

## 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.*

### MHV/4-H ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Come take a look at all the unique, hand-made items created by local crafters during our MHV/4-H Arts and Crafts Show on Friday, August 6th from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, on the courthouse square in DeKalb. Hosted by MSU Extension and Kemper County Homemaker Volunteers

### KEMPER CO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Kemper County Historical Association will hold its regular quarterly meeting at the Museum on Monday, August 9 at 3:00 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome!

### 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 dis-

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# COVID-19 numbers rising

## From special reports

The COVID-19 virus has not gone away.

Mississippi is experiencing high levels of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to the delta variant. The delta variant is much more contagious, and spreads twice as easily compared to other strains. Outbreaks have been identified in youth camps, faith-based gatherings, funerals and social events.

The Mississippi Department of Health recommends the following steps to control the spread of COVID-19:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccination if you are eligible. The shot is available at no cost;
- Wear a mask in all indoor public settings, even if you are vaccinated;
- If you test positive for COVID-19, even if fully vaccinated, you should isolate for at least 10 days from the beginning

of your symptoms (or from your test date if you have no symptoms.);

- If you are exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should get tested 3-5 days following exposure. If you are not fully vaccinated, you should quarantine for at least 10 days after exposure (fully vaccinated persons do not have to quarantine after exposure, but should get tested);
- If you are 65 years of age or older, you should avoid all indoor

mass gatherings, even if you have been vaccinated;

-If you have a chronic medical condition, you should avoid all indoor mass gatherings, even if you have been vaccinated.

Since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, there have been 1,044 cases reported in Kemper County and 29 deaths. Statewide, as of today, there have been 350,070 cases in Mississippi and 7,590 deaths.

# LEARNING SCIENCE WITH LEGOS



Lauren Walker



Camden Doss



Lynda Edwards



Zoe Mayberry



Hanna Hamilton

Local youth recently participated in a summer Lego camp hosted by Kemper County Extension. Pictured working on their projects are Lauren Walker, Camden Doss, Lynda Edwards, Zoe Mayberry and Hanna Hamilton. The purpose of the program is to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to youth ages 5-7. The program allows youth to be creative and engaged using their head to think mechanically, their heart to be imaginative, and their hands to create. If you're interested in learning more about the Lego program or other 4-H programs call 601-743-2837.

Submitted photos

# Wildcats aiming for Jackson trip in December

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**  
The Kemper County Messenger

The Kemper County football Wildcats are looking to take a trip to Jackson in December if everything works out right.

The Class 2A state championship game will be held at Memorial Stadium in Jackson on the weekend of December 3-4, and that's what coach Ray Westerfield's lads are aiming for.

"If we do a good job controlling things that we control, we can potentially get to Jackson," said Westerfield, who is now the head football coach and athletic director for the Kemper County schools. "But, we need to get a lot better before we get to that point."

## Kemper County Wildcats 2021 football schedule

Aug. 20 – jamboree

Aug. 27 – Leake Central

Sept. 3 – at Louisville

Sept. 10 – Forest

Sept. 17 – Quitman

Sept. 24 – at SE Laud-

erdale

Oct. 1 – Lake \*

Oct. 8 – at Noxubee Coun-

ty

Oct. 15 – at Newton High \*

Oct. 22 – Philadelphia \*

Oct. 29 – at Nanih Waiya \*

\*District 5-2A game

The Wildcats had a busy summer of weight lifting and conditioning. They played several 7-on-7 games, and in fact won a tournament at Jackson Academy.

"There were like 40 schools

there," Westerfield said. "We have been at it all summer. We have been working with between 40 and 60 guys."

Westerfield is in his second season as head coach. The Wildcats

went 8-3 last year and made it to the second round of the Class 3A playoffs where they lost out to West Marion.

Fall practice drills start Monday. The Wildcats will play a scrimmage game against Shannon at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, August 21 in Louisville. Shannon is coached by former Wildcat coach Darrell Carter.

The Wildcats will play their home games at East Mississippi Community College. They open the season at home against Leake Central. They then visit Louisville on August 27, and then come home to host Quitman and Forest in back-to-back weekends. They

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# EMCC to establish new learning center

## From school reports

East Mississippi Community College is working to establish the EMCC Center for Teaching and Learning, which will provide in-house professional development opportunities for the college's faculty and staff and limited training to students.

EMCC art and design instructor Scott Baine has been tapped to fill the position of faculty development/instructional design coordinator and will be tasked with getting the Center for Teaching and Learning up and running. Baine, who was hired for the position after an extensive search, will transition into his new role beginning Aug. 2.

"The interview team was very excited with Mr. Baine's vision for the center and the abilities he brings

to the table," EMCC Vice President of Instruction Dr. James Rush said. "We believe we have made the right decision for us to provide meaningful learning experiences for our faculty, staff and students."

Baine's main focus will be to provide professional development opportunities for EMCC faculty across all of the college's academic, career technical, workforce, allied health and adult education divisions to improve the learning experience for students.

Some training will be available to EMCC staff and students as well.

Professional development could run the gamut from providing technical training in areas such as the use of Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Docs, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Adobe Cre-

ative Suite to recommending best teaching practices and ensuring lectures and presentations are compliant with Americans With Disability Act guidelines.

Baine will also be tasked with working with EMCC's Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness to ensure the college has the required information on all course syllabi and will be a resource for faculty when it comes to developing and measuring student learning outcomes. He will also introduce instructors to teaching methods designed to engage students in the classroom, which Rush said is especially important given disruptions to traditional teaching and learning methods caused by COVID-19.

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# This & that ... Polls stay open Until 7 p.m.

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**  
The Kemper County Messenger

Polls will remain open until 7 p.m. Thursday for the special school bond election issue.

The Kemper County School District is proposing to issue \$12 million in bonds to building a new upper elementary school in DeKalb on the football practice field behinds the Wildcat basketball gym.

School district officials say this will not cause an increase in property taxes.

Registered voters can vote on

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# GOD has a purpose for everybody

The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of Whom shall be afraid?—Psalm 27:1

When we learn to trust God like the Psalmist of old, we move from a place of fear to a place of quiet rest.

As we grow old, if we are not careful we become tired,



**Kipling News**  
*by Jane McWilliams*

not just physically but mentally

as well. Ailments mount up, pains in your knees, side, back, and your eye sight weakens. So often we feel useless and sorry for ourselves. We still feel the need to get up and go, but that get up and go seems awfully hard at times. I imagine as you read this, you are thinking, is Janie talking about herself? Well, yes in a way I am, but

many other people as well. I heard someone say, "At our age I don't know why God is keeping us here?" God is all wise. He knows what He is doing. I have had many ailments in the past few years and they have left me a bit tired, both physically and mentally and sometimes I sit in my recliner and have a good old timey "pity

party'. I am learning when I'm going through a time like this to dismiss those thoughts as fast as I can and jump up and start doing something. Even if we are growing old, we can pray for this hurting world. We can smile and speak to someone on the street, grocery store, etc. We can call someone that is alone and send a card to the sick and

on their birthday. I don't know why I wrote this particular column. I had another one I had prepared to write. Next week I will try to write the other column I had planned.

Have a good, safe week and thank you for reading the Kipling News. Thank you for your love and concern shown to me the past few months.

## OBITUARIES

### Judy Wiggins

Services for Judy Wiggins were held Sunday, August 1, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. from Hopewell United Methodist Church in Kemper County with Rev. Dennis Robinson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Wiggins, 74, died Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at Choctaw Residential Center.

She was a native of Kemper County and a longtime resident of the Hopewell Community. She retired from

the Kemper County High School cafeteria and formerly worked in the dietary department at Kemper County Hospital in DeKalb. Ms. Wiggins was a member of the Hopewell United Methodist Church. She loved to crochet and make crafts.

Survivors include daugh-

ter, Lisa Stovall (Dewayne) of DeKalb; son, Justin Wiggins (Katelyn) of Marion; grandchildren, Sacia Stovall (Stacy), Tyler Stovall (Alex), Dylan Williamson, Kamden Wiggins, Kipton Wiggins, Blakely Wiggins, and Aubrie Denton; great-grandchildren, Abby, Brelyn, Presley Linger-

felt, and Josie Reese Stovall; sister, Beth Clay; brother, John Chisolm; numerous nieces, nephews, and families.

Preceding Ms. Wiggins in death were parents, Lelia and Herschel Chisolm; son, Dustin Wiggins; sister, Ann Salter; and son-in-law, Joey

Stovall.

Pallbearers were Tyler Stovall, Dylan Williamson, Dewayne Harry, Wilmer Wiggins, Wayne Wiggins, and Joseph Spurlock. Honorary pallbearer was Stacy Henderson.

## Public Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE TAXPAYERS OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

You are hereby notified that the real and personal property assessment rolls of the above-named County for the year 2021 have been equalized according to law, and that said rolls are ready for inspection and examination, and that any objections to said rolls or any assessment therein contained, shall be made in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Kemper County on or before the 16th day of August, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at her office in the Courthouse of said County, and that all assessments to which no objection is made, and which may be corrected and properly determined by this Board, will be made final by this Board of Supervisors, and that said rolls and assessments contained therein will be approved by this Board of Supervisors; and that

1. This Board will be in session beginning August 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of hearing objections to the said assessments, which may be filed at the Courthouse in the City of DeKalb, Kemper County, Mississippi.

2. This Board of Supervisors will remain in session from day to day until all objections, lawfully filed, shall have been disposed of and all proper corrections made in the said rolls.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE AND SEAL of said Board of Supervisors, this 2nd day of August, 2021, and THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI by Pat Granger, President, and Sherline Watkins, Clerk.

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

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

JAMES EDWARD CREER PLAINTIFF

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 CA-

PACITY AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN OF DeKALB, MISSISSIPPI, AND FOR KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, CORPORATIONS, ENTITIES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR DEVEISEES, 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 DEVEISEES, 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/Deputy Clerk, Mississippi

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

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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 (LIHEAP), 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.

**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

**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:

The entire section less and except railroad right-of-way and highway right-of-way; after said exceptions, said land described above contains 591.00 acres more or less, Kemper County, Mississippi.

You are hereby notified that sealed bid to lease the Hunting and Fishing rights on the above-described forest land for a period of 5 years may be filed with the Superintendent of Education of Kemper County School District located on Main Street, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328, on or before 3:00 p.m. on August 12, 2021. The sealed bids shall be submitted for the ENTIRE PARCEL and must include 100% of the amount bid for that parcel. This amount will be refunded if not the highest bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids. All bids submitted will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Kemper County Board of Education  
Hilute Hudson, Superintendent of Education

Publish two times:  
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**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 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 registration according to law within 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

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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. 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 Trust-

ee 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  
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August 12, 2021

**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*  
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### EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kemper County School District is accepting applications for the positions of Cafeteria Manager, Cafeteria Workers, and Teacher Assistants. Pay will be based upon district approved salary scale. The district is also accepting applications for the position of School Board Attorney. Applicant must be licensed by the Mississippi Bar Association. 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.kemper-countyschools.org>. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Kemper County Schools is an equal employment employer and does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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## Wildcats

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close out their non-region schedule at longtime rival Southeast Lauderdale. They also play non-region foe Noxubee County on October 8.

"We are playing some championship caliber teams on our non-region schedule," Westerfield said. "There is a lot of good football played in our area. If you want to be consid-

ered among the greats, you have to the great. We will be better because we are competing against these teams."

The Wildcats will be play in the Region 5-3A along with Philadelphia, Lake, Newton High School and Nanih Waiya.

"It is going to be competitive," Westerfield said. "There is a championship mentality there. Lake and Newton will have good teams and Philadelphia has a tradition like none other. There is never a down year in Philadelphia."



# Planning ahead will give time for school activities

**Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY**  
**Kemper Messenger**

With school starting up, we need tips for time savers in our meal preparation so we'll have time to help with homework, sports or band practices, and all the other things that come with the busy life of a family with school age children.

We need to be able to pit together a healthy, low carb meal quickly and effortlessly. One way to do this is to do some meal prep in advance. You can chop onions, peppers, and celery in bulk. Then you dry it with paper towels, spread on a cookie sheet and freeze. After they are frozen, store in a freezer bag. Take out the amount you need and store the

rest back in the freezer. You can also prepare meats the same way. Grill some chicken, thin steaks or ham. After it cools, cut the meat in bite size pieces or into strips, depending on your recipe. Separate into meal size amounts and freeze in freezer bags. Use a bag for each meal. Prepare chicken, beef or vegetable stocks using your

favorite recipes. Cool and store in pint jars, freezer bags, or plastic ware. Freeze these and take out the package amounts you need for the recipe you are using. Another time saving tip is to prepare casseroles ahead of time and freeze. Nothing is better than a home cooked meal (prepared earlier), thawed and heated in no time for a great

family meal. Effortless cooking takes planning. Read your recipes ahead of time. Decide what steps can be prepared at an earlier date and complete those steps, and store for easy access. Make sure you clearly label each item and date it. Don't forget, completing prep work early will take storage space. Organize your refrigerator and freezer

so that you have room and it is easily accessible. Just remember that a healthy, low carb lifestyle takes planning and motivation.

**LOW CARB MONGOLIAN BEEF**  
1 lb Flat Iron steak, thinly sliced against the grain

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

### Acts 11:1-18

Word of what happened with Peter and Cornelius at Caesarea (Acts 10) spread to the Christians in Judea. Peter returned to Jerusalem to give a first-hand report. Peter was Jewish, as was the church in Jerusalem, so he knew an explanation would be necessary. Gentiles were outside the covenants of promise (Ephesians 2) and were unclean.

So when Peter arrived, he was criticized: “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” To share a meal meant to share close fellowship. Peter explains what happened. He recounts the vision of animals he saw and God telling him to rise and eat. Peter had objected because the animals were unclean: “By no means Lord; for nothing unclean has entered my mouth.”

The Lord, however, told Peter to no longer call unclean what He have declared clean. This was repeated three times for emphasis. The Lord was not just pointing to animal but to men. Then Peter tells his audience that the Holy Spirit told him to go with messengers to the home of Cornelius. Peter is putting his hearers in his place. This was all God’s direction. It was revealed to him by God. Peter was just following the plain instruction of the Lord.

We should pause here and remember that no one qualifies for or merits salvation. The Gentiles entering the church was challenging to the Jewish believers but very helpful. It magnified that the Lord is rich with grace. It reinforced the gospel. Neither Jew nor Gentile can stand before God on their own righteousness. But all men may have peace with God through Christ.

Peter goes on to tell the assembly that when he spoke to the Gentiles about the way of salvation in Christ, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as on the Jews at Pentecost. Peter rightly concluded, “If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”

The Holy Spirit is prominent in Peter’s report. The Spirit confirms God’s word and spreads the acceptance of God’s word. We can’t live

apart from God’s word. It is the Spirit who convicts the heart of sin and need of salvation. It is the Spirit who gives us life.

The Spirit not only convicts, but comforts. He is called the Comforter because he reasons from Christ, that Christ died to reconcile us to God. Therefore if you have Christ, God is at peace with you. The Holy Spirit teaches us to say Abba Father; He gives us understanding that the Father loves the Son, and we are those he gave Christ for. These are sound grounds for our comfort.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to exalt Christ in our hearts. He forms the image of Christ in us. We owe all to God in salvation. The Father gave us the Son, the Son gave his life for us, and the Spirit gives us life and faith in Christ.

After Peter finished his report, his Jewish audience fell silent. Then they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.” It is a wonderful thing to be given or granted that which leads to life. Jesus said unless you repent you will perish. There is a road that leads to death.

The Lord commands all men to repent. Jesus said that unless you repent you will perish, so it is a blessed command to hear, for it is the Lord commanding you to turn and live. Repentance begins with being convicted of both God’s glory and of your own sin. It is submitting to the Lord and seeking mercy. If the Lord commands something, he honors it. It refreshes the soul (Psalm 32).

As Christians we are to practice repentance all our days. The Holy Spirit will convict us of particular sins we haven’t seen the offense of clearly before. Or, he will show us sins we have struggled with all along in a new light. We are obliged to pray for the Spirit, rest in Christ for forgiveness, and aim to put to death sin at its root.

There is resistance because sin doesn’t want to die, so don’t be surprised by it. It is like a virus that seeks to thrive and control, resisting the cure. But as you would seek to rid yourself of a disease, so also view sin in this light. The Lord is leading us to what is good and right.

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# How to Help Your Child Adjust to School

Is your child nervous about going to school? Although starting school can be exciting, it can also be a little frightening for young children. So, what can you do to ease your child's fear of starting school?

### Acknowledge your child's fears

Talk to your child about school. Ask them why they are scared. Allow them to explain their reasons. Let your child know that it is okay to be scared. Then, reassure them



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that you are there for them.

### Become familiar with the school

Help your child become

familiar with the school. Arrange for you and your child to tour the school. Attending your child's school's Open house is a great way to familiarize your child with the school and his/her new teacher. You can also begin driving by the school each day and reminding them that this will be their new school.

### Meet the teacher and other staff

Make it a point to take your child to meet his/her new

teacher. This is also the time to give the teacher valuable information about your child and to discuss the teacher's expectations and goals for the upcoming year. If your child will ride a bus to school, it will also help to introduce your child to the bus driver. If you can, make seating arrangements in advance.

### Get in the learning habit

Help your child get use to doing school work and having structured time. Have your

child practice using workbooks or simply construct quick lessons yourself. This doesn't have to be something elaborate or that takes up a lot of time.

### Establish a routine

Now is the time to establish a school day routine. Have a set time for homework, play time, and bedtime. Select a quiet place for completing homework assignments and make sure that your child knows where that place is. Bedtime should be at the same time

every night. This will help you and your child establish a bedtime routine, decrease bedtime drama, and ensure that your child gets the necessary amount of sleep.

Starting school can be scary for young children. Help to ease your child's anxiety. Help your child to become comfortable with the school and school personnel. Discuss expected behavior and establish a constant routine before school starts.

## Center

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"Since COVID-19 we have had more instructors express interest in exploring new teaching methodologies like flipped classroom pedagogy," Rush said.

"Now we are excited that we have Mr. Baine in this role because he can find us an expert in this area to provide training for our faculty."

Baine will teach some of the professional development classes and bring in guest lecturers to provide some of the training, which could be recorded for

future use.

Plans are also in the works to create scholarships to help defray costs for faculty to attend lectures and outside professional development courses.

"The idea would be for them to come back and give presentations to other faculty members so they can share what they have learned," Rush said.

Classes for students could include the use of institutional software such as Canvas, an online learning management system, and setting up a school email account. Another possibility is guest lecturers from various departments, such as EMCC Libraries, Financial Aid and the

Dean of Students will be invited to speak to the students.

"This is all a work in progress that will be fine tuned once we are operational," said Baine, who will divide his time between EMCC's Golden Triangle and Scooba campuses.

He will begin work immediately on identifying and implementing professional development courses, with the physical EMCC Center for Teaching and Learning to be established later.

Baine has taught at EMCC for 11 years and has served as an advisor for the Honors Program. He will continue in his role as an advisor for Phi Theta Kappa. He has also coordinated summer

Study Abroad trips to Italy, Greece, Spain and France. Baine resides in Starkville with his wife, Amanda Baine, and their three children, Elijah, 17,

Phoebe, 15, and Noa, 13. The couple is also hosting an exchange student, Alvaro Palacios, 15, of Madrid Spain.

## Polls

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the issue at the Kemper County High School basketball gym. The issue must receive 60 percent of the vote to pass.

Plans for the proposed building will be built to 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.

Students will return to class in the Kemper County School District on Friday

Kemper Academy students will return to class on Monday.

## The Kemper County Circuit Clerk office will be open this Saturday July 31, 2021

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
for SCHOOL BOND  
Absentee Voting

## ELECTION DAY IS AUGUST 5, 2021

7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
AT THE KEMPER  
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GYMNASIUM

## Cook

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- 1/4 cup Coconut Oil
- 3 Green onions, cut into 1-inch long diagonal slices
- Marinade
- 1/4 cup CCoconut aminos
- 1 teaspoon gresh root ginger, peeled and ginger. Do not use powdered ginger.
- 2 cloves garlic , chopped

Cut the steak into very thin slices against the grain.

Add the sliced beef to a small ziplock bag and add the coconut aminos, peeled and grated root ginger and garlic. Let marinate for 1 hour in the fridge.

When you are ready to cook, drain the meat from the marinade but reserve the liquid for later.

Add the coconut oil to a large wok or cast iron skillet

and heat it until it's almost smoking, the oil must be hot so you can get the nice crispy edges on the beef.

Add the beef to the very hot oil (you may need to do it in two batches, don't crowd the pan) and keep stir frying over a high heat, taking care not to burn it for just 1-3 minutes.

When the last batch of meat is in, add the green onions and cook for the last 30 seconds to 1 minute.

Cook the remaining marinade for just a minute or two in your wok after the last batch of beef has been cooked, and serve with the beef.

You can prepare this completely and serve now, or prepare through cooking the meat and freeze meat and pan dripping/marinade. To use for a meal, thaw and heat the meat, Add green onions and cook 1 minute. Cook pan drippings and marinade until heated thor-

oughly.

### LOW CARB MEXICAN CASSEROLE

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded & chopped
- 1/2 medium red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 12 oz bag cauliflower rice, steamed
- 1 10 oz can diced tomatoes with green chiles, drained
- 1.5 Tbsp + 1 tsp taco seasoning, divided
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1.5 cups shredded Mexican blend cheese, divided
- 1/4 cup water

Preheat oven to 375 and spray an 11x7 or 8x8 baking dish with non stick cooking spray.

Add ground beef to a large skillet and break apart with spatula. When beef is browned and just slightly pink, add

chopped jalapeno, bell pepper and garlic.

Cook until peppers are soft and beef is cooked through. Drain excess grease, if any.

Add diced tomatoes, 1.5 Tbsp taco seasoning and water to beef mixture; simmer for 5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed.

While mixture is simmering, steam cauliflower rice in microwave per bag directions until water is absorbed.

Add cooked cauliflower rice, 1 tsp taco seasoning and 1/4 tsp garlic powder to skillet; stir to incorporate. Stir in 1/2 cup shredded cheese.

Pour into baking dish and freeze.

In thaw and top with 1 cup of shredded cheese.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, until cheese is melted and brown.

## 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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Sometimes people use meth in combination with heroin, prescription opioids or other drugs. This greatly increases the likelihood of health problems, overdose and death. Illegal drugs can be mixed with dangerous drugs or toxic chemicals, such as fentanyl, that can cause poisoning or death. Just a sprinkle of fentanyl is deadly.



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