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# Flooding crisis touches area residents

By Bob Arnold

Historic crisis flooding in Louisiana and into some parts of southern Mississippi last month has not left the Wesson area untouched. Some area residents have family members and friends in affected areas. At least one couple, also part-time residents of the area, lost their permanent home in Louisiana. And through local churches and with the help of a Co-Lin organization, many, many more residents are sending assistance to flood survivors.

More than ten rivers, including the Amite, Vermilion, Calcasieu, Comite, Mermentau, Pearl, Tangipahoa, Tchefuncte, Tickfaw and Bogue Chitto, flooded, with an estimated 146,000 homes and thousands of businesses damaged in Louisiana and thirteen deaths. Flood waters affected nearly one-third of all homes in Ascension Parish, Louisiana -- approximately 15,000 structures -- when a levee along the Amite River was overtopped. Officials described seventy-five per cent of the homes in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, as a “total loss.”

In an early response to needs, the Copiah Baptist Association sent more than \$1,000 in relief supplies to a church in Zachary, Louisiana, through a donations campaign in which Rev. Nelson Santa Ana, pastor



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Co-Lin's Eta Omega chapter of Phi Theta Kappa collected relief supplies for flood survivors and delivered them to Baker, Louisiana. Among those associated with the organization were (left to right) PTK President Luke Williamson, Co-Lin Director of Admissions and Records Chris Warren, Co-Lin instructors Terry Munn and Steven Esch, PTK Vice President of Web Design Montoria Sanders, and PTK Vice President of Research Samuel King.

at Wesson Baptist Church, assumed a leadership role in organizing and coordinating.

Members of the Association collected a variety of personal items for women, men, teenagers, children and babies, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bath soap, lotion, shampoo, diapers, wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towels, toilet tissue and mosquito spray.

“Our churches, including Wesson Baptist, filled up an entire storage room with spill-over at a church that served as a drop-off point,” Santa Ana said. In a

letter to the Copiah Baptist Association, he urged continuing response by area churches:

“The need is still great, and there will be numerous opportunities to serve for months to come. Please be in prayer about the best way to mobilize our churches in order to help in the response. In the meantime, please feel free to continue to make donations as you feel led by the Spirit. We will be bringing other loads of supplies.”

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As flood waters rose at Denham Springs, Louisiana, Gene and Annette Carpenter left their primary home and possessions behind. The Carpenters, who have a secondary home near Lake Lincoln, plan to rebuild their Louisiana home over the next six months.



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At Baker, Louisiana, Co-Lin employees Terry Munn and Steven Esch unload a truckload of relief supplies with assistance of a resident of the community.

## Certified municipal official



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Wesson Mayor Alton Shaw (right) presents a certificate to Alderman Michael King in recognition of his graduation from basic level studies in the Certified Municipal Officials Education Program offered by the Mississippi Municipal League (MML). MML certifies officials and leaders in the state's cities and towns in basic, advanced and professional categories for completing its courses in such areas as municipal organization, land use, economic and community development, leadership and municipal law. In addition to training municipal officials, the organization represents Mississippi municipalities with federal, state and private entities, serves as a communication and networking base for municipal officials and operates the Mississippi Municipal Foundation to raise funds and administer them for charitable and educational purposes.

## Revenues up and expenses down for new budget year

By Bob Arnold

The Board of Aldermen has adopted a 2016-17 budget for Wesson that shows a \$68,097 budget surplus, with revenues climbing 2.6 per cent to \$1,136,157 and expenditures declining less than one per cent to \$1,068,260.

With the minimal budget changes, the tax levy on real, personal and mixed property in Wesson will remain at 30.76 mills to support general revenue and general improvements and one mill for the fire protection fund.

During the 2015-16 fiscal year, which ends September 30, budgeted revenues and expenditures were \$1,107,057 and \$1,075,810, respectively.

The town's budget includes projected revenues and expenditures for the general fund, encompassing general government operations, the police department, the street department, the Old School Community Center and public library; and separate revenue and expenditure projections each for the fire department, water/sewer operations, and water meters.

Water/sewer operations provided the biggest boost in the estimated surplus (\$29,550), with revenues projected to increase from meter sales to customers (\$10,000), garbage pickup fees (\$2,000) and customer sewer charges (\$10,000); and anticipated reductions in expenses from garbage-waste management (\$5,000) and engineering services (\$10,000).

Most of the general fund's forecasted \$7,790 budget surplus increase came on the revenue side, with estimated Old School Community Center rentals up \$2,000 and the contingency from water raised by \$6,000. In total, general fund revenues and expenses are estimated at \$586,200 and \$578,410, respectively. Police Department expenditures are estimated to be down slightly (\$500) and Old School expenditures up \$2,500, while library and street department expenses for the coming fiscal year are forecast to remain the same as last year. Outside of the general fund, budget projections showed no increase in water meter revenues and expenditures (\$7,025 and \$5,000).



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## Police Blotter

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During August, Wesson Police  
Department activity encompassed:

**Response to:**

- One auto theft
- Three burglaries
- One possession of marijuana
- One possession of beer
- One credit card fraud
- One telephone harassment
- Two traffic accidents

**Citations & arrests:**

- One driving with license suspended
- One driving without a license
- One expired tag
- One no-insurance violation
- One disregard for traffic device
- One tint violation
- Eighteen speeding violations
- One beer possession
- Six narcotics possessions

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.

# Copiah students studying at MSA

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The Mississippi School of the Arts (MSA) has accepted nine Copiah County students, including six from Wesson, who will complete their junior and senior years at the Brookhaven residential school. They are:

**Literary program.** Katelyn Bergeron and Brittany Castilaw of Wesson, Jordyn Harper of Hazlehurst, and Jadaccia Brown of Crystal Springs.

**Media arts.** James Hart, Clinton Hart, and Zachery Rast of Wesson

and Jailyn Newell of Hazlehurst.

**Vocal music.** Tykeria Thadison of Wesson

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Students interested in MSA must apply by February 1 of their sophomore year. For information, call 601-823-1300 or visit [www.msabrookhaven.org](http://www.msabrookhaven.org).



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Among Copiah County students starting their studies at Mississippi School of the Arts this year are (left to right) Katelyn Bergeron, Brittany Castilaw and James Hart of Wesson. Jordyn Harper of Hazlehurst and Clinton Hart of Wesson Not pictured: Tykeria Thadison of Wesson, Jadaccia Brown of Crystal Springs and Jailyn Newell of Hazlehurst.



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## Obituary: Mary Louise Landress



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Mary Louis Landress, 87, died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016, at Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital in Hazlehurst. and her funeral service was on August 15, 2016, at Sylvarena Baptist Church. She was born on October 30, 1928, to John Baptiste Rappold and Amelia Dragon Rappold.

She was a member of Sylvarena Baptist Church. She was also a member of the 50+ Club and the SylvaBells Trio. Mrs. Landress was a Star Teacher numerous times throughout her 31 years of teaching. She was a sponsor of Y-Teens, the

Wesson Puppeteers, and Senior Classes.

Preceding her in death was her husband, John Robert Landress; her parents; her brother, William Rappold; and her sister, Amelia Mary Ellen Rappold.

Survivors are her sons: John Robert Landress, Jr. and wife Esta Perrott Landress; and Kevin Michael Landress and wife Jennifer Vinson Landress, her daughters: Daphne Lee Landress Johnson and husband Charlie Earl; and Denise Lynn Landress Swogetinsky and husband Steve; her 11 grandchildren: Christopher Earl Johnson, Tabitha Michelle Johnson Rager, Stephanie Lynn Swogetinsky Isbell, Steven Swogetinsky, Jr., Mary Lynn Swogetinsky Johnson, Amelia Joy Swogetinsky, Leigh Landress Showman, John Eston Landress, Noah Andrew Landress, Mary Hanna Landress, and Amelia Faye Landress; and five and one half great grandchildren: Marley Lynn Johnson, Matilda Lennon Johnson, Jackson Robert Showman, William Peyton Showman, Karma Elaine Isbell, and one great grandchild on the way, Andrew John Earl Rager.

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# Flooding touches Wesson residents

Church is focusing its assistance closer to home where a poor African American community was hard hit by the flooding in Crosby, Mississippi, west of McComb.

"We're going to send funds to Methodist churches in the area and have planned special collections at Sunday worship services," Rev. Alan Randall said. Randall, who recently joined Decell as its new pastor, said his congregation wanted to help meet needs inside Mississippi.

Other area residents contributed bottled water, cleaning supplies, toiletry items, canned goods, baby diapers and wipes for flood survivors in Baker, Louisiana, through Co-Lin's Eta Omega chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. PTK had an 18-wheeler parked at Stone Stadium on the Co-Lin campus for football fans to drop off relief supplies before attending the King's Daughters Medical Center (KDMC) Kick Off Classic. It also accepted donations at the Counseling Center on campus before PTK sponsor Mary Warren, Chris Warren, Steven Esch and Terry Munn, along with several PTK members, traveled to Baker to deliver supplies to the Municipal Building, where Julie McCullough, an aide to the Mayor, is leading local assistance efforts.

PTK plans to continue meeting needs as requested.

Gene and Annette Carpenter, who maintain a secondary home on Sunset Road near Lake Lincoln State Park, have been on the receiving end of assistance after losing their primary residence and possessions at Denham Springs, Louisiana, near Baton Rouge. The flooding also affected friends and families of some Wesson area residents.

The Carpenters, who are now looking for a small camper to rent while they rebuild their home, reflect the mostly upbeat feeling of the survivors, who are looking forward to recovery with the help of people from all over the country.

"We saved a lot of family heirlooms and pictures -- to me, these are irreplaceable," Annette Carpenter relates. "We will probably be six months rebuilding. FEMA deposited an amount in our checking account -- more than we expected, but not enough. But it's going to be okay. God is good. 'In the eye of the storm, God remains in control.' Baton Rouge went through a lot recently. The city was getting worse with hate. Now, people are out to help one another. Race isn't an issue."

# Nena Smith's School of Dance honors students



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Nena Smith's School of Dance has honored its top 2016 dancers as Hall of Fame members (top photo) and Who's Who award winners (bottom photo). Students are selected for the Hall of Fame based on attitude, attendance, talent, cooperation with teachers and dance classmates and participation in extra dance activities. The Hall of Famers and their teachers pictured here are (front row from left to right) Alexis Hartley, Alyshia Hall, Shelby Barnett, Hannah McKee, Bre Westbrooke, Kayla Barfield, Caitlyn Burns, (middle row from left to right) Hannah Burgess, Zoe Davis, Morgan Polk, Laney Jones, Emily Covington, Belle Case and Christina Mata, (back row from left to right) assistant teacher Mary Beth Munn, studio owner and teacher Nena Smith, teachers Jessa Martin, Abigail Hynum, Taylor Crane Berry, Kaitlyn Rhoads, Marsha Mullins Raiford, Jessica Bueto Breazeale, Alexis Phillips Smith and Assistant Teacher Lacie Tarver. Administrative assistant Tammy Caruthers and Assistant Teacher Kaylen Boyte are not pictured. More than 80 girls in the seventh to twelfth grades competed for the prestigious Who's Who awards. Those selected for 2016 award and their teachers pictured below are (front row from left to right) Lindsey Alford, tie for Most Talented; Emily Catherine Graves, Miss Spirit of Dance; Kaylen Boyte, Dancer of the Year; Lacie Tarver, tie for Most Talented; Cierra Santos, Most Godly Example; (middle row from left to right) Hannah McKee, Ashlyn Banes, Best Workshop Worker; Summer Roberts, Best Dressed To Dance; Carly Stanley, Most Dependable; Ryleigh Sheppard, Miss Hustle; Mary Beth Munn, Miss Speedy and Millie Fortenberry, Most Improved. (back row from left to right) studio owner and teacher Nena Smith, teachers Jessica Bueto Breazeale, Abigail Hynum, Kaitlyn Rhoads, Marsha Mullins Raiford, Jessa Martin, Alexis Phillips Smith and Taylor Crane Berry. Administrative assistant Tammy Caruthers is not pictured.



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# August honor yards



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Wesson Garden Club recognized the landscaping efforts of David and Cindy Higgs at 1026 Bowland Street inside the town limits (above), Co-Lin's new pedestrian walkway (center) and John and Bessie Smith at 3823 Old Red Star Road in a rural setting (below) through its August Yard of the Month awards. The awards, based on maintenance principles and elements of landscape design, seek to encourage ongoing beautification and cleanliness of the Wesson area and cultivate a citizenry that values and protects natural resources and assumes responsibility for enhancing the environment. Through October, the Garden Club selection committee will tour the Wesson area each month to identify properties in organizational, town residential and rural residential (limited to Wesson School District) categories for the Yard of the Month awards. Call or text 601-757-7724 to nominate qualified yards, especially for those outside the Wesson.

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# In Brookhaven, Tom Ross connects to Wesson

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Tom Ross may reside closer to Brookhaven than to Wesson now, but he remains very much a Wesson man after thirty-eight years as an art teacher at Co-Lin, and with his continuing connection to Decell United Methodist Church, where he teaches an adult Sunday School class, maintains a small studio for his painting and mows the lawn on weekends.

A Jackson native, Ross graduated from Murrah High School (1968) and Mississippi College (1972), where he earned his degree in art after deciding not to pursue studies in chemistry or mathematics. In 1974, he received his Masters Degree in Fine Arts from the University of Georgia (UG). UG offered him \$2,300 per year to teach art as a graduate assistant, but he took a \$4,600 per year job as a janitor instead, because he needed the money. Ross cleaned halls at the school until Mississippi College invited him to return as a visiting art professor to substitute during the summer for a teacher, who was on leave. In August 1975, he went to Co-Lin, where he taught drawing, painting, art history and appreciation and ceramics until his retirement in 2013.

Ross and his wife, the former Gayle Megginson, whom he met at Mississippi College and married in 1971, lived on the Co-Lin campus for twenty-five years

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before moving to the Brookhaven area after the college sold their house. They have an adopted daughter and now three grandchildren.

### What is your hobby?

I can't remember how young I was when I started fishing at a creek in Star, Mississippi. I have fished in fresh waters in a pond I stock in my yard, Lake Lincoln and varied rivers in Mississippi, the Ozarks and Wyoming. I fish in saltwater at Orange Beach and off the Mississippi coast. At Pinedale, Wyoming, just after my retirement from Co-Lin, I caught two species of fish on my bucket list -- an Arctic Grayling, which is a freshwater fish in the salmon family, and a Splake, a



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Tom Ross with grayling, a prize catch.

hybrid of the male brook trout and female lake trout.

I have also continued painting over the years. I work about six hours on two to three days each week at my studio in Decell Memorial United Methodist Church. I currently do watercolors, but have also painted in oil, acrylic, water-miscible (mixable) oil and egg tempera. My subjects are landscapes in which I put family members and friends. I reference my paintings with photos and sketches and experiment with colors and shapes on computer. In February, some of my paintings will be on

exhibit at Co-Lin.

### Do you have a favorite book or movie?

I am a big fan of J.R.R. Tolkien, who presents a rich world of elves, goblins, talking trees and all manner of fantastic creatures presented in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, and the adventures about the small, furry-footed Bilbo Baggins in *The Hobbit*. I also enjoy Peter Jackson's movie adaptations of the *Rings* trilogy -- *The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Two Towers* and *The Return of the King* -- and *The Hobbit* with Ian McKellen, Elijah Wood, Cate Blanchett, Viggo Mortensen and Martin Freeman, among others, in the character roles. My daughter, Arwen, is named after one of the fictional half-elven characters in the *Lord of the Rings*.

Over the years, I have also enjoyed reading Anne McCaffrey, an American-born Irish writer, best known for the *Dragonriders of Pern* fantasy series; C.S. Lewis, the British novelist, poet, academic, medievalist, literary critic, essayist, lay theologian, broadcaster, lecturer and

Christian apologist, best known for fictional works such as *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Space Trilogy*; and Carl Hiaasen, a Florida ecologist and journalist, who writes zany mystery thrillers and novels set in Florida for young people. I also like to read, study and discuss *The Holy Bible*. I am currently reading *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari.

### Are there any particular actors or actresses you like?

Sure. Samuel Jackson, Meryl Streep and Morgan Freeman.

### Do you have any favorite music?

I am eclectic. I very much like Romantic classical music, but also 1960s rock and rhythm blues.

Among musical groups, I like the Beatles, Rolling Stones and the Platters. I also like music from movies. The scores from Disney movies, particularly *Snow White*, are some of my favorites, along with some familiar ones composed by John Williams for such films as *Jaws*, the *Star Wars* series, *Superman*, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, the *Indiana Jones* series, *Jurassic Park*, *Schindler's List*, and Harry Potter films.

### Would you change anything in your life?

Nothing!

### Do you have a wish you want granted?

I want people to love each other. I believe we were put here for one another. I believe the church should promote love among people, which is one of the reasons I am involved in it

### If you won a multi-million dollar lottery, how would you spend the money?

I would give it away. The Southern Poverty Law Center and United Methodist Committee on Relief are two of my favorite charities. I also support organizations that help orphaned animals.

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# Brookhaven school nurtures budding artists

By Guest Columnist Shaw Furlow

It is painfully obvious that arts education is lacking in Mississippi schools. Many 1A, 2A and some 3A schools have no music or art classes past elementary school. Some have band and/or choir, but visual art, drama and creative writing is just not to be found. Where is the next Leontyne Price, Walter Anderson, Tom Malone, Don Jacobs or Jimmy Buffet?



classes, but it leans heavily toward the arts and humanities.

Copeiah County native John Kelly Shelburne has been charged with getting the new media arts program up and running. He will have only juniors this year, but they will move up to twelfth grade next year, followed by new eleventh graders. Their final projects will be written works and films.

In both the dance and theatre programs, the students design sets, lighting and costumes and perform with guidance from the faculty. Their shows are held in a black box theater in recently restored Enochs Hall -- a 125-seat state-of-the-art auditorium that can be configured to meet any need.

The audition process for students applying to MSA is a vigorous one, in which they present a project such as a vocal performance, art portfolio or a dance piece. Students must also learn a piece and perform it for the panel of three judges. Finally, they face a lengthy interview, in which the administrators determine, in part, who is ready to move away from home to study in a residential school. For some students, that is the hardest part.

MSA Director Suzanne Hirsch rattles off a list of former students and their accomplishments. MSA is especially proud of Jazmine Murry, a recent

graduate and former Miss Mississippi, who is now in Nashville, has signed a record deal and is represented by the huge William Morris talent agency. Recent graduates are pursuing degrees in the arts at other schools, like Brookhaven's Austin Showers, who is studying choral music education at Southern Mississippi University.

Batesville native Hunter Johnson, who now resides in Oxford since completing her Bachelor of Fine Arts at Ole Miss in 2016, says MSA completely changed her life. She had no idea about the many opportunities an arts degree opened. At sixteen years old when she applied for MSA, Johnson had never had an art class.

She left home and moved half way across the state to Brookhaven. "I loved being around other students who loved art as much as I did. I had never seen students stay after class to continue working. And it wasn't just the visual arts students. Everyone wanted to learn as much as they could during their two years at MSA."

MSA students go to class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and have extra rehearsals and studio time after dinner. Yet many of them also find time to become involved in the community. Several of them volunteer at Brookhaven Animal Rescue League and work with the animals there. Some read stories at day care centers in the area.



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MSA campus.

One other area remains for MSA's arts program: instrumental music. "For now, that is years down the road," says Hirsch. "Our dorms are full. We can't add another thing right now." A nice problem to have.

MSA is a wonderful addition to our little corner of the planet, and it's an appropriate cornerstone for our area as the "arts capital" of southwest Mississippi.

*EDITORS NOTE: R. Shaw Furlow is a local composer and musician and consultant to school bands in the area for Brookhaven Music and Sound.*

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# Economic development, WIN interns & military classes

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Co-Lin, the city of Brookhaven and Lincoln County are launching an economic development initiative that demonstrates the strengths and skills of the area's workforce to companies looking for startup or expansion locations.

The initiative uses the ACT (originally the abbreviation for American College Testing) Work Key assessment to document the skills of the local workforce in the areas of reading for information, applied math and locating information and as a basis for certifying communities as "Work Ready" to assure prospective employers that they offer a quality labor force. ACT says its test measures skills required for seventy-seven per cent of jobs.

In "Work Ready" communities, depending on their size, required numbers of the current workforce, transitioning workforce (unemployed persons and those in GED or adult education programs and those returning to the workforce following active military duty) and emerging workforce (high school juniors and seniors, college students and recent graduates) must demonstrate they possess the skills assessed by the ACT test. Already, Lincoln County has achieved the current workforce qualifying number

with sixty-seven more than the required twenty. Eighty-nine of a required 147 members of the emerging workforce and eighty-six of a required 113 members of the transitioning workforce have so far demonstrated their skills through the testing. Information on Work Ready communities is accessible online.

Anyone at least eighteen-years-old can take the ACT assessment free of charge at Co-Lin or a WIN Job Center. For students under eighteen-years-old, the test fee is \$35.

**WIN paying intern salaries.** The WIN Job Center at Brookhaven has workers for hire and will pay businesses to train them for suitable jobs under an internship program funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The program, including eligible adults, dislocated workers and youth 18-years-old to 24-years-old, is geared to permanent placement in the workforce and career exploration, as well as equipping participants with skills. Employers interview and select

applicants to hire, and the WIN Job Center pays their salaries for 160 to 320 hours. Jobs must not require participants to climb on roofs, operate lawn mowers,

power tools, or heavy equipment; or anything that is unhealthy, unsafe or dangerous without proper training and certification.

**Military leadership studies at Co-Lin.** Co-Lin is offering two courses this fall in military leadership as part of the Mississippi National Guard Magnolia Gold program. A Mississippi National Guard instructor, shared with Southwest Mississippi Community College, is teaching foundations of officership and leadership studies. The classes are open to all students.

**Lawmakers eye new tax system.** In the wake of action by Mississippi lawmakers to phase in \$415 million in tax cuts in the coming years and enacting \$350 in tax cuts over the previous four years, Legislative leaders have appointed a joint House-Senate committee to review taxes and ten joint committees to review spending by agencies, with an eye towards moving

from income taxes to fee-based use of government services.

**Hyde-Smith advising Trump.** Mississippi Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner Cindy Hyde-Smith from Brookhaven joined Donald Trump's Presidential campaign as co-chairperson of its Agriculture Advisory Committee. The 64-person committee, members of which also include the chairpersons of both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate agriculture committees and former U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture, is counseling Trump on issues important to the American farmer, agribusiness and rural America.



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*Cindy Pickering encourages her daughter, Cassady, to enjoy the world of books and pleasures of reading -- time and effort that were awarded by the Wesson Public Library Summer Reading Program. Cassady was among five children recognized for reading the most books during the four-week program. Cassady was the number one reader among children three-to-four-years-old.*

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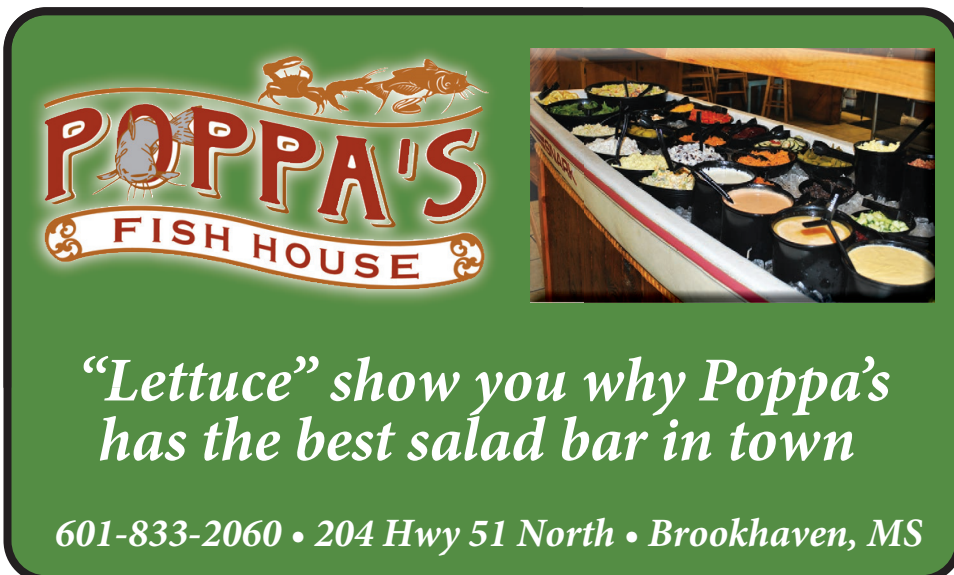
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# Decell Memorial UMC gets new pastor

By Bob Arnold

Back in 1990, Alan Randall participated in a revival service at Moselle, Mississippi, as a featured gospel singer. Brother Scott, the revival leader, asked him to come forward with his wife. "Son, you have been running away from your call to the ministry," Brother Scott told him. "You need to respond to it."

Sixteen years later, now Rev. Randall, at 59 years old, is starting his fifth ministry in the church at Decell Memorial United Methodist in Wesson, after deciding to pursue the call from which the revival leader told him he was running away.

"I had a sleepless night following my conversation with Brother Scott, but knew the next day he was right," Randall recalls. "Early in morning, I knocked on the door of the house where my local pastor lived and said I wanted to pursue the ministry."

Randall, a Hattiesburg native, had grown up in the United Methodist Church, and his grandfather had served as a pastor for many years. His father, who sang professionally in gospel quartets throughout the South, also tried the ministry, but decided it was not his calling. Although he had thought often about going into the ministry, Randall, like his father, had concluded it was not



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for him until his encounter with Brother Scott. He had worked in a variety of positions in the retail business, including McRae's Department Store, and restaurants -- selling, waiting tables and management. He and his mother even owned and operated a restaurant in Gulfport, Mississippi, for several years.

Randall's pursuit of the ministry in the United Methodist Church meant declaring his intent to serve, being licensed to pastor in churches, going back to school, and ultimately ordination.

In 1991, he started his ministry at two small congregations in the Sandersville, Mississippi, area, in which he was licensed to serve on a

year-to-year basis through appointment by the United Methodist District Superintendent. Randall also started school, which included preparatory studies at Jones Community College and East Central Community College in Mississippi and ministerial studies at Emory University in Atlanta before his ordination as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. Starting in 1996, he served at North Bend and Hope United Methodist Churches for four years in Philadelphia, Mississippi. He moved to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in Meridian, Mississippi, in 2000, and then to Collinsville, Mississippi, where he served a congregation for the past ten years.

Randall started his ministry at Decell last month where, he says, "I am just trying to learn names now." Inheriting his father's talent and passion for gospel music, he is also directing the Decell choir at the invitation of the church pianist, who has welcomed the new help. "I love preaching and ministering to the sick and shut-ins," he adds. His immediate goal at the church is to build and maintain attendance.

Randall's wife, Pam, to whom he was married in 1982, decided to pursue the ministry as well when they were in Meridian and has been appointed to serve in pastorates at Jackson Street United Methodist Church and Hawkins United Methodist Church in Brookhaven. "When she told me she wanted to become a pastor, I encouraged her," he says. "After all, she had been preaching to me all her life." Christiana, their adopted daughter, is a first year journalism student at the University of Southern Mississippi, after graduating from Meridian Community College last year.

When Randall isn't performing pastoral duties for Decell, he is likely to be fishing on the 200-acre property he and his wife own in Pachuta, Mississippi, or browsing antique stores in the area. He is also getting involved in the life of the wider community as a new member of the Wesson Lions Club.

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# Community Calendar

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## SEPTEMBER 13

Diabetes support group. Meets weekly on Tuesdays. Education Annex at King's Daughters Medical Center, Brookhaven. 1:30 p.m. For information, call Natalie Ybarra at 601-835-9489.

Brookhaven Farmers Market. Every Tuesday throughout the summer. Amtrak Train Depot. 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

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.

Copiah County Master Gardeners meet. Business meeting at 4 p.m. followed by a free program -- "Preserving the Gardening Legacy" -- at 5:30 p.m. Open to the public. Copiah County Extension office at Gallman fairgrounds. The organization is part of national Master Gardeners, created and managed by university cooperative extension programs in the U.S. and Canada. For information and to inquire about membership, call Kelly Parks at 601-277-3345 or visit <http://extension.msstate.edu/com>.

## SEPTEMBER 14

Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) day trip with tours of Signature Works, America's largest employer of blind persons, and Mississippi Music Museum, both at Hazlehurst, and Mississippi Music Experience at Iron Horse Grill in Jackson. \$10 (not including lunch at Iron Horse Grill). Depart Co-Lin Thames Center at 8:30 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER 15

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

Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild monthly meeting. Artist and instructor Roberto Bonillo will speak. Plans for October Art Competition will be discussed. Vernon Room at the Lincoln County Library in Brookhaven. 5:30 p.m. For information about BRAG, contact Kathy Behan at [Kathybehan5@gmail.com](mailto:Kathybehan5@gmail.com).

## SEPTEMBER 17

Wesson Cruise-In for antique cars and trucks and car show fans. Food and drinks available. Mill Town Mall, Wesson. 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 18

Southwest Mississippi chapter of American Bikers Aimed at Education (ABATE) month meeting. Log Cabin Smokehouse, Brookhaven. 2p.m. For information, contact Carmen Hill at 601-833-8500.

Homecoming celebration and worship service. Decell Memorial United Methodist Church. Rev. Heather Hensarling, UMC Brookhaven District Superintendent, will lead the service. Guest musicians are Russell Ray and Gail Fulton. Decell Memorial UMC, Route 51, Wesson. 10:45 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER 19

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

## SEPTEMBER 20

50-Plus Club meets. Thames Center on the Co-Lin campus. 10:30 a.m.

Co-Lin Workforce Education program iPad skills class. Registration deadline is September 13. \$15. 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Co-Lin Thames Center. For information, contact Toni Dobbins 601-643-8716

## SEPTEMBER 21

Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) workshop -- Update for Seniors on Safety & Protection. Speakers are Doug Tyrone from the Mississippi Attorney General's Office and Copiah County Sheriff Harold Jones. Free. Co-Lin Thames Center. 10 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER 22

Co-Lin Workforce Education program, First Aid & CPR for Children and Infants. Registration deadline is September 15. \$20. 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Co-Lin Wesson campus. For information, contact Toni Dobbins 601-643-8716

## SEPTEMBER 23

Kids' Fire Academy starts and continues on September 24. Children up to twelve-years-old will learn about fire safety and the work of fire fighters through simulations and hands-on exercises. Safe Room at Gallman, Mississippi. For information, contact Wesson Volunteer Fire Department.

Wesson High School homecoming. Cobras play Mount Olive.

## SEPTEMBER 26

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

## SEPTEMBER 27

AARP Smart Driver Course on defensive driving and safety. \$15 for AARP members/\$20 for non-members. 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Co-Lin Thames Center. Call 601-643-8702 to register.

## OCTOBER 1

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## OCTOBER 3

Registration for Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild visual arts competition. \$10 each for up to three entries in acrylics, oils, pastels, watercolors, drawings, 3-D mixed media and photography categories. Lincoln County Library Vernon Room. 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Works will be on display throughout October with cash awards and ribbons presented October 20.

## OCTOBER 4

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

First Tuesday Speaker series at Lincoln County Library in partnership with the Mississippi Humanities Council. Free. "Food from a Bioethics Perspective" presented by Dr. Ralph Dildake. 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

## OCTOBER 6

Institute for Learning in Retirement luncheon. Bill Russell, Director of Copiah and Claiborne County Natural Resources, will speak. 10:30 a.m. \$5. Anderson Building at Co-Lin.

## OCTOBER 10

Co-Lin Workforce Education program, Beginner Excel 2016. Registration deadline is October 3. \$15 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Co-Lin Thames Center. For information, contact Toni Dobbins 601-643-8716.

## OCTOBER 11

Co-Lin Workforce Education program, Intermediate Excel 2016. Registration deadline is October 4. \$15 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Co-Lin Thames Center. For information, contact Toni Dobbins 601-643-8716.

## OCTOBER 13

Co-Lin Workforce Education program, HAZWOPER Refresher for general site workers who are exposed or potentially exposed to hazardous substances or health hazards. Registration deadline is October 5. \$50. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Co-Lin Wesson campus. For information, contact Toni Dobbins 601-643-8716.

## CONTINUING

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at convenient times seven days of every week. First United Methodist Church, 215 West Cherokee Street, Brookhaven. Open meetings are Mondays at noon and Tuesdays (Big Book Study), Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Closed meetings are Wednesdays and Fridays (Big Book Study) at noon and Thursdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild members work on projects every Thursday of the month from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Brookhaven-Lincoln County Public Library in the Vernon Room when it is available.

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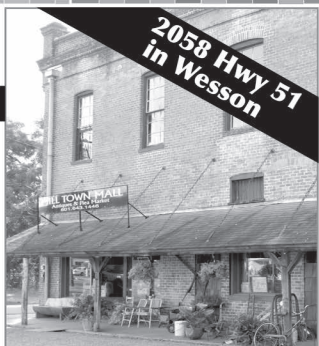
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## Mardi Gras fundraiser for Copiah Animal Shelter



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A Mardi Gras-like celebration attended by some 175 persons raised funds last month for animal care at Copiah Animal Shelter. Many of the attendees donned masks and some came in full costume for the the sixth annual Gala Fundraiser built around "New Orleans Mardi Gras Masquerade Party" as its theme. At the Storm Safe Room in Gallman, party-goers enjoyed New Orleans style jambalaya and gumbo and a variety of desserts. At a silent auction, a seven-foot bottle tree, an iron bistro set, and a bayou classic seafood table generated funds, along with a fun bidding war for a pair of rocking chairs. Other Silent Auction bidders got good deals on beach condo vacations. Children were kept busy with games in an adjoining room while the adults partied, with music provided by a DJ.

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# Enjoy muscadines in wild or cultivated

By Guest Columnist Rebecca Bates

Every year during muscadine season, I think about going with my father and mother on fall picnics to Little Mountain, a beautiful state park near Starkville. Dad and I would roam the woods looking for wild muscadine grapes and nearly make ourselves

An important consideration when planting muscadines is that some varieties are self-fruitful and can pollinate themselves, while others are self-unfruitful with only female flowers that require a self-fruitful variety planted within twenty-five feet to assure pollination.

Self-unfruitful varieties are Scuppernong, Fry, Black Fry, Higgins or Supreme. Self-fruitful varieties include Cowart, Ison and Carlos.

Muscadines are delicious for eating off the vine,

but also make wonderful jelly, pies, juice or wine. They are a fun and fairly easy addition to any landscape. For those who don't want them in the yard, take the kids on a fall picnic and roam the woods looking for the wild ones! Sometimes it's the memories that are the most wonderful.

*EDITORS NOTE: Rebecca Bates is the Mississippi State University Agricultural Extension Agent based in Brookhaven at the Lincoln County Court House.*



## TENDING YOUR GARDEN

sick eating so many of them! Finding them in the woods is always fun, but they aren't hard to grow in a yard.

I consider muscadines in the medium maintenance category. They don't have a regular spray requirement, but do need a structure or trellis to support them. There is some pruning and training needed to get them started, and then annual pruning to keep them in place and productive.

Use an existing fence to plant muscadines, or build a trellis, like an old fashioned clothes line, with posts and wire and supports at the end to help carry the weight of the vines once they start to mature. Space the vines about 20 feet apart to allow for growth in rows about twelve feet apart.

Black and bronze are the two basic muscadine colors. Many people associate the muscadine with the black or purple colored fruit and call the bronze fruit "scuppernongs." Actually Scuppernong is a variety of muscadine named in 1554. It was the first named muscadine variety and found along the Scuppernong River in North Carolina.

# Maintain your health while growing older

By Guest Columnist  
Dr. Stephanie Duguid

September is Healthy Aging Month, observed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older and to provide inspiration and practical ideas for adults at least fifty-years-old to improve their physical, mental, social, and financial well-being, while adapting to change and developing new skills and interests.

The number of people more than fifty-years-old is growing. The attention used to be on the baby boomers, and now generation x-ers, with many of the same interests as the previous generation, are seeking to stay active and vibrant as long as possible.

Some seventy-six million baby boomers are more than fifty-years-old, and the first of the 82.1 million generation x-ers reached the mid-century mark last year. If you're among them or will join them soon, use September to reflect on your ultimate goals, and begin working towards them. Use this stage in your life to rediscover yourself. *Healthy Aging Magazine* ([www.healthyaging.net](http://www.healthyaging.net)) offers these tips for September:

• **Don't act your age** or at least how you think you should act at your current age. What was your best year so far? 28? 40? Picture yourself at that age, and be it.

• **Be positive in your conversations** and your actions. When you catch yourself complaining, change the conversation to something positive.

• **Ditch downer friends.** Do you have negative friends, who complain all the time and constantly talk about how awful everything is? Drop them. As cruel as that may sound, distance yourself from people who do not have a positive outlook on life. Surround yourself with positive people, who help lift you up and encourage you to follow your dreams.

• **Walk like a vibrant, healthy person.** You can do it. Analyze your gait.

• **Stand up straight.** You can knock a few years off your appearance by practicing that old trick your mother tried to teach you. Look at yourself in the mirror. Hold your stomach in, shoulders back, chin up.

• **Work on your teeth -- and smile?** Good oral health is a gateway to your overall well-being. Research also shows people who smile are happier.



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• **Stop complaining about loneliness.** Do something about it. Pick up the phone and make a call to volunteer your time, take a class or invite someone to meet for lunch, brunch, dinner, or coffee.

• **Start walking** both for your health and to see neighbors. Take your dog along to help you start a conversation.

• **Make time for pets.** If you don't have time for a dog, go to your local animal shelter and volunteer. The puppy love will thrill you.

• **Get a physical.** Set up your annual physical and other health screenings. Go to appointments and then, hopefully, you can stop worrying about ailments for a while.

• **Find your inner artist.** Who says taking music lessons is only for young school children? You may have an artist lurking inside you just waiting to come out. Have you always wanted to play the piano, violin, or tuba? Have you ever wondered if you could paint a portrait or landscape in oil? What about working in wood?

*Senior Living* magazine also suggests these healthy lifestyle ideas:

• **Take cat naps.** People who take naps are thirty-seven percent less likely to die from heart disease.

• **Stay active.** Exercise regularly. Get at least 2.5 hours of exercise a week.

• **Budget and spend your money wisely.** Reduce your expenses so you can afford the things you want and what you want to do. In the process, you will reduce stress.

• **Set realistic goals.** Make a plan to clearly define where you are going and how you will get there. People with a clear sense of purpose and drive have less chance of getting Alzheimer's disease.

• **Eat foods that give you natural energy.** It is one thing to eat one or two healthy foods a day, but if you add the right foods, at the right times, it will give you more energy. Stay away from processed sugar foods. Eat foods that are as natural as possible.

**Stay vibrant and active by taking charge of your life,** following your passion, and look happily toward what's next in life!

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# Wolves earn number 7 preseason ranking

*Special to Wesson News*

Starting its gridiron play ranked number seven in the National Junior and Community College Athletic Association (NJCAA) preseason poll, Co-Lin's Wolfpack has recorded back-to-back victories against Mississippi Delta (44-0) and Coahoma (26-6), but faces a major test this week at Gulf Coast.

Although the ranking came as no surprise to Co-Lin football followers, who have seen the Wolfpack become a powerhouse in the Mississippi Association of Community Junior Colleges (MACJC) under Head Coach Glenn Davis and his staff, the new season has its challenges. Five MACJC teams are ranked nationally. Mississippi Gulf Coast, ranked number four, and Hinds, ranked number nineteen, are the Wolves only regular season top 20 opponents.

Co-Lin coaches are well aware of the tough road ahead. "We never really like to dwell on things like poll numbers, but it is an honor to be recognized this way for our players and coaches, who worked hard during the off-season to prepare," says Co-Lin assistant football coach Dan Reich. "Right now, the focus is solely the work we need to do through the season."

**Football & softball Cobras young & talented.** With mostly sophomores, the

Wesson High School varsity football Cobras face a challenging season, but experienced players in key positions along with incoming young talent gives new head coach Jeremy Loy reason to be optimistic. Senior quarterback Peyton Burns leads the spread offense with a trio of backs, including

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Jermaine James, who racked up 207 yards and three touchdowns last year, and two freshmen, Tre Glasper and Dale Thigpen. Bobby Pritchard and Matthew Craft bring needed experience to the defensive and offensive lines.

Meanwhile, Michelle Nunnery looks for a customary solid defense and improved offense to make the Cobras playoff contenders again in slow-pitch softball. Returning seniors Sabria Green, Harmoni Ashley and Aurianna Vaughn provide leadership to the squad; freshman Riley Smith will be starting pitcher and Brooke Jones will add punch to the offense with her hitting.



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*Freshman Co-Lin quarterback Domonic DeLira helped lead the Wolves to a 44-0 win over Mississippi Delta in their season opener.*

### SCOREBOARD

August 6-September 13

Wesson High School Cobras

#### Football

Record: 2-2. Recent Wins: McLaurin. 14-12. Bogue Chitto. 39-20. Recent Losses: Sumrall. 41-35. Seminary 46-34.

#### Slow-Pitch Softball (Varsity)

Record: 7-1. Recent Wins: Franklin County. 6-4 and 4-3. Lawrence County. 5-2. Clinton. 13-7. Florence. 10-0 and 12-0. Mendenhall. 15-0. Recent Losses: North Pike. 4-2

#### Co-Lin Wolves

#### Football

Record: 2-0. Recent Wins: Mississippi Delta. 44-0. Coahoma. 26-6

#### Soccer

Men's Record: 1-3. Recent Wins: Holmes. 4-3. Recent Losses: East Central. 5-2. Northwest. 8-0. Itawamba. 6-1. Meridian. 3-2. Pearl River. 4-0

Women's Record: 0-4. Recent Losses: East Central. 12-0. Northwest. 3-2. Holmes. 5-0. Itawamba. 4-1. Meridian. 3-1. Pearl River. 9-0.

# Area seniors start fall learning experiences

*Special to Wesson News*

Members of the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) will tour Signature Works, America's largest employer of blind persons, and see and hear blues, country, rock, classical, gospel, jazz and R&B exhibits at the Mississippi Music Museum in Hazlehurst tomorrow. They will then have lunch at the Iron Horse Grill in Jackson, where they will also visit Mississippi Music Experience, which tells the story of Mississippi as the birthplace of America's music.

The trip is part of ILR's fall program, which started in late August and runs through December. During September through the end of the year, it features three additional travel opportunities, five workshops, one movie and three luncheon programs with speakers and entertainment.

Co-Lin's ILR program, now in its twenty-first year, has more than one hundred members -- persons aged 50 and older, who are retired or semi-retired. They engage in lifelong learning experiences, defining and pursuing their own informal educational goals at their own pace, according to their own choices and talents. Members, who come from wide ranging backgrounds and bring varied experiences to the organization, design its program. Co-Lin, as the ILR sponsor, provides staff and management for the organization,

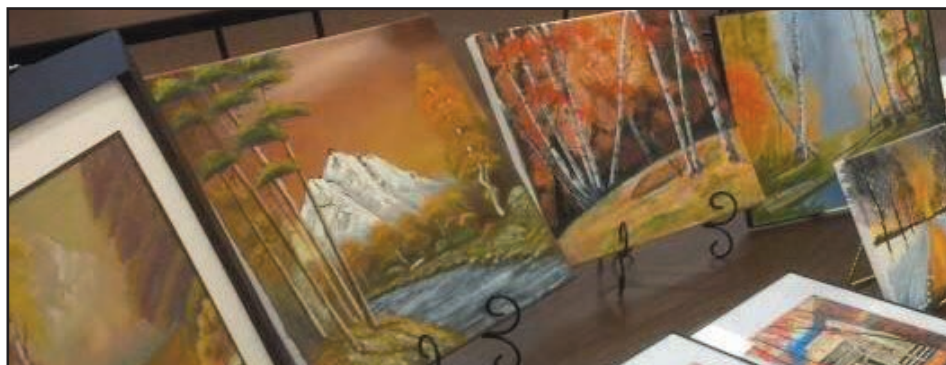


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*At August show-and-tell Institute for Learning in Retirement workshop, members shared stories about their hobbies. Peggy McCullough displayed her beautiful handwork of crocheted doily, afghan, scarves, and dish rags (bottom) and Jim Brewer brought a sampling of his oil paintings.(top)*

which is fully funded by member dues.

ILR member Dr. Jim Brewer, founder of the Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame, will serve as guide on tomorrow's

music-related trip. ILR's other travel plans in the season ahead include an overnight trip to Lafayette and New Iberia in Louisiana (October 11 and 12), a day trip to the Mississippi Agricultural

& Forestry Museum (November 11) and a three-day/two-night trip to Natchitoches, Louisiana (November 30 to December 2). ILR workshops will focus on safety and protection practices for older adults (September 21), wellness and health maintenance (October 27), Copiah county history and policing (both on November 1), using an iPad (November 15), and Christmas recipes and decorating (December 8). Luncheons are October 6, November 10 and December 6. *The Intern*, a film starring Robert DeNiro as a 70-year old widower as a senior intern for an employer, will be shown on October 20.

In recent weeks, ILR members brought items they made or have collected to a show-and-tell workshop in which they talked about their hobbies; viewed *A Walk in the Woods*, a movie starring Robert Redford and Bill Bryson about the history and ecology of the Appalachian Trail; and learned special physical fitness exercises designed for older adults.

For information about ILR activities, contact Marilyn Brown or Tricia Russell by phone (601-643-8704) or email (Marilyn.Brown@colin.edu or Tricia.Russell@colin.edu).



Upcoming Sporting Events

- September 13**  
Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity girls softball Cobras play Hazlehurst. 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Co-Lin women and men soccer wolves play at Jones County. 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- September 15**  
Wesson High School junior varsity girls softball Cobras play at Crystal Springs. 4 p.m.  
Co-Lin football Wolves play at Gulf Coast. 7 p.m.
- September 16**  
Co-Lin women and men soccer wolves play Southwest. 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Wesson High School football Cobras play at Raymond. 7 p.m.
- September 17**  
Wesson High School hosts softball tournament.
- September 19**  
Wesson Junior High School and junior varsity football Cobras play Lawrence County. 5 p.m.
- September 20**  
Co-Lin women and men soccer wolves play Holmes. 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity girls softball Cobras play Bogue Chitto. 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- September 22**  
Wesson High School junior varsity girls softball Cobras play at Hazlehurst. 4:30 p.m.  
Co-Lin football Wolves play Jones County. 7 p.m.
- September 23**  
Wesson High School football Cobras play Mount Olive. 7 p.m.
- September 24**  
Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity girls softball Cobras play West Lincoln. 11 a.m. & 12 noon
- September 26**  
Wesson Junior High School and junior varsity football Cobras play at North Pike. 5 p.m.
- September 27**  
Wesson High School varsity & junior varsity girls softball Cobras play Crystal Spings. 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- September 29**  
Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity girls softball Cobras play at North Pike. 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Co-Lin football Wolves play East Central. 7 p.m.
- September 30**  
Wesson High School football Cobras play Hazlehurst. 7 p.m.
- October 1**  
Wesson High School junior varsity girls softball Cobras play in Lawrence County tournament. TBA  
Co-Lin men soccer wolves play Emory Oxford. TBA
- October 3**  
Wesson Junior High School and junior varsity football Cobras play at McComb. 5 p.m.
- October 4**  
Co-Lin women and men soccer wolves play at Meridian. 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity girls softball Cobras play Florence. 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- October 6**  
Wesson High School varsity and junior varsity girls softball Cobras play at West Lincoln. 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Co-Lin football Wolves play at Hinds. 6:30 p.m.
- October 7**  
Co-Lin women and men soccer wolves play at Pearl River. 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Wesson High School football Cobras play at Port Gibson. 7 p.m.
- October 11**  
Co-Lin women and men soccer wolves play at Mississippi Gulf Coast. 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Wesson Junior High School and junior varsity football Cobras play Franklin County. 5 p.m.

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