

KEVIN LEWIS *Flowood*

At age 51, Kevin Lewis has been playing the saxophone for more than half of his life, and 35 years later, he is still going strong. In fact, between the three bands he plays in regularly, it's not uncommon for Lewis to book more than 50 gigs in a given year.

He is an original member of The Vamps, a group he describes as earthy, yet sophisticated, showcasing a lineup that consists of B.B. King and Stax alumni among others. The group plays styles ranging from Latin and funk to New Orleans jazz and Memphis soul. Lewis is also an original member of the newly-formed Greenfish group and plays regularly with the well-established Patrick Smith Band.

"I like all kinds of music, but most gigs are jazz, blues and cover tunes of any style," he says. "It's hard to pigeon hole the style of any of the bands I'm in because we all play lots of styles, depending on whatever we can book."

Lewis has practiced personal injury law for about 22 years, the majority spent working with the Diaz Law Firm in the Jackson area. For the past three years, he has had a solo practice, branching out into some domestic and criminal work.

Lewis says that he hopes to continue playing as many gigs as time will allow, adding that he would like to spend more time writing music. "Basically I just take life as it comes at me because that keeps me plenty busy," he emphasizes.

Married to wife Debi, who he describes as "the love of my life," Lewis is also an avid disc golfer and enjoys playing with his two sons.



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