

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.

WEST KEMPER HIGH CLASS OF 1973 HONOR FORMER PRINCIPAL

WKHS Class of 1973 will unveil and dedicate a hand painted portrait of Mr. E.F. Stewart, Sr. to be displayed on the walls of KCHS. You are invited to join us for the momentous occasion on August 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of KCHS. We are seeking one person from each graduation class to speak positively for 2 minutes on the impacts received from Mr. Stewart while he was our principal. If you would like to represent your class, please RSVP to Cluis Cox (205-907-2634), Dewayne Steele (662-549-1692), or Patricia Harbour (708-308-8222). Social distancing will be observed.

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.

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

ONLINE PRIVATE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION NOW AVAILABLE

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Stennis Center adding programs

From school reports

Education is an essential component of the high school curriculum.

For many students, it represents as much as a third of their high school experience and is a critical component in meeting the needs of

students' academic achievement, career exploration, career preparation, and leadership development.

Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, John C. Stennis Career & Technical Center will have several new programs available for students to enroll. New programs offered include Con-

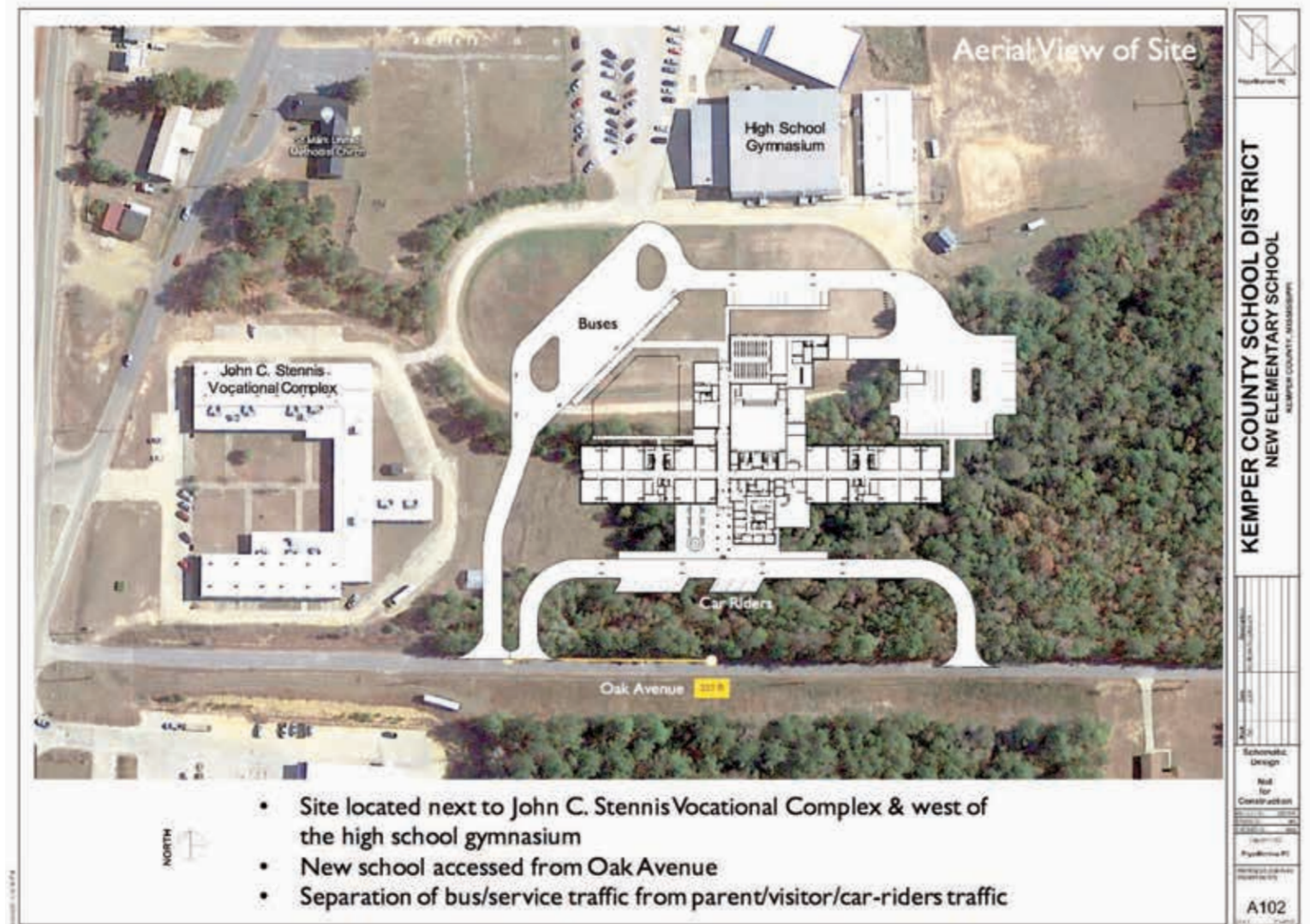
struction/Carpentry, Teacher Academy, Forestry, STEM and Work-Based Learning.

Students enrolled in Construction/Carpentry will be introduced to fundamentals of construction safety, tools, math, and blueprint reading, as well as basic carpentry, electrical, masonry and plumbing

skills. Our construction program will be led by Mr. George White.

The Teacher Academy pathway allows students who are interested in the education field to gain classroom and hands-on experiences that will prepare them for employ-

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Here is the plans for the proposed upper elementary school to be located in DeKalb.

Voters to decide bond issue Aug. 5

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
The Kemper County Messenger

Kemper County voters will go to the polls Thursday, August 5, to decide whether to approve a \$12 million dollar bond issue for a new upper elementary school building.

The polls will be at the Kemper County Wildcat basketball gym and will be open for 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Schools superintendent Hulite Hudson pointed out in a recent meeting that the current upper elementary school building located in DeKalb was opened in 1961 and is 60 years old. He added that the district is constantly addressing issues with the heating and cooling system and with the roof leaking.

A community meeting will be held tonight at Anderson Ridge Church in Preston to discuss the proposed bond issue.

The district has planned to repay the bond money over a 20-year period. Hudson said by doing it this way, there would be no property tax increase.

"As far as I can tell, this has been very well received," Hudson said, "People are asking questions and we are happy to answer them."

The bond issue must receive 60



percent of the vote to pass. The proposed school would be located on land behind the basketball gym that is now used for the football field. It would be accessed from Oak Avenue with separate drive ways for cars and bus traffic.

Several people gave their opinions on the matter following a public meeting earlier this month.

"This is not about something we want; it is something we need for our children," said Joe Hulin. "It is needed for this community if we are going to build the workforce that we need."

"I think this is something that is exciting for the kids of Kemper County," said Mary Nell Woollei. "We need this for the children. I

think the students will get excited about school if they have a brand new place to go."

The building is drawn out where one day, it can be expanded to take in the lower elementary school grades K-2. Those grades are now being housed in the old East Kemper school building in Scooba.

Health department announces K-12 COVID guidance for school year

From special reports

The Mississippi Department of Health is releasing updated Public Health Guidance for the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in Mississippi K-12 settings for the 2021-2022 school year – consistent with CDC guidelines.

The health department's public health guidance are as follows:

- All eligible students, teachers and staff 12 years of age and older should receive COVID-19 vaccination;
- Masks should be worn indoors in school settings by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated;
- Schools should maintain at least three feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people

who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk;

- Routine screening testing of asymptomatic unvaccinated students, teachers and staff is recommended as an additional measure to prevent further transmission;
- Schools should continue to isolate COVID-19 infected students, teachers, and staff and continue contact tracing to identify exposed individuals for quarantine and exclusion from the school setting; and,

- All students, teachers and staff who have symptoms of any infectious illness, regardless of vaccination status, should stay home from school and be evaluated by their healthcare provider.
- As a reminder, fully vaccinated students, teachers and staff:
- Do not have to wear a mask when indoors;

- Do not have to quarantine or be excluded from the school setting if they have COVID-19 exposure; and
- Do not have to be tested unless symptomatic.

MSDH has developed a School Based Testing Initiative to facilitate onsite screening testing for all unvaccinated asymptomatic students, teachers and staff (information available at School-Based COVID-19 Testing Initiative - Mississippi State Department of Health (ms.gov)

MSDH has also developed an Adopt-a-school Vaccination Program, working in partnership with schools and providers, to facilitate onsite COVID-19 vaccinations for all eligible students, teachers and staff. Visit <https://msdh.ms.gov/AdoptASchool> for additional details.

Special Senate election set for November

From special reports

Gov. Tate Reeves has set special elections in November to fill Sampson Jackson's term as in the state Senate.

Jackson announced his retirement effective the last day of June. A Democrat, Jackson 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.

Reeves spokeswoman Bailey Martin said Wednesday that the governor set the special elections for Nov. 2 — the same day as elections to fill some school board seats and some vacancies in county offices. If runoffs are needed, they will be Nov. 23.

Candidates in Mississippi special elections run without party labels, and the election to replace Jackson will not change the balance of power. Republicans hold a majority in the 52-member Senate.

OBITUARIES

Daisy Smith

Funeral Services for Mrs. Daisy Smith were Saturday, July 17, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. from Damascus Freewill Baptist Church in Kemper County with Bro. Gene May officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Smith, 91, of Kemper County, died Friday, July 16, 2021, at Neshoba County Nursing Home.

Daisy Mae Smith was born

April 26, 1930, in Neshoba County and lived most of her life in Kemper County. She was married to J. H. “Johnny” Smith for 64 years until his death in 2010. She operated J. H. Smith Grocery in Moscow Community for 35 years. Mrs. Smith was a member of Damascus Freewill Baptist Church. Daisy loved flowers and yard work. She was a wonderful cook and most famous for her chocolate pies.

Survivors include son,

Milford Smith (Pam); daughter, Judi Sullivan (Garry); grandchildren, Dana Sullivan Brantley (Ron), Amy Smith Dennison (Tim), Drew Sullivan (Kelly), Lesley Norris (Johnny); great-grandchildren, Laurel Brantley, Ashlan Brantley, Laney Dennison, Cash Sullivan, Cruz Sullivan, Madison Norris, Chelsey Norris; numerous nieces, nephews and families.

Preceding Mrs. Smith in death were her husband, J. H. “Johnny” Smith; mother,

Claudie Mae Walker; father, Allen Walker; step-mother, Lottie Walker; two brothers, four sisters.

Pallbearers were Trent Myers, Justin Sciples, Ron Brantley, Tim Dennison, Marshall Smith, Kenny Snowden, Jackie Snowden, and Robert Smith.

Margaret Warren Allen

Funeral services for Margaret Warren Allen, 94, were

Friday, July 16, 2021, at 11 am, at New Hope United Methodist Church in Dekalb, MS. Brother Chris Gulley and Bro. John Cash officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. Stephens Funeral Home was honored to be handling her arrangements.

Mrs. Allen was a big fan of NASCAR and the Atlanta Braves. She was a member of the Gideon’s Auxiliary and the Kemper County Homemakers Association. She was a lifelong member of New

Hope United Methodist Church and absolutely loved her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter Ann White (Gordon) and her son Billy Allen (Julie); 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of over 45 years Parker Allen and her parents W.J. and Addie Warren.

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

Public Notices

Public Meeting TOWN OF DEKALB

A public meeting will be held at the Town Hall located in Shubuta Mississippi, on August 10, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public to become acquainted with the Town of Dekalb’s application for Federal Funding through the Rural Development Community Facilities Program and discuss whether any environmental impacts would be involved.

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 13th day of August, 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.

Tract II described above will be offered for sale, and Tracts I, III, and IV described above will be offered together for sale. Thereafter, all of the real estate described above will be offered for sale together as a whole. The bid or combination of bids that bring the highest amount will be accepted as the highest and best bid. The poultry farm equipment described hereinabove will be sold with Tracts I, III, and IV, to the

extent it remains on the property. No warranties or assurances are given with respect to the existence or condition of any such equipment.

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 Road/Haggard Drive, 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 described in Tracts I, III, and IV, 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 14th day of July, 2021.

/s/Chad J. Hammons
CHAD J. HAMMONS, SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

JONES WALKER LLP
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
(601) 949-4900
PUBLISH:
July 22, 2021
July 29, 2021
August 5, 2021
August 12, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF BILLY WAYNE HOWELL, DECEASED

SHELIA MATTAR, ADMINISTRATRIX
CAUSE NO. 21-12KK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 8th day of July, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Kemper County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, SHELIA MATTAR, upon the Estate of BILLY WAYNE HOWELL, 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 date of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred.

This is the 10th day of June, 2021
Shelia Mattar

SHELIA MATTAR

FILLED IN MY OFFICE
JULY 8TH, 2021
CHANCERY CLERK
SHERLINE D. WATKINS
KEMPER COUNTY

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ALFORD, THOMAS, THOMAS, PLLC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
POST OFFICE BOX 96
PHILADELPHIA, MS
(601)-656-1871

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES B. WOODFIN, DECEASED NO. 20-72

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 24th day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Kemper County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 20-72 to the undersigned executrix upon the Estate of James B. Woodfin, 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 21st day of March 2021.

/s/ Rachel Woodfin
Rachel W. Woodfin
George H. Spinks MSB No. 102879

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, to-wit:

PO Box 478 De Kalb, Mississippi 39328 Telephone No. -601/743-4795

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 special 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 non-profit 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 water, light, heating, air conditioning and sewerage facilities for school buildings and related facilities in the District (together, the "Project").

KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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 of Mississippi.

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, 2021

HELP WANTED

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.

MS Care Center of DeKalb is accepting applications for the following position Dietary Aide , Floor Tech , CNA also Nurse Aide Trainee students. Very competitive salary and benefits. Applications will be accepted until position are filled.--



Missing 15 week old black and tan German Shephard puppy named Trouble. Last seen, July 1, 2021 at 17440 Hwy 45 South of Scooba. Offering a significant reward for his safe return.

Calendar

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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 Pro-

gram 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.

allenge, 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

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ECPDD TO HOLD HEARING FOR AGING PROGRAMS

The East Central Planning and Development District/Area Agency on Aging will hold a virtual Public Hearing for Aging Programs on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

The purpose of this hearing is to inform all interested persons and organizations about programs and services available for persons aged 60 and above in Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Smith Counties.

The goals and objectives for Fiscal Years October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025 will be discussed and an update of current year activities will be presented. Comments from the public will be welcomed.

Listed below is the login information to join the zoom meeting.

<https://zoom.us/j/6446995527?pwd=NTMzM2NHbknXBW9Cb3l0R1haaHNazZ09>

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The Kemper County Board of Supervisors will receive

competitive Reverse Auction Bids to be submitted electronically via the Kemper County website at

<https://bids.kempercounty.org> with said Reverse Auction taking place from 9:00 a.m. (local time) to 11:00 a.m.

(local time) on July 30th, 2021 for the following commodities:

• New/ Unused 2021 model or newer Knuckle Boom Loader

Detailed specifications may be obtained from the Kemper County Board of Supervisors Office at 280 Veterans Street, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328 or by calling 601.743.4477.

Pressure cooking saves time for summer fun

Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY
Kemper Messenger

Let's continue discussing ways to use your pressure cooker (Instapot) and different recipes. This time saving device will make our cooking life easier and give us more time to enjoy the summertime.

LOW CARB NEW ORLEANS JAMBALAYA
2 teaspoons olive oil
1 large yellow/brown onion rough chopped
3 stalks celery chopped
1 large red bell pepper rough chopped
14 ounces andouille sausage sliced 1/2" slices
1 Tablespoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried thyme

1 teaspoon Kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon granulated onion powder
1/2 teaspoon G\garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 pound chicken breasts
Boneless/skinless cut into 2 inch chunks

28 ounces diced tomatoes w/Juice
1/2 cup chicken stock/broth
2 bay leaves
1 head cauliflower riced
1 pound Jumbo Shrimp cleaned with tails on
2 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
Select sauté/browning on pressure cooker and allow pot to fully heat.

Add oil and swirl to coat bottom of pan.
Add andouille slices, onion, celery, pepper, oregano, thyme, salt, cayenne pepper, chili, onion powder, garlic powder and black pepper
Sauté for 5 minutes, or until liquid from trinity has evaporated.
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

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Kemper County Devotional Page

**Subway of DeKalb**

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

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Joe Williams
Owner

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Acts 10: 23-48

The book of Acts is the inspired account of the Lord Jesus Christ building his church through the proclamation of the gospel. He commanded his apostles to begin in Jerusalem with the Jewish people, proceed to the surrounding areas in Judea and Samaria, and from there go to the end of the earth.

In this passage we see the gospel go to Cornelius, a Roman Centurion, and his family and friends, who were Gentiles. This is a great shift in redemptive history. This was promised in the prophets, but it was obscure and it is stunning to the Jewish Christians who witness it. Their astonishment should make us pause and reflect on the wonder that the Lord directed the gospel to come to us.

Peter and six of his Jewish Christian companions accompany messengers back to Caesarea and the home of Cornelius. Cornelius had assembled his family and friends for the arrival of the apostle with great anticipation. His desires are so great that when Peter arrives, Cornelius falls down before him and worships. Peter corrects his misplaced reverence, lifts him up, and asks why Cornelius sent for him.

Cornelius recounts to Peter the story of the angel appearing to him and the instructions to send messengers for Peter. After thanking Peter for coming, he says, “Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord” (verse 33).

There are many people present, and they regard themselves as in the presence of God to hear the word Peter has been given by the Lord. You could not find a more attentive audience. Their fearful yet fervent attentiveness should also make us consider our own regard for hearing God’s word.

Peter proceeds to tell them about Christ. I have watched PBS fundraising shows with noted speakers on health and other subjects. The audience is hanging on every word. This is information they have come to hear. You’ve no doubt been in an audience where the speaker and his subject held the rapt attention of all there. Cornelius and his friends want to hear about Christ.

What does Peter say about Him? He says He is Lord of all (verse 36). That means He is Lord of both Jew and Gentile, but it also means Christ Jesus is the eternal begotten Son of God. He always has been and always will be Lord of all. He is the Alpha and the Omega (Rev. 1:8). When we look upon Christ we first look upon the majestic Son of God through whom all things were made.

When we look upon Jesus as a man, He was a holy man, a man who sought and did all the holy will of God. His nature as man has a subsistence, or union, with the Son of God, so that he is one person with these two distinct natures.

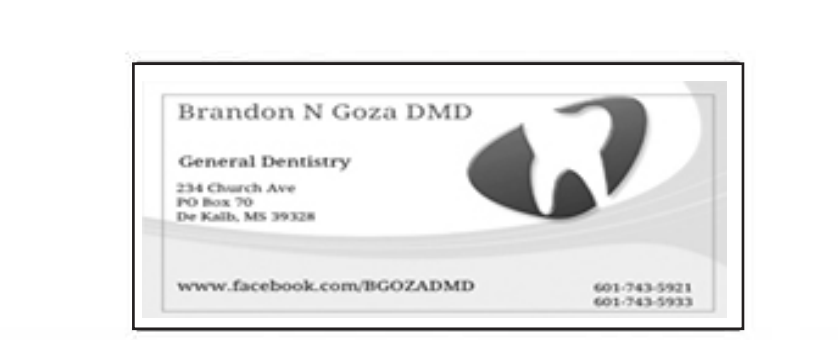
When Peter speaks of Christ, he speaks of peace with God through Him. God looks first upon Christ. He looks upon whatever is good and lovely as in the Son of God. When we embrace Christ by faith we embrace the love of the Father.

Peter says Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power (verse 38). He went about doing good and delivering people from the power of the devil. We see the eternal majesty of Christ combined with meekness and the heart of a servant. He came not to be served but to serve others, even though he was the Son of God. Cornelius, a Roman commander, would have been awed at these truths.

Jesus spoke of sinners he saved as sheep and he said that He was the Good Shepherd who lay down his life for his sheep. He said, “The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10).

He spoke words of life to the poor Samaritan woman, the anxious tax collector, the distressed Canaanite mother, and many others. Now there is a room full of Gentiles, who have heard of his greatness, hearing of His goodness and grace. Peter says, “God was with him” (verse 38).

The Lord Jesus must have preeminence above all things in the hearts of His people. We must first make him our Savior and then we will find Him as our peace. Peter spoke to these Gentiles about the majesty of Christ and the good news from God that was in His name. And as we will see next week, they listened and believed.

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Romans 8:28

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
— 1 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

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Tips on Saving Money on Back to School

School is getting ready to start again. That means that it is time to shop for school supplies and school clothes. School shopping really hit your wallet hard if you don't plan correctly. The following are some tricks for smart shoppers who want to save money while shopping for back-to-school items.

Create a budget

Smart shopping includes smart planning. The first thing you need to do is create a back-to-school budget. Start by, looking at your income and expenses. Then, decide how much you can afford to spend on school supplies and school clothes. Decide if you will spend most of the school budget on clothes or on supplies? Use the school supply list that your child's school handed out to help you make important purchase decisions. Once the budget is created be sure to stick to it.

Do a Quick Check

Before you race off to the stores to grab those school supplies, be sure to check to see what you already have on hand. Round up those pencils, pens,



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unused boxes of crayons, and glue. These can be used for the upcoming year. Also, check your child's closet. Clothes that are still wearable and that still looks nice, can be worn this school term. Always, always check your closets and left-over supplies before going shopping. Know what you really need before hitting the stores.

Compare Prices

Whether you are living frugal or just smart shopping, check prices before you make a purchase. By checking to see what each store has on sale, you will be able to snag the best deal.

Stock up

Stock up while school supplies are at an all-time low. Many retailers are offering out-

rageously low prices on items like pencils, pens, notebook paper, glue, and crayons. Now is the time to stock up on items that your child will need throughout the coming school year. A pack of pencils and a tablet won't last all year. Buy enough to take you through the school term. If you can afford it and have the space, buy enough for next year too. Remember, school supplies can be donated to your local church, at your child's school, or given to your child's teacher as a gift.

Consignment shops or discount stores

Some people may be wary of consignment and second-hand shops, but don't be. You can often find good quality clothes at these shops. Some are even brand-new.

If you are unprepared, the cost of back-to-school shopping can pack a mean punch. Don't wait until the last minute. Smart shopping means planning ahead. Create a budget and stick to it. Use the tricks listed above and have a more rewarding shopping experience.

Center

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ment or continuing education in the education field. CTE's instructor for the Teacher Academy program will be Mrs. Sandra Taylor-Kelly.

Our Forestry program will be offered for students with an interest to learn about any occupations in the Forestry field. Some topics to be covered in our Forestry program include forest safety, tree growth and stand development, dendrology, forest surveying and mapping, tree and log measurements, timber harvesting, forest fire management, and forest insects and diseases. The instructor for our Forestry program will be Mr. Jonathan Coleman.

Work-based learning will be offered as well. Work-based learning is one of 12 elements of high-quality CTE, defined in ACTE's comprehensive,

research-based Quality CTE Program of Study Framework. This element addresses the delivery of a continuum of work-based learning involving sustained, meaningful interactions with industry or community professionals that foster in-depth, firsthand engagement with the tasks required in a given career field. Experiences may be delivered in workplaces, in the community, at educational institutions and/or virtually, as appropriate, and include a range of activities such as workplace tours, job shadowing, school-based enterprises, internships and apprenticeships.

The goal for our center is to develop high-quality work-based learning opportunities for our students.

Finally, our center is happy to be offering the STEM course, based at Kemper County High School. This course will comprise mostly ninth grade students. STEM is an approach to learning and devel-

opment that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Through STEM, students develop key skills including problem solving, creativity, and critical analysis.

Because the workforce is becoming more advanced and math/science skills are needed to complete these jobs in the workplace, CTE needs to be a key player in designing a robust STEM curriculum. High schools with progressive CTE programs are in a position to act as a delivery system for many STEM competencies.

Students are encouraged to look into any of the programs and enroll. Starting the 2021-2022 school year, ninth grade students will have the opportunity to enroll in Law and Public Safety, Teacher Academy, Forestry, and Construction/Carpentry.

Welding and Forestry are our two non-traditional programs.

Calendar

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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 infor-

mation 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.

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"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.

Cook

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Sauté/browning and mix in rice/cauliflower, shrimp and parsley.

When shrimp turns pink, remove the bay leaves and serve.

BEEF VEGETABLE SOUP

(Low Carb)
2 lbs ground beef uncooked
2 cups beef broth divided
24.5 oz marinara sauce

1 medium zucchini chopped
1 medium yellow squash chopped
1/4 cup yellow onion chopped
4 ribs celery chopped
1 cup radishes chopped
2 tablespoons minced garlic
salt and pepper to taste
2 cups kale chopped (See note if you'd rather use cabbage)
garnish: shredded cheese
Place ground beef in a 6 quart pressure cooker and pour 1 cup of broth on top.
Break beef up as much as you can with a wooden spoon or

beef chopper.
Place under high pressure and cook for 5 minutes, then quick release.
Break ground beef up again and add all remaining ingredients except kale and garnish.
Place under high pressure for 15 minutes and naturally release for 15 minutes.
Stir in kale and serve with garnish.
note: If you would prefer to use cabbage instead of kale, add the cabbage when you add the other vegetables instead of waiting until the end.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT Kemper County School District

The Kemper County School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Office of Superintendent, 159 Main Avenue, DeKalb, MS 39328. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort will be considered.

The Kemper County School District is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$15,628,888. Of that amount, forty-three percent (43%) or \$6,752,482 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$17,786,507. Of that amount, forty percent (40%) or \$7,035,195 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Kemper County School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property.

Any citizen of Kemper County School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.



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2020 LAND TAX REMINDER



Joycelyn T. Robertson Kemper County Tax Collector and Assessor would like to remind the public that if you have not paid your 2020 land taxes, the last day to make payment to avoid having your name listed in the newspaper will be August 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Any questions please contact our office at (601) 743-2693.