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New school year starts August 5th

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More than 1,000 children and youth in kindergarten through the twelfth grade will return to Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) on Wednesday, August 5, to start the 2015-16 school term. Their teachers and other WAC staff people will come back on Monday, August 3.

For the first time, all students -- first-time and returning -- must show proof of residence, WAC principal Marilyn Phillips reports. Other enrollment requirements include:

- Registration of new students, including those who are new to the district, have been previously home-schooled, missed earlier registrations, or have not registered for other reasons;
- Tdap vaccinations for incoming seventh graders that provide protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (or pertussis);
- Special school supplies for children entering kindergarten and the elementary grades, including tools

for their school work such as pencils, crayons, scissors, and notebooks; and personal hygiene items such as hand soap, wipes, sanitizers, and paper towels (see page 2 for complete list)

"To attend WAC, students must reside within its district or have been released by their local school board and approved by the Copiah County School Board," principal Marilyn Phillips explains. "Otherwise, law requires students to attend school in the districts where they live."

"Residency means a student resides full time, days and nights throughout



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Wesson Attendance Center principal Marilyn Phillips discusses coming school year with high school principal Ron Greer.

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

To prove residency, WAC enrollees must show three documents:

- A real estate-related document. Mortgage documents or property deed, original apartment rental agreement or home lease, or filed homestead exemption form.

• Utility bill dated within the last two months or utility deposit receipt. No cellular phone bills.

• Other proof. Driver's license, voter's registration card, automobile registration, affidavit of residency and/or personal visit by a designated school official, or any documentation that will objectively and unequivocally establish that the parent or guardian resides within the school district and, in the case of a student living with a guardian who is a bona fide resident of the school district, a certified copy of filed petition for guardianship (if pending) and final decree when granted.

Registrations for new students are scheduled on Thursday, July 23, and Monday, July 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at WAC. In addition to three proofs of residency, registrants must provide:

- Certified birth certificate,
- Original Mississippi immunization compliance form,
- Guardianship/custody papers if applicable.

Town officials join 2,000 counterparts at conference

By Bob Arnold

Wesson Mayor Alton Shaw and the town Aldermen joined more than 2,000 of their counterparts from throughout the state at a conference in Biloxi last month, where they increased their knowledge and enhanced their skills to govern more effectively.

In total, some 2,500 elected officials and employees representing 204 municipalities, state workers, legislators and exhibitors participated in the eighty-fourth annual Mississippi Municipal League (MML) Conference, which offered 67 educational sessions for attendees and opportunities for them to network, share experiences and make contact

with people and organizations that are potential resources for their communities. The three-day event is the largest association conference in Mississippi.

At the conference, held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Mayor Shaw concluded his year-long tenure as president of MML. MML lobbies for municipal-friendly legislation and represents municipalities with federal, state and private entities; trains municipal officials and leaders, serves as a communication and networking base for municipal elected officials and operates the Mississippi Municipal Foundation to raise funds

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Brookstock returns for three days

By Guest Columnist Shaw Furlow

Brookstock XV! Fifteen years of Brookhaven rockers playing the music we grew up listening to. Southwest Mississippi's rock festival. Bigger than ever this year. This year, it will be a three-day event -- July 16, 17 and 18 -- and we are shooting for a record attendance of more than four hundred at the July 18 big stage event in a bigger venue, the new FEMA Building next to the airport. The cost of the event remains \$10.00. Bring a cooler and a lawn chair. As always,



the Allen Volunteer Fire Department will be selling BBQ and burgers.

Brookstock had its beginnings on the back porch of a member of the Brookhaven High School class of 1968 as a class reunion. Don Jacobs, a well-known Mississippi artist, reassembled his high school rock band -- The Brutes -- for a one time performance that was so well received, he did it again the following year. After that second performance, Jacobs realized he was on to something and made Brookstock an annual event open to the public. As its audience grew, Brookstock's venue changed, moving from Jacobs' back porch to Lonnie Ray's Campground and then to the Brookhaven Recreation Department. Although that old National Guard Armory where we used to dance as

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Wesson Attendance Center K-6 school supplies

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

Kindergarten:

- box of Kleenex
- Fiskar blunt-tip scissors
- three rolls of paper towels
- two boxes of eight Crayola crayons (no jumbo)
- our boxes of twenty-four Crayola crayons (no jmbo)
- pack of non-tablet construction paper
- two two-packet plastic folders with brads
- Elmers Glue
- Germ-X
- foaming hand soap
- twenty-four non-decorative wood pencils (Ticonderoga recommended)
- four glue stick four-packs
- pack of 12-inch x 18-inch manila paper
- container of Clorox wipes
- heavy duty leather or canvas zipper bag
- book bag
- (large enough for folder and extra clothing)
- gallon box of freezer bags (girls)
- quart box of Ziploc freezer bags (boys)
- The child's backpack should include a change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks) in a gallon Ziploc bag with his/her name on it.

First grade:

- eight-line (5/8-inch wide) tablet
- zippered bank bag
- six boxes of twenty-four Crayola crayons
- children's Fiskar scissors
- twelve glue sticks
- Elmers Glue

- three boxes of Kleenex
- four rolls of paper towels
- Mead Primary Journal (blank at top and lined at bottom)
- two wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- package of typing paper
- two plastic folders with pockets
- two packs of pencil top erasers and two hand-held erasers
- four packs of non-decorative #2 pencils (no pencil sharpeners or Dixon pencils)
- Germ-X
- bottle of hand soap
- bottle of concentrated cleaner -- i.e., Mr. Clean or Lysol
- All Purpose Cleaner (girls)
- container of adult disinfectant cleaning wipes (boys).

Second grade:

- four packages of non-decorative wooden pencils (no Dixon or mechanical pencils)
- ten glue sticks
- three packages of twenty-four crayons
- three packages of pencil top erasers
- zippered bank bag
- five plastic pocketed folders with holes of notebooks
- three one-subject notebooks
- three-ring two-inch binder with see-through front pocket
- three large boxes of Kleenex tissue
- pack of copy paper
- pair of scissors
- package of manila paper
- box of quart Ziploc bags
- Germ-X (girls)
- Clorox Wipes (boys).

Third grade:

- three boxes of crayons and crayon pouch
- hand sanitizer
- four packs of cap erasers
- three glue sticks

- two packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- three boxes of Kleenex tissues
- six packs of twenty-four non-decorative wooden pencils (no Dixon pencils)
- three wireless composition notebooks
- scissors
- disinfectant wipes
- two rolls of paper towels
- sticky notes
- highlighter
- three plastic pocket folders without prongs
- two three-prong plastic folders
- manila paper and gallon Ziploc bags (girls)
- construction paper and quart Ziploc bags (boys).

Fourth grade:

- two packs of twenty-four non-decorative U.S.A. Gold or Ticonderoga wooden pencils (no Dixon pencils)
- two packs of loose leaf notebook paper
- four packs of ten mechanical pencils
- five wide-ruled spiral notebooks for Reading, Math, Language and Science/Social Studies
- three boxes of Kleenex (100 or more)
- eight-pack of Crayola markers
- two boxes of twenty-four Crayola crayons
- three plastic pocket folders with prongs (do not fill with paper)
- three packs of cap erasers
- two containers of Clorox Wipes
- wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper
- graph paper
- roll of paper towels
- 18inch x 12-inch sketch pad or pack of construction paper
- large Germ-X
- box of quart Ziploc bags (girls)
- box of gallon Ziploc bags (boys).

Fifth grade:

- four packs of mechanical pencils
- box of twenty-four Crayola crayons
- box of standard/washable Crayola markers
- two red ballpoint pens
- one box of coloring pencils and sharpener
- two yellow highlighters
- two pink pearl block erasers
- three-ring pencil pouch with zipper
- three wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- three packages of notebook paper with reinforced edges if possible
- set of subject dividers
- three one-inch heavy duty three-ring binders
- roll of paper towels
- container of disinfectant wipes
- two bottles of hand sanitizer
- three boxes of facial tissue

Sixth grade:

- four packs of #2 mechanical pencils and replacement lead
- pack of cap erasers
- one-inch heavy duty binder
- three-hole binder pouch
- plastic pocket folder without prongs
- six pronged color folders (purple, blue, red, green, yellow, and orange)
- two packages of reinforced-edge loose leaf paper or regular loose leaf paper with one package of reinforcement labels
- set of five dividers (pocketed if possible)
- two highlighters
- package of colored markers
- three boxes of tissues
- three rolls of paper towels
- container of disinfectant wipes
- two bottles of hand sanitizer
- box of gallon plastic Ziploc bags (girls)
- box of quart Ziploc bags (boys).



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teens seems like a logical place, we're moving again to accommodate the crowds. The city of Brookhaven has bent over backwards to help us make the move, and it should be a better experience for all who attend.

Brookstock is an important area event for many reasons:

- The musicians who appear are preserving our musical heritage. Music, literature, dance and visual art tell the history of our lives -- our era. Whenever I hear "Gloria," I am back in ninth grade trying to get the new girl to notice me. We all have songs like that, or a movie or favorite piece of art. It helps define who we are as a people.

- From an economic point of view, Brookstock is important, because our area hotels are booked, people are eating in our restaurants and buying gas at our convenience stores and, in general, go home with a positive view of our little corner of the world. The area-wide gathering has become so important to some that they schedule vacation time around it.

- Perhaps the best reason Brookstock is important is the party it is -- a time when Democrats and Republicans, Braves and Tigers, Bulldogs and Rebels can get together to kick back

and enjoy each other. It's a time to renew old friendships.

There will be other changes this year, besides the venue:

Last year, we added Brookstock Teens to give young, up-and-coming musicians an opportunity to play on

a great stage in front of an appreciative audience. We're calling it Brookstock Too this year, but the mission is still the same. The doors of the Haven Theatre open at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, and the

music will start at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00, with the proceeds going to the Brookhaven Little Theater Teens.

Wesson's Dom King will open the show. He has a great voice, and you will know his popular repertoire. Jonas Reguse, a surprise hit last year, will return, as well as new comers Taylor Barron and the Gregg Smith Band.

Sam Mooney, who performed on the Teens stage last year and whose

music career has skyrocketed, will be on the big stage on Saturday night this year. His performance last year may not have catapulted him to fame, but Brookstock Too is nurturing the next generation of headliners and helping the festival stay alive with younger acts. If you haven't seen Mooney's

live show, you owe it to yourself to come to the FEMA building and July 18.

Another addition to the event: Brookstock Singer/Songwriters on Thursday, July 16, will

feature Tony Norton, Cole Powell, Andi Cotton and Mike J. Case playing all original music in an intimate setting. In the informal show, the songwriters and audience will sit in a circle. The show will be free. Check social media for the location, which has not yet been determined.

One more twist. The same video crew that produced my YouTube show -- "Music From the Shady Side" -- will

be shooting a forty-five to sixty-minute documentary about Brookstock, which will include interviews with the principal organizers, volunteers, audience members and musicians. It will be accessible at MusicFromtheShadySide.com.

A sad note: One of Brookhaven's most popular musicians, Bill Guess, a regular at Brookstock from the beginning, passed away earlier this year. He played guitar, piano, saxophone and flute and even invented an instrument that was both an electric guitar and keyboard. His high energy stage show and band brought the house down every year and will be missed by all.

By the way, all acts who appear at Brookstock and the promoter work for free. It's our gift to an area that nurtured us. If you've never attended Brookstock, this year is a great year to try it. . . .and, in the process, support live music.

EDITOR'S NOTE: R. Shaw Furlow is director of the Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame.



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WAC third graders move forward

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All Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) third graders passed through the state's reading gate to move forward in school. Twelve per cent of WAC third graders -- nine students in total -- failed their initial state reading assessment, but succeeded on their second try. Statewide, nearly fifteen per cent of third graders failed their first reading test -- 5,600 students -- and faced the possibility of repeating the third grade unless they improved their performance in two other attempts before the new school year starts in August.

Chattanooga Trip. The Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) is planning a four-day trip October 27-30 to Chattanooga that will include a railway excursion with stops at Missionary Ridge -- site of a Civil War battle -- and Rock City on Lookout Mountain; a city tour, and a dinner riverboat cruise. The trip starts at the Co-Lin Thames Center on Tuesday, October 27, with the return on Friday, October 30. The price is \$735 for a single room and \$595 double occupancy, which will be discounted by \$20 if full payment is received by August 18. The deadline for reservations with a \$150 deposit per person is July 15 (make checks payable to Copiah-Lincoln and send to Copiah-Lincoln, Attention ILR, P. O. Box 649, Wesson, MS 39191). Subsequent payments are due August 18, September 15 and October 1. September 9 is the cancellation deadline for a full refund, if someone can be found to fill the room slot.

Changes in the law. New state laws that take effect this month establish a \$25 fine through July 1, 2016, and \$100 thereafter for drivers who write, send or read text, email or social media messages; reduce the fee for a permit to conceal guns to \$80 and allow persons with permits to carry guns in purses, handbags, satchels, briefcases and similar carriers; provide for \$6,500 vouchers to assist parents of special needs children in acquiring resources for them that are not always available in public schools; abolish the requirement for motor vehicle safety inspections.

Preparing jacks-of-all trades. In response to the needs of area industry, Co-Lin has launched a millwright training program to equip workers with a unique combination of skills that prepare them for flexible jobs in which they can perform a variety of tasks, including installing and aligning machinery, maintenance and troubleshooting for production and daily operations. Students in the new program will learn machining, mechanics, welding, metal cutting, rigging and industrial maintenance; and gain experience working with blueprints, gear boxes, drive chains, conveyors, assembly and hand and power tools. They will receive NCCER Core Millwright Level and Level II certifications on successful completion of training. To enter the program, students must have a high school diploma or GED. For information, call (601)-643-8707 or visit www.careertraining.colin.edu.

NEWS NUGGETS


Scam warning. Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood warns state consumers not to fall victim to con artists impersonating Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agents who demand immediate payment of taxes, provide no opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe, require specific payment methods such as a pre-paid debit card, threaten to have you arrested and use email, text, or social media messages to

discuss tax issues. Hood recommends verifying suspicious calls with the IRS (800-829-1040) and reporting confirmed incidents to the Treasury Inspector

General for Tax Administration (800-366-4484). He also advises to avoid answering telephone calls if you do not recognize the number, hang up immediately if you realize you have answered a scam call, protect your personally identifiable information, and do not even answer simple yes or no questions if you suspect a scam call and never wire or send money in any form to persons or organizations you do not know.

Scholarship winners. The Co-Lin Foundation has awarded an array of scholarships to students throughout the Wesson area: The Alton and Lucille Martin Keys Sciences and Susan Lofton Keys Math Scholarships, both established by The Annie Laura Tucker Estate, to Wesson students Kenneth McQuage and Joshua Cone,

respectively. The Trustmark Bank Scholarship, sponsored by Trustmark of Brookhaven, Hazlehurst, and Wesson for students with at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA), to Oshayla Self and Abigail Brister, both of Brookhaven; Mary Elizabeth Lyons and Haleigh Chin of Wesson; and Andrew Britt of Hazlehurst. The Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) Scholarship, established by BSP for Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) graduates, to Joseph Campbell of Wesson. The Calvin White Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a Co-Lin Colette or cheerleader, to Jessa Martin of Wesson. Taylor Presidential Scholarships to Ruby McCullough of Wesson, Gabbie Martin of Smithdale, and Trinity Bournes of Silver Creek, Ryan Smith of Bogue Chitto and Hayes Thompson of Summit. The N.B. and Catherine White Scholarship, awarded to WAC graduates who attended the school for at least eight years, to Brooklyn Twiner of Wesson. The John Matthew McClelland Memorial Scholarship, awarded to WAC graduates with at least a 3.0 GPA, to Tyler McLeod of Wesson. The James Robert "Jim" Lowery Memorial Scholarship, awarded to WAC graduates who plan to attend Co-Lin, to David Thames of Wesson. The Lura, Dale and Larry Greer scholarship, awarded to Copiah County Co-Lin sophomore majors in mathematics, physical science, or biological science with at least a 3.5 GPA, to Carlie Coleman of Wesson. The Copiah Bank Scholarship, awarded to a Copiah County freshman business major with a preference in finance and at least a 3.0 GPA, to Adam Hamilton. The Co-Lin Foundation provides over \$200,000 in scholarships to more than 150 Co-Lin students.



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Police Blotter

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During June, the Wesson Police Department activity encompassed:

Response to:

- Petty larceny
- Three vehicle accidents
- Two domestic disturbances
- Seven general complaints

Citations & arrests:

- Five speeding violations
- Eight traffic violations
- Three open container violations
- Noise ordinance violation
- Two possession of drug paraphernalia
- Possession of marijuana
- Contempt of court

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.

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Town officials join 2,000 counterparts at conference

and administer them for charitable and educational purposes.

Paul Mellor, author of *Memory! How to Remember Anything*, shared his secrets of recall in the conference's keynote speech. Candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and other state elected offices also spoke.

Built around "Cities Mean Business" as its theme, the conference's educational program revolved around "economic development as the cornerstone of our prosperity and a responsibility as local government entities," Shaw said. Within this context, the educational fare included sessions on municipal land use, growing a retail base, tourism, community and economic development and redevelopment strategies, as well as others oriented to ongoing issues facing municipal

officials, such as municipal organization, finance, public works, emergency management, budgeting, the bid process, municipal law, tax policy and generating revenues.

Through MML's educational program, Shaw explains, Mississippi mayors and elected board members can become Certified Municipal Officials (CMOs) in basic, advanced and professional categories by completing core and elective courses. Shaw is a Professional CMO, and Wesson Alderman have achieved varied levels of CMO status, including Van Graham, Advanced; and Michael King, Mike Douglas, Billy Ellison and John Welter, Jr. -- all Basic. One thousand six hundred Mississippi elected officials currently participate in the CMO program, and some 200 graduated as Basic, Advanced, and

Professional CMOs at the conference.

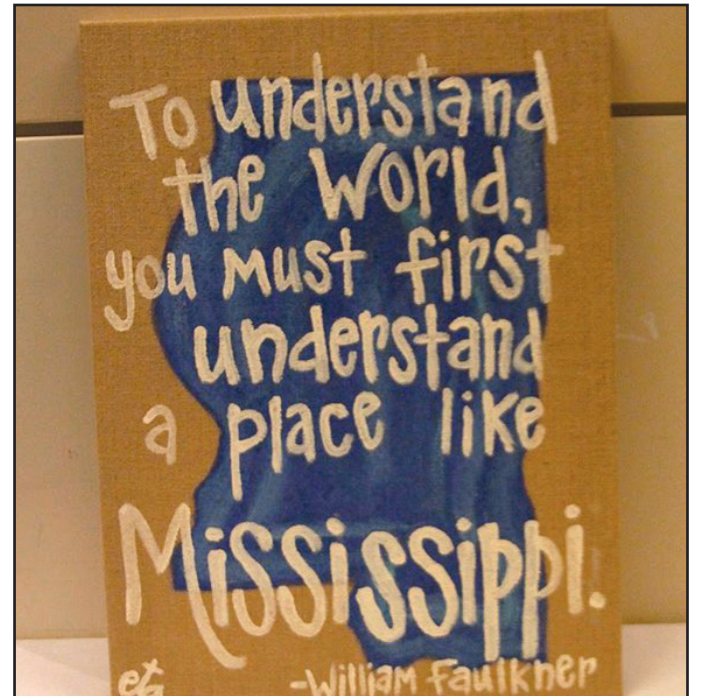
Almost 200 exhibitors also introduced and demonstrated products and services to attendees. They included representatives of contractors, engineering firms, computer software and internet companies, consultants on varied municipal services, equipment manufacturers, utilities, among other sales and service organizations.

"Although the conference offers attendees opportunities to relax and have fun, it is primarily a serious event that provides benefits for Mississippi communities in more knowledgeable and skilled elected officials and workers and links to vital resources," Shaw says. "The development of grants that have funded important municipal projects in Wesson started at previous conferences."



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Wesson Mayor Alton Shaw presides at 2015 Mississippi Municipal League conference.



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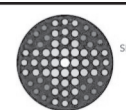
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Prevent disease through vaccinations

By Guest Columnist
Dr. Stephanie Duguid

Immunizations have had an enormous impact on improving the health of children in the United States, and it is important to continue to protect them from vaccine-preventable diseases. Most parents today have never seen first-hand the devastating consequences that vaccine-preventable diseases have on a family or community. While these diseases are not common in the U.S., they persist around the world.

Vaccine-preventable diseases can be very serious, may require hospitalization, or even be deadly – especially in infants and young children. Over the years, vaccines have prevented countless cases of disease and saved millions of lives. Diseases that used to be common in this country and around the world, including polio, measles, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), rubella



(German measles), mumps, tetanus, rotavirus and Haemophilus influenzae can now be prevented by vaccinations. Thanks to a vaccine, one of the most terrible diseases in history – smallpox – no longer exists outside the laboratory.

Vaccines work because they stimulate immunity -- the body's way of preventing disease. Children are born with an immune system, including cells, glands, organs, and fluids throughout the body. The immune system recognizes germs that enter the body as "foreign invaders" (called antigens) and produces proteins called antibodies to fight them.

The first time a child is infected with a specific antigen (i.e., the measles virus), the immune system produces antibodies designed to fight it. This takes time. Usually the immune system can't work fast enough to prevent the antigen from causing disease, so the child still gets sick. However, the immune system "remembers" that antigen. If it ever enters the body again, even after

many years, the immune system can produce antibodies fast enough to keep it from causing disease a second time. This is called immunity.

develop immunity without suffering from the actual diseases that vaccines prevent.

It is always better to prevent a disease than to treat it after it occurs. Vaccinations are one of the best ways parents can protect infants, children, and teens from potentially harmful diseases.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month! Get your children vaccinated today! Visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines for more information and to download the "Parents' Guide to Childhood Immunizations."

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Children do not have to get sick first to acquire immunity if they are given vaccines. Vaccines contain the same antigens (or parts of antigens) that cause diseases. For example, the measles vaccine contains the measles virus. Antigens in vaccines are either killed or weakened and don't cause disease. Yet they are strong enough to make the immune system produce antibodies that lead to immunity. In short, a vaccine is a safer substitute for a child's first exposure to a disease. Through vaccinations, children can

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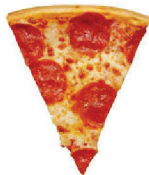
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Co-Lin athletes are all-star students

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Twenty-five Co-Lin student athletes have been named to the Academic All State team of Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) for their classroom excellence in 2014-2015. Ten of them were honored as Distinguished All-State for having a GPA of 3.80 or higher: Caroleah Brister of Brookhaven (tennis), Gregory Causey of Petal (golf), Allie Dear of Florence (tennis), Steve Del Cid of Wesson (tennis), Matthew Evans of Brookhaven (baseball), Cullen Greer of Wesson (football), Koy McFarland of Wesson (football), Brandon Nettles of Wesson (tennis), Jacob Ross of Brookhaven (golf) and Alex Smith of Wesson (baseball). Others named to the All State team for GPAs between 3.25 and 3.79 were Kristen Byrd of Monticello (softball), Kamry Creel of McComb (softball), Daniel Fitzwater of Shreveport, Louisiana (football); Jacob Fleming of Summit (football), Trent Furr of Ackerman (football), Savannah Johnston of Summit (softball), Brooke Laigast of Madisonville, Louisiana (softball); Nick Luckey of Magee (football), Tanner Parvin of



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Participants in the 2015 Co-Lin Lady Wolves softball camp. Morning campers (left to right on left) were Laney Kate Earls, Mallory Sanders, Emileigh Woodson, Blair Mathis, and Taylor Watson. Among afternoon campers (on right) were Allison Adams, Anna Adams, Harmoni Ashley, Natalie Bonds, Kamryn Bridges, Cheyenne Gladden, Mallory Harrison and Abigail Meredith.

Brookhaven (baseball), Carly Riley of New Hebron (tennis), Zach Smith of Brookhaven (football), Adrienne Wallace of Bogue Chitto (softball), Wesley Watts of Brandon (baseball), Rheagan Welch of Bogue Chitto (softball) and Quintarius Willis of Greenville (football).

The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) also honored nineteen Co-Lin student-athletes for their classroom excellence in 2014-



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2015 -- more than any other school in the in MACJC. Del Cid, Greer and Nettles received the Pinnacle Award for

maintaining a 4.0 GPA. For a GPA between 3.80 and 3.99, NJCAA's Award for Superior Academic Achievement went to

Brister, Causey, Dear, Evans, McFarland, Ross and Smith. For GPA between 3.60 and 3.79, NJCAA also presented its Exemplary Academic Achievement Award to Kristen,

Kamry Creel, Fleming, Furr, Luckey, Riley, Smith, Wallace and Wesley Watts.

For the second consecutive year, NJCAA also recognized the 2015 Co-Lin women's tennis team as the number two academic team of the year for their sport, and MACJC named the lady netters academic team of the year for posting the highest GPA (3.68) of all the women's athletic teams in the state. Ashley Windom coaches the teams, whose members are Carlianne Alderman, Brister, and Madison Warren, all of Brookhaven; Dear, Brandi McInnis of Wesson and Riley.

Golf Camp. Co-Lin golf coach Ronny Ross will host a Junior Golf Camp at Wolf Hollow Golf Club July 20-22 for children from eight- to fifteen-years-old. The cost of the camp is \$50, and sessions will run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day. For more information or to register, contact the Wolf Hollow Golf Club at (601) 643-8379.

Golf Champions. Among twenty-nine competing teams, Lowery, Payn & Leggett golfers Craig Hennington, Ricky McInnis, Grant McDonnieal Sharon Payn captured the corporate



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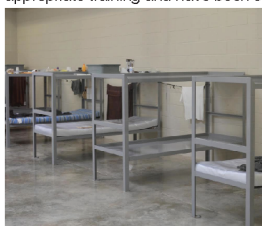
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- Worked diligently with the Copiah County Board of Supervisors to construct a new modern Copiah County Justice Complex with a state-of-the-art detention center, including a laundry, medical room, and complete kitchen; Sheriff's Office and Justice Court.
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- Forty-two years of relationships in law enforcement and emergency management.
- President of the Mississippi Sheriff's Association during 2014-15 -- the only Copiah County Sheriff to serve in this capacity.

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Girls at Co-Lin summer softball camp learn how to throw base runners out.

championship in the twenty-second annual Co-Lin Foundation Golf Classic at Wolf Hollow Golf Club with a 52. First South Farm Credit's Jason Coats, Harley Matthews, Brett Rutland and Jeremy Winborne shot a 51.9 for the Low Net Championship. Coats, Ricky Salyer, and Brett Rutland were on-course close pin winners.

Ticket prices. Pre-game tickets for all WAC Cobra varsity home football games will be available for a \$1 less than the price at the gate. At the gate, the varsity home football ticket price is \$6. The admission price for all other home athletic events is \$5 -- Junior High Football, Baseball,

Junior High Baseball, Slow-Pitch Softball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Soccer, Varsity Basketball and Junior High Basketball.

WAF All-Stars. Wesson Athletic Foundation has selected boy's baseball and girl's fast-pitch softball all-star teams. 12U baseball all-stars: Cameron Frost, Cooper Brinson, Luke Davis, Hayden McCurley, Brett Boutwell Turner Green, Brandon O'Quinn, Lane Westrope, Chase Allen, Preston Lee, Ryan Bartell, Harrison Hux and Sam McInnis; and coaches Kelly Boutwell, Brad Hux and Marty Davis. 10U baseball all-stars: Justin Beall, Zack Woods,

Cody Munn, Grayson Coates, Conner Brister, Dakota Andrews, Paul Nations, Lucas McRee, Noah Cameron, Jake Livingston and Ethan Laird; and coaches Brad Woods, Joe Buck Coates and Chad Woods. 9U baseball all-stars: Trip Richardson, Landon Beasley, Preston Selman, Gabe Selman, Ryan Manning, Aiden Hargrave, Brayden Coleman, C. J. Jackson, Wyatt Newman, Justin Hailey, Chris Franklin and Harlan Brewer; and coaches Brett Selman, Derrick Brewer and Corey Selman. 8U all-stars: Zackary Fries, Nicholas Harris, Brett Thompson, Blaine Howell, Prewitt Falvey, Micah Britt, J. T. Moss, Collin Davis, Jackson Anderson, Derrick Morgan, Patrick Coleman and Korbin Ashmore; and coaches Van Britt and Jeremy Harris. 7U baseball all-stars: Will Bizot, Reid Cuevas, Parker Harris, Baylor Smith, Dawson Selman, Alex Coglein, Cotton Westbrook, Trey Highlander, Bryant Parker Robbins, Rowan Crapps, Cameron Rutland and Layton Earls; and coaches Brett Selman, Travis Smith and Clay Earls. 8U girls fast-pitch all-stars: Miranda Anderson, Mallory Sanders, Julianna Wilson, Laney Kate Earls, Breelyn Cloy and Kaylee Nickles, McKenzie Hux, Emily Woodson, Abby Holder, Mary Margaret Woods, Taylor Watson and Preslee Newman; and coaches Randy Woodson, Lauren Jones, Albert Wilson and Kelly Earls.

Wesson Cobras Football Schedule

August

14	High School Jamboree	TBD
21	High School vs. Mclaurin	7 p.m.
28	High School at Sumrall	7 p.m.

September

4	High School vs. Bogue Chitto	7 p.m.
7	Junior High vs. Tylertown	5 p.m.
11	High School at Seminary	7 p.m.
14	Junior High vs. South Pike	5 p.m.
18	High School vs. Raymond	7 p.m.
(Homecoming)		
21	Junior High at Lawrence County	5 p.m.
25	High School at Mt. Olive	7 p.m.
28	Junior High vs. North Pike	5 p.m.

October

2	High School at Hazlehurst	7 p.m.
5	Junior High vs. McComb	5 p.m.
9	High School vs. Port Gibson	7 p.m.
13	Junior High at Franklin County	5 p.m.
16	High School at Jefferson County	7 p.m.
19	Junior High at Brookhaven	5 p.m.
23	High School vs. Franklin County	5 p.m.
30	High School at Wilkinson County	7 p.m.



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Two “car wrecking” plants

By Guest Columnist Rebecca Bates

It must be human nature to want what you can't have. I find that to be true in many instances of life, but it appears to be true with plants, as well. The landscapes are lush from rainfall, and it's hard to keep my eyes on the road as I observe what's blooming. I've never wrecked my car from plant distraction, but I do call some of them “car wreckers.”

Two plants that I nearly lost control of my car over are Agapanthus and Plumbago. I love the cool blue color of their blooms contrasting with the freshness of green lawns and trees. For whatever reason, I just haven't had great luck with these two that other area gardeners enjoy.

Agapanthus goes by several names, including Lily of the Nile or African Lily. It is native to South Africa, but is a popular perennial in the lower South. It prefers full sunlight or partial shade, and well-drained soil is essential -- likely my problem. The blue or white



Agapanthus

flowers sit atop a twenty-four to thirty inch stalk. They are stunning in the



Plumbago

Plumbago is another South African native. This one is a tender perennial and may not return after winter. It too prefers full sunlight and loose, organic, well-drained soil -- again my problem. Plumbago is a rambler with blue, phloxlike flowers. It looks great tumbling over a retaining wall, used as a groundcover or placed in containers. The blue is my favorite, but a white cultivar called “Alba” is available.

I don't give up easily. I want what those successful area gardeners have. These two blue “car wreckers” will find a home with me eventually. If you suffer from plant distraction, as I do, give these a try!

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landscape and a beautiful cut to bring indoors. A few cultivars to try are “Albus,” “Peter Pan” or “Queen Ann.”

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Local choirs receive Carnegie Hall invitations

Special to Wesson News

Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY) has invited local choirs to participate in a performance of Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living" at Carnegie Hall in New York City on January 20, 2016, Martin Luther King, Jr., Weekend.

A limited number of ensembles received the special invitation, including the Co-Lin Community College Choir and choirs from Brookhaven High School, the Mississippi School of the Arts, and the Lincoln County Choral Society in the Wesson area.

The Co-Lin choir, which will select twelve members to participate on the basis of auditions, has already started raising funds for the trip.

"We are excited and honored to be asked to participate in such a prestigious event," said Denise Riley, Co-Lin's director of choral activities.

DCINY, a professional production

company with experience presenting at venues, including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, provides a quality performance experience in collaboration with high caliber musicians and soloists. The residency includes two half-days of rehearsals and clinics, culminating in a performance with Maestro Meaders at the podium.

After rehearsals, the choir members will have the opportunity to tour the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, attend a Broadway Show, explore Times Square, Fifth Avenue, and Central Park; take the Staten Island Ferry across the Hudson River to view the Statue of Liberty, and visit Chinatown as well as other New York City attractions.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to assist the Co-Lin choir should contact David Campbell, Executive Director of the Co-Lin Foundation at 601-643-8332.

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Bands program has new director at Co-Lin

Wesson News

Juanita C. Proffitt, who has served as Co-Lin Assistant Band Director for the past three years, is the new Director of the college's band program.

The eleven-year band director veteran is replacing R. Shaw Furlow, who retired after sixteen years, and will assume full leadership responsibility for the Co-Lin Blue Wave Show Band and continue directing its Jazz Ensemble. The Symphonic concert band, pep band, Co-Lin Singers, Ambassadors select choir, Percussion Ensemble, and Sojourners rock band; music instruction, and administration of the bands program will also be under Proffitt's umbrella.

"I serve as a mentor and a resource person to band directors and students," she says. "I model a superior work

ethic, excellent musicianship, high ethical standards, scholarship, and discipline, which are enhanced by my love of music, concern for students and directors, and commitment to fostering success of our programs. I enjoy my work. I am a pusher committed to my job and a life-long learner. I experience a sense of wonder in a band and seek to instill that same sense of wonder in students. I ask no more of my students than I ask of myself and want them to take away broader life skills as well as music skills from their band experience."

A native of Columbia, MS, Proffitt's mother graduated from Co-Lin and shared the value of her experiences there with her daughter. The local bands program recruited her when she was in the sixth grade, and she learned the trombone, which she played at New Hope High School.

Her band career and music studies continued as a student at Northeast Community College and Mississippi State University (MSU), where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education in 2003, and then at the University of Alabama (UA) at Tuscaloosa where she received her Master's Degree in Music Education in 2008.

After serving as band director at Hawkins Middle School in Forest, MS, from 2003 and 2005 and Vicksburg Junior High School in 2005 and 2006, Proffitt taught Woodwind Methods and Brass Methods in 2006 and 2007 as a UA graduate teaching assistant. As Clinician at the MSU Summer Band Camp from 2002-2009, she taught Basic Conducting, Music Appreciation, the Trombone Master Class and private trombone lessons.

For five years before joining Co-Lin, Proffitt worked on restoration of a languishing band at McLaurin High School. After three years there, it consistently achieved superior ratings in concert, percussion, color guard, and drum major; and excellent ratings in sight reading at the State Band Assessments -- a performance accomplished with more than half the band in the seventh and eighth grades. Membership in the high school band increased to fifty-five, with twenty-five in the junior high band, and thirty-five beginning students.

Proffitt is listed in *Who's Who in Music* and a past president of the Capital District Band Directors' Association, a member of Mississippi Bandmasters, a recipient of the John Philip Sousa and National Band Awards and is a member of Alpha Chi, Phi Theta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi.



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Nettles cites Co-Lin's "uniqueness"

By Bob Arnold

With most of its students preparing to transfer to four-year colleges or universities when they graduate and a history encompassing one hundred years, Co-Lin is "unique among the nation's community colleges," the school's president, Dr. Ronnie Nettles, told the Fifty Plus Club.

"Nationally, community colleges are oriented to the needs of technical and career-minded students preparing for jobs and are relatively new institutions," Nettles observed. "At Co-Lin, seventy-five per cent of our students will go on to four-year colleges or universities, while twenty-five per cent are in technical and workforce education programs. Co-Lin started as an agricultural high school in 1915 and then became a junior college in 1928."

Nettles shared a presentation he made about Co-Lin for a community college accrediting committee and a state government group.

"People on the outside see Co-Lin as a unique institution," he said.

Over its history, Co-Lin's mission has expanded beyond instruction to encompass economic development and support of the cultural and recreational life of the communities it serves, Nettles pointed out. Among



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current programs, he highlighted:

- A health workplace initiative funded by a Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant that is creating a "fit-friendly" campus at Wesson, which is tobacco-free, promotes physical fitness of faculty, staff, and students; and is driven by wellness committees that plan and implement activities.
- A \$600,000 energy management effort that is reducing fuel consumption by the college.
- Exterior restoration and interior renovation of Elzey Hall, a former

boys dormitory and one of the oldest buildings on the Wesson campus, to improve its architectural character and create new office and classroom space; construction of an early childhood education building to provide new classroom and laboratory space; and development of a pedestrian corridor through the center of the Wesson campus.

Co-Lin's enrollment dipped to 2,929 last year after soaring to 3,799 in 2010 in an economy with high unemployment and dim job prospects. Nettles said the school has a relatively young student body

for community colleges -- 23.8 years old vs. 27 years old nationally. Its enrollment is sixty-four per cent female, thirty-six per cent male, and forty-three per cent African American. Seventy-four per cent are full-time students, and a large proportion of them receive financial assistance. Close to six hundred of them live on its Wesson campus. They compete in ten National Community and Junior College Athletic Association sports and participate in fifty-four campus organizations.

Nettles commended Co-Lin's faculty and staff as "competent and committed," noting that the college experienced little turnover of personnel, and many of them are former students.

The college operates on a \$25.6 million budget, of which \$12 million comes from the state, \$8.7 million from student fees, and \$2.3 million from the counties it serves. The school also receives substantial off-budget Federal program funds and support from the Co-Lin Foundation, which received \$300,000 in donations last year and has grown to a \$7.8 million endowment fund. Its major budget expenditure -- \$17.8 million -- supports the salaries of faculty and staff.

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Community Calendar

July weather forecast: The Old Farmers Almanac calls for an average temperature of 81 degrees F (average for this time of year) and precipitation of 4.5 inches (average for this time of year).

JULY 14
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary Post 2618 meet. \$5.00 for meal. VFW Hall on Industrial Park Road, Brookhaven. 5:30 p.m.

JULY 16
Summer Reading Program encourages the love of reading in fiction and non-fiction topics among children five-years-old thru twelve-years-old. Nora Berch from Keep Copiah County Beautiful will speak assisted by Boomer -- the organization's basset hound mascot and the subject of series of children's books. Randell Drane, director of the Copiah County Emergency Management Office, will present a children-oriented program on disaster preparedness and safety on July 23. Free. Wesson Public Library on Spring Street. 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Fifty Plus Club. Lauren Compere, Miss Wheelchair Mississippi, a Mississippi College student, will speak. Mitchell's, Brookhaven. 10:30 a.m.

Lunch and Learn Talk sponsored by Friends of Lincoln County Library is "Tracing Your Roots," a program focusing on genealogy. Free. Vernon Room at Lincoln County Public Library in Brookhaven. 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Email modestyann@aol.com for information.

Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild (BRAG) meets. BRAG membership encompasses both artists and art patrons over age 18. An Artist of the Month will be selected for an original work inspired by the theme "Patriotism and Independence." Lemanedi Arts and Interiors in downtown Brookhaven. 5:30 p.m. Email modestyann@aol.com for information and a membership application.

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

JULY 17
Orientation/registration for freshman and new students who will attend Co-Lin in the Fall 2015. At the one-day session, students learn more about Co-Lin, obtain academic and career-technical curriculum-planning advice, receive the schedule for the fall semester, and get a college identification card and parking permit. Students who do not have ACT scores on file in Co-Lin's admissions office will have to take the placement test at a cost of \$30. Tuition and fees may be paid, but are not required. Dow-Young Instructional Technology Building on Wesson Campus. 9 a.m. For information, call (601) 643-8490.

JULY 20
ServSafe National Restaurant Association for safety training for hospitality personnel. Participants must have registered before July 7. \$150 fee. Thames Center on Co-Lin campus. 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. For more information, visit careertraining.colin.edu or call (601)-643-8707.

Summer Entomology (Bug) Camp for children in grades four through six. Participants will search for bugs on the Co-Lin Nature Trail in Wesson, learn about collecting insects and work with microscopes. \$55 fee. Wesson Co-Lin campus. Runs through July 22. For information and to download registration form, visit www.colin.edu.

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

J.M. Wesson Masonic Lodge # 317 meeting. Masonic Lodge building on Highway 51. 6 p.m

JULY 22
Basic CPR/First Aid/AED American Heart Association class covering adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic first aid techniques for non-medical professionals. Thames Center on Co-Lin campus. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.. For payment information and answers to other questions, visit careertraining.colin.edu or call (601)-643-8707.

JULY 23
Thursday Theater sponsored by Friends of Lincoln County Library features showing of *The American President*. Free. Bring a snack. Brookhaven Public Library. 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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

JULY 27
Blood drive every second and fourth Monday. King's Daughters Medical Center Hospital Annex. 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Call 800-817-7449 for information.

AUGUST 3
Microsoft Excel 2013 – Beginner/Basic Level Class. Learn basic formulas, entering and sorting data, inserting charts, and printing options. Register by day end July 27. \$15 fee. Thames Center on Wesson campus. 9 a.m.-12 noon. For information, contact Toni Dobbins at (601)-643-8716.

Microsoft Excel 2013 – Intermediate Level Class. Learn to create charts, write formulas, resolve formula errors, outline, grouping and analyze data. Register by day end July 27. \$15 fee. Thames Center on Wesson campus. 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. For information, contact Toni Dobbins at (601)-643-8716.

AUGUST 4
Microsoft PowerPoint 2013 – Beginner/Basic Level Class. Learn to create a presentation, organize data, insert pictures and other graphics and add transitions. Register by day end July 28. \$15 fee. Thames Center on Wesson campus. 9 a.m.-12 noon. For information, contact Toni Dobbins at (601)-643-8716.

Microsoft Word 2013 – Beginner/Basic Level Class. Learn word processing skills, including basic commands and ribbon navigation techniques, starting, saving and retrieving a document, basic formatting and document design. Register by day end July 28. \$15 fee. Thames Center on Wesson campus. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. For information, contact Toni Dobbins at (601)-643-8716.

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

AUGUST 5
2015-16 school year classes start at Wesson Attendance Center.

AUGUST 13
Final orientation/registration for Co-Lin freshmen and transfer students for the Fall 2015 semester. See July 17 description of event. Dow-Young Building on Co-Lin campus. 9 a.m. For information, call (601) 643.8490.

AUGUST 15
Old Wesson School reunion for former students, faculty and staff. Old School Community Center, Eighth Street, Wesson. \$20 fee to cover lunch and reunion costs. Registration deadline is August 1. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, contact Carolyn Graham at (601)-643-5215.

AUGUST 17
Fall classes begin at Co-Lin. For information, call (601) 643.8490.

Email Community Calendar items to bobarnold@wessonnews.com.

Proof of vaccinations required

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

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

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

Mississippi instituted the whooping cough booster (Tdap) vaccination requirement in 2012-23 due to increasing concern about pertussis -- a highly contagious and life-threatening disease that adolescents can contract and easily transmit to younger children. Immunity to pertussis from early childhood vaccinations weakens over time.

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

Free breakfasts & lunches available

Wesson News

Free breakfasts and lunches are available to Wesson Assistance Center (WAC) students under a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) grant.

WAC starts serving the breakfasts at 7:30 a.m. and lunches at 10:30 a.m. They feature nutritious and balanced meals that follow USDA Healthy Choices guidelines, WAC principal Marilyn Phillips reports.

CEP grants are awarded to schools in districts in which a large proportion of the population is considered to be

living in poverty. WAC’s current grant will provide funds for the free meals over the next three school years.




The USDA Healthy Choices guidelines emphasize fruits, vegetables, and whole grains and reduced sugar, salt, and fat.

“Today’s students need wholesome food more than ever,” USDA says. “More than 17 million American children live in food-insecure households, and one in three children is considered overweight or obese. USDA’s efforts help create the healthy school environment needed to ensure our children are engaged and productive learners.”

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Events to equip teachers, students and parents

Wesson News

During August, Wesson Attendance Center (WAC) will seek to provide both the practical knowledge and spiritual fortification for teachers, students and parents to successfully navigate the varied events and challenges they will encounter in the ten months of the 2015-16 school year.

Teachers come back two days before students return for a staff development program on August 3 and 4 that will orient them to their working environment, review the their jobs landscape and expectations, and give them direction for successful performance. Faculty and staff will

get their ID badges starting at 8 a.m. on August 3.

From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on August 3, kindergarten and elementary school children and their parents will have an opportunity to meet teachers and talk about the upcoming school year. At the Meet the Teacher Hour, parents and children can make sure they have acquired the proper school supplies required for classroom experience. Teachers will also discuss the nature of their learning and studies over the coming year.

On August 3, during the same time frame, a special orientation for incoming seventh graders will cover the changes that occur in moving

from elementary school to junior high and high school.

“Junior high school can be a shock for entering seventh graders,” observes WAC principal Marilyn Phillips. “You store your books in lockers. You move from classroom to classroom when the bell rings to go to different teachers who specialize in particular subjects. It’s very different from K-6.”

On Sunday, August 9, WAC will have its annual Prayer Walk starting at 2 p.m. For children and youth from kindergarten through grade 12 and their parents, along with teachers and staff, it is a time to prepare spiritually for the school year. There will be

a brief worship service. Students and parents can go with teachers to classrooms to pray together.

Meet the Cobras will offer a different look at WAC, in which teachers and staff introduce students and their parents to sports and non-sports activities in a rally-like setting in the Old Gym on the Tuesday, August 18, before the first home football game with McLaurin on Friday, August 21. The event starts at 6:30 p.m, followed by an open house. The WAC Parents-Teachers Organization will also hold its first meeting and spotlight its program geared to supporting WAC through fundraising events and other projects.

Bus driver is the boss



Special to Wesson News

Riding on a school bus starts with remembering the driver is the boss. Respect bus drivers, who are responsible for the safety and conduct of riders. They have the authority to assign seating. Riding rules include:

- Board and get off buses on time at assigned stops only. Bus drivers are not required to wait unless they see a student coming to the bus. In the afternoon, buses leave the school promptly at 3:15.
- Walk to the bus stop facing traffic (if there is no sidewalk) so drivers on the road can see you.
- Do not play on or near the road while waiting for a bus.
- Do not cross a road to get on a bus until it arrives. On discharge from a bus, wait until the driver gives the signal to do so. Students who live on roads with retraces should get on their bus at stops that do not require crossing the road.
- Load and unload using the handrail only after the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Disruptive behaviors that distract bus drivers are prohibited, and acts of misconduct are subject to discipline -- fighting, smoking, use of profane language, possession/use of alcohol and/or drugs, public displays of affection, sexual activity, throwing objects on the bus (i.e., shooting spitballs with rubber bands or bobby pins), etc. Conduct of students determines whether or not they will be entitled to bus transportation.

\$6,000 for Relay for Life



Special to Wesson News

Nena Smith's School of Dance, including students, their families and fans, collected \$6,000 for Relay For Life at their fortieth anniversary dance recital. Donations were collected at the door for admission to the recital. Smith, along with studio families, are hoping that a cancer cure is just around the corner. Pictured here with Smith (left) are Delicia Lewis (center) and Kayla Watts (right), part of the Relay For Life Team.

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2015-16 Wesson Attendance Center Calendar

AUGUST

- 3 Pre-term teacher staff development workday (also August 4). 8 a.m.
Meet the Teacher Hour. 6 p.m-7 p.m.
Seventh Grade orientation. 6 p.m.
- 5 First school day for students.
- 7 Deadline for returning required enrollment forms to office.
- 9 Prayer Walk. 2 p.m.
- 18 Meet the Cobras. Old Gym. 6:30 p.m.
Open House and Parents-Teachers Organization (PTO) meeting follow.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Ring presentation.
- 7 Labor Day holiday
- 8 Juniors order rings.
- 9 Photography for school pictures (also September 10).
- 10 Nine-week progress reports.
- 18 Homecoming.
National Honor Society induction (TBD).

OCTOBER

- 1 Makeup day for school photos.
- 7 Nine-week tests (thru October 9).
- 13 Who's Who pictures.
- 15 Presentation of graduation invitations to seniors.
- 16 Report cards.
- 19 Teacher staff development workday.
Student holiday.
- 22 Seniors order graduation invitations.
- 24 Marching Band Festival at Pearl, MS.
- 29 Red Ribbon Week Festival. 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 2 College Fair
Book Fair (thru October 6).
Grandparents Day
- 7 Beauty and Beau Pageant (Elementary-High School).
- 11 Veterans Day program.
- 13 Progress Reports.
- 25 Thanksgiving holiday
(thru November 27).

DECEMBER

- 4 Wesson Christmas Parade. Classes dismissed at 2:20 p.m.

- 10 K-2 Christmas program. 1:30 p.m.
- 11 Grades 7-12 Christmas program. 9 a.m.
- 16 Nine-week tests (thru December 18).
- 21 Christmas holidays begin

JANUARY

- 4 Second semester begins.
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- 19 Parents pick up report cards.
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Student holiday.

FEBRUARY

- 5 Nine-week progress reports
- 12 Valentine's Dance for Grades 4-6.
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 25 African American History program. 9 a.m.
Concert Band (TBA)

MARCH

- 9 Nine-week tests (thru March 11).
- 14 Spring Break (thru March 18)
- 21 School resumes
- 23 Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) program.
- 24 Prom.
Report cards.
- 25 Easter holiday/weather day (also March 28)
Statewide ACT testing (TBD)

APRIL

- 19 Nine week progress reports.
- 28 Vespers rehearsal. Old Gym. 9 a.m.
- 29 Vespers rehearsal. Co-Lin.

MAY

- 1 Vespers. 8 p.m.
- 5 National Day of Prayers program. 9 a.m.
- 9 Elementary Awards program. Grades 2-3. 9 a.m. Grades 4-6. 12:30 p.m.
Senior Awards Night
- 11 Junior High & High School Awards luncheon
- 18 Nine-week tests (thru May 20)
- 20 Kindergarten Awards program. 12:30 p.m.
Graduation. Co-Lin. 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Teacher staff development workday or bad weather day (thru May 26)
Band concert. 7:30 p.m. (TBD)

Rules of the road

For drivers bringing students to Wesson Attendance Center in private vehicles:

- Drop off students before 7:40 a.m. for classes, which start at 7:45 a.m. Drop-off points are in front of old gym and high school area for grades seven to twelve and the elementary school parking lot (where two attendants are on duty) for kindergarten through sixth grades.
- Pick up students in kindergarten through sixth grade in the elementary school parking lot. Line up on the north side of the road east of the building, enter parking lot on the east, load students from the inside lane, and exit parking lot on the west. Use the outside lane when leaving the pickup line. Children should not walk to vehicles parked along the side of the road.
- Pick up students in grades seven through twelve and their younger siblings in the parking lot by the old gym and high school area. Enter on the east, park in inside (north) lane while waiting for students to pick up, and exit on the west via the outside (south) lane.
- Older and younger siblings will meet in the old gym and walk together to their pickup vehicle in the high school parking lot.
- Children who walk or bike to school will wait in the old gym until 3:15 p.m., when buses and most cars have left the campus.
- Do not pick up students at the rear of school where buses load.

Campus behavior standards

WAC students are expected to conform to behavioral standards on campus and at athletic events:

- Insulting, abusive and obscene language will not be tolerated.
- Persons with artificial noisemakers or disrupting athletic events in other ways will be asked to leave the grounds.
- No loitering will be allowed on school grounds.
- Persons caught damaging, destroying, or stealing private property will be arrested and prosecuted.
- Possession of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, fireworks, weapons, or any other illegal objects is prohibited.
- Radios and/or tape players are not allowed in the gymnasium.
- Students inappropriately dressed at games will be asked to leave.
- In line with state law (H.B. 641), smoking is not permitted on campus at any time.

Key WAC contacts

WAC staff and personnel are accessible by telephone and email:

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