

## 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 Malika 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.

# Bond issue vote next week

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
The Kemper County Messenger

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

Voters may cast their votes at the Kemper County High School basketball gym. The election will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. It will take 60 percent of the vote for the measure to pass.

If you are going to be out of

town on election day, the Kemper County Circuit Clerk's office will be open Saturday until noon for you to vote absentee. If you have received a mail-in ballot, it must be post marked by election day to count.

The building will be located on land currently used as the football practice behind the Kemper County High School gym. It will face west. It is one floor with wings running off a central hall.

The new school will house approximately 320 students. It

will consist of 16 state-of-the-art classrooms. It will also have four specialty classrooms, an art room, a music room, a self-contained classroom and a gifted classroom.

There will be a multi-purpose room and a school cafeteria.

In the center of the new school will also be an administrative area located which include offices and support areas. There will be a receptionist area at the entrance of the building so traffic in and out of the building can be monitored. There is also a teacher's work-

room, a nurses station and storage area.

There will be covered walkways at the drop-off areas for students who come by car and those who ride the bus.

"This is not a situation of us saying, 'hey, we want a new school,'" said superintendent Hulite Hudson said. "You have two elementary schools. One was built in 1961 and the other built in 1967. We are talking about being in need of a new school."



School photo

East Mississippi Community College's Mighty Lion Band will be conducting its annual band camp Aug. 2-6 and Aug. 9-12 on the Scooba campus. Contact Chris King at cking@eastms.edu or 662.476.5005 for details.

# EMCC GEARING UP FOR NEW YEAR

## From school reports

Registration is ongoing now for fall classes at all campuses of East Mississippi Community College. Workforce classes begin throughout the year and Fall 2021 semester classes are set to begin Monday, Aug. 16.

All new students should regis-

ter for a JourneyEAST orientation session. Two sessions remain on the Scooba campus: One at 8 a.m. and one at noon on Friday, Aug. 6.

JourneyEAST sessions provide an opportunity for new students at EMCC to familiarize themselves with campus, learn about support services available to them, explore technology tools

required for student success, and plan their course schedules. Parents are welcome.

To register for an available session or get more information, visit [www.eastms.edu/journeyeast](http://www.eastms.edu/journeyeast) or contact David Williams, Scooba campus recruiter, at [dwilliams2@eastms.edu](mailto:dwilliams2@eastms.edu) or 662.476.5346.

EMCC's Mighty Lion Band is also preparing for its annual band camp Aug. 2-6 and Aug. 9-12 on the Scooba campus. Spots still remain for prospective band members and scholarships are available. Contact Director of Bands Christopher King at [cking@eastms.edu](mailto:cking@eastms.edu) or 662.476.5005 for information.

# Applications taken for management areas

## From special reports

Beginning Aug. 1, MDWFP will accept draw permit applications for deer, rabbit, and early season teal hunts on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

Applications for rabbit hunts will be accepted through Oct. 15. Applications for early season teal hunts will be accepted through Aug. 15. Applications for deer hunts will

be accepted through Aug. 31.

Applicants must apply online at [www.mdwfp.com/draws](http://www.mdwfp.com/draws) and have a valid Mississippi hunting license before applying for a WMA draw hunt.

The following summary of WMA draw hunts for the recent 2020-2021 hunting season, has been compiled using actual numbers of applicants and actual hunting opportunities available for the

current (2020-2021) hunting season.

These numbers are representative of draw hunt participation for this season, only. Future WMA draw hunt activity will be dependent on actual number of applicants and the total number of available draw hunt opportunities which are determined on a year-to-year basis by Wildlife Bureau biologists based upon numerous factors including but not limited to the geography and topography of a given WMA, available food sources or mast crop production, available water, available cover, observed herd density, and other carrying capacity factors which impact habitat and wildlife management decisions.

For more information regarding WMAs in Mississippi, visit [www.mdwfp.com/wma](http://www.mdwfp.com/wma).

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# The box turtle enjoys omnivorous lifestyle

By JAMES L. CUMMINS  
Special to The Messenger

The term "box turtle" can refer to either the Asian box turtle or to the North American box turtle.

Box turtles are characterized by their domed shell which is hinged at the bottom. This hinging allows the turtle to tightly close its shell providing better protection from predators. While this domed, hinged shell is common to both genera, the turtles differ in habitat, behavior, and appearance.

The North American box turtle, which is what we will be referring to in this article, is omnivorous. Their sharp eyes and keen sense of smell help them to find foods such as snails, berries, fungi, slugs, worms,

roots, flowers, fish, frogs, snakes, salamanders, birds, and eggs.

Their feasting preference varies by season but there is a definite trend as to age. The young are primarily carnivorous leading them to hunt for their food in ponds and streams during their first 5 to 7 years, while the adults usually feed on land as they tend to be more herbivorous. However, box turtles eat no green leaves.

Temperatures tend to determine activity rates. The preferred body temperature of the box turtle is between 84° and 100°F. This is why in the heat of summer, box turtles restrict their activities to mainly mornings or after it rains. If they get too uncomfortable in the heat, they will hide under decaying logs and

leaves, crawl into abandoned mammal burrows, or dig into the mud. In the spring and fall, with the cooler temperatures, the box turtle will forage during daylight hours, sometimes stopping to bask in the sun for warmth. Box turtles are active in daytime and will scoop out a shallow bed for the night.

Box turtles go into hibernation by November in the Northern regions, but remain active on into December in the warmer Southern climates. To hibernate, they will dig up to 2 feet deep. They often return to the same place to hibernate and sometimes more than one turtle will share this place. Hibernation typically lasts until April.

These turtles have a home range with a diameter of 750 feet or less in

which they normally stay. For unknown reasons, they will occasionally journey beyond their range and will find themselves within the space of another turtle. Though this seems intrusive, when found together, these turtles show no antagonism towards each other.

The biggest problem facing the box turtle is habitat destruction. Woodlands converted into farmland have reduced the range of these turtles in many states. The remaining available land is often fragmented with housing projects and roads. These obstacles break up the turtles' habitat.

A further threat includes the capturing and selling of wild-born box



Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF TERRY K. CREEKMORE, DECEASED

CAUSE NUMBER 21-79

JERI C. CAWTHORN EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of July, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Kemper County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 21-79, upon the Estate of Terry K. Creekmore, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having any claims against said Estate to present any such claims to the Clerk of this Court for registration and probate according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication, or such claim shall be forever barred. This, the 29th day of July, 2021.

s/Jeri C. Cawthorn JERI C. CAWTHORN, Executrix

Counsel for the Estate: s/Marvin E. Wiggins, Jr. MARVIN E. WIGGINS, JR. Attorney at Law Post Office Box 696 DeKalb, Mississippi 39328 Telephone: (601) 743-5842 Facsimile: (601) 743-5575 MSB# 07188 e-mail: mwigginsjr@yahoo.com

Multi County Community Service Agency, Inc. will hold a Public Hearing in Kemper County for the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP), and the Weatherization Program (WX). The Hearing will be held on August 12, 2021, at Multi-County 39 Bell Street DeKalb MS, 39328 at 1:00 P.M. If you are interested in learning more about these programs offered in the Community, please attend.

For additional information, please contact La'Keisha Clark @ (601) 743-5752.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DIVERT OR WITHDRAW FOR BENEFICIAL USE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH day of June 2021 the Town of DeKalb, P.O. Box 579, DeKalb, MS 39328, filed applications for permits to continue to divert or withdraw the public waters of the State of Mississippi for beneficial use from the Lower Wilcox Aquifer, in the county of Kemper, for public supply purposes, subject to existing rights, the following amounts of water at the indicated locations:

PERMIT # MS-GW-09582 MS-GW-15822

VOLUME 0.11 MGID 0.11 MGID

RATE 500 GPM 500 GPM

LOCATION NE, NE, S33, T11N, R15E NE, NW, S34, T11N, R15E

Any person, firm, association, or corporation, deeming that the granting of the above applications will be truly detrimental to their rights to utilize the waters of said source, may protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, ATTN: Chris Hawkins, PO Box 2309, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, setting forth all reasons why said applications should not be approved. Letters of protest must be received within ten (10) days of this publication. If not protested, permits will be issued on or after ten (10) days following publication date.

If protested, the applications will be taken for consideration by the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi in its offices at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on or after, Tuesday, the 24TH day of August 2021, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard by the Permit Board.

OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES Chris Hawkins, P. E. Chief, Permitting, Certification, and Compliance Division

Notice for Early Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Kemper County Board of Supervisors is proposing to expend federal funds in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland. The subject funds are Appalachia Regional Commission (ARC) funds administered by the Mississippi Development Authority.

This notice is required by Section 2(a) (4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management, and by Section

Protection of Wetlands and is implemented by HUD Regulations found at 24 CFR 55.20(b) for the HUD action that is within and/or affects a floodplain or wetland.

The Kemper County Board of Supervisors is proposing to undertake the following activities in the area: installation of water and sewer lines at the Kemper Crossing Industrial Park currently under development in Kemper County, Mississippi. Portions of this project lie within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

The purpose of this notice is to give an early opportunity for interested agencies, persons or groups to comment on the proposed action(s). The Kemper County Board of Supervisors will consider any feasible alternatives or adjustments to the anticipated project which might minimize any potential adverse effects upon the floodplain/wetland as a result of the project.

This notice with a request for comment was mailed to the regional office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the state office of Environmental Protection.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting: Kawana McCary, East Central Planning and Development District, at 601-683-2007 or by email at kmccary@ecpdd.org. Written comments must be received by the Kemper County Board of Supervisors at the following address on or before August 13, 2021: Kemper County Board of Supervisors, P. O. Box 188, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328, Attention: Honorable Pat Granger, Board President. 07/29/2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOREST HERBICIDE APPLICATION AERIAL SITE PREPARATION ON COUNTY SCHOOL LANDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Kemper County School District, DeKalb, Mississippi up to and not later than 4:00 p.m. on August 12, 2021, for the purpose of applying forest herbicides on the designated areas of the following sections in Kemper County, MS:

Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 17 East Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 18 East

Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the work, may be obtained from the Area Forester, Mississippi Forestry Commission, Louisville, MS. The contract states that failure to complete spraying within the dates listed will result in a penalty, and a representative of the Mississippi Forestry Commission must be notified prior to when spraying is accomplished or payment will not be made. There are also clauses in the contract concerning the use of G.P.S. (global positioning system) equipment with which the bidder should become familiar. No bids will be accepted for fixed wing aircraft applications.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Bids should be addressed to the Kemper County School District, P. O. Box 219, DeKalb, MS 39328. No faxed or emailed bids will be accepted. The envelope should be clearly marked to indicate that it contains a bid for herbicide application. In submitting a bid, please mail your bid in an envelope addressed as follows:

Return address Postage Kemper County School District P.O. Box 219 DeKalb, MS 39328

Herbicide Application Bid - Site Prep 16-9N-17E, 16-10N-18E-331 acres To be opened: 5:00 pm, August 12, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

JAMES EDWARD CREER PLAIN-TIFF CAUSE NUMBER 21-75

V. TOMIKO MCKENZIE; KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, BY AND THROUGH THE CHANCERY CLERK THEREOF, SHERLINE D. WATKINS; THE TOWN OF DeKALB, MISSISSIPPI, BY AND THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK THEREOF, BRENDA NELSON; LYNN FITCH, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; KASSIE COLEMAN, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN OF DeKALB, MISSISSIPPI, AND FOR KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, CORPORATIONS, ENTITIES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AT

DEVISEES, AND/OR ANY OTHER PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL AND/OR EQUITABLE INTERESTS IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH WAS SOLD BY SAID COUNTY FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2015, TO-WIT: "SEE EXHIBIT 'A': PARCEL NUMBER 091G-27-77.000; PPIN 4319; PART SOUTH SIDE BLOCK 1, IN SOUTHWEST ¼ SOUTHWEST ¼, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 16 EAST, KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; DEED BOOK 300, PAGE 626"; AND WHICH WAS SOLD BY SAID TOWN FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2015, TO-WIT: "SEE EXHIBIT 'B': PARCEL NUMBER 091G-27-77.000; PPIN 4319; PART SOUTH SIDE BLOCK 1, IN SOUTHWEST ¼ SOUTHWEST ¼, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 16 EAST, TOWN OF DeKALB, KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; DEED BOOK 300, PAGE 626".

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: ALL OTHER PERSONS, CORPORATIONS, ENTITIES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR DEVISEES, AND/OR ANY OTHER PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL AND/OR EQUITABLE INTERESTS IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You have been made a defendant in the Complaint filed by James Edward Creer, seeking to confirm and quiet the tax title to the real property described therein, and for various relief. The real property which is the subject of this Complaint is described as follows: PART SOUTH SIDE BLOCK 1, IN SOUTHWEST ¼ SOUTHWEST ¼, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 16 EAST, TOWN OF DeKALB, KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; DEED BOOK 300, PAGE 626".

Defendants other than you in this action are Tomiko McKenzie, Kemper County, Mississippi, Town of DeKalb, Mississippi, Hon. Lynn Fitch, in her capacity as Attorney General of the State of Mississippi, and Hon. Kassie Coleman, in her capacity as District Attorney for Kemper County, Mississippi, and the Town of DeKalb, Mississippi. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response, or transmit such response via Mississippi Electronic Court procedures, to Hon. Marvin E. Wiggins, Jr., counsel for the Plaintiff, whose address is 78 Scooba Street, Post Office Box 696, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328/e-mail: mwigginsjr@yahoo.com.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR OTHERWISE DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER JULY 29, 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 THE 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 official seal of this Court on this, the 20th day of July, 2021.

SHERLINE D. WATKINS Chancery Clerk of Kemper County, Mississippi

by: s/Sherline D. Watkins Chancery Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Counsel for the Plaintiff:

s/Marvin E. Wiggins, Jr. MARVIN E. WIGGINS, JR. Attorney at Law Post Office Box 696 DeKalb, Mississippi 39328 Telephone: (601) 743-5842 Facsimile: (601) 743-5575 MSB# 07188 e-mail: mwigginsjr@yahoo.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS D. PUCKETT, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-63

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 17 th day of June, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Kemper County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Tamara L. Puckett as Executor of the Estate of Thomas D. Puckett, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present such claims to the Clerk of said Court for probate and

ninety (90) days of the date of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. This the 19th day of July, 2021.

TAMARA L. PUCKETT, EXECUTOR

By: s/MONTY SIMPKINS Monty Simpkins, MSB 8524 Her attorney

OF COUNSEL: Monty Simpkins—MSB No. 8524 Simpkins Law Firm, PLLC P.O. Box 670 Madison, MS 39120 Telephone: (601) 707-5460 Facsimile: (601) 707-5462 Email: monty@simpkinspllc.com

Publish: July 29, August 5, and August 12, 2021

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. McLenore, 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

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

ROBERT L. THOMAS, MSBN 8159 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 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").

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: 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

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:

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Kemper County Board of Education Hilute Hudson, Superintendent of Education

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turtles. Some states, such as Indiana, have laws against the collection of turtles from the wild and in many states it is illegal to keep them without a permit. Collecting box turtles from the wild may cause irreparable damage to the turtle population because they are already hindered by a low reproductive rate compounded by their inability to eas-

ily find a mate.

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

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**Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton**

## Acts 10:34-48

All the saving blessings of God come through the gospel. Peter, a Jew, is explaining the gospel to Gentiles. He had been summoned by messengers to the home of Cornelius, a Roman Centurion, and when he arrived he found a large crowd of the family and friends of Cornelius.

Peter summarizes the gospel in verses 36-43. He says the word of the gospel is good news because it proclaims "peace through Jesus Christ." It is a sad truth that we are estranged with God in heart and mind. But God takes the initiative to make peace with us: "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

When Christ was born, the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Christ is the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). It is a wonder to have peace with God. There is no father like God for love. You cannot love your own soul the way God does. So this is the peace you must make sure of.

The peace of God makes God the object of our love and delight. It is in God that we find rivers of joy and contentment. He gives us unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8). He knows what is best for us, and how to best comfort us. Conversely, there is no peace with God outside of Christ. God commands us to repent and come to Christ because we will remain His enemies if we do not. A blessed command!

Peter tells the people assembled about the love of Christ: "He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him" (Acts 10:38). To be oppressed by the devil is a doleful condition. But the Lord Jesus has power over all evil powers. Everything Peter says commends Christ to the assembled crowd.

In verse 39, we read: "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree." It conveys the sinfulness of man to put to death the righteous Lord Jesus. It also reminds us that Jesus bore the curse of God for sin in our place, because the Scripture says, "He that hangs on a tree is cursed of God." Jesus had committed no crime that deserved death, but the Lord laid the iniquity of us

all upon Him.

The Lord Jesus did not remain dead though. Peter says, "But God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead" (verse 41). It must have been an incredible experience to eat and drink with the resurrected Jesus and hear his explanations of all that had taken place.

The resurrection of Christ means his death was approved of by God as atonement for sin. He destroyed the works of the devil and has taken away the sting of sin which is death. His resurrection means all who believe in him are justified before God, and that they will also one day have their bodies raised from the dead unto glory. They also will have the privilege of eating and drinking with the Lord.

Peter testifies that the apostles were witnesses to the work the Lord Jesus did, the death he died, and the resurrection of Christ. He points to the prophets in the Old Testament as witnesses also, who wrote of Christ before he came into the world.

So men have to reject these witnesses as false if they refuse the gospel. They have to deny their need of the sacrificial death of Christ and believe that the things Jesus did and said are of no consequence to them. Worse, they have to imply Jesus was false.

Peter says that the Lord "commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be the judge of the living and the dead." It is a terrible thing to reject so great a Savior and so great a salvation. You and I will be judged by the Lord as either friend or foe. So pay careful attention to Peter's sermon. Those hearing him at Cornelius' home responded in faith. They are in heaven with the Lord now.

Peter closes his sermon with "Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." It is an amazing thing to think of your sins wiped away, and you are welcomed into the presence of the Lord. I should say amazing grace, because that is what is offered in the gospel.

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ELECTION DAY IS AUGUST 5, 2021 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M AT THE KEMPER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WILDCAT GYMNASIUM

Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY Kemper Messenger

Summer is wrapping up. Be sure to harvest and save your garden produce so you will have the advantage of home-grown foods through the year. With most of your herbs, such as basil, oregano, parsley, or thyme, you can hang the stems in paper bags until they are dried. Then put the leaves in a sealed jar for use in your recipes. You can also freeze them. They will become limp but the essential oils will be saved and add the fresh flavor to your recipes. Vegetables, such as corn, string beans, Crowder peas, squash, etc., can be blanched and frozen. One real time saver is to chop your peppers and onions and freeze to be used through the year. Of course, you can also use the big blue canner to preserve your vegetables. The following are two of my favorites for tomatoes.

CANNED CRUSHED

**TOMATOES**

lots of ripe tomatoes  
2 teaspoons bottled or fresh lemon juice  
1 tablespoon of wine vinegar  
whole garlic pieces  
Italian spices  
chili peppers

Put tomatoes in boiling water for 2 minutes. Remove from water and shock in ice. This makes the skin remove easily. Core and squeeze tomatoes into pint or quart jars. Add lemon juice and wine vinegar. Add garlic, spices, peppers to season crushed tomatoes or leave plain. Fill jars leaving 1/2 inch headspace. Remove bubbles. Wipe rim. Place hot lid on jar and screw on cap lightly. Put jars in canning pot. Process in a boiling water bath for 50 minutes. Turn upside down and leave out overnight. Check seals and store in pantry.

**CANNED MARINARA SAUCE**  
(Spaghetti Sauce)  
several tomatoes, peeled

and crushed garlic, minced  
parsley  
oregano  
olive oil  
3 onions, chopped  
3 bell peppers, chopped  
basil  
salt and pepper to taste

Heat oil over medium heat and cook onion and peppers until translucent. Add garlic, oregano, basil and tomatoes; heat until simmering. Add salt and pepper; simmer until mixture reaches sauce consistency. Remove from heat and add parsley. Ladle into quart bottles. Fill jars leaving 1/2 inch headspace. Remove bubbles. Wipe rim. Place hot lid on jar and screw on cap lightly. Put jars in canning pot. Process in a boiling water bath for 25 minutes. Turn upside down and leave out overnight. Check seals and store in pantry.

**CHOW CHOW RELISH**

5 green tomatoes, chopped  
fine  
5 red tomatoes, chopped  
fine

5 green peppers, minced  
2 sweet red peppers, minced  
2 yellow peppers, minced  
5 onions, peeled and minced  
minced garlic  
1 small cabbage, grated  
1/4 c. salt  
3 c. brown sugar  
1 1/2 tsp. celery seeds  
1 tbsp. mustard seed  
1 tbsp. whole cloves  
2-inch piece stick cinnamon  
1 tbsp. allspice berries  
2 c. mild cider vinegar

Tomatoes, peppers, onions and cabbage may be put through coarse chopper such as a food processor. Add salt. Cover with cold water and let stand overnight. Drain. Add remaining ingredients. Fill jars leaving 1/2 inch headspace. Remove bubbles. Wipe rim. Place hot lid on jar and screw on cap lightly. Put jars in canning pot. Process in a boiling water bath for 30 minutes. Turn upside down and leave out overnight. Check seals and store in pantry.

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.

METH: A DEADLY DRUG



**Methamphetamine** is a stimulant drug that is destroying our community. Methamphetamine, also known 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 person's decision
- Self-care is very important when caring for others

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.