished artists, while others are just beginning or patrons. "Our goal is to host workshops and demonstrations by visiting and local artists, including some who live and work in downtown Brookhaven," Minter says.

As you know by now, I love the arts. Music has been my avenue, but my parents and teachers encouraged me to be more than one dimensional. I love to hear a master story-teller. And dancing and poetry have a place at my table. I had great teachers, starting with my mom, Sugar, who dragged me and my brothers to the orchestra and to piano recitals. We thought it was a waste of time, but something worked, as we have a writer, an ac-

tor/saloon singer, and two musician/teachers in the family. Julia Guess and Stanley Stewart were also important influences in my life. At Delta State, I discovered the visual arts world.

So, my friends, you have visual arts shows this month at the library in Brookhaven and the gallery on the Co-Lin campus. Don't miss either one. Look at the work being done by local artists. Make them family events. You do not have to live on the coasts or in Chicago to have great experiences in the arts. Just look around. It is right in front of you! Here in Copiah and Lincoln Counties!

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



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The RAT (Reject All Tobacco) Pack will perform at 1 p.m. on October 16 at Wesson Attendance Center for children in grades K-6. The live troupe of singing, dancing kids from throughout Mississippi led by a computer-animated rat named Terrance teach the children, who rap along with Terrance and his crew, about the harm tobacco can do. The fun-filled anti-tobacco show aims to shape attitudes of children



Special to Wesson News
Wyatt Waters

about the dangers of tobacco before they reach the age of experimenting with it. Studies show the K-6 age group is more receptive to the health-consequences message than adolescents.

Fire focus. Volunteers from Wesson Fire Department attended Firefighter II and Hazmat classes from October 2 to 11 at Gallman in the Copiah County Safe Room. Copiah County-approved instructors Seth Morris and Randall Drane led the classes.

Wesson volunteer fire fighters also suited up during National Fire Prevention week October 5 to 12 and met children from the Precious Moments Day Care Center, Co-Lin Day Care Center, Beauregard United Methodist Church, Sylvarena Baptist Church, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church with a show-and-tell about fire safety and what Wesson Volunteer Fire Department does. The fire department volunteers take their message to kids, who may be the best fire safety awareness builders because they go home and talk about what they have learned with their parents and siblings.

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