

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Editor's note: The Kemper County Messenger publishes the Community Calendar weekly in this space. It covers events, announcements and happenings in Kemper County. We welcome your news and comments. If you would like to have something placed in the Kemper Messenger, contact the office at 601-743-5760 during business hours; or mail it to Kemper Messenger, P.O. 546, DeKalb, MS, 39328. The Messenger's writer, Steve Swogetinsky, may be reached at 601-776-6102.

MSU EXTENSION NEW CLASS OF MASTER GARDENERS

Registration opens March 1 for the newest class of Master Gardeners, who will receive their training online this year. This year, all Master Gardener instruction is online and self-paced. The class begins May 1 and closes June 30. The cost is \$125 for those who want to become certified Master Gardener volunteers and provide 40 hours of service. For \$200, a home-gardening course is available for those not interested in the volunteer service. Non-volunteer participants can pay \$25 per class for select classes if they prefer. These individual classes are available year-round. Registration is open from March 1 until April 15. Register for the training and learn more about the Master Gardener program at <http://msuext.ms/mg>.

MEETING OF KEMPER COUNTY WOMEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE

The Kemper County Women's Civic League plans to hold their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 11 at 12:00 in the DeKalb Library.

GARBAGE BILL PAYMENTS

Attention: ALL KEMPER COUNTY LANDOWNERS effective January 1, 2021 all garbage bill payments must be taken at the Commercial Bank located in DeKalb, MS (in-person) please have account number.

The Kemper County Courthouse will no longer be accepting garbage payments. Payments can be mailed to:
K. C. Garbage & Solid Waste
P O Box 39
DeKalb, MS 39328
Or call 1-800-253-0831 for questions regarding your account

JRMWV PROGRAM

Junior Master Wellness Volunteer Training Recruitment going on now. We are looking for youth 14-18 years old to join us for an exciting volunteer program.
The JrMWV Program is a community health education and volunteer leader training program. Youth will learn about improving health literacy and healthy lifestyle choices and will then go out into their community and become an advocate for a healthier Mississippi! Participants will be expected to give back by completing 24 hours of community service.
Come learn, share, and inspire others to lead a healthy lifestyle. For more information or to sign up call the Kemper County Extension office at 601-743-2837 or send an email to malikah.jones@msstate.edu.

COALITION FOR A HEALTHY KEMPER COUNTY

The Coalition for a Healthy Kemper County was organized to provide educational outreach. The goal is to bring educational awareness of health issues and unhealthy lifestyles that accompany diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, etc. We solicit the help of area leaders, organizations and individuals working together to make a positive impact on the lives of our community members. If you are interested in helping us carry out our mission, contact Malikah Jones at the Kemper County Extension office at 601-743-2837 for more information.

OURTHOUSE MASK REQUIREMENT

Due to COVID-19 and Governor Reeves adding Kemper County on December 1, 2020 to the mask mandate list that requires residents to wear masks in certain circumstances, entrance to the Kemper County Courthouse will be through the East door (side facing Hwy 39) until further notice. Please note that your temperature will be checked before entering the building and wearing a face mask is required.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church of Christ meets for worship every Sunday at 11 a.m. at 14678 Hwy 16.

MULTI-COUNTY CSA TEMPORARY OFFICE PROCEDURES KEMPER COUNTY

Due to COVID-19 we are providing tele-service only. Face-to-face, in-house appointments are temporary suspended. Please call our office to schedule a telephone appointment.
If you are a senior citizen or receive disability income AND have been assisted this year, you DO NOT need an appointment. Please submit your bill (for which assistance is needed) by mail, email, fax or drop box. If you are a senior citizen or receive disability income and HAVE NOT been assisted, please call for a telephone appointment.
To receive services, the following are needed: Bill (for which assistance is needed), Photo Identification, Social Security Cards, Proof of income, Unemployment/Child Support/SNAPS, Documents may be submitted by mail, email, fax or drop box.
Your application will NOT be processed unless ALL documents are submitted. Phone (601) 743-5752, Fax (601) 743-2506, Email

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No primaries set for Tuesday

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
The Kemper County Messenger

There will be no municipal primary elections in Kemper County next week.

All contested races in the towns of DeKalb and Scooba will be settled in the General Election on

June 8.
In DeKalb, there are two contested races, Mayor Clark Adams, a Democrat, is being challenged by former mayor Homer Hall who is running as an independent.

In Ward 3, incumbent Tracey Naylor, an independent, is being challenged by Democrat Sampson

Scott. Those running unopposed are: Bessie Gale, Ward 1; Mamie Alexander, Ward 2; Mary Donald, Ward 4; and, Keith Barnes, Ward 5.

All candidates in Scooba are running as independents.

Mayor Craig N. Nave is unopposed and will go in for his first full term.

Incumbent Ward 3 alderman Margaret Ann Jackson is being challenged by Sarah A. Buie.

Those running unopposed in the other alderman races are: Kelvin Brown, Ward 1, Kenneth E. Sparks, Ward 2; Chris Collins, Ward 4 and Rodney Woodard, Ward 5.

honoring health care heroes



Submitted photos

Kemper County Homemakers Honor Health Care Heroes

Kemper County MHV Council provided "Thank You" meals to honor local healthcare workers. "We wanted to let our doctors, nurses and health care staff know that their hard work has not gone unnoticed", said Kemper County Extension Coordinator, Malikah Jones. This project was supported by the Partners for Kemper County Advisory Council.

EMCC earns pair of runner-up finishes at rodeo

POPLARVILLE — In the second rodeo of the spring season, East Mississippi Community College placed fourth in men's action and tied for sixth on the women's side during last weekend's event hosted by Pearl River Community College. The three-day rodeo concluded Saturday night at the Pearl River County Fairgrounds Arena.

Missouri Valley College swept both team competitions, out-distancing Tennessee-Martin, 980-385, for the men's championship and edging Arkansas-Monticello, 315-290, for the women's title. EMCC finished the PRCC competition with 280 men's points and 110 women's points.

For the EMCC men, West Smith (Emmet, AR) collected 150 points for a second-place finish in the tie-down roping event with times of 10.8 and 9.5 seconds. He also tallied five points by pairing with West Alabama's Cooper Malone in team roping.

Myles Neighbors (Benton,



AR) claimed the Lions' other 125 points by placing third in tie-

down roping behind Smith and also scoring in the steer wrestling event.

In women's competition, Blair Bryant (Hatchechubbee, AL) led the way for EMCC by garnering women's all-around honors with 195 individual points earned in two events. In addition to finishing second (125 points) in breakaway roping with efforts of 2.8 and 3.0 seconds, Bryant earned 70 more points while teaming with Kody Boatright of Arkansas-Monticello in team roping.

EMCC's team points on the women's side were earned by Mikayla Joh Almond (Olin, NC) and Jaylie Matthews (Wynne, AR) in breakaway roping and barrel racing, respectively.

In their third straight week of NIRA Ozark Region competition, Coach Morgan Goodrich's East Mississippi's rodeo teams will compete in this week's (April 1-3) event hosted by the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Kemper Academy STAR Student and Teacher for 2020-2021

Dylan Williamson has been named STAR Student for the 2020-2021 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC) M. B. Swayze Foundation, sponsor of the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program. Established by the Mississippi Economic Council in 1965, the purpose of the STAR program is to recognize outstanding students & teachers in Mississippi.

The Kemper Academy senior will be listed with the 2021 STAR Students and STAR Teachers in the STAR booklet.

STAR Students are selected on the basis of academic excellence. Both American College Test scores and scholastic averages are compared to determine the school's STAR Student. "The STAR program encourages and promotes academic achievement among Mississippi's high school seniors. We con-



Dylan Williamson

gratulate all of our STAR Students



Iva Lou Cumberland

and STAR Teachers for their excep-

tional level of achievement," said Vickie Powell, Senior Vice President of Foundations. Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement.

Mrs. Iva Lou Cumberland was designated as STAR Teacher.

Over 600 STAR Students and STAR Teachers will be recognized for their exceptional achievement by MEC's M.B. Swayze Foundation with medallions, certificates and lapel pins. The top 20 STAR Students -The ALL-STAR Scholars - will receive scholarships and their STAR Teachers will receive awards provided by the Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. Charitable Foundation. The highlight of STAR is the naming of the Mississippi ALL-STAR Scholar for 2020-2021 school year and winner of the coveted \$24,000 Cook Foundation Scholarship.

Mayapple plant is poisonous, best avoided

By JAMES L. CUMMINS
Special to The Messenger

The mayapple is a herbaceous plant. It is found primarily in woodlands and partially shaded hillside seeps. This plant goes by several names including: duck’s foot, Devil’s apple, wild lemon, hog apple, love apple, Indian apple and umbrella plant.

Mayapple grows to between 1 and 2 feet in height. Some plants produce a single leaf from a long stalk and no flower. Mayapple plants with two leaves produce a single nodding flower that blossoms

below the leaves. The plant typically bears lobed leaves that span up to 1 foot across and one foot in length. There are between 5 and 9 lobes per leaf that are deeply divided. The flower that is produced is about 1.5 inches across and has between 6 and 9 white petals.

The blooming period occurs from mid to late spring and lasts about three weeks. Each flower is replaced by an egg-shaped berry that resembles a lime, is fleshy, and contains several seeds. Two inches long and yellow when ripe, this berry is produced only when cross-pollination of the flower

occurs. Mayapple often produces dense vegetative colonies that exclude other spring flowering plants.

All parts of the plant, except the fruit, are poisonous. Even the fruit, though not dangerously poisonous, can cause unpleasant indigestion. Ancient records show that American ethnic groups drank a ferment prepared from the dehydrated and crushed rhizome of mayapple as a medication to cure worms in the intestines. They also used the substance as a remedy for snakebites and as a laxative to clean the bowel.

Later, mayapple was used as

an ingredient for preparing a laxative and sold over the counter as a medicine called “Carter’s Little Liver Pills.” Today, herbal practitioners use different parts of the mayapple to treat things such as warts or moles and have used them to combat some skin cancers.

According to researchers, podophyllotoxin, (the fatal ingredient of the herb), stops cell division and also possesses the ability to restrain tumor production. Of significant note, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has approved two drugs—etoposide and teniposide—prepared from podophyllotoxin for

use in the United States.

Etoposide is administered as a treatment for testicular and small-cell lung cancers and rheumatoid arthritis. Teniposide is used for conditions including brain tumors, infancy leukemia, a variety of lymphomas, and other neoplastic diseases. However, the FDA has banned the use of mayapple as a laxative due to the highly toxic nature of the plant which makes dosing difficult to calculate.

Podophyllotoxin is too toxic for home use due to its caustic nature and products for oral use have been withdrawn from the market for safety. Topical

preparations of podophyllotoxin require professional application and must be rinsed off after 1 to 4 hours. Because human poisoning can result from topical application, as well as ingestion, it is important that you be able to identify this plant in order to avoid contact.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their web site is www.wildlifemiss.org.

She sings as she sheds her winter-white gown. And weaves white blossoms for a crown. She paints with colors so rich and so new. And pearls many petals with light morning dew. She stirs the earth and all awake: Tender new life is here. She clothes the ground with a soft green cape. And sprinkles violets everywhere. She bathes



Kipling News
by Jane McWilliams

young and old with a shower of

rain. And nurtures each one in the warmth of the sun. All nature stand poised to help start her reign. For Spring's touch has just now begun.

As the old saying goes, “Spring has sprung” and all nature is alive. The birds are singing happily as they prepare their nests for their future family. All the tresses are budding,

tiny wild flowers cover the ground with their pretty blooms. Wisteria vines are just beautiful this year. Many people are planning for their small annual vegetable garden—tomatoes, bellpepper, cucumber, squash, etc. only one drawback to spring, pollen. Pollen has really been bad this spring. Heard a man say the other day,

pollen is not bad, it is very good, without it the crops won't be as abundant. In that case this will be a very abundant, productive year.

Spring is a very special time of the year. It's like a new beginning to our lives, unfortunately spring is usually accompanied by heavy winds and rain. We were blessed a week

or so ago, when the dangerous winds and flood forecast for this area kind of skirted around us, but unfortunately caused devastation to our Alabama neighbors.

Hope your week is special. Hope we never forget that God will see us through in our time of fear, or illness or worry.

Legals and Classifieds

LEGALS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEVI C. GLISPIE, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 20-75 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on March 3, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Kemper County, to BENJAMIN A. GLISPIE, Executor of the Estate of LEVI C. GLISPIE, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. DATED this the 10th day of March, 2021. BENJAMIN A. GLISPIE, Executor of the Estate of LEVI C. GLISPIE, Deceased By: R. Kelly Kyle, MSB No. 09392 Kyle Wynn & Associates, PLLC Post Office Box 1578 Madison, Mississippi 39110 (601) 978-1700 FAX (601) 978-1770 Publication Dates: March 18, March 25, April 1, 2021

OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND KEMPER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SECTION 900 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Kemper County, Mississippi at the Kemper County Courthouse, Dekalb, Mississippi, until 10:00 am on the 6th day of May, 2021 and shortly thereafter publicly opened for the construction of 0.046 miles of PRECAST CONCRETE SPANS WITH PAVED APPROACHES on the BETHEL CHURCH ROAD being known as Project No. LSBP-35(22) in Kemper County, Mississippi. PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF WORK ARE APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS: ITEM QUANTITY UNIT ROADWAY ITEMS: MOBILIZATION LUMP SUM LS CLEARING AND GRUBBING LUMP SUM LS REMOVAL OF BRIDGE AT STA. 14+62.73 1.000 UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION (F.M.) 421.000 CY EXCESS EXCAVATION (F.M.) 235.000 CY GRANULAR MATERIAL (L.V.M.), 174.000 CY (CLASS 9, GROUP B)

SIZE 1 STABILIZER AGGREGATE, 41.000 CY COARSE MIXING, SHAPING AND COMPACTION 349.000 SY 15" REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, 64.000 LF CLASS III RIGHT-OF-WAY MARKERS (TYPE II) 8.000 EA MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC LUMP SUM LS ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION SIGNS 0.000 SF REFLECTORIZED TRAFFIC OBJECT MARKER 4.000 EA (ENCAPSULATED LENS) (TYPE 3) EROSION CONTROL ITEMS: AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE 0.540 TON COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER (13-13-13) 0.270 TON SEEDING 0.270 AC VEGETATIVE MATERIALS FOR MULCH 0.810 TON SOLID SODDING 200.000 SY TEMPORARY SILT FENCE 500.000 LF (TYPE II) (AOS 0.15-0.84) WATTLES, 200' 150.000 LF LOOSE RIPRAP, 200 LB. 40.000 TON BRIDGE ITEMS: TEST PILE 2.000 EA CONVENTIONAL STATIC PILE LOAD TEST 0.000 EA SECTION 900 PROJECT NO. LSBP-35(22) KEMPER COUNTY 14" PRESTRESSED CONCRETE PILING 450.000 LF 18" PRE-FORMED PILE HOLES 400.000 LF 31" PRECAST CONCRETE SLAB UNIT, 18.000 EA 3.5' INTERIOR 31" PRECAST CONCRETE SLAB UNIT, 6.000 EA 3.5' EXTERIOR PRECAST CONCRETE BARRIER RAIL 186.000 LF 31.0' PRECAST CONCRETE CAP, 2.000 EA INTERMEDIATE UNIT, CONCRETE PILE 31.0' PRECAST CONCRETE CAP, 2.000 EA END UNIT, CONCRETE PILE 9.25' PRECAST CONCRETE WING 4.000 EA LOOSE RIPRAP, 300 LB. 51.000 TON GEOTEXTILE UNDER RIPRAP, 157.000 SY (TYPE V), (AOS 21.-43) PROJECT NO. LSBP-35(22) KEMPER COUNTY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: CONTRACT TIME: 50 Working Days BASIS OF AWARD The award, if made, will be made to the lowest qualified bidder on the basis of published quantities. The Board of Supervisors hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS are on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Kemper County, the LSBP Engineer's office and the Office of the State Aid Engineer, 412

E. Woodrow Wilson Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi. This project shall be constructed in accordance with the latest edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for State Aid Road and Bridge Construction. PLANS AND PROPOSALS may be secured from Terrell W. Temple, LSBP Engineer for Kemper County, Mississippi, 1724B 23RD Avenue, Meridian. The Cost is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for plans and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the proposal, non-refundable Certified check or bid bond for five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Kemper County and the State of Mississippi must accompany each proposal. Bidders are hereby notified that any proposal accompanied by letters qualifying in any manner the condition under which the proposal is tendered will be considered an irregular bid and such proposal will not be considered in making the award. James "Pat" Granger, President Kemper County Board of Supervisors

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK ALLENS STRONG, SR., DECEASED CAUSE NO. 20-22 SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF KEMPERTO: ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARK ALLEN STRONG, SR., ADDRESSES UNKNOWN UPON DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Kayla Shaye Six, seeking to determine the heirs at law of Mark Allen Strong, Sr., Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 3rd day of May, 2021, in the courtroom of the Kemper County Courthouse at De Kalb, Mississippi, before the Honorable Kiley Kirk, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 29th day of March, 2021. (seal) SHERLINE WATKINS, CHANCERY-

CLERK FOR KEMPER COUNTY, MS; DC

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY ALLEN WEAVER, DECEASED 19-72 SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF KEMPERTO: ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JEFFREY ALLEN WEAVER, POST OFFICE ADDRESSES UNKNOWN UPON DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Gary Weaver, seeking to determine the heirs at law of Jeffrey Allen Weaver, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 3rd day of May, 2021, in the courtroom of the Kemper County Courthouse at De Kalb, Mississippi, before the Honorable Kiley Kirk, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 29th day of March, 2021. Sherline D. Watkins CHANCERY CLERK, KEMPER COUNTY, MS; DC

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THE ESTATE OF JOHNNIE PEDEN, DECEASED, GREGG GAROFALO, ADMINISTRATOR PLAINTIFF vs. CAUSE NO. 17-67 BEATRICE ROGERS-SMITH, WAUKAEY DEFENDANTS PEDEN, THELMA KIRKLAND, STEPHANNIE PEDEN, GAIL THOMPSON, CYNTHIA PEDENBELL, FRANKLIN D.R. PEDEN, ANTHONY PEDEN, DEBRA BRITTAN, JACKIE PEDEN, KIM PEDEN, ANTOINE PEDEN, JOHN-NIE THOMAS WILLIE THOMAS, CHARLES THOMAS, JOHN LOVE, JERRY THOMAS, MARIO THOMAS, ANDRE THOMAS, JUNE WILLIAMS, MAURICE THOMAS, JOSEPH C. PEDEN, JR., RAYMOND PEDEN, DEBORAH PEDEN, DONNA MALAVE, VERONICA PEDEN-MOY,

AMANDA BMLLER, YVETTE PEDEN, TIMOTHY PEDEN, TUNISIA PEDEN-GAY, DAVON PEDEN, CHANTELE PEDEN, MARJORIE PEDEN, DUANE MARTIN, GYRON PEDEN, LESTER PEDEN, JR., CHRISTOPHER PEDEN, LINDA PEDEN-POWELL, WILLIE PERRY PEDEN, MONICA PEDEN & MONYNA PEDEN, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHNNIE PEDEN, DECEASED

Summons THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF KEMPERTO: BEATRICE ROGERS SMITH POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF BEATRICE ROGERS-SMITH ADDRESS UNKNOWN WAUKAEY PEDEN ADDRESS UNKNOWN STEPHANIE PEDEN ADDRESS UNKNOWN STEPHANIE PEDEN ADDRESS UNKNOWN GAIL THOMPSON ADDRESS UNKNOWN CYNTHIA PEDEN-BELL ADDRESS UNKNOWN FRANKLIN D.R. PEDEN ADDRESS UNKNOWN ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF FRANKLIN D.R. PEDEN POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN DEBRA BRITTAN ADDRESS UNKNOWN ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DEBRA BRITTAN POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN JACKIE PEDEN POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JACKIE PEDEN POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN KIM PEDEN POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN DONNA MALAVE POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DONNA MALAVE POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN MONICA PEDEN-MOY POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF VERONICA PEDEN-MOY POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN YVETTE PEDEN POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN TUNESIA PEDEN-GAY POST OFFICE ADDRESS UNKNOWN ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT

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HELP WANTED
EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT
The Kemper County School District is accepting applications for the following positions with pay according to the district approved pay scale. Chief Administrative Officer, Principal, Certified Teachers Instructional Coach, School Counselor, Senior Army Instructor, Interventionist (Lower/Upper Elementary, Middle & High School) Administrative Assistant, (Transportation, IT, Maintenance) Bus Drivers Applications may be picked up at the office of the Superintendent of Education on Main Street in DeKalb, MS or online at <http://www.kempercountyschools.org>. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Kemper County Schools is an equal employment employer and does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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lclark@multicotyncsa.org, Mail/Drop Box- P.O. Box 126, 39 Bell Street, DeKalb, MS 39328.

ONLINE PRIVATE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION NOW AVAILABLE

In response to limited face-to-face training caused by COVID-19, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry has approved an online private applicator certification program

developed by the MSU Extension Service. Persons needing to obtain or renew their private applicator certification can complete the online training (two video training modules and a competency exam) by visiting the Online Private Applicator Certification Program on the Mississippi State University Extension's website at extension.msstate.edu. The fee for training and testing is \$20, payable online by credit card, debit card, or eCheck. Successful completion of the training will certify the private applicator to purchase and use restricted use pesticides (RUPs) in the State of Mississippi for a period of 5 years. For more information contact your local extension office at 601-743-2837 or Mississippi Pesticide Safety Education at 662-325-5829.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE HOURS

During the COVID-19 cycle, the Kemper County Veterans Service Office will be open normal hours, for appointment only. For those Veterans or surviving spouses, please call ahead for appointments. Walkins will be seen when time and space allows, and if unable to assist an individual, an appointment will be made. The Kemper County Veterans Service Office is located in the Courthouse Annex, 29 Bell Street, DeKalb, MS. Hours are Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. To set up an appointment, or for further information, please call Marie Wilson, County Veteran Service Officer, 601-743-2247, or email kcvso@att.net.

FREE MATTER OF BALANCE CLASS

CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY \$545 + Costs
CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY
Court Fees Up Front
Jim Arnold, Attorney
601-656-6914

Matter of Balance Classes have been POSTPONED until further notice.

ADULT JIGSAW PUZZLE
Adult Jigsaw Puzzle meet-ups have been POSTPONED until further notice.

EARN YOUR HS DIPLOMA

Earn Your High School Diploma in just 22 weeks! Tuition, Room and Board is absolutely Free! Youth Challenge, located at Camp Shelby Mississippi, is the Premier Alternative Education Program for 16 to 18 year old youth, who are struggling in the traditional school environment and for those who are no longer attending. Challenge also offers nationally certified job skills and College classes through a local University.

We accept both Male and Female Applicants, 16 to 18 years of age. For an Application or more information call: 1-800-507-6253 or visit our website: msyouthchallenge.org

KEMPER COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES BEAVER CONTROL COST-SHARE PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted by Kemper County

SWCD for the Kemper County Beaver Control Cost-Share Program. The Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kemper County Board of Supervisors have funded the program to aid non-industrial private landowners in beaver control. For more information or to make application, contact the Kemper County SWCD located in the NRCS Office, USDA Service Center, Daws Building, 197 Hopper Avenue, DeKalb, MS or call 601-743-9588, extension 3.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CIVIL AIR PATROL

Headquarters Mississippi Wing Civil Air Patrol United States Air Force Auxiliary 1635 Airport Dr. Jackson, Miss. Volunteers needed! G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Squadron, CIVIL AIR PATROL, Meridian, is looking for new members. Meeting time is Monday nights (except holidays) at 5:30 p.m. in building 308 at Key Field. Membership categories: Cadets (youth) ages 13 - 18 (but may remain as a cadet until age 21.) Senior Members: age 18 and up. contact: Captain Carolyn Holiman 601-490-0206 ms102-cc@mswg.cap.gov.

TODAY'S MOM

A FREE educational program is being offered to help moms-to-be learn how to make

healthier choices for themselves and their baby. Today's Mom, is comprised of a series of six free lessons that includes: Keep Baby Safe, Food Safety, Pregnancy Concerns, Healthy Choices, Physical Activity, Recipe Testing and Breastfeeding. If you are interesting in this program. Please call Mary Ben-namon at the Kemper County Extension office 601-743-2837 to find out about classes or if you have any questions. Email: mlb267@msstate.edu

FREE BOOKS TO CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD

Kemper County is a participant in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program providing a free book mailed monthly to the child in the child's name from birth until the child reaches the age of five. This project is sponsored by the United Way of East Mississippi, the Strasser Family Foundation and the Partners for Kemper County, Community Foundation of East Mississippi. To enroll your child on the website enter uwem.org and click on Impact Programs Imagination Library or imaginationlibrary.com and select the "PARENT" tab located at the top of the web page. Registration cards may also be picked up at the Kemper Coun-

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Sweets that maintain health, low carb diet

Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY
Kemper Messenger

We're beginning to get out and socialize again.

This usually will mean covered dishes. If there is never a sweet option there that will stay with your healthy lifestyle, then

bring one. These are mouth-watering crowd pleasers that are sure to turn heads.

BOSTON CREAM PIE CAKE

1 package sugar-free white cake mix, batter prepared according to package directions
1 (4-serving size) package

sugar free instant vanilla pudding
2 cups milk

CHOCOLATE GLAZE

1/2 cup Splenda
4 teaspoons cornstarch
2/3 cup water
1 ounce (1 square) unsweetened chocolate

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 9- x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Add batter and bake according to package directions; let cool. Using the end of a wooden spoon, poke holes about 1-inch apart all over top of cake. In a

medium bowl, whisk pudding mix and milk until slightly thickened. Pour mixture into holes and spread evenly over top of cake. Chill 1 hour.

To make Chocolate Glaze, in a medium saucepan over low heat, combine sugar, cornstarch, water, and chocolate; cook until chocolate is melted

and mixture is thick and smooth, stirring constantly.

Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Allow to cool, then spread gently over top of cake. Chill 2 hours or until ready to serve.

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Easter 2021

In Colossians 3:1-3, the apostle Paul writes: "If you then have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

The apostle infers that Christ has been raised, and that all who belong to him by faith have been raised spiritually with him. Christ's bodily resurrection from death and ascension into heaven is an article of the Christian faith. The power of a holy Christian life lies here.

Christ's resurrection is an evidence of his conquest. If he had not conquered he could not have risen. When he rose from the dead, he encouraged his disciples not to fear (Matthew 28:10). We hold on to all by the resurrection of Christ.

When Christ tells his people not to fear, there is solid ground for the encouragement. Fear not death, for I have overcome death; and the evidence is in my resurrection. Fear not sin, because I have made satisfaction for it on the cross. Fear not the devil: I, by my resurrection, have crushed his head; nor the world for I have overcome the world.

Christ has trod upon the necks of all our spiritual enemies and conquered them all. Paul is instructing Christians that once you are raised with Christ, you are born into a living hope. With spiritual resurrection there is life, so the apostle directs us to have our hearts set on the life in Christ. Therefore, whatever we do is to be by faith, bearing witness to Christ, who is seated above in glory.

Christians in this world meet with many troubles and temptations, so we need to remind ourselves that we are raised with Christ. The same Spirit is promised to us that raised Christ from the dead. We are seekers. We seek that which is above, the honor of Christ, so we must make use of the means the Lord provides: prayer, his word, assurance in the sacraments, worshipping with other Christians.

Paul says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

Paul equates the power of Christ's resurrection with the spiritual resurrection God works in those who believe in Christ. The work of grace in a Christian is not a small work, but a powerful work. It was a powerful work that raised Christ from the dead, and so it must be to raise a man dead in sin to faith and life in Christ.

When Christ was put to death, there was a stone rolled over his grave, and it was a work of God's power to remove it as it was to raise Christ. So whoever finds this work of grace in their hearts should be full of thanksgiving unto God for his inestimable favor, and especially this powerful work, which Paul likens to God's command in the beginning: "Let there be light." (2nd Cor. 4)

Paul is encouraging Christians to live out the spiritual life we have in Christ. We have an obligation to the Spirit that dwells in us. We were dead in trespasses and sin, but made alive in Christ. Lazarus was four days in the grave before Christ raised him. We can easily imagine how this miracle endeared his love to Christ exceedingly.

We would naturally love one who, through great hazard and danger to his own life, was instrumental in saving ours. Our lives in this world are numbered and short. How much more should you love Christ who has given you spiritual life and granted you escape from eternal death? A Christian's life is not his own but belongs to Christ. He has secured an inheritance that waits for us.

The apostle Peter writes: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1st Peter 1:3-5)."

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Leaving a clump is a start

In the Garden with Felder Rushing

My first strong memory of our childhood lawn was vowing to “not have any grass to mow when I grow up.” And I don’t.

Even though I studied turf management at MSU and have had a career of lawn and golf course consulting, I don’t have a personal lawn. My garden is small, plus I’m gone most of every summer, so I choose to not fuss with one at all.

Don’t get me wrong, I love nice lawns. But in my lifetime I’ve participated in a couple of lawn revolutions, with the current one slowly getting us back to what’s sensible and sustainable.

More gardeners are embracing the “meadow lawn” approach, a deliberate “mow what grows” lawn that is cut higher or less often than the manicured horticultural effort it takes for a perfect lawn. It usually includes low-growing wildflowers and the butterflies, bees, and other wildlife that depend on flowers to forage. This is how it’s done in places where keeping big lawns looking perfect is impractical.

One way to pull it off is to have, closer to the house, a smaller, well-tended “throw rug” of a lawn, like a putting green on a golf fairway.

The smaller area can be mowed more often, and fertilized, watered and kept weed-free much more easily. It would be

both easier to tend and stand out like a jewel, a testament to your skills and pride in a job well done.

Just mow the larger area higher or less often, and allow the winter and spring wildflowers do their things before being mowed a bit later and be gone for the rest of the year.

This approach is being promoted in botanic gardens, and is now being studied by lawn, weed, and even pollinator researchers at MSU (more on this later), as a way to conserve resources and protect the environment yet still leave room for the hard-working lawn care industry to work its horticultural magic.

True, a simple “mow what grows” lawn may not look perfect, but we did it ever since the first mechanical mower was patented less than two centuries ago. And truthfully, most folks would just as soon get back to it without being shamed by neatnik neighbors.

By the way, I’ve compiled a list of socially-acceptable small or low-growing winter and spring bulbs that can be added to make it all look more gardenesque, including Tete a Tete daffodils, grape hyacinth, and the sweet blue starflower (Ipheion) that I got from my grandmother’s lawn. I’ve been advocating this for

decades. Now, to get going in earnest, I’m almost done with a placard, a virtue signal of sorts along the Yard of the Month lines: a pretty Meadow Lawn sign given to folks who do this well.

Meanwhile, if nothing else, deliberately mow around a few patches of clover, oxalis, or dandelions so the Easter bunny can find a place to hide eggs next spring. Just like we all did as kids.

Nuff of this rant. I’m not trying to change any minds, just giving a heads-up that there’s a middle road between doing nothing and doing everything is here. Look around, there are spring meadow lawns everywhere, which when mowed will look just like regular lawns.

And take hope. This new gathering of MSU researchers taking up the mantle is looking for ways to give the meadow lawn more scientific credence. Those already on board are paving the way for neighbors - maybe even you - to feel more relaxed as well, at least in part of your yard.

Up to you to make it look good.

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EMCC basketball set to host tournament games

SCOOBA — In securing No. 6 regional seeds with third-place MACCC North Division regular-season finishes, the East Mississippi Community College basketball teams are set to begin competition by hosting second-round games during this week’s NJCAA Region 23 Basketball Tournament action.

Following first-round byes, the EMCC women will play host to 11th-seeded Copiah-Lincoln (5-8) on Wednesday (March 31), while the EMCC men will entertain No. 11 seed Southwest Mississippi (6-8, 7-9 overall) on Thursday (April 1). Both second-round tournament contests are set to tip off at 6 p.m. at Keyes T. Currie Coliseum on the Scooba campus.

Coach Sharon Thompson’s reigning conference champion EMCC Lady Lions enter post-season tournament competition with a 10-4 record both overall and in division play. They have won six of their last seven decisions, including a four-game winning streak before dropping a 51-50 home decision to MACCC North Division co-champion Itawamba back on March 20. The Lady Lions closed out the regular season

with a commanding 81-39 home triumph over Northwest Mississippi last Wednesday (March 24).

Coach Billy Begley’s EMCC Lions posted an 11-5 overall record and 9-4 division mark during regular-season play. They will begin regional action having won eight of their last 10 contests, including a pair of four-game win streaks. The Lions concluded the regular season by dropping a 73-62 home decision to Holmes on March 22.

Because of their division-only schedule, the EMCC women did not meet the Co-Lin

Lady Wolves during the 2021 regular season.

Along with playing their MACCC North Division slate, the Lions split a pair of inter-division February decisions with Southwest Mississippi and posted an 87-70 road win over Meridian. During their regular-season split with Southwest, the EMCC men avenged a 90-83 home overtime loss to the Bears (Feb. 6) by claiming a narrow 76-75 road win over SMCC three weeks later (Feb. 27) in Summit.

Following this week’s opening rounds, tournament action

will continue at on-campus sites of higher seeded teams with the Region 23 quarterfinals set for April 5-6 (women on Monday and men on Tuesday). The tournament semifinals (April 7-8) and championship contests (April 9) will then be played at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MACCC is not playing its annual basketball conference tournaments this year. Instead, the MACCC North Division and MACCC South Division regular-season champions have been declared co-conference champions for 2021. In

response to the pandemic, division winners were named using a formula consisting of 80 percent of a team’s winning percentage and 20 percent of a team’s total number of games played.

In women’s action, Coahoma and Itawamba shared the MACCC North Division title, while top-ranked Jones went undefeated in the MACCC South. In men’s play, Northeast Mississippi edged Holmes to claim the MACCC North crown, while ninth-ranked Pearl River won the MACCC South title.

Cook

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TRIPLE COCONUT POKE CAKE

1 box sugar free white cake mix

4 large egg whites

1/3 cup oil

1 cup milk

3 tsp Coconut extract

3/4 cup unsweetened Coconut

FOR THE TOPPING

2 pkg sugar free instant Coconut pudding (3.4oz)

4 cups Milk

2 cups Heavy whipping cream

1/4 cup Splenda Powdered sugar

3 tsp Coconut extract

Preheat oven to 350° F. In a mixing bowl, combine white cake mix, egg whites, oil, milk and coconut extract. Mix until all ingredients until thoroughly

mixed. Bake cake in 9x13” for 20-22 minutes. Check for doneness by inserting a toothpick into the middle of the cake. If the toothpick comes out clean, you cake is done. Allow to cool for 10 minutes. While the oven is still on, toast the coconut. Spread out on a baking sheet that is lined with parchment paper or baking mat. Bake until coconut starts to turn golden brown. Remove from oven and allow to cool. While the cake is still warm,

take the end of a wooden spoon or another round object and poke holes all over the top of your cake.

When the cake has cooled, prepare the pudding layer by mixing instant coconut pudding with 4 cups of cold milk. Before the pudding sets, pour it over the top of the cake slowly and put the cake in the fridge to let the pudding set, about 15 minutes. The longer it sets the better. Prepare the whipped cream. Put the bowl and whisk attachment in the freezer for 5-10 minutes to get them really cold (this step is optional, but a common practice I use.). In cold mixing bowl, pour in heavy whipping cream and beat on medium speed for about 3 minutes. Add powdered sugar and coconut extract. Mix and increase speed to medium high. Beat

until stiff peak form. Spread whipped cream over the top of cake. Sprinkle with toasted coconut. This cake must stay refrigerated.

ALL AMERICAN PUDDING CAKE

1 package sugar free white cake mix

25 drops red food coloring

25 drops blue food coloring

1 package sugar free instant vanilla pudding mix

1 1/2 cups milk

1 (12-ounce) container frozen sugar free whipped topping, thawed

Red, white, and blue sprinkles for garnish

Prepare cake mix according to package directions for 2 (8-inch) round cake pans. Divide batter evenly between 2 bowls. Stir red food coloring into one

bowl of batter, and blue food coloring into second bowl. Pour each bowl of cake batter into an 8-inch round cake pan. Bake according to package directions; let cool 15 minutes. Using a straw or wooden spoon handle, poke about 15 holes randomly in each cake layer. In a medium bowl, combine pudding mix and milk; whisk just until pudding starts to thicken. (Pudding should be pourable.) Slowly pour pudding into holes of both cake layers. Refrigerate 1 hour. Place 1 cake layer on serving platter and frost with whipped topping. Place second cake layer on top and frost top and sides with remaining whipped topping. Garnish with sprinkles and refrigerate until ready to serve.



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