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Fire department recruiting and training kids

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Wesson Fire Chief Ken Carraway can't prove it, but when he reviews the city's fire statistics – only two residential blazes during the first half of 2013, he can't help but think his department's Fire Academy for Kids is a factor.

The Academy, which just completed its third year of instruction, recruits children aged 8 to 12 to help fight fires through prevention after teaching them fire safety, first aid, and injury prevention and introducing them to firefighters, the equipment they use, and the job they perform. The kids go away from the week-long program with knowledge and enthusiasm that makes them particularly effective ambassadors of fire prevention among their friends and family and thus



Photo by Wesson News

Children are shown learning in small groups called engine, ladder, and emergency rescue companies that reflect the organization of fire departments.

throughout the wider community.

A Mississippi State Department of Health grant launched the Academy three years ago with community businesses and organizations picking up sponsorship since then. Members of Wesson's volunteer fire fighting force and police department and Copiah County Emergency Management conduct training. Former Academy attendees, now teenagers, assist trainers.

"It's fun, educational, and action-oriented," says Carraway. "In the process, life safety behaviors of children are increased by preparing them to prevent a fire or injury and react correctly if a fire or medical emergency occurs. At the same time, children gain a better appreciation of firefighters and their often dangerous job and

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Brookhaven liquor law impacts Wesson stores

By Bob Arnold

Changing liquor laws down the road a few miles in Brookhaven are forcing major business decisions on Wesson's two package stores, and the thinking of their owners could not be further apart.

Assuming last month's decision by Brookhaven to adopt a Mississippi statute authorizing comprehensive liquor sales in stores, clubs, bars, and restaurants is unaltered, Wesson Package Store, operated by brothers Ben and Nelson Newman and their father Charles, will relocate from Wesson to just north of Pete's Interiors on High-



Photo by Wesson News

Pannu (right), owner of Discount Package Store, his wife Raman (center), and store manager Kristina Stewart discuss decision to continue their business in Wesson.

way 51 in Brookhaven by year end.

"We'd prefer to stay in Wesson, but

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Wesson News Debuts

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After almost half a century, Wesson again has a newspaper.

Beginning with this issue, residents of Wesson and the wider 39191 zip code area will receive the *Wesson News*, directly mailed every second Tuesday of the month to them free of charge.

Spring Ridge Press of Clinton has named Bob Arnold, a resident of the 39191 zip code area in Lincoln County, as local editor of its new newspaper. The company also publishes *The Clinton Courier* and the *Pelahatchie News*.

From 1881 until 1964, newspapers with varying names—the *Herald*, *Times*, *Argosy*, *Tribune*, *Mirror*, and *Enterprise*—served Wesson over the years. Even today, Wesson residents



Photo by Wesson News
Bob Arnold

still talk about the *Enterprise*, which served the town almost two decades.

"When a town does not have its own newspaper, keeping on top of news and events and happenings around the town is difficult," Arnold observes. "Citizens don't know about all of the awards the town has achieved, awards and honors of its school children, and key information about the town. More importantly, businesses

do not have the most efficient tool for advertising their products and services to customers.

"A local newspaper can become one of the major institutions that bind and define us as neighbors and friends—as a true community. It has been said that a local newspaper can decorate the refrigerators of parents and grandparents of a town. Our goal is to get

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information in Wesson flowing, to provide an advertising outlet for business, and to put the smiling faces of Wesson's children on refrigerators."

Wesson News readership will be right at 10,000, encompassing Wesson, other parts of Copeiah County, and Lawrence and Lincoln Counties, Spring Ridge Press owner Clay Mansell reports. In addition to residential readers, people visiting high-traffic locations in Brookhaven, Wesson, Hazlehurst and Crystal Springs will be able to pick up the newspaper free from racks.

"This represents a unique oppor-

tunity for local businesses to show they are directly invested in helping their customers get the vital information they need to manage their lives and families, while also marketing their products and building their businesses," Mansell says. "The *Wesson News* can supplement current marketing campaigns, or it can simply help a business start one which reaches thousands of individual customers."

Contact the *Wesson News*: Bob Arnold, Editor, 601-990-3003 x 700 or Clay Mansell, Publisher, 601-990-3003 x 701.

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Brookhaven liquor law



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Ben and Nelson Newman (center and right) confer with HVAC consultant Butch McCardle about building plans for Brookhaven package store. The Newmans are moving their liquor and wine retail business from Wesson after 42 years.

our customers come largely from the Brookhaven area," says Ben Newman. "That's where we have to go."

Things look vastly different to Balwinder Singh—better known as Pannu, who owns Discount Package Store.

"We think we have a good customer base in Wesson," Pannu says. "We're staying."

For many years, package stores in Wesson have enjoyed the business of customers from counties bordering Copeiah, including Lincoln, which do not permit sales of wine and liquor. The Newman family store and Pannu's shop started rethinking their futures in Wesson after June 4, when Brookhaven residents in Lincoln County voted overwhelmingly to allow wine and liquor sales in the city for the first time since nationwide Prohibition in the 1920s. The lingering question since then has been whether Brookhaven aldermen would limit wine and liquor sales to glass transactions in restaurants or allow sales in package stores as well.

As the Newmans see it, Brookhaven has now become the center of the area's wine and liquor marketplace, with the close four-to-three vote by its aldermen in favor of comprehensive li-

Wesson real estate owners will pay slightly higher real estate taxes due to anticipated loss of sales tax revenues as a result of relocation of the Newman-owned package store to Brookhaven.

To avoid cutting city services when the business loss affects tax revenues shared by the state, Wesson aldermen voted last week to increase the millage rate on assessed valuation of real estate from 28.87 to 31.56. At the same time, the aldermen voted to roll back the tax increase if the loss of sales tax revenues is not as severe as expected.

quor sales. They believe an operation in Brookhaven can capitalize on their Wesson store's reputation over the past 42 years and customer appreciation of its extensive inventory of wine and spirits to become a major competitive force in its new home.

Pannu, on the other hand, wants to make his recent investment in Discount Package Store work. He purchased the eight-year-old business a year ago, invested in developing its customer base, and moved it from a location on Highway 51 to a building on Factory Street.

"We believe we have cultivated a market in the Wesson area and Copeiah County and want to continue serving it here," Discount Package Store manger Kristina Stewart says.

From the Mayor's Desk

By Alton Shaw, Mayor of Wesson

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome each of you to the Town of Wesson's new monthly news publication. While this is in no way meant to replace our current two local papers, as they both provide excellent service, this will allow for a much more in-depth correspondence to help disseminate some of our local information. We look forward to the many ways this new outlet can help keep each of you informed.

There are several developments that appear to be lining up for creation in the coming year, most notably a public park and medical clinic. The park will be phased in over several months, relying on a mixture of grants, the first of which, through the Department of Transportation, has already been procured, and will provide funding for the general landscaping, walking track, lighting, and pavilion. The second grant, which we are currently working with the Mississippi Development Authority to obtain, would cover the construction of the parking area and side road. We should have notification about whether or not we were successful the end of October.

Concerning the medical clinic to be operated by King's Daughters Medical Center (KDMC), our attorney and I recently met with KDMC administration who reaffirmed the commitment to the project. Due to a few setbacks concerning current insurance reimbursements, it will most likely be

the latter part of next year before construction begins. This is a project that will provide a substantial economic impact to our area for years to come.

One project that has come to completion is the renovation of our old Wesson School. The rear parking and elevator installation for handicap accessibility has now been completed. Over the next several months, we will be developing and implementing a marketing plan to let others

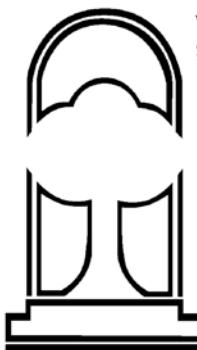
in the surrounding counties know of its existence and availability. It is already featured in a video that is part of a county-wide marketing campaign spearheaded by the Copeiah County Economic Development District. The video is narrated by Walt Grayson and will be distributed statewide and available via the Internet. While a date has not yet been set, we are planning to have an open house this fall, inviting everyone in the community to visit this new asset to our community.

We have several other projects we are looking forward to completing this fall that will help improve the overall attractiveness and atmosphere of our town. They will begin as soon as the grass-cutting season subsides. Each year, there are many projects that get put on hold during this time because it takes a massive amount of man-hours to keep the town mowed as best as possible.

As always, should you have any comments or suggestions on things we could improve upon or do better, please don't hesitate to contact us. May God bless.



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Wesson city officials begin new terms

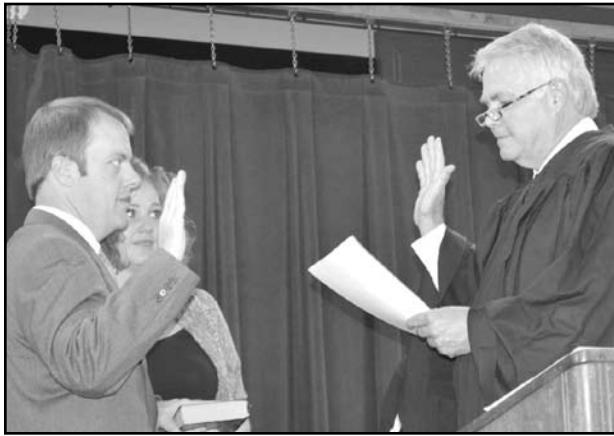


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Wesson Mayor Alton Shaw is sworn into office for a fourth term by Chancery Court Judge Ed Patten.

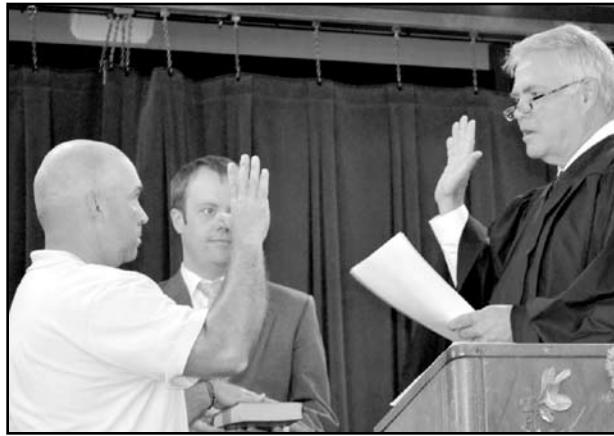


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Wesson Alderman David "Mike" Douglas

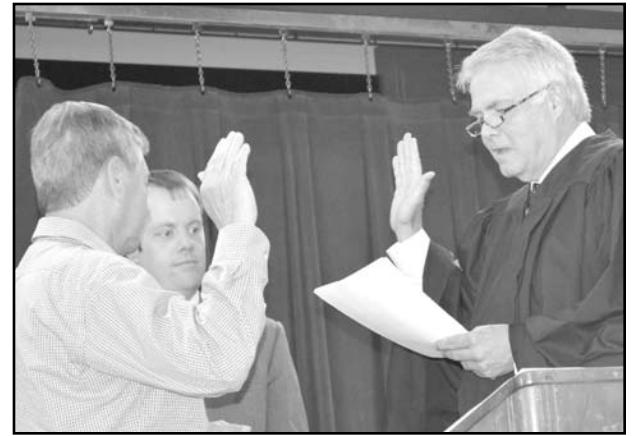


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Wesson Alderman John Welter, Jr.



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Wesson Alderman Michael King



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Wesson Alderman Billy Ellison



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Wesson Alderman Van Graham

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Elected and appointed public officials in the area are settling into their service roles for the next four years.

In Wesson, a new Alderman, Michael King, has replaced Bob Britt (who retired) in Ward Four, while David "Mike" Douglas (Ward One), John Welter, Jr. (Ward Two), Billy Ellison (Ward Three), and Van Graham (Mayor Pro Tem and Alderman-at-Large) are returning to their elected offices.

Also returning to office for a fourth

consecutive term is Wesson Mayor Alton Shaw, the only candidate to face opposition in municipal elections. Against his challenger, Pete Skinner, the incumbent mayor captured 63 per cent of a total 428 votes cast. In a campaign described as "positive," Shaw pointed to Wesson's fiscal strength and economic and quality of life development initiatives in the commu-



Photo by Wesson News

Retiring Wesson Alderman Bob Britt was recognized at ceremony.

nity, while Skinner touted his background as a successful businessman and argued that Wesson "could do better."

In Beauregard, voters chose Aldermen Natalie Miller, Barbara Matley, Ira Matley, Sr., Johnny Baten, and Mayor Linda Harris to serve the village for the next four years.

At swearing-in ceremonies for elected officials in Wesson, Chancery Court Judge Ed Patten told them to strive for "excellence, character

measured by courage to do the right thing, public service that solves problems, and change when it is for community good."

Among actions taken at the first meeting of Wesson's Board of Aldermen following elections were reappointment of city officials and department heads: Chad O'Quinn, police chief; Linda Dykes, city clerk/court clerk; Jeff Varas, municipal judge/city attorney; Bob Lawrence, municipal prosecuting attorney; Mark Brown public works; and Ken Carraway, fire chief.

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Longie Dale Hamilton Library nurtures young readers



Award winners for reading the most books in the library summer program were (l to r) Jasmine Barner (11-12 age group), Blaine Howell and Dakota Andrews (7-8 age group), Allie Ryan (under 5 age group), and Kater McLemore (5-6 age group).



Dianne Butler (above) combined stories and magic.

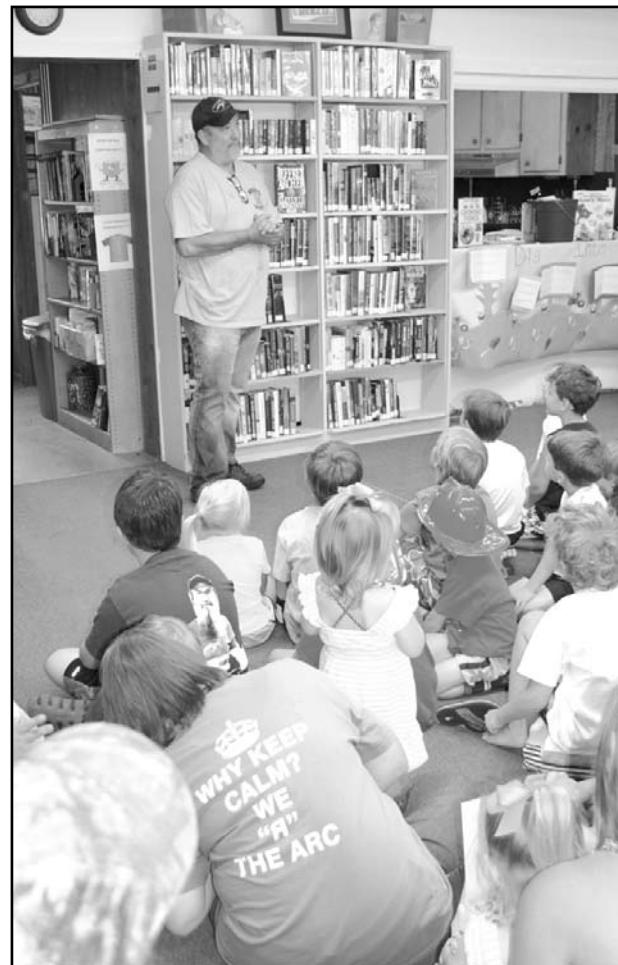
Terry Vandeventer, known as the "Snake Man," talked about reptiles (left).



Kate Hampton, president of Wesson Garden Club, reads a story on growing plants.



Members of Wesson Garden Club show children how to start growing flowers and vegetables in egg cartons.



Wesson Volunteer Fire Department's Dale Hart offers safety tips.

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A snake expert, a story-teller, a local gardener, and the fire department each took turns at Wesson's Longie Dale Hamilton Library, inspiring close to 100 young readers to expand their journeys into the world of books during the summer.

The "Dig Into Reading" summer program at the public library spanned four weeks, with children aged 5 to 15 attending Tuesday morning sessions during July in which presenters sought to pique their interest in a variety of subjects, particularly around gardening, plants, and animals that dig into dirt:

• Terry Vandeventer, known as "the

Snake Man," brought living examples of some of his favorite creatures and talked about reptiles, which have fascinated him since his own childhood experiences with frogs and harmless garter snakes near his home. Today he is a recognized international expert on reptiles and owns the Living Reptile Museum Educational Productions. He lectures regularly at professional symposia and, through his appearances before lay audiences and on television and radio call-in shows, has become a popular wildlife personality. The author of numerous scientific and popular publications on snakes, he now serves as Herpetology Field Associate with the Mississippi Museum of Natural Sci-

ence. He formerly directed the Jackson Zoo Reptile Department.

- Dianne Butler, a story-teller and magician, mesmerized and entertained her young audience at the library with enchanting narratives and yarns coupled with magic tricks. Known as "Weaver of Story Magic" throughout Mississippi, she has been a librarian for the past 17 years and currently serves as the Magee Middle School librarian. She is a member of the Central Mississippi Storyweavers Guild.
- Kate Hampton, president of the Wesson Garden Club, shared a story about planting flowers with the young readers and then assisted them in starting their own egg car-

ton gardens where plants are nurtured before being transplanted into bigger gardens.

- During the final session, personnel from the Wesson Fire Department talked about fire safety and then turned on their hoses, allowing children with swimwear to refresh themselves in the hot summer weather.

Over the four-week program, librarians monitored reading of participating children and presented awards recognizing those who completed the most books: Jasmine Barner (11-12 age group), Blaine Howell and Dakota Andrews (7-8 age group), Kater McLemore (age 5-6 age group), and Allie Ryan (under-5 age group).

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Boy Scouts return from the National Jamboree

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Tired but filled with fresh memories from an experience they'll likely always remember, two Wesson Boy Scouts returned home after spending ten days at their National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in southern West Virginia with some 40,000 other Scouts from the 50 U.S. states and throughout the world.

At the event, which is held every four years, the seventeenth since 1937, Ryan Shirley and Draven Coleman camped with friends, met new friends, and enjoyed whitewater rafting, climbing, zip lines, mountain biking, trading patches with other Scouts, SCUBA, and stadium shows.

Shirley called the experience "really cool" and said he was now ready to go to the 2015 Boy Scout World Jamboree in Japan. But it wasn't all fun and games, with drenching rains on several days, which soaked their clothing and made their meals soggy.

The Jamboree featured live performances by the band 3 Doors Down and a spectacular fireworks display. Speakers included U.S. Army Colonel Lawrence Dahl, who credited his scouting experience with helping him



Photo by Wesson News

Ryan Shirley (left) and Draven Coleman after their return bus trip to Mississippi from Boy Scout National Jamboree.

face family and career hardships; the King of Sweden, who spoke about the growth of the scouting movement; and Discovery Channel's *Dirty Jobs* creator Mike Rowe, who urged scouts to "work smart and hard."

For the first time, hundreds of girls who are members of Scout Venturing crews attended the Jamboree. But morbidly obese Scouts weren't allowed to attend because of stricter health requirements for the Jamboree, set in hilly terrain with dozens of venues that tested physical skills and fitness.

Boy Scouts of America national board member Jack Furst called the event an "unbelievable" outdoors experience and observed that the true "beauty" of the Jamboree "hits you about a month later as to just how cool it was."

"That a young person from New York met somebody from Texas, and somebody from Texas met somebody from Alaska, and somebody from Montana met somebody from Baltimore knits a movement together," Furst said. "My hope is that three months from now, they sit down and they go 'holy mackerel, it takes a village to throw a jamboree. And by gosh, it was thrown.'"

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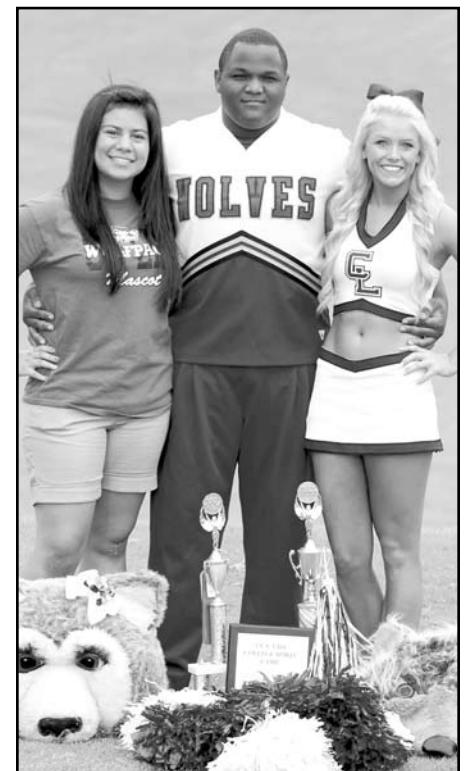
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Daisey Martinez (left) and Bruce Allen (center) of Wesson and Danielle Brown (right) of Brookhaven will help Co-Lin students cheer on their school's athletic teams during 2013-14.

Going to Yale humbles Wesson girl

By Guest Columnist Rod Martin

As Hannah McCormick strolled to the podium to give her valedictory speech at Wesson Attendance Center's graduation ceremonies this spring, she walked with the poise and confidence befitting an Ivy League student. Having been accepted as an incoming freshman at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, Hannah's demeanor was spot-on.

Initially, Hannah struggled with the idea of moving more than 1,300 miles away from family and friends to attend the prestigious and storied school founded during the time period when the French

were just beginning a lucrative fur trade in the territory that would become Mississippi over 100 years later in 1817.

When she received a letter from Yale inviting her to apply, she thought "it was sent to the wrong house – some cruel joke." She wasn't going to apply, but her brother changed her mind. "He told me something so wise that it ate away at my stubbornness until I finally broke down and began the application to Yale," she says. "He said: 'Hannah, you miss one hundred percent of the shots you don't take. What's the big deal if you don't get in? It won't be the end of the world. What do you have to lose?'"

When an email announced her acceptance to the school, she stared at it for several minutes, "checked my room for cameras to make sure I wasn't being punk'd," and when she realized it was for real—that "I was going to be a Yale Bulldog—I proceeded to scream."

Hannah credits her parents, Rev. Tom McCormick, a highly regarded local Baptist pastor, and his wife Jacque, the Wesson Attendance Center records clerk, for "pushing" her to achieve her successes. She particularly thanks them for her "stubbornness and work ethic"—"a deadly pair I'm so glad my parents passed down to me." Those traits have helped her in struggles to balance the demands of home, church, and school, she explains.

At school, Hannah's peers elected her as Most Intelligent, President of National Honor Society, and Captain of the Academic Team. She also played varsity basketball for the Wesson Lady Cobras throughout her junior high and high school years. If that were not enough, Hannah also served as a worship leader for the school's First Priority organization—a student-led faith-based group focused on students reaching out to and helping other students. In the group, she displayed her versatility and passion through playing her beloved Takamine

guitar and singing.

Hannah has nothing but praise for her school and the Wesson area, which she believes "prepared me in the best way possible. The school supports the kids; the town supports the kids. Throughout

my education at Wesson, I was challenged – if not by a teacher, a fellow student." She rejects the idea that small towns inhibit a young person's opportunities. If something so trivial as where you live limits your opportunities, you "simply aren't imaginative and persistent enough to find opportunities for success and personal growth" that surround you, Hannah asserts. "Growing up in Wesson has challenged

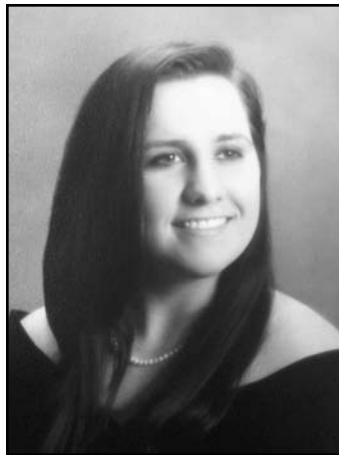
me to 'grow where God planted me,' as a lovely saying on one of my mother's flowerpots says."

In the spring, Hannah visited the Yale campus in New Haven for the first time, and she was not disappointed. "It's a humbling experience to walk the campus of Yale. The place looks like it came straight out of a J.K. Rowling novel. From the spires, bell towers, and tunnels under the residential colleges, you'd think you'd stepped into a world of fantasy. The cobblestone walkways make you feel like you're stepping back in time. The vaulted ceilings of the dining halls are completely breathtaking. With every turn down a new street, there are new wonders for your eyes to behold. Yale's campus is nothing like I dreamed it would be. It is somehow better."

Before leaving for Yale in late August, Hannah made the most of her time at home — playing her guitar and singing, hanging out with friends, enjoying life with her parents and her brother Josh, cooking – to relieve stress, and perhaps most of all, reading anything that comes along – "one of my most important hobbies" – to keep "my mind open to the world of mysteries and ideas around me."

At Yale, Hannah plans to take foundational and exploratory classes before deciding upon a major course to study for her undergraduate and graduate degrees. She is excited about her opportunities and blessed and humbled by the experience. "I'm just me — just a girl who's been an athlete and a best friend and a daughter and a musician and a sister — any other person you would see walking down the street. But for some reason I've been blessed with an incredible opportunity, and I am more humbled by it than I have been by anything else in life."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rod Martin, a teacher and counselor at Wesson Attendance Center, worked with Hannah McCormick when she was a high school student.



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Prestige symposium includes Co-Lin group



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Co-Lin Centurians Nathan Runnels, Diquan Patyon, Jesse Berry, Will Boyd, Lee Smith, Patton Crane, Haley White, Billy Eubanks, Alexis Smith, Rachel Montalvo, and the group's sponsor—Dr. Brett Shufelt, social science instructor, attended Winston Churchill Symposium in New Orleans.

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For the third consecutive year, the prestigious Winston Churchill Symposium at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans welcomed members of Co-Lin Centurians as participants.

The event, produced by the WW II Museum and The Churchill Society of New Orleans, brings an array of scholars who discuss varied topics related to the life and legacy of Winston S. Churchill. This year Co-Lin students heard presentations of four Churchill scholars:

- Dr. Michael Sheldon, author of *Young Titan: The Making of Winston Churchill*,
- Dr. Christopher M. Bell, author of *Churchill & Sea Power*,
- Paul Reid, author of *The Last Lion: Winston Spencer Churchill—Defender of the Realm, 1940-1965*,
- Dr. Rob Havers, author of *Winston Churchill: The Iron Curtain Speech*.

Co-Lin students also met and talked to Dr. Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller, President and CEO of the National WWII Museum; Herschel Abbott, chairman of the Board of Trustees of The National WWII Museum and Board Member of the Churchill Society of New Orleans; J. Gregg Collins, President of the Churchill Society of New Orleans; and Dr. Keith Huxen, the National WW II Museum's Samuel Zemurray Stone Senior Director of Research & History.

At the request of Greg Collins, president of the Winston Churchill Society of New Orleans and member of the Law Faculty at the University of New Orleans, the Co-Lin group agreed to administer an essay contest for college freshman and sophomores. The prize will be a \$500 cash award and the honor of presenting the winning essay to the Symposium.

In the final session of the symposium, the Co-Lin group participated in an open forum table discussion with the author-presenters.





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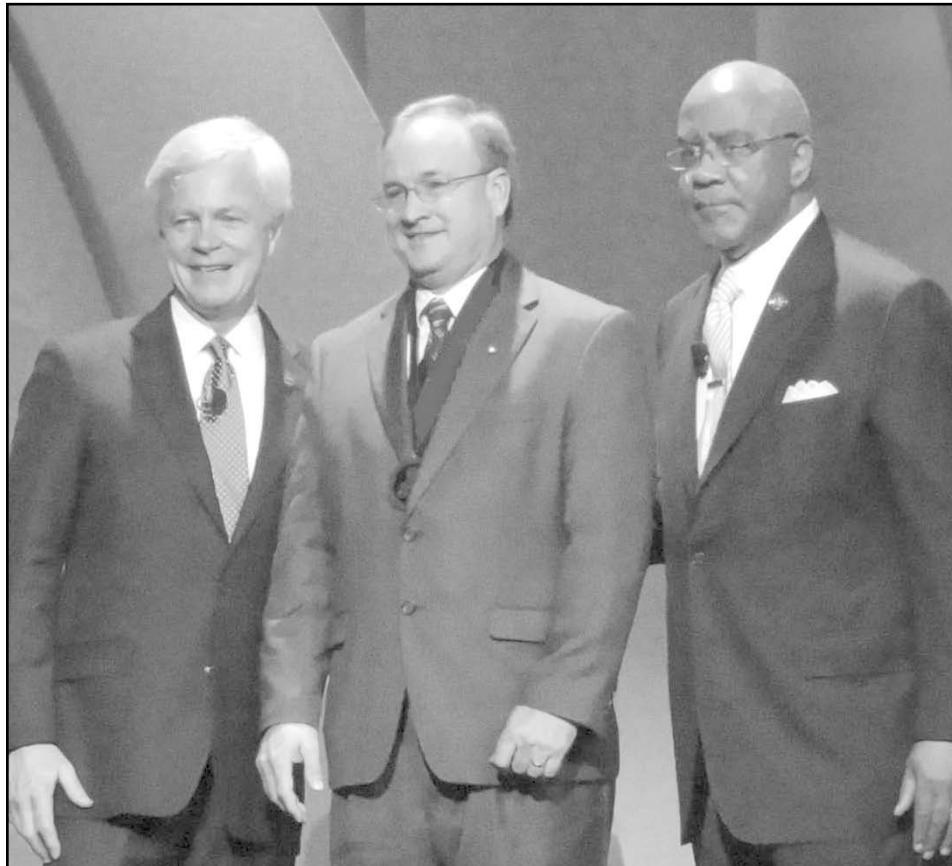
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Academic societies recognized



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Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director Rod Risley (left) and American Association of Community Colleges President and CEO Dr. Walter G. Bumphus (right) congratulate Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles on receiving the 2013 Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction.



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Co-Lin's Phi Beta Lambda faculty co-adviser Mike McIntyre (right) congratulates Adam Watson on capturing sixth place honors in the Microeconomics category of the national PBL competition.

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The largest honor society in higher education—Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)—has awarded Co-Lin President Dr. Ronnie Nettles its 2013 Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. Nettles and 24 other community college presidents and CEOs received the award for outstanding efforts in promoting PTK's goals.

The award, named for the late Dr. Shirley B. Gordon, PTK's Most Distinguished College President in 1984, its longest-serving board of directors chair and President Emeritus of Highline Community College in Des Moines, Washington, highlighted a long list of honors conferred on Co-Lin, its students, and staff this year by PTK and Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), an educational association for students preparing for business/entrepreneurial

careers.

Since its founding in 1918, PTK, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, has inducted more than 2.5 million students for academic excellence – more than 135,000 students annually -- in 1,285 chapters on two-year college campuses located in all 50 U.S. states and territorial possessions, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, Peru, the British Virgin Islands, and the United Arab Emirates. PTK also honored its Co-Lin Eta Omega chapter through:

- Recognition as a Five Star Chapter, the highest distinction given to a chapter; a Top 100 Chapter; and a Distinguished Chapter for its competitive entries in scholarship, leadership and service in PTK's Hallmark Awards program
- Distinguished Honors in Action

Project and Distinguished Theme Awards, which recognize demonstrated excellence in academic research in an honors study topic, leadership roles, leadership development activities, and service and collaboration

- Distinguished Chapter Officer Award to Jedd Moak, the Eta Omega president, for his demonstration of leadership, involvement in chapter programs, friendship with fellow officers, and enthusiasm for PTK's Hallmarks program
- Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), a national not-for-profit educational association for students preparing for business/entrepreneurial careers, also honored its Co-Lin Nu Kappa chapter, one of its member students, and a chapter adviser this year through:
 - Chapter awards for membership and community involvement—first place

award for Largest Local Chapter in the Southern Region, the 2013 Hollis and Kitty Guy Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit, third place award as a Big Ten Chapter, and recognition as the second largest state chapter in the Southern Region

- The sixth place Microeconomics category award to Adam Watson
- Outstanding Local Advisor award to Nu Kappa co-adviser Dr. Suzanne Johnson

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Fire department recruiting and training kids

learn about a possible future career in the fire/rescue service.”

In addition to its primary focus on fire safety and the work of fire fighters, the Academy also explores other aspects of safety related to a variety of issues, including cars and school buses, cycling, the internet, and drugs.

The children learn in small groups called the engine, ladder, and emergency rescue companies to reflect the organization of a fire department.

The Academy's four-days of classroom instruction, including homework assignments, draws on the National Fire Protection Association's "Learn Not to Burn Safety" curriculum and "Risk Watch" Injury Prevention Program. Specific content of each three-hour daily classroom session includes:

Day One

- Introduction to fire fighters & first responders
- What is a first responder & why do we need them
- What do Emergency Medical Technicians and paramedics do
- The 911 program
- Smoke detectors

Day Two

- Home escape planning
- Bars on home windows
- Proper storage of flammable liquids
- Fire extinguishers & fire behavior

Day Three

- Children & fire
- Home hazards
- CPR
- First aid

Day Four

- Motor vehicle safety
- Cycling, skate board & 4-wheeler safety
- Internet safety
- Drugs & kids -- methamphetamine



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First aid and CPR are part of instruction (above left); Wayne Roberts, a Copiah County drug interdiction officer, and his dog Max demonstrate how canines help in police work (second from left); Kids Fire Academy participants learned to tie a new knot each day (second from right); and Wesson Fire Chief Ken Carraway works closely with the children (above right).



One of the crew members of the Wesson Volunteer Fire Department explains what fire fighters wear (above left); Special equipment on fire truck is explained (above right).

Twenty-four children graduated from the 2013 Academy: Dakota Andrews, Timothy Bergeron, Noah Brister, Alexis Brown, Braelyn Brown, Ayden

Carraway, Jessica Cole, Kaitlyn Davidson, Stephen Davidson, Linsy Fowler, Kathline Harris, Bradon Holliday, Blain Howell, Austin Kuriger, Trayton

Maples, McKenzie Martin, Brayden Nicholson, Wyatt Newman, Brianna Rutland, Cooper Smith, Tyler Smith, Blaine Tarver, and Faith Whittington.

Disaster loans available for ranchers and farmers

Special to Wesson News

Area farmers and ranchers are eligible for emergency loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) due to damages and losses caused by a freeze that occurred March 25-29.

Lincoln and Copiah Counties are among 21 Mississippi counties designated as primary natural disaster areas as a result of the incident. Those affected in Lawrence County also qualify for assistance because it is contiguous to designated counties.

Farmers in eligible counties have until March 2014 to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

FSA has a variety of programs in addition to the loan program to help eligible farmers recover: the Emergency Conservation Program, Federal Crop Insurance, and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Fall semester courses shaped for retirees



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Officers of the Institute for Learning in Retirement Program at Co-Lin have shaped a packed fall program. Program planners included (seated, l to r): Don Sicks, treasurer; Delois McClelland, member-at-large; and Virginia Atherton, associate secretary. Standing (l to r) are: Peggy Hawkins, member-at-large; Diane Clopton, secretary; Joy Wesbrooks, vice president; and Teresa Beeson, chair of the travel committee; and Ray Watson, president. Not pictured is Doris Different, member-at-large.

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The U.S. Constitution and alternative energy—including wind, thermal, and solar—the roaring '20s, and making Christmas ornaments highlight non-credit classes and workshops scheduled during the fall semester by Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR).

ILR is a membership organization open to persons aged 50 and older who are retired or semi-retired. Members come from a wide range of experiences and backgrounds and participate in varied education-oriented activities and monthly luncheons with speakers.

In addition to classes and workshops, ILR has scheduled two travel events—a swamp tour day trip in Louisiana and an extended trip to Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee.

In the roaring '20s class, participants will dress in attire from the era, watch *The Great Gatsby* movie and a dance demo on the Charleston, and learn about

author F. Scott Fitzgerald. Along with the Christmas ornament-making class in December, ILR holiday season activity will feature a video on popular ways to tie and wear a scarf and Christmas caroling in Wesson and Brookhaven. Other fall ILR events will include:

- Movie matinees with refreshments
- A November Veteran's event
- A presentation by ILR member Dr. Bettie Bullard with photos of her travels to Morocco

ILR will also continue its once-a-month book club at Co-Lin and Fun Days at the Jimmy Furlow Senior Center in Brookhaven, in which participants play board and card games.

ILR board members and committee chairs drew on member suggestions to shape the fall semester program during the summer months. A calendar of events for the fall is available, and new members are welcome to join any time. Contact Marilyn Brown, Program Coordinator, at 601-643-8701 or Tricia Russell, Event Coordinator, at 601-643-8702.

Attendance Center sports schedules

Special to Wesson News

The Wesson Attendance Center football Cobras will host Seminary in its homecoming game September 13. Another six games follow. The slowpitch softball season has another 11 games remaining. Here are the schedules:

Football

September 13	Seminary	7 p.m.
October 4	at Hazlehurst	7 p.m.
October 10	Crystal Springs	7 p.m.
October 18	at Jefferson County	7 p.m.
October 25	Franklin County	7 p.m.
November 1	at Wilkinson County	7 p.m.



Slowpitch Softball

September 12	Richland	5 p.m. (Junior Varsity) 6 p.m. (Varsity)
September 14	at Florence Tournament	TBA (Varsity)
September 17	at Crystal Springs	4 p.m. (Varsity)
September 19	Hazlehurst	5 p.m. (Junior Varsity) 6 p.m. (Varsity)
September 24	at Franklin County	5:30 p.m. (Junior Varsity) 7 p.m. (Varsity)
September 26	Florence	5 p.m. (Junior Varsity) 6 p.m. (Varsity)
September 28	at Brookhaven Tournament	TBA (Varsity)
October 1	Crystal Springs	6 p.m. (Varsity)
October 3	at Hazlehurst	4:30 p.m. (Junior Varsity) 5:30 p.m. (Varsity)
October 8	Franklin County	5 p.m. (Junior Varsity) 6 p.m. (Varsity)
October 12	at Lawrence County	2 p.m. (Junior Varsity) 3 p.m. (Varsity)

Co-Lin soccer and football schedules

Special to Wesson News

Co-Lin's soccer and football seasons are in full swing. The Wolfpack plays in the Mississippi Association of Community & Junior Colleges conference (MACJC). Here is the schedule of remaining games:

Soccer

September 14	Pearl River (away)	1 p.m. (women) / 3 p.m. (men)
September 18	MS Gulf Coast (away)	5 p.m. (women) / 7 p.m. (men)
September 20	Southwest (home)	4 p.m. (women) / 6:30 p.m. (men)
September 24	East Central (away)	2 p.m. (women) / 4 p.m. (men)
September 27	Holmes (home)	2 p.m. (women) / 4:30 p.m. (men)
October 1	Northwest (away)	2 p.m. (women) / 4 p.m. (men)
October 9	Meridian (away)	5 p.m. (women) / 7 p.m. (men)
October 11	Jones (away)	5 p.m. (women) / 7 p.m. (men)
October 15	Pearl River (home)	4 p.m. (women) / 6:30 p.m. (men)
October 18	MS Gulf Coast (home)	4 p.m. (women) / 6:30 p.m. (men)
October 23	Southwest (away)	2 p.m. (women) / 4 p.m. (men)

The conference tournament runs from October 29 – November 3.

Football

September 12	East Central (away)
September 19	Hinds (home)
September 28	Jones County (away)
October 3	Itawamba (home)
October 12	Pearl River (Home Coming)
October 19	MS Gulf Coast (away)
October 24	Southwest Mississippi (home)



Conference playoffs are November 2, and the conference championship is November 9. The conference champion hosts the fifth annual Mississippi Bowl on December 8 at Biloxi.

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Beauregard School remembered and celebrated



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Former students look over memorabilia related to Beauregard School.

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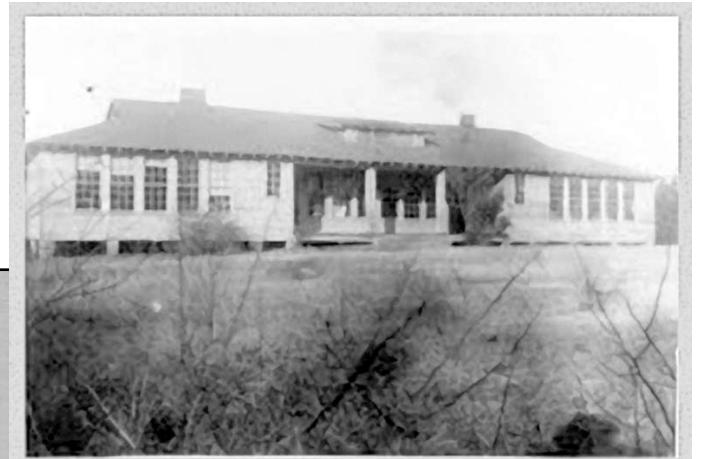
More than 50 persons at a special luncheon social remembered and celebrated Beauregard School, which met the educational needs of its community from 1875 until 1954. The attendees included 39 former students and spouses, one former staff person, and living relatives of former staff persons.

At the reunion, held at Beauregard United Methodist Church, attendees reminisced and shared stories prompted by pictures and memorabilia that had been found during preparations for the reunion.

Edna Miller, the oldest person at the event, had served as the school's cafeteria manager and president of its PTA. Ann Wil-

liams, daughter of Allyene Williams, a teacher who served the school from 1937-54, and Sonya White Cowen, daughter of N.B. White, a former principal from 1952-54, attended the event.

Over its life span, the Beauregard school occupied two structures: the first one built in 1875, and a larger one which replaced it in 1923. At one time in its history, it housed grades K-12. The school housed grades K-8 in its later years before consolidation with the Wesson grammar school.



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Former students at the Beauregard School remembered and celebrated its life from 1875 until 1954. Front row (l to r): Pauline Walker Jackson, Vergie Walker Wood, Vanda Smith Fairchild, Kenneth Walker, Jimmy Walker, Maudell Ashley Weeks, Florine White Raybon, Sonya White Cowen. Second row: Christine Walker Smith, Tressie Walker Snow, Susia Hudson Prine, Maxine Howington Pickett, Donis Howington Foster, Louise Pickett Hutson, Freddie Stegall. Third row: Maxine Walker, Sadie Hudson, Sallie Hudson Sanders, Charlie Hudson, Bobbie Nell Keys Jerome. Fourth row: Mike G. Lusk, Sr., Charlotte Weeks Drane, Margie Kelly Smith, Peggy Hamilton Trimm, Edna Miller, Shirley Keys Chamberlain. Fifth row: Billy Kelly, Sarah Hamilton Herrick, Rachel Farrar Hamilton, Anna Storey, Bettye Lusk Boutwell. Sixth row: Jerry Weeks, Dott Jones, Robert Earl Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, Milton White. Seventh row: Walter Lee Storey, Carolyn Hales Roberts, Glynn McInnis.



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A buffet luncheon was part of the celebration of the school.



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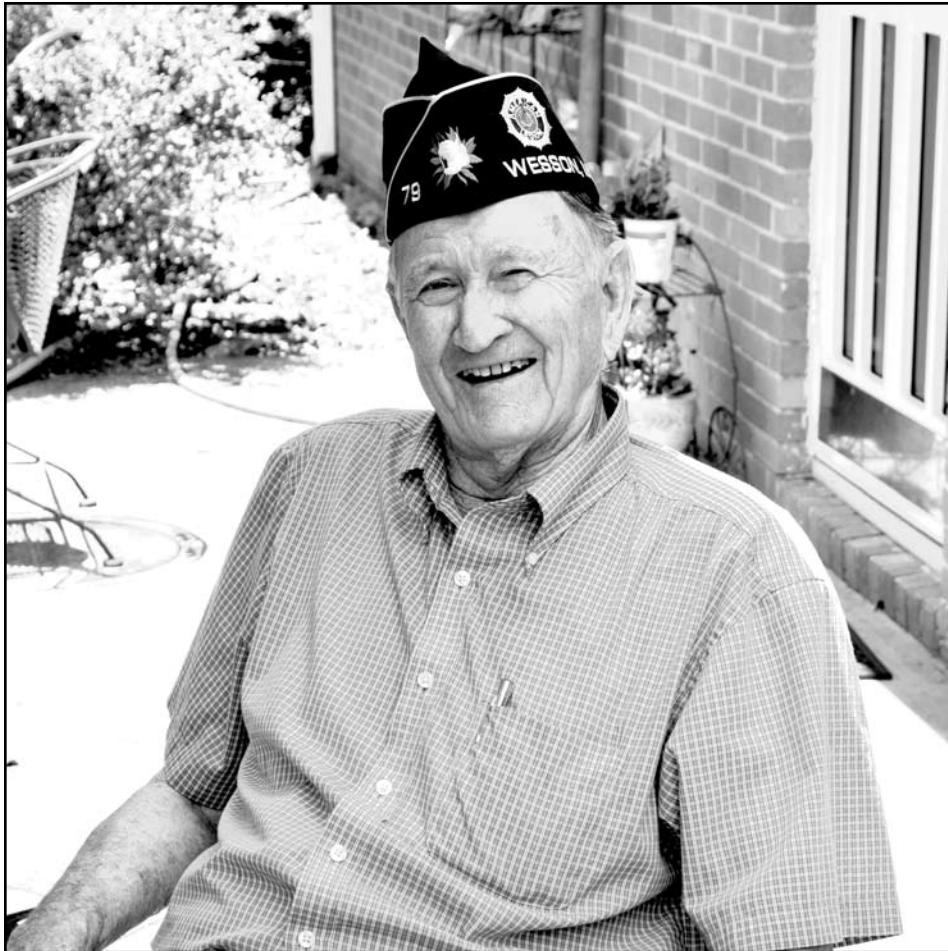


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Charles Langley has begun his 22nd year as the elected Commander of Wesson American Legion Post 79. The local Post has some 300 members – men and women who have served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces during times of war. Although its primary mission is caring for veterans, including visiting those who are sick or shut-ins and/or taking them to a doctor or hospital, the local Legion also supports youth and child welfare programs through its support of Boy Scouts, Mississippi Boys and Girls State, and contributions for disaster assistance. Its major fundraiser is a November raffle for a Remington 87 pump shotgun. In November, as part of a month-long celebration of the contributions of veterans, the Legion also has a fish fry and works with Wesson Attendance Center on a breakfast for veterans. Langley became active in American Legion leadership in Mississippi in the late 1980s after retiring from the armed forces in 1969 and then teaching electronics at Co-Lin. In addition to his local service, he has served in a variety of state positions for the Legion, including State Commander in 1993-94.

Wesson Lions officers begin 2013–14 term



Photo by Wesson News

Members of the board of directors of the Wesson Lions have begun their new terms for 2013-14. Pictured (l to r) in first row: Julia Arnold, Bob Arnold—newly elected secretary and board member, Howard Peters, and Larry Beeson. Second row (l to r): Mike Lusk, Rick Crockett (president), Bob McCreary (treasurer), and Randy and Suzanne Davis—both newly elected board members. William Brown, Alton Ricks, and Larry Williams are not pictured. The Lions Club board is focusing on developing new fundraising activities for the year ahead. The local service club funds varied projects related to the sight-impaired, state disaster relief, local scouting organizations, Habitat for Copiah County, Hospice Ministries, scholarships, Little League Baseball, Wesson Garden Club, and Wesson Library.

Masonic leaders elected



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Davis Therrell (left) and M.T. Byrd are elected Master and Senior Warden serving the JM Masonic Wesson Lodge during the current year. Chartered in 1869, the local lodge has a membership of 60 men, and its Eastern Star Order affiliate for wives, daughters, mothers, sisters, widows and granddaughters of Master (third degree) Masons and Masons themselves has another 60 women members. The lodge moved into its existing building on Highway 51 in 1957. A Blue Lodge, its members can advance to third degree status and become eligible to petition York Rite and Scottish Rite lodges for membership to work towards the 32nd degree of Masonry. A fraternal organization, Masonry promotes fellowship among men and encourages them to provide relief to the distressed and oppressed and to contribute to the general well-being of society at large. The Wesson Lodge will sponsor a charity golf tournament this spring, with proceeds going to MSGIRLS4ACURE Breast Cancer Awareness. The Lodge also is the location of a drop box for continuing donations to assist survivors of this year's tornadoes in Oklahoma. It helps orphans through support of the Masonic Home at Meridian and donates funds to the Make A Wish Foundation.

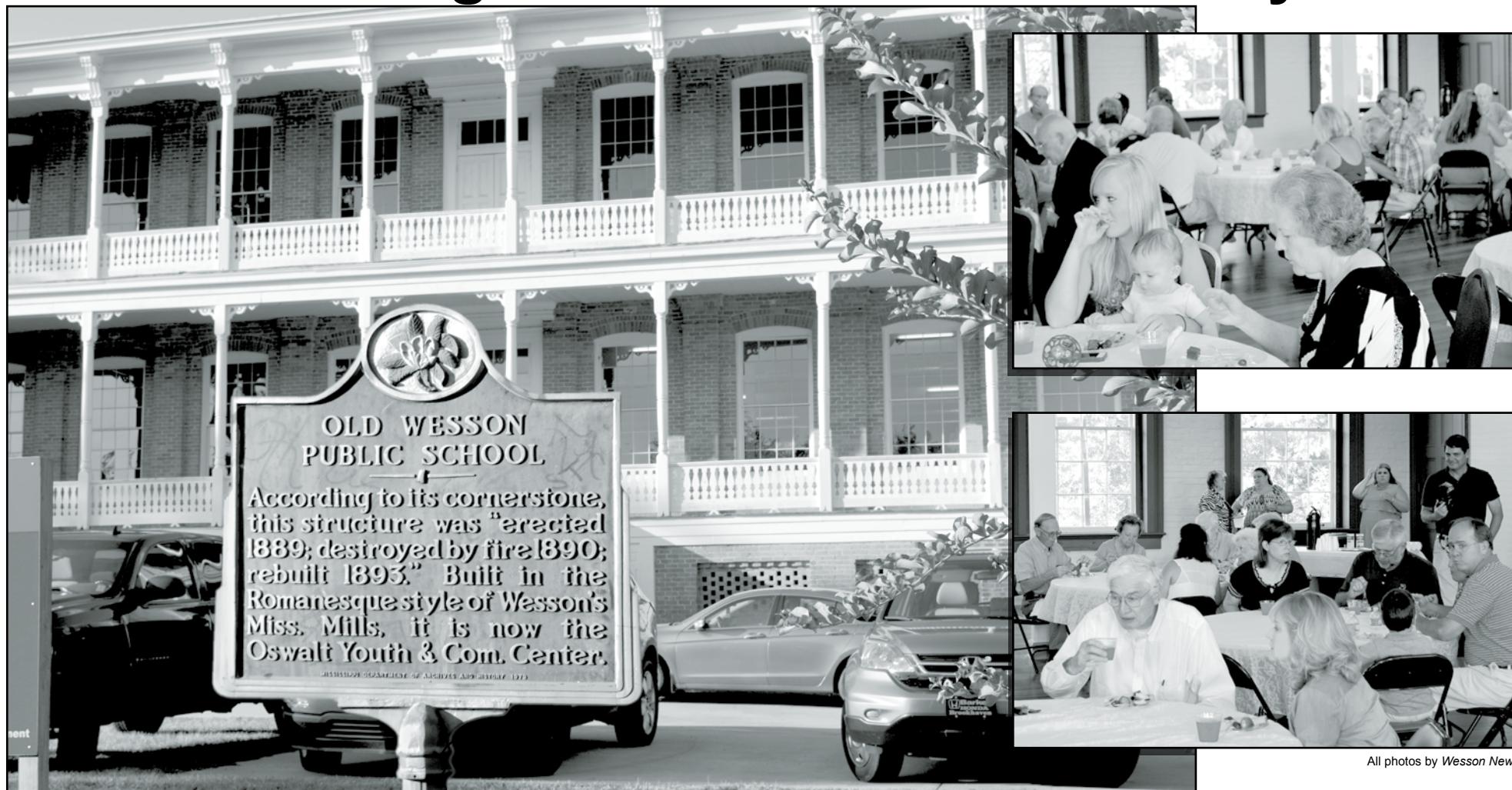
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Old School begins new life as community center



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With its rear parking lot complete and computer-controlled elevators now operating, the so called “Old Wesson School,” which closed in 1960, is finally starting its new life as a community center after \$2.7 million in renovations over more than 10 years.

As a community center, the modernized structure offers two identical floors with hotel-like grand ballrooms with stages and basketball court-sized adjoining rooms on their east and west sides suitable for an array of special events such as banquets, receptions, dances, exhibits, concerts, theatrical productions, and meetings, among

other uses. City officials are considering displays of Wesson historical artifacts in the rooms.

Already, more than a dozen groups have used the new community center for wedding receptions, a prom, and a flower show. Without a marketing effort, the facility had bookings for most Saturdays during the summer months.

The old school erected in 1889 was built in the Romanesque style of the Mississippi Mills – a large textile factory which consumed much of Wesson’s downtown area as the town’s major employer at the time. A fire destroyed the original school structure in 1890 and it was restored in 1893.

Until 1948, it housed grades 1-12 when the high school students moved to the then Co-Lin Agricultural High School. In 1960, grades 1-8 moved to the new Wesson Attendance Center.

A \$530,000 Community Heritage Preservation grant from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and a \$280,000 Economic Development grant from the Mississippi Development Authority funded exterior renovation, which was completed in 2003, and a \$1 million direct appropriation from the Mississippi state legislature and a \$590,000 Federal Economic Development grant funded interior work on the building.

Wesson Mayor Alton Shaw says

ongoing operation and maintenance of the community center should not require city funds beyond revenues generated by the facility itself. Since there is no debt service related to the building, its finances are relatively simple, he says. One event per month at current rates (the full facility rents for \$800 for a full day) more than covers the cost of maintenance and utilities. The city expects to adjust charges in the future, and offer discounts to civic clubs and organizations within the Wesson corporate limits.

“We look forward to the long-term economic improvement and advancement the community center will provide,” Shaw observes.

Scam targets Entergy customers

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Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann has warned Entergy customers to be on alert for a telephone scam that has spread from Louisiana and Arkansas to the Jackson area, where three restaurants have been targets.

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5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study	6:30 p.m. GA's; RA's; Mission Friends
5:00 p.m. Team Kids	
5:00 p.m. Children's Bible Drill	
5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study	
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service	
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Wesson student heads to special math-science school

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A Wesson Attendance Center student has been accepted as a member of the Class of 2015 by the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS).

Jesse Beeson II competed with more than 180 other Mississippi high school students for admittance to the prestigious high school. He is joining 125 other academically-gifted students

from across the state in his junior high school year.

MSMS Admissions Counselor Wade Leonard called the group of which Beeson is a part "one of the most competitive we've ever seen. Perhaps even more than ever, this group of students absolutely represents the best and brightest Mississippi has to offer."

Located in Columbus on the campus of the Mississippi University for Women, MSMS is the state's only

public residential high school specifically designed to meet the needs of the state's most academically-gifted students in mathematics and science. The school's students spend their junior and senior high school years living on its campus and studying in college-level classes in mathematics, science, the humanities, and the arts.

In 2012, *Newsweek Magazine* and *The Daily Beast* recognized MSMS as one of the best high schools in Amer-

ica. Its graduates are awarded more than \$12.5 million in college scholarships each year.

Mississippi high school sophomores who apply for MSMS must have an outstanding record of academic achievement, particularly in math and science, score 20 or higher on the ACT college entrance examination, and submit a resume, two essays, and an original project along with recommendations from teachers and counselors.

Keeping West Nile Virus at bay during high risk months, year round

Special to Wesson News

A case of West Nile virus in Lincoln County is a reminder that area residents need to take precautions to protect themselves from mosquitoes, with September being a high risk month.

In 2012, the virus claimed five lives in Mississippi among 247 reported cases.

In addition to West Nile virus, mosquito-borne illnesses include St. Louis encephalitis and Eastern Equine encephalitis. These illnesses affect birds, animals and humans, causing flu-like symptoms in people who are bitten by infected mosquitoes. Occa-

sionally, illness can be severe, leading to meningitis or encephalitis.

The Mississippi State Department of Health advises people to:

- Avoid places and times (evenings and mornings) when mosquitoes bite.
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods of time, particularly when mosquitoes are most active. Light-colored clothing made of tightly woven



Photo by Charles Rondeau

materials keeps mosquitoes away from the skin. Pants legs should be tucked into shoes or socks, and collars should be buttoned.

- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure.
- Use an insect repellent such as DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) or other EPA-registered products.

The Department of Health also advises homeowners to reduce

standing water on their properties by repairing septic systems, keeping grass short and shrubbery trimmed, disposing of old tires and containers that can hold water, changing water at least once a week in bird baths, wading pools, and other places where water collects, covering trash cans to keep out rainwater, cleaning roof gutters, repairing leaky water pipes and faucets, aerating ornamental pools and periodically stocking them with fish, cleaning and chlorinating swimming pools even when they are not in use, and maintaining water flow in drains, ditches, and culverts.

Community Arts Series



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September 24

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OCTOBER 10

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OCTOBER 29

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Sylvarena Baptist Church celebrates homecoming



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Organized September 17, 1898, Sylvarena Baptist Church celebrated its 115th homecoming anniversary on Sunday. Pictured at the sign outside the church are (l to r): Marilyn Britt, Joy Wesbrooks, Deemie Letchworth, and Anita Williams, who attended the event along with other members, former members, former pastors, and guests. Guest speaker Dr. Matt Buckles, former pastor at the church and current pastor at First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, delivered the 10:45 a.m. morning worship service message. Guest musician and soloist Joe Elliott, Minister of Music at New Heights Baptist Church, Summit, led the congregation music. A covered dish dinner was served following the morning worship service in the church's Family Life Center dining facility.

This summer camp means building robots



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For some kids, summer camping means sleeping in tents, hiking, and swimming outdoors. For others, it may be sports.

For 20 fifth through seventh-grade students at Co-Lin this summer, it meant programming robots. This was the fifth consecutive year the college's Robotics Camp brought together these young future engineers, computer programmers, and scientists to learn technology and have fun at the same time.

Over four days, the campers competed for individual and team awards in programming robots to run races, carry weights, perform underwater functions, and even sumo wrestle. They use the Lego Mindstorms series of kits to build their robots and the NXT-G

programming language developed at MIT and Carnegie Mellon Universities to get them to perform basic robotic tasks.

Kevin McKone, a Co-Lin physics and engineering professor, designed the camp. Carey Williamson, a Co-Lin electronics instructor who placed sixth with a number of his college-level students in an international competition that judges underwater robotic design, worked with him at the camp.

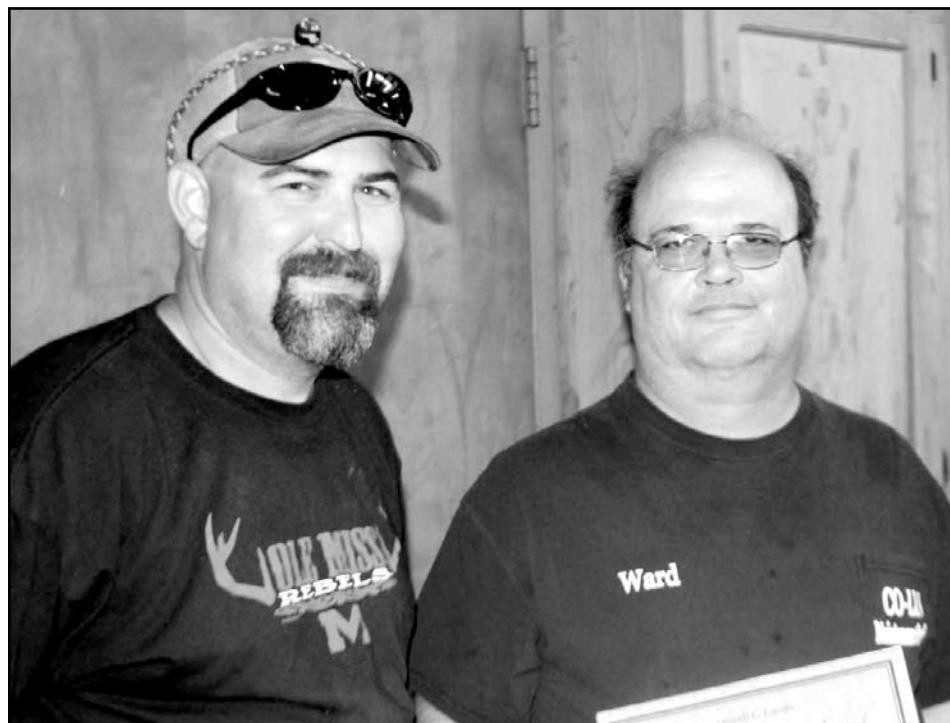
"With the user-friendly equipment, the kids pick up the basics of robotics right away," McKone says. "We don't so much instruct them as guide their camp experience. Many of them return to the camp year after year. I look forward to teaching some of them in my classroom someday and seeing what they can do there."

High performance awards conferred



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Erin Smith (center) accepts the Howell C. Garner High Performance Award for her work at Co-Lin, with special thanks from college President Dr. Ronnie Nettles (left) along with the congratulations of past award recipient Shelika Hooker (right). Smith, an academic counselor, Phi Theta Kappa faculty adviser, and Disability Support Services Coordinator on the college's Wesson campus, also received a rotating statuette, a certificate, and a \$100 check with the award.



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Ward Gaston (right), maintenance division employee on Co-Lin's Wesson campus, accepts congratulations from Daniel Case (left), director of the college's physical plant, on receiving the Howell C. Garner High Performance Award for his superior work

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Classes begin at Co-Lin



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Classes are underway at Co-Lin after a series of registrations on its Wesson, Natchez and Simpson campuses and orientations throughout the summer. The orientation programs assisted students in making a smoother transition into college life at Co-Lin and learning more about what it has to offer before registering.



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Under a dual enrollment/credit program, high school juniors and seniors who qualify can enroll at Co-Lin prior to their graduation to gain first hand exposure to college-level courses and earn credits. Although registration lines have been long, Co-Lin officials will not predict numbers enrolled on its three campuses.

Firefighters hone skills



Special to Wesson News

Firefighters from throughout Copiah County qualified to take the examination to become Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Responders through training made possible by Co-Lin Workforce Education and funded by the Mississippi College Board. The 40-hours of classroom instruction covered patient assessment, medical emergencies, basic medical life support, and treatment of traumatic injuries that also prepared the firefighters to work and respond to medical and trauma emergencies within their districts in conjunction with ambulance services. Participants who completed the training included Terry Allen, Ashley Bell, Justin Bland, Bethany Carraway, Eric Crump, George Gill, Charles D. Hart, Jesse James, Rhonda James, Herbert Kimble, Michel Lusk, Jr., Jonathan Nicolson, Brandon Ronyan, Cathy Stokes, Natalie Strong, and Thomas Shumaker.



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Randall Drane, Copiah County Fire Coordinator, uses participants in Certified Volunteer Firefighter class at Co-Lin in role play to demonstrate search methods in fires. The instruction was part of a training module to provide entry level volunteer firefighters with a foundation of knowledge and skills on fire behavior, personal protective equipment, ropes and knots. It prepares participants to take a skills test at the Mississippi State Fire Academy. The trainees from throughout Copiah County included Joey Hendecson, Justin Whittington, Marcus Lilly, Justin Bland, Ashley Bell, Mark Hahn, Brandon Runyan, Frank Newell, Herbert Kimble, George M. Gill, Terry Allen, Sabrina Bland, Gordon Broom, Anthony Harris, Danielle Fielder, Caleb Rice, Joshua Baslow.

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