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## 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 (inperson) 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.

#### 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 30328

# 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 Uni-Extension's website 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

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# dekalb high school class of 1961 reunion



Submitted photo

The class of 1961 from DeKalb High School and their spouses/guests enjoyed getting together at Kozy Kitchen on June 26. This was their 60th-class reunion. Twenty-eight individuals were in attendance, including 16 graduates. Since graduation, 18 males and 10 females have passed away. Pictured are, front row from left, Barbara Wilson Swearingen (DeKalb), Hazel Ross Johnson (Semmes, AL), Grace Smith Gibson (DeKalb), Phyllis Gully Clark (Preston), Jimmy Craig (DeKalb); second row from left, Carolyn Palmer Long (Okolona), Billie Jean Kelley Campbell (Gwynedd, PA), Mose Fleming (Scooba), Bennie Jolly (Collinsville), Ben Thornton (Duluth, GA), Bonnie Warren White (DeKalb); back row from left, Algie Davis (Meridian), Will Botts (College Station, Texas), Jimmy Weathers (Collinsville), Roy Peden (Preston) and Rev. Billy Goodwin (Meridian).

# Jackson announces retirement from state Senate

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY The Kemper Messenger

tate Sen. Sampson Jackson II of Preston has announced retirement from state government. Jackson, a Democrat, has represented the 32nd District, which includes Kemper County and parts of Lauderdale, Noxubee and Winston counties, since 1992. He has been elected eight times. Jackson, 68, said the time was right.

"I have 48 ½ years in the PERS retirement," Jackson said. "I feel like it's about time to come out of there."

Along with his 29 ½ years in the Legislature, Jackson previously worked for the state Highway Department. He is also a businessman and a cattle farmer.

Jackson is the current chair of the Senate Forestry committee and has chaired the Senate Correction committee. He also serves as member on the following committees: Agriculture, Appropriations, Corrections, Energy, Highways and Transportation, Interstate and Federal Cooperation, Judiciary, Division B, and Wildlife, Fisheries and

When asked what piece of legislation he was most proud of, Jackson said it involved helping to get water services to people near the Kipling area.

Jackson was also instrumental in shepherding \$750,000 through



Sen. Sampson Jackson II

the Legislature last year for the Kemper County Gas District.

Jackson sent his letter of resignation to Gov. Tate Reeves last week, Reeves will set the dates for an election to replace him. Jackson said he plans to spend more time with his cattle farm and working in the community.

Sen. Jackson is a member of C Phi C Social Fellowship Club, NAACP, Kemper County Political Black Caucus, Farm Bureau and the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association. He is also a Mason.

Jackson said his son, Keith Jackson, will be a candidate to replace him.

# Kemper school district sets Thursday public meeting

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY The Kemper Messenger

The Kemper County School District will hold a public meeting Thursday to discuss the upcoming bond issue and plans for a new elementary school.

The meeting will be held at the John C. Stennis Vo-Tech building and will begin at 6

Superintendent Hulite Hudson said plans for a new elementary school building will be unveiled during the meeting.

Hudson said the \$12.6 million school bond issue will be discussed. Questions about the bond issue will be answered.

A special referendum on the bond issue will be held August 5.

# EMCC names new head softball coach

From school reports

SCOOBA — Having enjoyed success as a player and assistant coach at the NCAA Division II, NAIA and NJCAA levels, Whitney Hawkins has returned to the Scooba campus to take over the head softball coaching duties at East Missis-

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# Retirement can be elusive for old sports journalists

By AUSTIN BISHOP Sports Columnistr

A funny thing happened on my way to retirement: I bought a newspaper.

If you are surprised by this, that makes at least two of us. It looked as though my dream of purchasing the Kemper County Messenger — the weekly newspaper of a community that is dear to my heart — had been buried 18 months ago.

But without warning the door swung wide open, and after prayer, research, and consultation, my wife Barbara and I made the decision to take on this important role.

Many people believe and proclaim from the mountain tops that newspapers are dead and gone or at the very least sucking their last breath. And surely, most aren't what they once were. But there is a place for a strong, community-based newspaper in every small town and I have been blessed with the opportunity to own and operate one of them.

My history with DeKalb is a long one that can be traced back to at least 1978 when I was a sports correspondent for The Meridian Star. That's when I first covered West Kemper High School and met the legendary Billy Brown —

head coach of the Wildcats and owner of the firmest handshake I have ever managed to escape from.

Throughout the 45 years of my journalistic career, I have had the opportunity to cover both sports and news in Kemper County as a reporter/editor for both the Meridian Star and Kemper County Messenger. Beginning on Oct. 1, I will be doing so as CEO, publisher, and editor of the newspaper.

For the last 15 years or so my journalistic work has centered on producing sports for a handful of weekly newspapers in Mississippi including the Kosciusko Star-Her-

ald. Winston County Journal, Newton County Appeal, Choctaw Plaindealer, Winona Times, and the Conservative (Carrolton). Last spring I came to the conclusion that the journalistic season of my life had come to a close.

One-by-one I begin moving out of those weekly papers that I was still producing sports for, preparing for my "retirement" which is set to begin on Jan 1, 2022.

I will still remain pastor of Great Commission Assembly of God, whose flock I will have been leading for more than 11 years by

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## **COUNTY JAIL DOCKET**

May 10th -May 31st

Stacey Cole, 20, 675 Sutton Rd Preston, MS, Charge: Simple Assault

Jeremy Rush, 37, 1178 Neelytown Rd De Kalb, MS, Charge: Shoplifting, Resisting Arrest

Terry Short, 38, 507 Lamar Philadelphia, MS, Charge: Hold For Lauderdale Co

Kyla Tucker, 21, 779 County Rd 28 Greensborough, AL, Charge: Disturbance of the

Lamar Scott, 44, 2844 14th Place Meridian, MS 39305, Charge: Warrant/Failure to Pay

Timothy Little, 23, 77 Sunflower Rd Scooba, Ms, Charge: DUI other Substance; Speeding

6-22 Briandia Little, 27, 305 Sam Holton Rd Preston, MS, Charge: DUI 1st; No Insurance; NO Child Restraint, Speeding, Child Endangerment X 3

Clyle Clayborne, 56, 325 Sut-

tle RD Preston, MS, Charge: Disturbance of Family

6-25 Adrian Charles Bell, 40, 162

Tapa Sha Hina Fluta Philadel-

phia, MS, Charge: DUI, No Insurance, DWLS, No Tag

Dishawn James Nunn, 29, Hwy 39 N Apt 26 De Kalb, Ms, Charge: DUI 1st; NO Proof of Ins, NO Seatbelt, DWLS, Poss. of marijuana; Child Endangerment X 3

Tavorise Danquez Hudson, 23, 857 Firetower Rd De Kalb, MS, Charge: DUI 1st

Dustin T Morris, 37, 13580 Hwy 491N Philadelphia, MS, Charge: Poss. of Paraphernalia, No Seatbelt, Disorderly Conduct 6-26

Kurtis Campbell, 28, 11405 Hwy 45 Porterville, MS, Charge: DUI 1st, Speeding

Billy Joe Eades, 52, 2491 Firetower Rd De Kalb, MS, Charge: DUI 1st, Suspended License, No Tag light

Shatia Andria Houston, 23, 205 43rd Ave Meridian, MS, Charge: DUI 1st, Poss. Of Mar-

Bennamon, 40, 2503 42nd Ave Meridian, MS, Charge: NO DL

Remona J Morris, 62, 11613 Joe Namath Rd Northport, AL, Charge: Public Drunk

Cornelius Senchez Jones, 29, 3193 Bealman RD De Kalb, MS, Charge: Simple Assault

Darryl Tryone Walton, 35, 393 Moss Avenue Jackson, MS,

Charge: No Driver License Alan Ross, 49, 96 Judge Smith Marion, AR, Charge: Hold for other agency

## **OBITUARIES**

## James Arnold **McGowen**

Graveside services for James Arnold McGowen will be held Sunday morning 8:30 am at Enondale Cemetery. Bro Doug Stokes will be officiating. Stephens Funeral

Home is honored to assist in

the arrangements.

Mr. McGowen was born on October 27, 1956 in Mobile, AL. the son of Mildred and Ralph McGowen, he went to be with the Lord on July 1, 2021. He was 64 years

He spent his early years travelling the U.S. building

tanks. Finally settling down in St. Amant, LA as a tank manager in the oilfield industry. Mr. McGowen had many joys of his life including his grandkids. If you couldn't find him, he probably was in the yard fixing things, building things or just tinkering with his four-wheeler or his

motorcycle or he would be on the canal in the Cajun or makcircles on Lake Ponchetrain in the Ms. Regi-

He is survived by his wife Regina; sons Jimmy Wayne, Joseph and Jonathan McGowen; stepchildren David Illg, Corey Illg, Amanda Moreau and brother Billy McGowen.

He was a husband, father, brother, friend and what he was known for was being PawPaw to his twelve grandchildren Harrison, Honor, Jackson, Jacob, Graecyn, Darby, Carolyn, Kennedy, Drake, Chandler, Maverick

and Amelia. These twelve grandkids made his life worth

Mr. McGowen was preceded in death by his first wife Carolyn McGowen and brother Bryant McGowen.

Friends may sign the online register www.stephensfunerals.com.

## **HELP WANTED**

**EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT** 

The Kemper County School District is accepting applications for the following position with pay according to district approved pay scale: Bus Monitors Applications may be picked up at the office of the Superintendent of Education on Main Street in DeKalb, MS or online at HYPERLINK 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.

Crane Employment has jobs open in your area, please call or come by our office and fill out an application today. 3307 8th Street Meridian MS or call 601-483-3620.

## **LEGALS**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE ESTAT OF DONALD E. **DECEASED** NO. 20-42

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 4 th day of June, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Kemper County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 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. <u>21-01</u> TARI YVONNE RUSH FOR ADOP-TION OF THE MINOR CHILD DESCRIBED

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI **COUNTY OF KEMPER** 

Rush, a minor child.

THE UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER **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

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 2 nd 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

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 18 day of June

By: Sherline D. Watkins

SHERLINE WATKINS, KEMPER COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK D.C.

#### NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Kemper County School District (the "District"), that a pecial election will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2021 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the

following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION** Shall the Kemper County School District issue its general obligation bond and/or general obligation bonds, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, all in the maximum principal amount of not to exceed \$12,000,000 to raise money for the purpose of funding a leverage loan or other financing arrangements and designating a nonprofit corporation in connection with the construction of the project, if applicable, paying the costs, including the costs of borrowing and any costs for construction period capitalized interest, if any, of (a) constructing, purchasing, erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling and enlarging a new elementary school and related facilities in the District, providing necessary water, light, heating, air conditioning and sewerage facilities for such elementary building and

related facilities and purchasing land

therefor; (b) constructing, purchasing, erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling and enlarging school buildings and related facilities in the District, and purchasing land therefor; establishing and equipping school athletic fields and necessary facilities connected therewith and purchasing land therefor; providing necessary wa ter, light, heating, air conditioning and sewerage facilities for school buildings and related facilities in the District (together, the "Project").

#### FOR THE BOND ISSUE: AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE: ()

The said election will be held at the following generally described polling place within the Kemper County School District, which polling and location at the present is as indicated KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DIS-TRICT

POLLING PLACE Kemper County High School, 200

Philadelphia Road, De Kalb, MS

The said polling place will be open from the hour of 7:00 a.m. until the hour of 7:00 p.m. on the day of said

election. Said election shall be held and conducted, as far as practicable, in the same manner as other elections are held in Kemper County, Mississippi, in accordance with the laws of the State

All qualified electors of the Kemper County School District will be entitled to vote in the election. Said bonds and/or bond shall be issued if, and only if, at least three-fifths (3/5) of those qualified electors who vote in the election shall vote in favor of the issuance of said bonds and/or

bond for the purposes set forth in the proposition By order of the Board of Trustees of

the Kemper County School District, this the 29th day of April, 2021.

/s/ Rontal Jenkins President, Board of Trustees Kemper County School District Kemper County, Mississippi PUBLISH: July 8, 15, 22 and 29,

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 1GCDC14K-4KZ168118 PU-37 1996 Ford F250 VIN 2FTHF25H9TCA28677 PU-38 1995 Chevy 2500 Pickup VIN 1GCG-C24R8TZ166504

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 COUN-TY. 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,

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 DELIVRED. 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. ROBERT M. DREYFUS, JR. P.O. Box 5847 MERIDIAN, MS 39302 601553-8315 MSB NO. 6191 OUR FILE NO. LD21067

# Coach

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Sharon Thompson.

sippi Community College. The hiring announcement was made Friday by EMCC Director of Athletics/Head Women's Basketball Coach

Hawkins, who previously served as an assistant softball coach for EMCC's 2018 team, spent this past season as assistant coach/pitching coach at the University of Montevallo, an Alabama-based NCAA Division II program affiliated with the Gulf South Conference.



Whitney

head coach for the final month of the 2021 season, as the Falcons claimed the

She served as

UM's interim

Hawkins

program's firstever postseason tournament win.

"I am very excited to return to the EMCC family as the next head softball coach. Scooba is such a special place, and I am so grateful to be back," Hawkins said. "I want to thank (EMCC President) Dr. Scott

Alsobrooks and (EMCC Director of Athletics) Coach Sharon Thompson for allowing me the opportunity to build EMCC's softball program into a championship contender.

"The MACCC is a very competitive conference, and I look forward to the opportunity to coach some of the best student-athletes in the country."

Prior to this past season and following her previous EMCC coaching stint, Hawkins helped guide Lindsey Wilson College to the 2019 NAIA World Series in Springfield, Mo. As assistant coach, she served an integral role in helping direct the 52-5 Blue Raiders to the regular-sea-

son and postseason tournament championships of the Mid-South Conference. In addition, three Lindsey Wilson players earned NAIA Softball All-American honors in 2019. Hawkins was then promoted to associate head coach at LWC in advance of the pandemic-shortened 2020 college softball sea-

During her previous oneyear stay as an assistant coach at EMCC, Hawkins served as the pitching coach for a Lions team that went 17-26 overall and 13-15 in conference play under the direction of former head coach Kyndall White. The 2018 EMCC squad fea-

tured freshman all-conference players Mollie Singleterry and Bryley Rodriguez.

Prior to making her initial move to Scooba, Hawkins spent the previous three seasons (2015-17) as an assistant coach mentoring several All-Gulf South Conference and All-South Region pitchers at the University of North Alabama. With a three-year composite record of 130-41, the UNA Lions won the 2016 NCAA Division II national championship with a 60-7 overall record. Hawkins and UNA head coach Ashley Cozart were named the 2016 NFCA Division II National Coaching Staff

of the Year.

Hawkins began her college coaching career with a threeyear stint (2012-14) as a student assistant at her alma mater after twice being named All-Gulf South Conference First Team and All-South Region Second Team as a player at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. The UAH Chargers were a combined 133-45 during the three seasons that she worked primarily with the team's pitch-

ing staff. Hawkins earned her bachelor's degree in English from UAH with a minor in mathematics.

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(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.

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news submissions, advertising, weddings and obituaries. The Kemper County Messenger reserves the right to reject or edit any or all advertising.

### **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 for appointments. ahead Walkins will be seen when time and space allows, and iIf 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.

#### **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

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Jim Arnold, Attorney

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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

or more information call: 1-800-507-6253 or visit our web-site: msyouthchallenge.org KEMPER COUNTY SOIL

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years of age. For an Application

### & WATER **CONSERVATION DEISTRICT 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 ms102cc@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 Bennamon 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 "PAR-ENT" tab located at the top of the web page. Registration cards

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# Pressure cookers offer new ways to prepare delicious dishes

Compiled by DENISE **SWOGETINSKY** Kemper Messenger

For the next few weeks, we'll explore some of our appliances that are available now to help get us out of the kitchen and still live healthy

Today we'll look at low carb recipes using the pressure cooker (Instapot). These have certainly changed. I remember the big silver pot with the bulky lid that clicked to seal. It had that gauge that attached to the top you had to watch. Opening them was always a little scary. Instapots are a real improve-

PRESSURE COOKER LOW CARB WONTONS 1 pound ground pork

1/4 cup chopped green scallions, green and white parts mixed

1/4 cup chopped cilantro, or parsley

- 2 teaspoons soy sauce 1 teaspoon oyster sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground black
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt 1 tablespoon inced ginger
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic

2 eggs

Place all ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix well, with a light hand.

Once you have a homogenous mixture, fill 12 baby food container cavities about 3/4 full each. Lightly cover each with foil. It is not necessary to grease these containers.

In the inner liner of your

instant pot or pressure cooker, place 2 cups of water.

Place a steamer rack or a rack with handles on the water, and place one container and then the other of the low carb wontons on top of the first. You're essentially stacking them on top of each other.

Set your pressure cooker to steam for 10 minutes. Allow it to release pressure for 5 minutes, and then release all remaining pressure.

Using silicone mitts, carefully remove the top rack of wontons. Remove the lid and use a meat thermometer to check to ensure that you have an internal temperature at or above 165F.

Unmold them and serve

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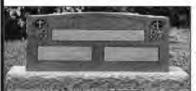
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# Psalm 133

We are going to leave our study in the book of Acts this week to look at this psalm. This is a psalm of ascents, which means it was likely sung by Israelites as they neared Jerusalem on their way up to worship the Lord at an annual feast, such as Passover.

The psalm is about the blessedness of unity among God's people: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity" (verse 1). We know how blessed peace is in our relationships, and how fleeting it can be. Because of sin we all have a divisive, war-like nature within. It's not easy to get along with each other, but when we do we are happier.

The Lord commands his people to love one another and to have unity in him. David uses two easy to remember metaphors to teach us the root and blessedness of true unity in the Lord. The first one is in verse 2: "It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes."

Aaron was the high priest, and this imagery refers to his anointing as the high priest, the representative before God for the people. He would offer sacrifices for the atonement of the sins of God's people. The root of unity for sinners is to first have reconciliation with God through forgiveness of sins. If no one has room to boast, then it is easy to be unified over gratitude to the Lord for salvation.

Aaron's anointing pointed to the coming of the Anointed One of God, the Messiah or Christ, the greater high priest who would offer himself as a sacrifice for the sins of his people. This is Jesus of Nazareth, whom all the prophets spoke of, and who did mighty works, who suffered and died upon the cross for sinners, and who rose from the dead for our justification.

Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, and the waters running down from his head are comforting to us because we know he was committing to be our representative before God to take away our sins.

Christ absorbed all our sin and was consumed by God as the ultimate sacrifice. It is his precious blood that makes us clean and

destroys the hostility between God and us. He puts everything back in harmony between God and us.

The peace he makes with us is not only taking away the wrath of God against us. When he makes peace, he confers all good to us: reconciliation, adoption as children of God, fellow heirs of the inheritance of God, and assurance that we may go boldly to the throne of God for all we need here and when we depart from here.

Christian unity is built upon the truth and Spirit of Christ. The poor in spirit are those who inherit the kingdom of God. They are united in the knowledge of their need of salvation. Therefore, they are united in their love for Christ, and it flows down to love for his people.

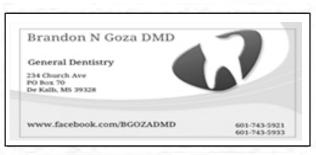
The secret to Christian unity is putting the truth and honor of Christ first, and placing others before yourself. Neither is possible without God's Spirit, but we are responsible to strive to grow in both. To be sincere we must be thankful.

The second metaphor (verse 3) is the imagery of heavy dew falling upon a high mountain. In a dry, hot place, the cool, moist dew of a higher altitude can revive the body. It is refreshing. So too is the Spirit of God to the soul. We must be heav enly minded.

Christians are never to forget that we are on a pilgrimage to God. We are to live above the present world in that sense. A worldly selfcenteredness is not a mark of God's Spirit. James writes in his epistle of two different ways of thinking that lead to two different ways of living.

Jealousy, selfish ambition, and such lead to boasting and denying the truth. Wisdom from above is meek, peaceable, and full of good fruit (James chapter three). James is speaking of the blessedness of the heavenly dew, even though he doesnot use the metaphor.

The devil wants us for his own; our sinful nature seeks to control us, so we have need to remember these metaphors. The first one leads to the second. We remember Christ crucified is our only comfort in life and in death, and we remember the blessedness of denying ourselves for his glory is the way of peace and comfort.



'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose. *Romans* 8:28



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# Retirement

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the time the new year comes around. But with my table cleared from my sports responsibilities, I will now use that time to do what that I was born to do, make a difference in the local community.

My idea of local journalism is really pretty simple. Of course you must be the voice that speaks clearly about government matters, covering the board of supervisors, city hall, law enforcement, and the courts.

But you MUST also cover the people and their stories.

You do this by filling the paper up with school news, both sports and otherwise, while also promoting and covering local events and above all telling the stories of the people. That is what will keep local journalism alive and nothing else.

I was born in Atlanta, Ga., raised in Louisville, Miss. and currently live in Lauderdale County just 3.2 miles from the Kemper County line. The church I pastor is in Neshoba County. The counties that have without a doubt played the biggest role in my professional life are Winston, Neshoba, Lauderdale, Clarke, Attala, Newton, and Kemper.

And now that journey continues in a whole new direction, one that I was born to take and blessed to be given the opportunity to travel.

I will continue to write these weekly sports columns at least through the end of this year,

and perhaps longer if the opportunity remains.

I never, ever take for granted the time you take to read the simple words that a write. That's why I have never travelled this journey alone. You have always been there and for that I am thankful.

It will be interesting to see where this next stage of life takes us. Hang on, it should be interesting.

Austin Bishop, AKA The Old Sports Dude, has been covering high school, college, amateur and professional sports since 1975. He is currently pastor of Great Commission Assembly of God in Philadelphia, Miss. He may be contacted by email at starsportsboss@yahoo.com.

# Calendar

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# Cook

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with soy sauce or other dipping sauce on the side.

#### PRESSURE COOKER **LOW CARB NEW ORLEANS JAMBALAYA**

2 teaspoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil

1 large yellow/brown onion rough chopped

stalks fresh celery chopped

l large Red bell pepper rough chopped

14 ounces sausage sliced 1/2" slices

1 Tablespoon dried oregano 1 teaspoon dried thyme

1 teaspoon kosher dalt 1/2 teaspoon vayenne pep-

1/2 teaspoon chili powder

1/2 teaspoon granulated

onion powder 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground

black pepper 1 pound chicken breasts boneless/dkinless cut into 2

inch chunks 28 ounces diced tomatoes

w/juice

1/2 cup chicken stock/broth 2 bay leaves

1 head cauliflower riced pound jumbo dhrimp

cleaned with tails on 2 tablespoons dried P\pars-

ley flakes

Select Sauté/Browning on pressure cooker and allow pot

to fully heat. Add oil and swirl to coat bottom of pan.

Add sausage slices, onion, celery, pepper, oregano, thym1e, salt, cayenne pepper, chili, onion powder, garlic powder and black pepper

Sauté for 5 minutes, or until liquid from trinity has evaporat-

Stir in chicken, diced tomatoes and chicken broth. Place bay leaves on top.

Lock on lid and close pressure valve. Cook at high pressure (most machines default to high pressure) for 3 minutes.

When beep sounds, wait 10 minutes and then release the rest of the pressure. Open lid,

select Sauté/Browning and mix in riced cauliflower, shrimp and parsley.

When shrimp turn pink, remove the bay leaves and

### PRESSURE COOKER LOW CARB MARGHERITA PIZZA

**MEATBALLS** ounces yellow/brown

onion divided

1/4 dry ted wine

1/4 cup heavy cream

1 large Egg 1 ounce pork rinds

1 tablespoon dried oregano

2 cloves fresh garlic

1 teaspoon dried basil 1.5 teaspoons sea salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 pound lean ground beef 2 cups spaghetti / pasta sauce

6 ounces Mozzarella cheese cubed

1/4 cup fresh basil leaves 1/4 cup asiago or parmigiano-reggiano cheese freshly shredded

Cut a few slices from the onion and place into bottom of pressure cooker, making sure to separate the onion rings.

Pour in wine and half of the marinara sauce.

Into the bowl of a food processor, add the rest of the onion, heavy cream, egg, pork rinds, garlic, oregano, basil, salt and pepper and process until well combined, scraping down the sides half way through.

Add ground beef/pork to food processor and pulse in 5 second intervals (about 3-4 times), until combined.

Divide mixture into 16

Cut cheese into small pieces. Flatten each piece and add cheese cubes to the middle of the meatball (really stuff the meatballs) each piece and roll into a tight ball and make sure it is completely sealed.

Pour half the sauce into cooking pot and then add meatballs and cover with the rest of the sauce.

Lock on lid and close pressure valve. Cook at high pressure (most machines default to high pressure) for 5 minutes.

When beep sounds, wait 10 minutes and then release the rest of the pressure.

Remove lid and gently stir in parmesan/asiago cheese and fresh basil.

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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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Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Office of Geology

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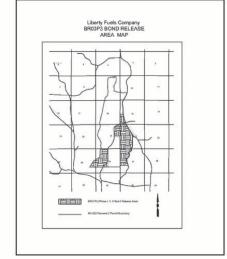
Interested parties are invited to submit their written comments on the bond release application within thirty days of the last date of publication of this notice or by August 9, 2021, which will be published once a week for four consecutive weeks. The application may be supplemented and should be reviewed 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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· 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:

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· 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

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

· Do some research about addiction and meth to have a better understanding

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