

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.

CHERRY CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

If you would like to make a donation to the Cherry Cemetery Maintenance Fund, please send your donation to Mary Jane Nelson, P.O. Box 33, DeKalb, MS 39328. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

CENTER RIDGE CEMETERY DONATIONS

Anyone who has someone buried or is interested in the Center Ridge Cemetery can send their donations to: Barbara Brown, 7246 HWY 39S, DeKalb, MS 39328

KEMPER FLEA MARKET

Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8am-1pm at Bizzy Bee's. Free vendor setup. Selling anything from food, snow cones, household, crafts, and much more.

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.

COURTHOUSE 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.

MULTI-COUNTY CSA TEMPORARY OFFICE PROCEDURES KEMPER COUNTY

Due to COVID-19 we are providing teleservice 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 lclark@multicountycsa.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 cer-

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homemaker swings back into action



Submitted photo

Things are slowly returning to normal for Kemper County Homemaker Volunteers. They gathered at the Welcome Center in Toomsoba with homemade cookies. "It's always an enjoyable time meeting and talking with people and it's more welcoming now than ever," said Extension Agent, Malikah Jones. Pictured are, from left, Harold Moore, Connie Duke, Glenda Duke, Kyla Moore, Linda Luke, Iris Roberts, Joyce Rush and Jane Smith.



Submitted photo

Lexi Grace Hamilton and Kamron Robertson prepare a meal during the Fun with Food Day.

Young people learn cooking skills by doing

Special to The Messenger

Area youth had an opportunity to participate in hands-on learning at Kemper County Extension's Fun with Food Day Camp, conducted by

nutrition educator Mary Ben-namon.

Participants engaged in learning experiences that taught them about food preparation and cooking techniques. That included learning to read recipes and measure ingredients.

The participants prepared the meal all while learning new culi-

nary skills as well as the importance of physical activity and a healthy lifestyle.

The next Fun with Food Day Camp for youth in grades 4th-6th will be held on July 19 from 9 a.m. until noon. For more information or to register call your local Extension office at 601-743-2837.

Kemper's unemployment rate shows slight increase

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
The Kemper Messenger

Kemper County's May 2021 unemployment rate of 8.1 percent stayed about the same when compared to the previous month.

Unemployment in Kemper County edged up 3/10s of a percent when compared to the April 2021 rate, according to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

That's much better than this time last year in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Kemper County's unemployment rate stood at 11.8 percent. Businesses and industries were forced to halt operations and send their employees home to avoid infection. At that time, Mississippi's unemployment rate stood at 11.8 percent while the nation's climbed to 13.0

Kemper County's labor force in May 2021 stood at 3,500 people, an increase of 60 when compared to the previous month. Of that, 290 people were out of work.

Here is a look at the unemployment rates in neighboring counties.

	May21	Apr. 21	May20
Neshoba	5.9	6.0	14.6
Leake	6.0	5.7	11.2
Lauderdale	5.9	5.8	10.0
Newton	6.1	5.8	11.3
Scott	4.8	4.9	8.0
Noxubee	8.8	8.9	13.4
Winston	7.0	6.8	11.8
Attala	6.5	6.5	9.8

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2021 was 6.1 percent, increasing two-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month's rate of 5.9 percent. When compared to May 2020, the rate decreased 5.4 percentage points over the year.

The number of unemployed increased 2,200 over the month, while the employed total increased 1,400. The Nation's unemployment rate for May 2021 of 5.5 percent decreased two-tenths of a percentage points over the month

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Choctaw Indian Fair opens in two weeks

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
The Kemper Messenger

The 71st annual Choctaw Indian Fair officially starts in two weeks with a long list of events and activities planned for the four-day event.

But the fun begins next week. The Fair is held at the Pearl River Community on the Choctaw Indian Reservation in Choctaw.

A favorite part of the Fair is the World Series of Stickball, which actually starts Wednesday.

"On July 7, we are going to open it up with a ceremony honoring our stickball coaches and play-

ers who have passed on," said Misty Brescia, director of the office of Public Relations for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. "That starts at 7 p.m. Then we are doing two exhibition games afterwards, a women's 35-and-over and a men's 50-years-and over."

The World Series Stickball tournament has three adult divisions - Men's, Women's, Men's 35-and-over, and two youth divisions - Tulli Okchi Ishko (14-17) and Pushmataha (10-13). Stickball will continue until the Saturday, July 17, with the men's championship game on the final night of the Fair.

The Fair officially gets underway Wednesday, July 14, at the Amphitheater with the Opening Ceremonies at 6 p.m., followed by the Choctaw Indian Princess pageant starting at 7 p.m. The title of Choctaw Indian Princess is a very prestigious title that holds many responsibilities. The princess serves as an ambassador for the Tribe for one year. During her reign, she travels around the country, many times with the Tribal Chief, to promote awareness of the Tribe.

As always, there is professional entertainment at the Amphitheater. The acts are as follows: Thursday - Jimmie Allen at 8:30 p.m.; Friday -

Zach Williams at 8:30 p.m.; and, Saturday - Brett Young at 8:30 p.m.

A new event this year will be the CIF Cornhole Tournament. According to Internet sources, cornhole (also known regionally as bags, sack toss, or bean bag toss) is a lawn game in which players take turns throwing 16 ounce bags of corn kernels at a raised platform (board) with a hole in the far end. A bag in the hole scores 3 points, while one on the board scores 1 point. Play continues until a team or player reaches or exceeds the score of 21 by means of cancella-

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OBITUARIES

Sheryl R. Cheek
Graveside services for Sheryl R. Cheek were held Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 12 noon at Bluff Springs Cemetery

with Rev. Charles Davis officiating. Visitation was held Wednesday, June 30, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at McClain-Hays Funeral Home. McClain-Hays Funeral Home

was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Cheek, 73, of Preston, died Saturday, June 26, 2021. She was born in Indiana and moved to Preston, Ms in 1982. She worked for Pearl River

Resort for 20 plus years until her retirement. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren and her favorite dog, Channelle. Mrs. Cheek was a member of Bluff Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Angela Eldridge and Joy Kilpatrick (Rick); son, Chris Cheek (Lisa); brothers, Dennis and Billy Dean of Florida; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cheek was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Cheek; parents, Barney and Madeline Dean.

LEGALS

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2007, Thomas E. Haggard and Martha P. Haggard, executed a Deed of Trust to James G. McLemore, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of First Financial Bank, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 373 at Page 471, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Kemper County, Mississippi, ("Deed of Trust"); and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust authorized the appointment and substitution of another Trustee in the place of the Trustee named in the Deed of Trust or subsequently substituted therein, and First Financial Bank appointed and substituted Chad J. Hammons as Trustee therein, by instrument dated October 27, 2020, and duly filed for record in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book DT 475 at Page 293, Instrument No. 22521; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust, and the entire indebtedness secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable pursuant to the terms of the Deed of Trust, and First Financial Bank, the holder of the notes and the Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee so to do, I will, on the 9th day of July, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the north door of the County Courthouse of Kemper County at 123 Main Street, DeKalb, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property lying and being situated in Kemper County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT I: The S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the S 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 North, Range 14 East, Kemper County, Mississippi, containing 30 acres, more or less.(Parcel No. 053-10-06.000)

TRACT II: The SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 less one acre conveyed to Royce E. Haggard, Section 2, Township 11 North, Range 14 East, Kemper County, Mississippi, containing 39 acres, more or less.(Parcel No. 54-02.01.000)

TRACT III: The SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 11, Township 11 North, Range 14 East, Kemper County, Mississippi.

TRACT IV: A parcel of land situated in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 11, Township 11 North, Range 14 East, and more particularly described as beginning at the Southeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 11 aforesaid and from said point of beginning run thence West for a distance of 420 feet; thence run North for a distance of 315 feet; run thence East for a distance of 210 feet; run thence North for a distance of 420 feet; run thence East for a distance of 210 feet; run thence South for a distance of 735 feet and back to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein conveyed, containing 5 acres, more or less. (Tracts III & IV comprise Parcel No. 54-

11-08.000 and 54-11-08.001)
Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, and improvements erected on and all structures and fixtures of any and every description attached to, the real property.

In conjunction with the aforesaid sale of real property and at the same place and time as the sale, I will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest and best bidder any and all equipment, machinery, fixtures, farm machinery and equipment, tools, poultry equipment, parts, accessories, repairs, replacements, improvements, and accessions thereto located on the real estate described or situated within the poultry production facilities located at 284 Haggard Drive/Haggard Road, Preston, Mississippi 39354. No representation is made as to the existence or condition of any equipment described above. The equipment will not be removed to the place of sale. All equipment will be sold as is and where is. The real property and any equipment will be offered together as a whole. There is no warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, fitness, merchantability or the like in this sale and disposition of the collateral. Foreclosure will be made subject to the delinquent 2020 taxes due for Parcel Numbers 053-10-06.000, 054-02-01-000, 054-11-08.000, and 054-11-08.001.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 11th day of June, 2021/s/Chad J. Hammons CHAD J. HAMMONS, SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

JONES WALKER LLPP. O. Box 427 Jackson, Mississippi 39205(601) 949-4900

PUBLISH: June 17, 2021 June 24, 2021 July 1, 2021 July 8, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONALD E. GRIFFIN, DECEASED
NO. 20-42

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 4th day of June, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Kemper County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 20-42 to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate of Donald E. Griffin, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.
This the 4th day of June, 2021.

By James D Spinks
James D. Spinks
Executor

George H. Spinks
MSB No. 102879
PO Box 478

De Kalb, Mississippi 39328
Telephone No. - 601/743-4795

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CAUSE NO. 21-01
TARI YVONNE RUSH FOR ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD DESCRIBED WITHIN

SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF KEMPER

TO:
THE UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER OF
AUDREY NOELLE RUSH, A MINOR
You have been made a party in the suit filed in this Court by Tari Yvonne Rush, seeking to adopt Audrey Noelle Rush, a minor child.

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 2nd day of August 2021, in the courtroom of the Kemper County Courthouse at DeKalb, 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 18 day of June, 2021.

By: Sherline D. Watkins

SHERLINE WATKINS,
KEMPER COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK
D.C.

Kemper County Board of Supervisors is now accepting bids on used surplus trucks. Any and all bids are subject to be rejected. Bids must be turned into the Chancery Clerks office no later than 4:00pm on July 16th, 2021. Bids will be opened starting at 10:00am on July 19th, 2021 at the regular monthly Board Meeting.

2021 SURPLUS LIST
PU-04 2001 Dodge Pickup VIN 1B78HC13271J501702
PU-12 2001 Dodge Pickup VIN 1B7H-C13Y81J518757
PU-47 1989 Chevy Silverado VIN 1GDCD14K4KZ168118
PU-37 1996 Ford F250 VIN 2FTHF-25H9TCA28677
PU-38 1995 Chevy 2500 Pickup VIN 1GCGC24R8T2166504

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: HEIRSHIP OF WILLIE

RUTH WATKINS, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 21-cv-00028
CLYDE T. SMITH, PETITIONER

RULE 81 SUMMONS
(SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION to UNKNOWN HEIRS)

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: All known and unknown Heirs of WILLIE RUTH WATKINS, Deceased

You have been made a defendant in the suit filed in this Court by CLYDE T. SMITH, Petitioner, is seeking a Determination of Heirship in the Estate of WILLIE RUTH WATKINS, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Determination of Heirship at 9:00 o'clock on the 2nd day of August, 2021 in the Courtroom of the Chancery Court of Kemper County in De Kalb, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in this 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 the 21st day of June, 2021.

Sherline D. Watkins

Sherline Watkins, Chancery Clerk of Kemper County, Mississippi

BY: Linda White D.C.

Submitted By:
Aisha A. Sanders
Everett T. Sanders
Sanders Law Firm PLLC
P.O. Box 565
Natchez, MS 39121

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LEASE ON SIXTEENTH SECTION LANDS

To all persons interested in the following described Forest Lands in Kemper County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 15 East

E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NE, containing 20.00 acres, /1, Kemper County, Mississippi.

You are hereby notified that sealed bid to lease the Hunting and Fishing rights on the above-described forest land for a period of 5 years may be filed with the Superintendent of Education of Kemper County School District located on Main Street, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328, on or before 3:00 p.m. on July 8, 2021. The sealed bids shall be submitted for the ENTIRE PARCEL and must include 100% of the amount bid for that parcel. This amount will be refunded if not the highest bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids. All bids submitted will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter. Kemper County Board of Education Hilute Hudson, Superintendent of Education

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Metro Site, Inc., is proposing to build a 315-foot Guyed Telecommunications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The site location is 200 St. Luke Church Road, Porterville, Kemper County, MS 39352 (32° 40' 36.17" North and 88° 29' 40.73" West). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1195606.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS –
Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/appl ications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/ environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. **HISTORIC PROPERTIES -** Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Rachel A. Keane, Terracon, 524 Elmwood Park Boulevard Suite 170, New Orleans, LA 70123; (504) 321-9379; rachel.keane@terracon.com.

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To all persons interested in the following described Forest Lands in Kemper County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 18 East

The entire section less and except railroad right-of-way and highway right-of-way; after said exceptions, said land described above contains 591.00 acres more or less, Kemper County, Mississippi. You are hereby notified that sealed bid to lease the Hunting and Fishing rights on the above-described forest land for a period of 5 years may be filed with the Superintendent of Education of Kemper County School District located on Main Street, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328, on or before 3:00 p.m. on July 8, 2021. The sealed bids shall be submitted for the ENTIRE PARCEL and must include 100% of the amount bid for that parcel. This amount will be refunded if not the highest bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids. All bids submitted will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter. Kemper County Board of Education Hilute Hudson, Superintendent of Education

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

SYLVIA A. GREEN and JESSE W. HEARNE PLAINTIFFS

VS CAUSE NO: 21-53

KASSIE COLEMAN, KEMPER COUNTY, DA, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Any and all persons or entities claiming an interest in and to the following described property located in Kemper County, Mississippi, to-wit: **PARCEL NO. 155-10-05.000, S-T-R: 10-9-16; PPIN: 7283**

You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by SYLVIA A. GREEN and JESSE W. HEARNE seeking confirmation of title to the above real property. Defendants other than you are Kassie Coleman, Kemper County District Attorney, Lynn Fitch, MS Attorney General, and Kemper County, Mississippi.

You are hereby required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Robert M. Dreyfus, Jr., Attorney for Plaintiffs, whose address is 2212 Ninth Street, Meridian, Mississippi, 39301.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 1st DAY OF JULY, 2021, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THIS COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and seal this the 22nd day of June, 2021. SHERLINE WATKINS, CHANCERY CLERK OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: s/LINDA WHITE, D.C.
PREPARED BY:
ROBERT M. DREYFUS, JR.
P.O. Box 5847
MERIDIAN, MS 39302
601553-8315
MSB NO. 6191
OUR FILE NO. LD21067

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you so much to the Kemper County Road Crew for taking such good care of our horse "Baby Girl". You can hardly tell where she was buried. We appreciate very much how you handled everything. Houston and Ethel Jarvis

Calendar

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tification 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 kcvsso@att.net.

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 Part-

ners 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 imagination-library.com and select the "PAR-ENT" tab located at the top of the web page. Registration cards may also be picked up at the Kemper County Library or the Kemper County Economic Development Authority office during normal business hours. Contact Loretta Hulin, Kemper County Imagination Library Coordinator on 601-416-8279 for additional details.

NEW LIFE RETREAT DRUG & ALCOHOL REHABILITATION & EDUCATION

Did you know benzodiazepines are involved in one fifth of all overdose related deaths? That's over 13,000 deaths this year alone. You might consider it "safe," but this little blue pill packs more than enough punch to earn a spot as one of the most dangerous drugs in the world.

ADDICTION SCREENINGS

If you or a loved one is struggling with substance abuse, take the first step towards overcoming addiction. Call today for free screenings or referrals.

1-800-431-1754
For more information visit: https://www.narconon-newliferetreat.org/blog/five-shocking-facts-about-xanax.html

"Aren't you ready to go somewhere?"
Airports and aircraft are cleaner than ever and masks are required. And, if crowded airports bother you, that's not a problem right now.
It's time to fly!"
—Tom Williams, President, Meridian Regional Airport

Fly Meridian Fly Home
MERIDIAN REGIONAL AIRPORT
Two round-trip flights daily to Houston. Book now at MeridianAirport.com or United.com

Enjoy July 4 celebration with low carb recipes

Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY
Kemper Messenger

Happy Independence Day. This is the time of good food, fellowship, and fun. Just remember to make sure you have low carb options for your snacks and meals. Pack sliced vegetables such

as carrots, peppers, cucumbers and squash. Bring your favorite low carb dressings, olive oil or just good old salt and peppers. Keep pork rinds and rice cakes for your salty cravings. Both have a variety of flavor choices so you don't have to be bored with them. Pack flavor bombs, dark chocolate pieces or fruit for

your sweet options. Be sure there is grilled, broiled, or air fried meats. Here's some recipes to help with the planning.

LOW CARB COLE SLAW
1 head of green cabbage
2 to 3 carrots
2/3 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup unflavored Greek

Yogurt
1/4 cup Swerve or low carb sweetener of choice
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar or white vinegar
2 tablespoons of Dijon mustard
Start by cutting the cabbage in half. Remove the core and wash it well. Also give the carrots a good scrub. Set the cab-

bage aside and allow the water to drain out. Using a hand grater or a food processor, shred the carrots and place in a large mixing bowl. Shred the cabbage in the food processor if you have one. If you don't have one big enough to put cabbage in, just sliced it thinly with a knife. In a bowl, mix the granulat-

ed sugar and the cider vinegar together. Stir until most of the it has been dissolved. Add the mayonnaise and Dijon mustard. Mix until well blended. Pour the dressing over the cabbage/carrot mix and stir to coat. Transfer the coleslaw to a large container with a cover. Or

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Acts 10:1-23

The Lord had promised to build His church, beginning in Jerusalem and then spreading to Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth (Acts Chapter 1). Thus far in Acts we have seen the gospel spread in the Jewish cities as promised. Many have been converted through the good news that Jesus came to take away sin, vanquish death, and break the power of Satan.

Now the gospel will go to the Gentiles, or to the nations. Luke tells us about Cornelius, a Roman centurion, who is a Gentile (Acts 10: 1). He was a devout man who feared God, and gave generously. This means he believed in the God of the Old Testament, the Lord of Israel.

We are also told he prayed continuously (verse 2), and one day when he was praying he saw a vision of an angel. The angel told him that his prayers and alms had ascended as a memorial to God. For the Lord to be well pleased with them meant Cornelius prayed and gave from a humble, thankful heart. No sinful man can do this without also sincerely confessing his sins.

The angel instructs Cornelius to send men to Joppa where Peter was staying at the time, and the centurion immediately complies. As the men he sent draw near to Joppa, Luke tells us that while Peter was praying, he went into a trance, and the Lord gave him a vision of a sheet descending from heaven filled with all kinds of living animals.

The voice of the Lord commands Peter to "Rise, kill, and eat (verse 13)." Peter objects because as a devout Jew he had never eaten unclean animals, which were forbidden in the ceremonial laws of Israel. The Lord tells Peter to not call common what he has made clean and this same interaction happened three times, and then the vision was over.

While Peter is puzzling over the meaning of the vision, the men from Cornelius were out by the gate of the house asking for him by name. The Spirit of the Lord tells him to go to them and not hesitate to accompany them. Peter invites them in and will go back with them to see Cornelius.

But we will pause in the story at this point to think of the meaning and application of what we have read. The first point is the need we have to be made clean before God

and that only Christ can do that. The Jewish ceremonial laws were enacted by Moses to teach Israel to be separate from the corruption of the nations, and to be holy unto God.

All of the constant washings, sacrifices, dietary laws, and other Jewish ceremonial laws pointed to the need to be pure before God. They all pointed to the need we have of Christ; the washings, His cleansing; the sacrifices, His atoning sacrifice; the dietary laws, the need to be pure in heart toward Him. Christ was the fulfilment of all these laws, so they are abrogated by his coming and work.

The repetition of the vision to Peter was to emphasize that the Lord's plan is to make Gentiles clean and part of the church. They too, like the Jews, would be cleansed from sin and the corruption of the world. There is no difference in Jew and Gentile; both can be made right with God through the blood of Christ.

The astounding thing to Peter and the Jewish Christians is that the Lord would call the corrupt Gentiles to be his people. They were far from God, without hope and without God (Ephesians 2:12). This should astound us as well. Salvation is undeserved and we may rightly tremble before God, but when the Father sees the blood of Christ we are safe.

We may rest in calm security. We have God's Sacrifice and God's word to create in us a sense of perfect security. He will spare us, because he did not spare his Son. We should be joyful in this truth and be careful of pride and boasting in light of it.

Peter had revulsion at eating anything unclean. The Lord, with his holy nature, is rightly repulsed by our corruption, and the uncleanness of our hearts (Matthew 15:10-20). If Christ doesn't wash us, we can't be clean or acceptable to him. We can't wash ourselves.

But the Lord will take us in. Jesus never repulsed a humble sinner who came to him. He ate and drank with sinners. He said it was the sick that were in need of a physician. There will not be any lost souls who can say "I went to Jesus but he refused me." It is not possible that you would be the first person to whom Jesus shall break his word. He casts out none who come to him.

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Fun Activities for Kids During Summer Break

School is out, and your kids are excited. However, the novelty can quickly wear off. There are some things that you can do to help your kids busy during the summer break.

Art

Art projects are a great way to keep your kids active this summer. These projects can be as simple as drawing or painting pictures. You might even want to let them create beautiful wind chimes or even bird houses.

Library trips

Make the library an important summer trip. Your children can check out a wide variety of books, magazines, and even movies at their local library. Reading during the summer



LaWanda Shields

break will help to keep their reading skills up, and it could introduce them to new vocabulary words. Simple be sure to follow CDC guidelines.

Photo journal

Bugs...insects...Fourth of July fireworks...trips to the zoo or our local walking park can all provide wonderful photo opportunities for your children this summer. These fun, sum-

mer memories can be turned into a Summer Photo Journal.

Movie fun

Turn that trip to the movies into a learning experiment. Have your child write his or her own movie review. They can even send these reviews to your local newspaper.

Writing Contests

Host writing contests for your kids and their friends. You can challenge them to compose a poem a day this summer or you can challenge them to write their own book or short story.

Don't let your kids become the victim of The Summer Boredom Blues. Give them fun and meaningful activities to do.

Rates

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and was 7.5 percentage points lower than the year ago rate of 13.0 percent.

Mississippi's nonfarm employment had an increase of

3,300 jobs over the month and had 76,700 more jobs than one year ago. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment gains were Leisure & Hospitality; Trade, Transportation and Utilities; and Manufacturing. For the month of May 2021, 34 counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than

or equal to the state's rate of 6.1 percent.

Rankin County posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of May at 3.8 percent followed by Union County at 4.3 percent. Jefferson County had the highest unemployment rate for May at 18.1 percent followed by Wilkinson County at 13.7 percent.

Fair

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tion scoring. There will be a tribal tournament on Friday starting at 10 a.m. On Saturday,

there will be an open tournament, also starting at 10 a.m.

The carnival rides on the midway open July 8 and will run throughout the Fair. There will be other events such at the Rez Run on Saturday starting at 7 a.m. and the Iron Warrior

competition. There are exhibitions highlighting Choctaw history and culture, tribal dances and Shawn's Discovery Zone.

For more information, check the internet at www.choctawindianfair.com or www.choctaw.org.

Cook

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simply cover the mixing bowl with plastic wrap. Chill in the refrigerator for a few hours before serving.

SOUTH WESTERN TWICE-BAKED SWEET POTATOES | LOW-CARB
4 sweet potatoes
1 lb. ground beef
1 small onion, diced
1 green bell pepper, diced
1/4 tsp sea salt
1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
1 1/2 tsp cumin
1/2 tsp smoked paprika
1 c shredded Monterrey Jack cheese

To begin, preheat your oven to 400 degrees.

Wash the sweet potatoes and poke them several times with a fork. Set them on a baking sheet and bake for 50-60 minutes or until they are cooked. Once they are done, remove them from the oven, but do not turn it off yet.

While they are baking, cook the ground beef, onion and pepper together in a skillet, breaking up the meat as it cooks. When it is cooked, stir in the salt, pepper, cumin and smoked paprika.

Carefully cut a slit in each potato and scoop most of the insides into a bowl, leaving about a half inch layer of potato on the inside of the skin.

Add the meat mixture to the bowl with the sweet potato and stir it together to combine.

Spoon the mixture back into the potatoes and bake for 10 more minutes.

After they have finished baking, spread the shredded cheese.

LOW CARB BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

22 oz. frozen broccoli florets
1 Tbsp butter
1/2 cup onion diced
2 cloves garlic minced
salt and pepper to taste
2 Tbsp thyme fresh
4 cups sharp cheddar cheese
shredded, plus extra for sprinkling over top
4 eggs beaten
Defrost broccoli according to package instructions. Put in a colander to drain.
Melt butter in small skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic and sauté until onions are soft (about 8 minutes). Transfer to a medium-sized bowl.
Add broccoli, cheese, eggs, thyme, salt and pepper to bowl. Stir to combine.
Pour contents into a greased casserole dish. Top with a

sprinkle of cheddar cheese.

Bake at 375 degrees for 30-40 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned.

Allow to sit 5-7 minutes before serving.

LOW-CARB BLUEBERRY COBBLER

3 cups fresh blueberries
1 tablespoon orange juice
2 tablespoons sugar, divided
3/4 cup almond flour
1/4 cup coconut flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons cold butter, cut into small pieces
1 large egg, beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Stir blueberries, orange juice and 1 tablespoon sugar in an 8-inch-square glass baking dish.

Combine almond flour, coconut flour, salt and the remaining 1 tablespoon sugar in a medium bowl. Add butter pieces and, using your fingers, incorporate into the dry mixture until crumbly. Add egg and vanilla and stir until fully incorporated. Dollop the biscuit topping onto the berries.

Bake until the berries are bubbling and the topping is browned in spots, 25 to 35 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving with sugar free ice cream.



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METH: A DEADLY DRUG



Methamphetamine is a stimulant drug that is destroying our community. Methamphetamine, also know as meth, is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Meth takes the form of white, orderless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder that easily dissolves in water or alcohol. People typically use meth by smoking, snorting or injecting. Meth is man-made from pseudo-ephedrine and other toxic ingredients such as lithium, brake fluid and lye. Meth addiction is so powerful because this drug quickly increases levels of dopamine, a chemical in the brain that produces feelings of pleasure. This makes a person want to use meth again and again to achieve the same rush, which eventually leads to addiction.

Even taking small amounts of meth, or just trying it once, can cause harmful health effects, including:

- Rapid or irregular breathing
- Bizarre, erratic, aggressive, irritable, or violent behavior
- Increased blood pressure and body temperature
- Faster breathing
- Loss of appetite, disturbed sleep patterns, or nausea

Chronic meth use leads to many damaging, long-term health effects (even when users stop taking meth), including:

- Paranoia, hallucinations, mood disturbances, delusions, or violent behavior (psychotic symptoms can sometimes last for months or years after quitting meth)
- Anxiety, confusion, or insomnia
- Permanent damage to the heart and brain
- High blood pressure leading to heart attacks, strokes, and death
- Liver, kidney, and lung damage
- Intense itching, causing skin sores from scratching
- Severe dental problems ("meth mouth")

What can you do if a loved one is using meth?

- Do some research about addiction and meth to have a better understanding
- Be ready to listen, and do not be judgmental
- It is not wise to confront the individual when they are high
- When a person refuses help or services, voice your concern but respect the persons decision
- Self-care is very important when caring for others



For More Information contact the Choctaw Tribal Opioid Response Project Team (601) 389-4150

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR PHASE I, II AND III BOND RELEASE FOR UNIMPACTED AREAS IN PERMIT MS-003 RENEWAL 1 LIBERTY FUELS COMPANY, L.L.C., LIBERTY MINE

Pursuant to Section 53-9-65 of the 1972 Mississippi Code Annotated, as amended, and Section 4501 of the Mississippi Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Regulations, this public notice of the filing of a bond release application Permit MS-003 Renewal 1 issued on November 6, 2016 at the Liberty Mine is being made. The Liberty Fuels Company, L.L.C., operator of the Liberty Mine located at 4707 Highway 493, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328, has filed the referenced application.

The applicant requests a Phase I, II, and III release of reclamation obligations for backfilling and grading, on approximately 796 acres of unimpacted area as shown on the map printed with this public notice. Mining operations were never conducted on these areas.

The applicant is not seeking a reduction in the total bond amount of \$13,248,225 as a result of this application. A copy of the complete application is available for public inspection at the following locations:

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Kemper County Courthouse
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Lauderdale County Chancery Clerk Office
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Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Office of Geology
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Interested parties are invited to submit their written comments on the bond release application within thirty days of the last date of publication of this notice or by August 9, 2021, which will be published once a week for four consecutive weeks. The application may be supplemented and should be reviewed periodically. All written comments, objections, or request for public hearing on this application should reference the Permit Number MS-003, Renewal 1 2021 bond release application and be directed to:

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