

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM

Kemper County Extension office is in search of volunteers to lead the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The success of 4-H programs relies heavily on dedicated volunteers. Shooting sports instructors are responsible for assisting with the overall coordination and management of the county 4-H shooting sports program. Training opportunities will be available in mid-September. We're currently offering training in rifle, shotgun, pistol, and archery disciplines. If you are interested in being a volunteer or instructor for the shooting sports program, contact the Kemper Extension office at 601-743-2837

REGISTRATION FOR MASTER GARDENERS

Registration is currently underway for the next class of Master Gardeners. This year, all Master Gardener instruction is online and self-paced. The current class begins Oct.1 and closes Nov. 30. Master Gardener volunteers experience the personal satisfaction of serving their community, gaining Horticultural expertise, and connecting with their local gardening community. Registration is available online at msuext.ms/mg now through September 15th. For more information contact your local Extension office at 601-743-2837.

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 cases continue to rise

Compiled by STEVE SWOGETINSKY
The Kemper County Messengers

The number of COVID-19 infections are going up in Mississippi as state health officials continue to urge Mississippians to get vaccinated for COVID-19. In the past week, there have been 17,033 new infections statewide and 303 new deaths as a result of the disease, according to the Mississippi Department of Health. Only 2 percent of overall cases were among vaccinated people. The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Kemper County by the Mississippi Department of Health increased by 49 in the past week.

Kemper County has 1,321 infections reports since March 2020. That has gone up from 1,272 in the past week. There has also been one additional death related to COVID-19 in the past week, moving the total of 35 people in Kemper County being taken by the dread disease. Mississippi's low vaccinated rate, with about 38% of the state's 3 million people fully inoculated against COVID-19, is driving a surge in cases and hospitalizations that is overwhelming medical workers. The workers are angry and exhausted over both the workload and refusal by residents to embrace the vaccine. In Kemper County, as of last Monday, 34 percent of the population or 3321 people have been

fully vaccinated. Forty-one percent of the population or 4004, have received one of the shots. Fully vaccinated means either two doses of Moderna or Pfizer or one dose of Johnson & Johnson. 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. Wearing a mask is most important if you have a weakened immune system or if, because of your age or an underlying medical condition, you are at increased risk for severe disease, or if someone in

your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated. If this applies to you or your household, you might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission in your area. You should continue to wear a mask where required by laws, rules, regulations, or local guidance. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, find a vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what is known about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can do things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic. For information on COVID-19 treatment, visit HealthyMS.com/covid-19.

kemper county fooball



The Kemper County Wildcats dropped a 41-7 decision to Louisville Friday night. In the top photo, Kemper County running back Dencenzo Miller II looks for room to run against a tough Louisville defense before leaving the game with a leg injury. In the lower photo, Kemper County head football coach Ray Ray Westerfield signals in directions during action last week at Louisville. Kemper County returns to action Friday night when they host Forest.

Photos by Rocky Higginbotham



Lions defense stands out in opening victory

From school reports

SCOoba – In their long-awaited return to the gridiron, the Lions of East Mississippi Community College used a strong defensive effort to post a season-opening 32-7 home victory over East Central here Thursday night. With their most recent football competition coming on Nov. 2, 2019 during the conference play-offs prior to opting out of last season due to health concerns caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the 22-month hiatus didn't seem to affect the Lions' defensive unit. Under first-year defensive coordinator Chris Boone, EMCC limited the visiting Warriors to just four first downs and only 95 yards of total offense during the contest. Both defenses controlled the

game's tempo during most of the opening quarter, as the first five combined possessions resulted in punts after a total of just 19 net yards were gained collectively. With freshman quarterback Damon Stewart making his collegiate debut under center, the Lions got on the board first when the former Oak Grove High School standout capped a five-play, 42-yard drive by scoring on a 16-yard keeper at the 3:49 mark of the opening quarter. The point-after-touchdown attempt hit the right upright to keep the score at 6-0. Defense set up the Lions' second score of the game at the beginning of the second quarter. Deep in East Central territory, Joshua Short caused a fumble of a com-



Photo by Jason Clark

East Mississippi receiver Kevin Barnett finished with six catches for 87 yards.

EMCC announces new HoF members

From school reports

SCOoba – East Mississippi Community College will induct 10 new members into the EMCC Sports Hall of Fame on Thursday, Sept. 23, when the Lions entertain the Holmes Bulldogs at Sullivan-Windham Field on the Scooba campus. Five new members from EMCC's 2020 class and an additional five inductees from the 2021 class will be recognized at halftime of the EMCC-Holmes football game. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on Sept. 23. The five-member Class of 2020 features: 2010 EMCC All-American and retired NFL defensive lineman Quinton Dial; current EMCC Dean of Students/Scooba campus Tony Montgomery (former Lions baseball player and coach); brothers

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Volunteers search for Netherland

The Kemper County sheriff's department is asking for the public's help in finding an elderly woman who wandered away from her home. Family members have said she suffers from dementia. Molly Ruth Netherland, 79, was last seen by family sitting on her porch last Thursday. A volunteer search was held Sunday. Dogs tracked her scent down her driveway, Old Jackson Road and to south of Hwy 495. The Kemper County sheriff's department had no updates on her whereabouts as of Tuesday morning.



Molly Netherland

LEGALS

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

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

Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 15 East

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

You are hereby notified that sealed bid to lease the Hunting and Fishing rights on the above-described forest land for

a period of 5 years may be filed with the Superintendent of Education of Kemper County School District located on Main Street, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328, on or before 3:00 p.m. on July 8, 2021. The sealed bids shall be submitted for the ENTIRE PARCEL and must include 100% of the amount bid for that parcel. This amount will be refunded if not the highest bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids. All bids submitted will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter. Kemper County Board of Education Hilute Hudson, Superintendent of Education Publish two times: 06/24/2021;

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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

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CARD OF THANKS TO THE VOTERS OF WARD THREE, DEKALB:

I want to thank you for returning me to serve another term as Alderman of Ward Three for the Town of DeKalb. It is a great honor, and I sincerely appreciate your confidence in me in representing ALL the citizens of Ward Three. I have been honored to have received

your support, as well as having recently received my Masters Degree in Counseling/Education and Clinical Mental Health. I will now be able to serve better and more effectively not only the citizens of Ward Three, but all of DeKalb and Kemper County in my work as Attendance Officer. It is a privilege to do so, and I assure you that I will do my utmost to promote the interests of all the people to the best of my abilities.

By JAMES L. CUMMINS Special to The Messenger

Mississippi is very fortunate to have U.S. Senator Roger Wicker representing our great state and nation.

He has championed the conservation and sportsmen's agenda since he was elected to Congress in 1994. He grew up in

Mississippi's outdoors and values the important lessons and experiences people gain from it. He has consistently represented the interests of hunters, anglers, and gun owners by supporting policies that protect our Second Amendment rights, promote conservation, minimize burdensome or unnecessary regulations, and expand access to pub-

lic lands and waters.

Like me, he values the importance of Mississippi's waters—whether to boat, fish for recreation, catch a mess for a fish fry, or just get away from everyone else during the pandemic.

Earlier this year, Senator Wicker introduced the Sport Fish Restoration and Recre-

ational Boating Safety Act of 2021 – a critical bill that will sustain the most significant funding for state-based fisheries conservation – in the U. S. Senate. It passed the Senate Commerce Committee on June 16. While moving it through Senate Commerce Committee, Senator Wicker worked to safeguard the fund by ensuring that funding intended to increase access for recreational fishing and boating is not required to go through a burdensome approval process.

On August 10, the Senate passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, a long talked about infusion of funding to rebuild our nation's infrastructure. It will not make the headlines, but this conservation bill was included within this large infrastructure legislation. Now

the House of Representatives will need to act before it comes to the President's desk to be signed into law.

The Trust Fund is currently funded entirely by federal excise taxes paid on fishing equipment including tackle, motorboat and small engine fuel, electric motors, and other equipment purchased by anglers and boaters. The bill will reauthorize the Trust Fund and ensure more than \$650 million is provided annually to fund state-based programs for sport fish conservation and habitat restoration, infrastructure for boating access and on-the-ground, state-driven fisheries conservation programs.

Additionally, it will provide for well-managed fisheries for the American public and secure a bright future for the \$23.6 bil-

lion fishing and boating industry while ultimately improving the efficiency of the Sport Fish Restoration Program. In 2020, nearly \$743 million was generated by the Trust Fund from fishing and boating-related excise taxes.

Thanks to Senator Wicker's efforts this summer, Mississippi's hunters and anglers can feel confident that the state's outdoors and wildlife will have the backing it needs to thrive for years to come.

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 website is www.wildlifemiss.org.

KA Rams seek to rebound against Columbus

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY The Kemper Messenger

The Kemper Academy Rams will try to get back on the winning Friday night when they visit Columbus Christian in eight-man football.

The Rams fell to 1-2 on the season last Friday when they

dropped a 52-22 decision to Collegiate Christian.

"They had a lot of speed," Coach Michael Dawkins said. "They had two good receivers and were hard to cover. We made some mistakes but over kids never gave up."

Quarterback Eli Weaver threw for two touchdowns and

ran for another. He ran for 43 yards and passed for 213 yards.

Colton Conner and Eli Miles both had touchdown receptions. Conner scored on a two point conversion.

Miles led the team in tackles with six while Paxton Darnell, Buddy Barfield and Thomas Mattox all had five tackles.

OBITUARIES

Elbert Lamar Harbour

(October 13, 1937 – August 14, 2021)

Graveside services held August 18, at Hazlehurst City Cemetery for Elbert Lamar

Harbour, 83, who passed away on August 14 at his home.

Brother Hal Hatten officiated the services with interment that followed at Hazlehurst City Cemetery. Billy M. King-Colonial Chapel Funer-

al Home in Collins were in charge of arrangements.

INCLUDEPICTURE "https://ssl.gstatic.com/ui/v1/icons/mail/images/cleardot.gif" * MERGEFORMATINET Survivors include his wife, Julia Graham Harbour of

Collins; two daughters, Lois Harbour Knight of Hazlehurst, and Amanda Harbour Purser and her husband, Jimmy, of Purvis; five step-children, Angielynn Barnes and her husband, Randy, of DeKalb, Todd Eldridge and

his wife, Christy, of Collinsville, Aaron Graham and his wife, Jan, of Collins, Judy Williams of Collins, and Lisa Blesse and her husband, Steven, of Hattiesburg; three grandchildren, Alayne Harbour Purser of Purvis, Andrew

Bennett Purser and his wife, Shelby, of Purvis, Dalton Lamar Knight and his wife, Hannah, of Oxford; and a host of step-grandchildren, family members, and friends.

Lions

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pleted third-down pass that was recovered by Kendarius Smith at the 30-yard line. Following a fourth-and-4 pass completion and an ECCC face-mask penalty on back-to-back plays to set up a first-and-goal opportunity at the 5-yard line, sophomore running back Zias Perryman punched it in from 2 yards out. Peyton Rodgers' successful PAT put the Lions on top, 13-0, with 10:41 remaining in the first half.

After forcing another three-and-out on East Central's subsequent possession, EMCC extended its lead to 16-0 on Rodgers' 36-yard field goal at the 7:06 mark to cap the first-

half scoring.

Similar to the game's opening quarter of play, the first six combined possessions – three by each team – of the second half all resulted in punts. Late in the third quarter, EMCC sophomore signal-caller Jamari Jones provided some offensive spark coming off the bench. He first engineered a seven-play, 48-yard drive that was capped by Rodgers' 34-yard field goal to make the score, 19-0, with just under two minutes left in the quarter.

The Lions then took advantage of Trey Laing's interception of Caleb Parten's pass in ECCC territory during the final minute of the quarter. Jones, a Northwest Rankin product, promptly completed consecutive passes to four different receivers, ultimately hitting

sophomore Zach Patterson on a 13-yard scoring strike to increase the margin to 25-0 with 14:24 remaining in the contest.

EMCC's bid for a possible shutout victory was denied after the Warriors benefitted from a turnover. After gaining possession on the EMCC 41-yard line, East Central used a 15-yard keeper by quarterback Gabriel Larry and his subsequent 26-yard touchdown pass to Keyser Booth to get the visitors on the board.

While running out the clock on the ground during their final possession, the Lions went 46 yards on eight rushing plays for their fourth touchdown of the contest. Starkville's KJ Lawrence carried the ball six times on the drive and finalized the game's scoring on a 3-yard

touchdown run with just 26 ticks left on the game clock.

Offensively for the winners, Stewart and Jones combined for 22-of-46 passing for 249 yards. Stewart was 15-of-33 through the air for 176 yards but was sacked five times, while Jones completed 7-of-13 passes for 73 yards and a touchdown. Eight different EMCC receivers caught at least one pass on the night, highlighted

by Kevin Barnett's six catches for 87 yards.

On the ground, the Lions totaled 149 net rushing yards and three scores. Lawrence led the way with 47 yards on eight carries, followed by Arkansas transfer Montae Spivey with 36 rushing yards on seven attempts.

The 1-0 EMCC Lions will hit the road for their next two contests, beginning with Thurs-

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Ike Clay (men's basketball) and Ronald Clay (baseball); and former quarterback Greg Griffith.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE HOURS

During the COVID-19 cycle, the Kemper County Veterans Service Office will be open normal hours, for appointment only. For those Veterans or surviving spouses, please call ahead for appointments. Walkins will be seen when time and space allows, and if unable to assist an individual, an appointment will be made. The Kemper County Veterans Service Office is located in the Courthouse Annex, 29 Bell Street, DeKalb, MS. Hours are Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. To set up an appointment, or for further information, please call Marie Wilson, County Veteran Service Officer, 601-743-2247, or email kcvso@att.net.

EARN YOUR HS DIPLOMA

Earn Your High School Diploma in just 22 weeks! Tuition, Room and Board is absolutely Free! Youth Challenge, located at Camp Shelby Mississippi, is the Premier Alternative Education Program for 16 to 18 year old youth, who are struggling in the traditional school environment and for those who are no longer attending. Challenge also offers nationally certified job skills and College classes through a local University.

We accept both Male and Female Applicants, 16 to 18 years of age. For an Application or more information call: 1-800-507-6253 or visit our website: msyouthchallenge.org

KEMPER COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

DEISTRICT ANNOUNCES BEAVER CONTROL COST-SHARE PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted by Kemper County SWCD for the Kemper County Beaver Control Cost-Share Program. The Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kemper County Board of Supervisors have funded the program to aid non-industrial private landowners in beaver control. For more information or to make application, contact the Kemper County SWCD located in the NRCS Office, USDA Service Center, Daws Building, 197 Hopper Avenue, DeKalb, MS or call 601-743-9588, extension 3.

TODAY'S MOM

A FREE educational program is being offered to help moms-to-be learn how to make healthier choices for themselves and their baby. Today's Mom, is comprised of a series of six free lessons that includes: Keep Baby Safe, Food Safety, Pregnancy Concerns, Healthy Choices, Physical Activity, Recipe Testing and Breastfeeding. If you are interesting in this program. Please call Mary Bennamon at the Kemper County Extension office 601-743-2837 to find out about classes or if you have any questions. Email: mlb267@msstate.edu

FREE BOOKS TO CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD

Kemper County is a participant in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program providing a free book mailed monthly to the child in the child's name from birth until the child reaches the age of five. This project is sponsored

by the United Way of East Mississippi, the Strasser Family Foundation and the Partners for Kemper County, Community Foundation of East Mississippi. To enroll your child on the website enter uwem.org and click on Impact Programs Imagination Library or imaginationlibrary.com and select the "PARENT" tab located at the top of the web page. Registration cards may also be picked up at the Kemper County Library or the Kemper County Economic Development Authority office during normal business hours. Contact Loretta Hulin, Kemper County Imagination Library Coordinator on 601-416-8279 for additional details.

NEW LIFE RETREAT DRUG & ALCOHOL REHABILITATION & EDUCATION

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Since the outbreak of Covid 19 in the US, both addiction and alcohol use are on the rise. Alcohol sales showed a tremendous increase as on line alcohol sales skyrocketed. While short term alcohol abuse can have its own serious consequences, regular, heavy use of alcohol can result in long term damage to the body. Learn more about alcohol addiction and what can be done by visiting:

https://www.narconon-newliferetreat.org/blog/signs-that-alcohol-use-is-getting-dangerous.html

ADDICTION SCREENINGS

Narconon can help you take steps to help those suffering from alcoholism. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-1754

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

ONLINE PRIVATE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION NOW AVAILABLE

In response to limited face-to-face training caused by COVID-19, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry has approved an online private applicator certification pro-

gram developed by the MSU Extension Service. Persons needing to obtain or renew their private applicator certification can complete the online training (two video training modules and a competency exam) by visiting the Online Private Applicator Certification Program on the Mississippi State University Extension's website at extension.msstate.edu. The fee for training and testing is \$20, payable online by credit card, debit card, or eCheck. Successful completion of the training will certify the private applicator to purchase and use restricted use pesticides (RUPs) in the State of Mississippi for a period of 5 years. For more information contact your local extension office at 601-743-2837 or Mississippi Pesticide Safety Education at 662-325-5829.

CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY \$545 + Costs CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY Court Fees Up Front Jim Arnold, Attorney 601-656-6914

Kipling Water Association Customers

Effective October1, 2021 water rates will increase to:

\$30.00 for 0 - 2,000 gallons

\$5.00 per 1,000 gal. over 2,000 gal.

This will be the first increase since Nov. 2010

After school snacks keep everyone happy

Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY Kemper Messenger

The kids are in school. We're all glad for them to be back on a regular schedule. Our main problem is when they get home, they are starving. They act like they haven't eating all

day. If we don't have a snack ready, they'll eat so much they won't eat supper. Our best bet is to have a healthy snack ready for them. Here's some suggestions to hold them over until it is supper time.

BLUEBERRY OATMEAL MUFFINS

1 ½ cups mashed ripe banana or 3 large very ripe bananas
2 large eggs
2 cups rolled oats, plus more for topping
¼ cup vegetable oil
¼ cup pure maple syrup
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
1 heaping cup blueberries
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
Mash the bananas. Place the bananas, eggs, oats, oil, maple syrup, vanilla, baking soda,

baking powder, cinnamon and kosher salt in a blender. Blend everything on high for a minute or two until a smooth batter forms.
Add the blueberries to the blender; gently stir until combined.
Place 12 muffin cups into a muffin tin and pour the batter

divided evenly between the cups. Sprinkle the tops with sugar (or extra oats and gently press them down).
Bake for about 30 to 35 minutes until a toothpick comes out clean. Remove from the muffin tin and allow them to cool a few

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Kemper County Devotional Page

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Acts 12:5-25

This passage depicts two different powers at work. In chapter 11, when Christians at Antioch preached Christ to Greeks, the “hand” of the Lord was with them and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. The “hand” of the Lord refers to his power.

In Acts 12:1, we see that Herod laid violent “hands” on Christians, including the apostle James, using his power to put them to death. Peter was subsequently arrested, put under maximum security, and slated to be executed after the Passover. But the Lord sent an angel to rescue Peter.

Thus the Lord shows the ultimate futility of man’s power against his sovereignty. He will build his church and ultimately destroy all his and the church’s enemies. His people can have peace even under oppression knowing this. Peter is chained between two soldiers when the angel came into his cell and yet, amazingly, he is sound asleep. The angel had to poke him in the side to wake him.

Peter had been arrested and put in prison before. He had been rescued by an angel before. He had been threatened and beaten for preaching Christ before. Peter was able to sleep the night before his execution because he was confident the Lord Jesus was sovereign over the situation.

After Peter escaped, he made his way to a house where fellow Christians were praying for him. He knocked on the gate and the servant girl Rhoda goes back to report it, but the people praying for Peter think she has lost her mind. They were so distraught they didn’t believe it.

When they finally see Peter, he motions them to be quiet and then gives them the details of his escape. And the Scripture gives us details of it for a reason. The church at this time was beset with trouble. They were shaken by Herod’s power and the death of Christians, including James the apostle. And now Peter, the lead apostle, was facing execution.

Peter would have told them that he did nothing to contribute to his escape. It was not contested. The angel simply lit up the room, the chains fell off, he got dressed, he was led out past the sentinels, the huge city gate opened on its own, he walked out, the angel left, and he made his way to the house. In other

words, it was very easy.

Peter said, “Tell these things to James and the brothers.” James was the half-brother of the Lord Jesus and a leader of the Jerusalem church. The Christians there needed encouragement. These were very troubling circumstances. The report would bring to mind the Lord’s sovereign will and power.

In any circumstance, a Christian can say, “My Lord is sovereign over it. I am in his hands.” He knows what he is doing and loves his people. His purpose for James the apostle was good. James served Christ for a time, and when he was killed he went immediately into the presence of the Lord.

The Lord is sovereign over the lives of his people. He conquered death. He holds the keys of death and hades; they are forever in his hands. When our situation suddenly turns to tribulation and tragedy, we remember we have peace with God through Christ and we will forever be with the Lord.

We are also told what happens to the enemies of Christ’s people. After Peter escaped and ruined his plan to receive accolades from the Jews in Jerusalem, Herod left for Caesarea and his wrath was directed toward the cities of Tyre and Sidon. He made them grovel since they depended on his country for food. He accepted worship from them, and in doing so provoked the anger of the Lord. An angel is dispatched from the Lord for Herod (verse 23). But in his case it is an avenging angel to strike him down. Herod dies a gruesome death because “he did not give God the glory.”

Herod was full of vanity and that is the root of all sin. It blinds the mind, puts reason and judgment to sleep. It is a touchy sin; it can’t stand reproof. It proceeds from self-conceit and/or ambition. We see it magnified in Herod. Proverbs 16:5 says, “The Lord detests the proud in heart. Be sure of this, they will not go unpunished.”

The Lord rescued Peter: the Lord struck down Herod. Blessed be the name of the Lord. And then we read “the word of God increased and multiplied” (verse 24). Men may rage, they may mock for a time, but they are like the grass of the field soon to fade away. Christ’s flock will endure forever.

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

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

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Protect Your Health and Your Future – Avoid Opioid Misuse. Say “No” to Meth and Other Drugs!

The rise of synthetic opioids and stimulant drugs, as well as amplified mental health conditions related to Covid-19, has caused the highest number of overdose deaths ever. Over 87,000 American lives were taken by drugs!

Facts about these dangerous drugs:
Opioids are a class of drugs that includes prescription pain killers and heroin. Mixing opioids with alcohol or other drugs can slow down or stop your breathing and your heart. Misuse of opioid drugs is a leading cause of accidental death in the United States.


EXAMPLES OF OPIATES/OPIOIDS



Methamphetamine, also known as meth, is an addictive stimulant drug. Some people notice an urge to use meth after the first use.

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.

IT ONLY TAKES A LITTLE TO LOSE A LOT. Overcoming addiction is not easy, but it's possible.





For More Information contact the Choctaw Tribal Opioid Response Project Team

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Cook

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minutes before serving. Store refrigerated or frozen.

HEALTHY APPLESAUCE CARROT MUFFINS
1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1/2 cup honey
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 cup unsweetened applesauce
3/4 cup finely shredded carrots (about 2-3 medium carrots)
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners.
In a large bowl whisk together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and salt.
Make a small well in the center of the dry ingredients and add the butter, honey, egg, vanilla, and applesauce.
Stir ingredients together until just combined and there are still some spots of flour remaining.
Fold in the shredded carrots just until combined (don't overmix or the muffins will be dense).
Distribute the batter evenly among the muffin liners. Bake for 18-20 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean.
Remove to a wire rack to cool completely. These muffins freeze wonderfully and keep well if covered at room temperature for 2-3 days.

UNBELIEVABLY HEALTHY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
2 cups white whole-wheat flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons coconut oil
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup water
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/3 cup mini chocolate chips
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt.
In the bowl of your stand mixer, combine coconut oil, honey, water and vanilla. Add dry ingredients to the wet and stir until combined. The mixture might seem crumbly at first but it will come together (you can also knead it with your hands towards the end to ensure the dough comes together properly). Stir in mini chocolate chips.
Using a large cookie scoop, place cookie dough balls onto a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Bake in the preheated oven for 11-12 minutes. Remove from the oven and let rest on the baking sheet for a couple of minutes before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

Synopsis of Kemper County School District Budget 2021-2022		
The Board of Education of the Kemper County School District recently approved the budget for the 2021-2022 school year. The approved revenues and expenditures are as follows: REVENUES: Local sources State sources Federal Sources 16th section Total Revenues	7,868,476.79 5,140,737.77 4,384,904.94 271,132.50 17,665,252.00	EXPENDITURES: Instruction Support Services Noninstructional services 16th Section Facilities acquisition and construction Debt Service Principal Interest Total Expenditures
		7,272,644.23 8,194,173.83 582,025.95 89,899.00 506,900.00 - 644,347.00 35,265.25 17,325,255.01

Kemper County
Combined Budget For Publication
For The Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022

	Governmental Fund Types				Proprietary Fund Types			Total
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent	Enterprise	Agency	
REVENUES								
Amount necessary to be raised by tax levy	1,658,892	1,109,068		49,024		124,018	161,741	3,103,643
Taxes and ad valorem other than tax levy	8,979,200	5,983		140		250	2,000	8,987,573
Road and bridge privilege taxes		95,000						95,000
Licenses, commissions, and other revenue	47,600	8,500						56,100
Fines and forfeitures	104,500							104,500
Special Assessments								-
Intergovernmental revenues:								
Federal Sources		952,493						952,493
State Sources	312,938	2,285,857				51,600		2,650,395
Local Sources								-
Charges for services		83,000				4,102,380		4,185,380
Interest Income	70,000	11,600				400		82,000
Miscellaneous revenue	30,600	153,512				51,250	56,656	292,018
Contributions to permanent funds								-
Other financing sources	4,528,584	3,997,521		471,000		-	278,057	9,275,162
Special Items								-
Extraordinary Items								-
Total Revenues	15,732,314	8,703,432	0	520,164	0	4,329,898	498,454	29,784,262
Beginning cash balance	5,700,000	4,467,563		106,000		2,685,486	3,000	12,962,049
Total revenues and beginning cash balance	21,432,314	13,170,995	0	626,164	0	7,015,384	501,454	42,746,311
EXPENDITURES								
General government	3,815,649	2,420,050					56,656	6,292,355
Public safety	1,028,731	400,660				3,890,328		6,219,719
Public works		7,625,895				653,698		8,279,593
Health & welfare	125,115							125,115
Culture & recreation	94,434	3,600						98,034
Education							422,534	422,534
Conservation of Natural Resources	81,290							81,290
Economic development and assistance	209,222	110,352						319,574
Debt service				512,820				512,820
Other expenditures								-
Other financing uses	9,476,000	150,000						9,626,000
Total Expenditures	15,730,441	10,710,557	0	512,820	0	4,544,026	478,190	31,977,034
Ending cash balance	5,701,873	2,460,438		113,344		2,471,358	22,264	10,769,277
Total expenditures & ending cash balance	21,432,314	13,170,995	0	626,164	0	7,015,384	501,454	42,746,311

So ordered by the Board on this the 3rd day of September, 2021.

This is to certify the foregoing budget of estimated revenues and expenses for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 is the true and correct copy of the budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Kemper County, Mississippi on the 3rd day of September, 2021.

A copy of this information for the entire budget and additional background materials are available for inspection from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday of each week at the Chancery Clerk's Office at the courthouse in DeKalb, Mississippi.

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KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CONDENSED ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TAX LEVIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021

Under the authority and direction of Section 27-39-317, and other statutes shown below, and other statutes regarding the levying of taxes, all of the MS. Code 1972, the following tax levies and rates were made and entered by the Board of Supervisors of Kemper County, Mississippi, at it's September 3, 2021, meeting to wit: (levies in mills of tax)

1	General County Purposes, Section 27-39-303.....	33.08
2	General County Special, Section 27-39-329(2)(b).....	1.00
3	Road & Bridge Maintenance & Construction, Section 27-39-305.....	20.00
4	Fire Protection, Section 83-1-39(4)(d).....	1.48
5	County Garbage, Section 19-5-21.....	2.40
6	2016 General Obligation Refunding Bond, Section 19-9-1.....	0.51
7	2012 General Obligation Road Bond, Section 19-9-1.....	0.40
8	EMCC Support & Maintenance, Section 37-29-141.....	1.25
9	EMCC Improvements Section 37-29-141 & Section 27-39-329 (2)(a).....	1.88
10	Kemper County School District Maintenance, Section 37-57-104 thru 107.....	34.73
11	Kemper County School District Shortfall Note, Section 37-57-108.....	4.08
TOTAL COUNTY LEVIES		100.81

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