

## 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](https://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](mailto: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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# Free legal clinic set for Oct.

## From special reports

The Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project (MVLP) and the Sixth Chancery District in Mississippi are hosting three (3) free family law legal clinics to assist low income residents with their uncontested family law matters.

Individuals will receive legal court documents prepared by licensed Mississippi attorneys and legal advice on irreconcilable differences divorce (no-fault divorce), emancipation, guardianship, simple wills and name change cases. Participants can also secure a simple will. The clinics will be held in the following counties:

- **Neshoba and Kemper Counties**—October 8, 9 a.m. (Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Philadelphia, MS);

- **Attala and Carroll Counties**—September 17, 9 a.m. (Attala County Chancery Building, 230 W. Washington St., Kosciusko, MS)

- **Choctaw and Winston Counties**—September 24, 9 a.m. (Winston County Courthouse, 115 South Court Ave., Louisville, MS)

The legal clinics are open to the public; however, interested participants must register online at <http://www.mvlp.net/pro-se-legal-clinic-schedule/> or contact MVLP at 601-882-5001 or BJ Morrow at 601-656-1881 or [bjmorrow8@yahoo.com](mailto:bjmorrow8@yahoo.com) to find out if they are eligible for services and to schedule an appointment.

The legal clinics are pro se clinics, meaning the individuals who attend and receive services from the attorneys are empowered to

handle their legal matters in court on their own. The clinics are designed to assist self-represented litigants in preparing to go to court.

"In the Chancery Courts of the Sixth District we see a tremendous number of people who are in need of legal assistance and simply cannot afford an attorney. People have a right to represent themselves in most cases, but as judge, I have an obligation to only approve pleadings that are prepared in strict conformity with the statutes," said Honorable Joey Kilgore, chancery judge for the Sixth Chancery District. "These clinics are a great way to help low-income individuals draft legal documents that meet the requirements of the law and most of the attorneys in this district truly have a desire to help. I love that Mississippi is

making court access a priority."

MVLP has assisted more than 200 litigants a year through the pro se legal clinics. "Pro bono work helps to bring closure to legal matters for individuals who cannot afford an attorney. MVLP is fortunate to work with attorneys across this state, who dedicate countless hours to making sure we restore hope in the lives of our underserved residents" said Gayla Carpenter-Sanders, Executive Director/General Counsel.

In 2020, MVLP served approximately 1,300 Mississippi residents through referrals, direct representation, advice and legal clinics.

For more information on MVLP or the legal clinics, please contact 601-882-5001 or visit [www.mvlp.org](http://www.mvlp.org).



School photo

Kemper County defenders E.J. Jackson and Devon Baskin bring down a Forest runner during Friday's game.

# Wildcats take 40-0 win over Forest

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**  
The Kemper County Messenger

The Kemper County Wildcats got back on the winning track Friday night as they blanked Forest 40-0 in prep football action.

The Wildcats improve to 2-1 on the season. They host the Quitman Panthers this Friday night at the East Mississippi Community College football field. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Jamar Grace put the Wildcats on the scoreboard when he caught an 80-yard TD pass from quarterback Aaron Steele. Jay Russell kicked the extra point and the Wildcats led 7-0.

In the second quarter, Grace returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown. The extra point try failed and the Wildcats led 13-0 at the half.

Grace returned the second half kickoff 81 yards

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# 2-0 EMCC Lions roll over Southwest

## From school reports

**SUMMIT** – In their first road test of the season, the Lions of East Mississippi Community College passed with flying colors by posting a decisive 49-7 victory over the Southwest Mississippi Bears Thursday night's MACCC football action.

For the second straight week, EMCC's defensive unit limited the opposition to a lone score, while the Lions' well-balanced offense combined for nearly 500 yards of total offense and again scored in all four quarters in moving to 2-0 on the year.

The game's initial tally and the first of seven touchdowns scored by the Lions was set up by a three-and-out forced by EMCC's stellar defense. The Lions went 49 yards

on five plays to move ahead 7-0 at the 8:09 mark on a four-yard scoring run by Zias Perryman. The score followed a 20-yard rush by Arkansas transfer Montae Spivey.

In scoring their only points of the game, the home-standing Bears benefitted from back-to-back defensive interference penalties. They knotted the score on quarterback Luke Alleman's 14-yard keeper up the middle with two minutes left in the opening quarter.

The Lions responded by taking control of the contest with a 21-point second quarter. In the first play of the quarter, EMCC's Jamari Jones capped an eight-play, 61-yard drive by hitting Spivey coming out of the backfield for an eight-yard scoring toss to make it a 14-7 con-

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East Mississippi quarterback Jamari Jones completed 29-of-46 passing attempts for 347 yards and five touchdowns.

Photo by Rocky Higginbotham

# COVID cases up by 42 over the week

Compiled by **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**  
The Kemper County Messengers

The number of COVID-19 infections continues to go up in Mississippi.

State health officials continue to urge Mississippians to get vaccinated for COVID-19.

In the past week, there have been 13,501 new infections statewide and 392 new deaths caused by the dread 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 42 in the past week.

Kemper County has 1,363 infections reports since March 2020. That has gone up from 1,272 in the past week. There has also been three additional deaths related to COVID-19 in the past week, moving the total of 38 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

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# Hopson named Scooba alderman

The town of Scooba has a new alderman.

Thenesha Hopson was appointed to the position by the mayor and board. She was the only candidate to run to fill the unexpired term of Chris Collins, who resigned earlier this year.

A special election had been scheduled for Tuesday. It was cancelled after Hopson was the only candidate to qualify.



LEGALS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE YOUNG ADKINS, JR., DECEASED  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-31-JK

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE YOUNG ADKINS, JR., DECEASED, AND ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO THE ESTATE OF GEORGE YOUNG ADKINS, JR.

You have been named by Thomas Adkins, Administrator of the George Young Adkins, Jr. Estate, who is seek-

ing the judicial determination of heirs of George Young Adkins, Jr., Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 19th day of October, 2021, in the Kemper County Chancery Courthouse, located at 280 Veterans Street, De Kalb, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition and you will be forever barred.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 10th day of September, 2021.

Shirlene Watkins, Chancery Clerk

By: /s/ Deputy Clerk  
Danielle Banks, MSB No. 105900  
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF LUCY DEAN ALFORD HULL, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 21-98 DEWAYNE C. HULL PETITIONER SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LUCY DEAN ALFORD HULL (who cannot be found in the State of Mississippi, and whose post office and street ad-

resses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry). You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Dewayne C. Hull seeking determination of heirship of Lucy Dean Alford Hull. Defendants other than you in this action are none. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m., on the 16th day of November, 2021, in the Courtroom of the Kemper County Courthouse at DeKalb, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 10th day of September, 2021.  
SHIRLENE WATKINS CHANCERY

CLERK OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SEAL BY: Linda White, D. C. GEORGE CULPEPPER ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER MISS. BAR NO. 7942 PO BOX 1184 MERIDIAN, MS 39302-1184 TELEPHONE: (601) 693-2055

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kemper County School District is accepting applications for the position of School Food Service Director. Applicant must possess a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university including a minimum of (9) hours in food and nutrition or food system management, and six (6) hours of educational administration, business, management or accounting. Pay will be based upon district approved salary scale.

The district is also accepting applications for the position of (2) School Resource Officers. Applicant must be at least 23 years of age with a High School Diploma. Applicant must possess a current State of Mississippi Law Enforcement Police Officer Certificate.

Applications may be picked up at the office of the Superintendent of Education at 159 Main Avenue in DeKalb, MS or online at <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.

Fighting the good fight

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2nd Timothy 4:7

How blessed it would be to look back on our lives on earth and proclaim that we've "fought the good fight" "finished the race" and "kept the faith". The two people mentioned in this column fought the good fight. They are now in their Heavenly home, happily receiving the peace and love they so richly deserve.

Kipling News

by Jane McWilliams



We are deeply saddened over the death of Maureen Holloway. Maureen was a nice, good human being. For many years, she wrote the Blackwa-

ter News column in the Kemper Messenger. She used to talk about the lack of news items that people would give her to use in her column. She wrote a nice column that was enjoyed by many people. She was very active in her home, community, and church. She is now gone physically, but her memory will always be with her family, friends, and neighbors. To her son Billy and all of the family, our love and respect are with you, as you go through this sad

time.

There once was a family, that a mother, father, eight girls and twin boys, one child Beatrice, passed away when she was about five years old. This was a happy family, that loved to be together and often was. Many years have passed and time has brought about sad times. Death entered and took away the parents, then slowly seven sisters have passed away. The family mentioned is my family. For several years our

family consisted of twin boys and one girl. About a month ago, death again entered the family and took away one of the twins. Arnold and family have for many years lived in Ozark, Alabama, with his wife Betty and four daughter, their husbands and children living nearby. Now there are only two of the large family remaining. All of my brothers and sisters and of course my parents are still missed. There are lots of thoughts and tears still shed, so

many of our family no longer with us. I cherish and always will the memory of all of my family, but my brother Donald remains. My family, my sisters, and brothers are no longer with us, but they left a large number of nieces and nephews that are very special and I cherish them very much.

Have a good week and thank you for sharing this sad column with me.

OBITUARIES

Margie Sue Key

Graveside services for Margie Sue Key were Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 1 pm, at Pinecrest Cemetery in Dekalb, MS. Reverend Terry Roberts and Brother Chris Gully officiating. Ms. Key, 87, died Sunday, September 5, 2021, at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian. Stephens Funeral Home - Dekalb was honored to be handling her arrangements.

Sue-Key was a retired math teacher, having taught for over 42 years. She began her teaching career at Forest High School and finished her career at Meridian Communi-

ty College. She was a lifelong member of Dekalb United Methodist Church. She was loved and admired by her family and all that knew her. Sue enjoyed shopping, traveling, eating out, and living her life to the fullest.

Ms. Key is survived by her nephews Gene McCarty (Kathy), Jerry Aust, Ken Aust (Sheila), Steve Key, Kim Key (Linda); nieces Joyce Key and Janet Key; several great and great-great nieces and nephews and two sisters in law Ruth Key and Mary Key George.

She was preceded in death by her parents Erma and Boe-

lyn Key Sr. ; brothers Boelyn Jr., Mike and Jerry; sisters Mary Bell McMillan, Tommie Key, Ouida Aust and Joyce Key.

Pall bearers were Gene McCarty, Jerry Aust, Ken Aust, Steve Key, Kim Key, Tommie McCarty and Clint Aust.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to her care givers Ethel Houston and Terry Roberts.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Dekalb Church, Pinecrest Cemetery, or the American Heart Association.

Friends and family may

view the online register at [www.stephensfunerals.com](http://www.stephensfunerals.com)

Don “Donnie” Stokes Jr.

Graveside services for Mr. Don “Donnie” Stokes Jr. were held Tuesday at 11:15am at Pinecrest Cemetery in DeKalb. Rev. James Ruffin officiating. Stephens Funeral Home of DeKalb was honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Mr. Stokes, 38, of Meridian, passed away at his residence.

He was known and will be remembered as a brilliant and

talented guitarist in the Meridian and local music scene. Mr. Stokes was an instructor of the guitar and will be remembered for his loving nature, big heart and wit. He dearly loved his family, especially his cousins and nephew. He was so excited when he became an uncle. Music, friends and Ole Miss were his passions.

Mr. Stokes is survived by his parents Don and Sue Stokes; sister Lacy Stokes McGahen (Rob); nephew Parker McGahen along with fiancé Tami Keeter. He is also survived by his aunts and uncles Ed and Cindy Staten

and Dale and Mary Stokes and grandmother Sara Stokes.

Mr. Stokes was preceded in death by his grandfather Parker Stokes; grandparents Charles and Mildred Staten and uncle Eddie Stokes.

The family received friends on Tuesday from 10am to 11am at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to your favorite charity.

Friends may sign the online register at [HYPER-LINK "http://www.stephensfunerals.com"](http://www.stephensfunerals.com) [www.stephensfunerals.com](http://www.stephensfunerals.com).

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Aug 24th – September 7th

**8-24**  
Thaddis Holmes, 45, 1519 Burrage Rd Preston, MS, Charge: Domestic Violence

**8-27**  
Mercedes M Aldieri, 18, 118 Valley Rd Preston MS, Charge: Public Intoxication  
Clyde Clayborne, 65, 325 Suttle Rd Preston MS, Charge:

Trespass  
Eric Clark, 45, Sally Cole Rd De Kalb, MS, Charge: Simple Assault

**8-29**  
Fony Lee Landrum, 35, 10303 Rd 1327 Philadelphia MS, Charge: DUI(other), Fail to stop for blue lights, reckless driving; DL suspended

**9-1**  
Chad Harbour, 36, 9545 West Lauderdale Rd Collinsville, MS, Charge: Disturbance of Family  
Shelby Mowdy, 153 Roland Hardy Rd Dekalb, MS, Charge: Grand Larceny  
Nathan Alexander Smith, 36, 147 Roland Hardy Rd De Kalb,

MS, Charge: Grand Larceny; Possession of Firearm by Felon

**9-5**  
Brandaryll Hudson, 31, 154 Broach Rd Daleville, MS, Charge: Disturbance of Family  
Rickey Naylor, 46, 295 Succarnachee Rd Porterville, MS, Charge: DUI 1st; No DI, Poss. Marijuana, No Tag, No Insur-

ance  
Ralph Sander, 54, 9251 Hwy 490 Louisville, MS, DUI 1st, Speeding, NO DL, No Insurance, No Seat Belt

**9-6**  
Johnny James Moore, 34, 137 Street Allen Rd De Kalb, MS, Charge: Disturbance of Business, Disorderly Conduct;

Resisting Arrest  
Nicholas Houston, 29, 3848 Kellis Store Rd Preston, MS, Charge: Domestic Violence, Trespass, Malicious Mischief

**9-7**  
Tiffany Maire Goins, 27, 6039 Hwy 16 West De Kalb, MS, Charge: Destroying defacing sign

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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](mailto: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](http://extension.msstate.edu). The fee for training and testing is \$20, payable online by credit card, debit card, or eCheck. Successful completion of the training will certify the private applicator to purchase and use restricted use pesticides (RUPs) in the State of Mississippi for a period of 5 years. For more information contact your local extension office at 601-743-2837 or Mississippi Pesticide Safety Education at 662-325-5829.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE HOURS

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

ADDITION SCREENINGS

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

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



# Healthy snack ideas for ball games

Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY

## Kemper Messenger

Well, if you have kids or grandkids in school you are probably going to have to go to a sporting event or two.

The problem with this is the

concession stand. They usually have beverages that are carb friendly, but the snacks ... no way. You could get the popcorn, but what else?. Never fear, you can think ahead and prepare for this. Pack yourself a low-carb snack pack.

Start with vegetables and

dip. cheese sticks wrapped with slices of meat such as ham or chicken. You can make some fat bombs to take or some low-carb cookies.

Of, course, quick bags of berries are always a hit. Just remember that a healthy lifestyle takes planning and

moderation.

## CHOCOLATE COFFEE FAT BOMBS

2 1/2 c pecans  
2 tbsp instant coffee granules  
2 1/2 tbsp Dutch-process cocoa powder

3/4 tsp stevia  
1 tbsp coconut oil

Into food processor bowl, add all ingredients except coconut oil. Pulse 10 times to incorporate everything. Then add coconut oil. Pulse mixture for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes, scraping

down the sides every 30 seconds, until the mixture starts to have the ability to stick together. Be careful not to process it to the point of being nut butter! Roll into 20 fat bombs (approximately 1 tbsp of the mixture

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## Kemper County Devotional Page

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

## Acts 13:1-12

Luke records for us in this passage the first mission team sent off by a church, taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. The church in Antioch was led by the Holy Spirit to set apart Paul and Barnabas for mission work (verse 2). After fasting and praying, the church sends them off. We learn some important principles of missions here.

The first is missions are commanded by the Lord. The Holy Spirit initiates this mission work. The Lord Jesus had told his apostles they would be his witnesses to "the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). God has a passion for missions. God desires the salvation of the lost. He does not delight in the destruction of the wicked. He gathers his people through the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.

The church in Antioch is set forth as an example in supporting mission work. Paul and Barnabas were the most gifted teachers, yet the church gladly encouraged and supported this mission work. The church was zealous for other people to find the life and forgiveness of sins they had found in Christ. Antioch is sometimes called the "cradle of Christianity" for its contribution to Christian missions.

This initial mission trip was as our Lord said, to seek and save the lost. The first stop in world-wide missions was the island of Cyprus (verse 4). Barnabas was from Cyprus, so he would have known the landscape and the culture. They end up in Paphos, the capital.

Paphos was the center of the worship of Aphrodite, or Venus, the goddess of beauty and sexuality. People from all over the regions of the Mediterranean Sea made pilgrimages to Paphos to celebrate the cult of Venus.

Athanasius, and early Christian leader, would later write that Paphos was a place of Satan's seat, a city given over to the defilement of lust. And the Lord directed his servants Paul and Barnabas to proclaim salvation and the forgiveness of sins to the people. Corinth in New Testament times had a similar culture (and we see it in our own culture today).

Paul wrote the church in Corinth reminding them that they were delivered out of such depravity into the life of God and that those in the church must leave such practices:

*'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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# KA Rams fall to Columbus Friday

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The Kemper Academy Rams dropped a 38-14 decision to Columbus Christian in eight-man football Friday night.

The Rams will be home this Friday night against Calhoun Academy.

The Rams trailed 8-6 at the half. Eli Weaver scored the Rams' touchdown on a two-yard run.

In the third quarter, Eli Miles scored on an eight-yard run. Kemper Academy trailed 22-12 at that point. The Rams' defense came up with a safety in the fourth quarter.

Weaver had 155 yards in passing. He led the team in tackles with 15, while Brody Barfield had five tackles and Miles had four tackles.

## Lions

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test.

The Lions then put together their longest drive of the night by marching 83 yards on eight plays highlighted by Jones' 46-yard pass completion to Cameron Hines on the drive's second play. The Lions primarily kept the ball on the ground the rest of the possession, as Perryman powered in from three yards out for his second score of the evening to extend the EMCC lead to 21-7 with 8:15 left.

Utilizing their two-minute drill to close out the half, the Lions mostly stayed with their passing game in capping a nine-play, 58-yard drive at the 1:03 mark on Jones' 20-yard scoring strike to Tonorris Brookins II. Peyton Rodgers' fourth of seven successful point-after-touchdown attempts on the night made it a 28-7 contest heading into the break.

Following intermission, another three-and-out forced by EMCC's stingy defense led to a nine-play, 57-yard scoring drive that resulted in a 9-yard touchdown toss by Jones to running back KJ Lawrence.

Another accurate PAT by Rodgers lengthened the Lions' lead to 35-7 with 10:32 left in the third quarter.

Later in the quarter as the Bears were threatening within the red zone, EMCC sophomore linebacker Brandon Lairy stepped in front of a Christopher Roberson pass attempt at the 10-yard line and returned the interception 48 yards. Four consecutive pass completions later, Jones again found Brookins, who caught the ball at the 25-yard line, juke'd a would-be defender and bolted down the right sideline to complete a 35-yard, catch-and-run score at the 1:46 mark that increased the margin to 42-7.

EMCC's longest play of the evening came at the beginning of the final quarter and put the MACCC's mandated 38-point mercy rule into effect. Jones hit Zach Patterson over the middle for a 67-yard scoring pass.

Jones connected on 29-of-46 passing attempts for 347 passing yards and five touchdowns. Having completed passes to 10 different receivers, Jones' top target on the night was

Starkville's Joshua Aka, who caught nine passes for 72 receiving yards. Patterson followed with five grabs for 85 yards, including the 67-yarder to close out the game's scoring.

Defensively as a team, East Mississippi recorded 10 stops behind the line of scrimmage against Southwest, including five quarterback sacks. Individually, Tait Deer led the way for the Lions with 10 total tackles, four TFLs and 1.5 sacks.

Thursday's contest in Summit also featured the first head-to-head meeting between 14th-year EMCC head coach Buddy Stephens and first-year Southwest head coach Cliff Collins, who previously served as the Lions' defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach under Stephens' guidance.

The 2-0 EMCC Lions will begin MACCC North Division play on Thursday (Sept. 16) by traveling to Moorhead to take on the 2-0 Trojans of Mississippi Delta Community College. Kickoff at Jim Randall Stadium is set for 7 p.m. on the MDCC campus.

## Wildcats

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for a touchdown. Again, the extra point try was no good and the Wildcats led 19-0.

Steele got into the action. First, he ran 46 yards for a touchdown. Steele scored the two point conversion and the Wildcats led 27-0. Steele later scored on an 89-yard run. The extra point try was no good and the Wildcats led 33-0. Steele scored the final touchdown of the night on a seven-yard run. Russell kicked the extra point.

Steele finished with 401 total yards. He completed 11-of-14 passes for 193 yards, and rushed 11 times for 208 yards.

Grace finished with seven catches for 146 yards. Jamari Scott had two catches for 25 yards while Adrian Burrage had

one catch for 10 yards. Tyler Welch caught one pass for 12 yards.

On defense, Heaven Coleman had six tackles while E.J. Jackson had three tackles, an assist and a sack. Jaylyn Bourrage had three tackles and a sack. Ethan Clark had five tackles. Exzaybrian Hickman had seven tackles while Russell had three tackles.

"This was a much-needed victory," said Coach Ray Ray Westerfield. "I was proud of the overall effort."

The Wildcats were without the services of standout running back Dicezo Miller who was out with a leg injury. Westerfield said his status was week-to-week.

## COVID-19

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against COVID-19, is driving a surge in cases and hospitaliza-

tions that is overwhelming medical workers. The workers are angry and exhausted over both the workload and refusal by residents to embrace the vaccine.

## Cook

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per fat bomb). To form them, you'll need to squish together the mixture a few times in your hands to get it to stick together, then roll it into a ball shape. (Note: If your mixture is too sticky and doesn't hold together well enough, quickly pulse in 1-2 tbsp almond flour.) Optionally, roll the fat bombs in a coating. Place fat bombs on a plate

and refrigerate for at least 45 minutes. These are soft fat bombs, so they won't really firm up; chilling them just gives time for the flavors to incorporate. Store them in the fridge.

**PEANUT BUTTER FAT BOMBS**

4 ounces cream cheese  
2 ounces creamy peanut butter  
1 ounce Swerve Sweetener (granular)

Mix Peanut Butter & Sweet-

ener: Stir together peanut butter and sweetener in medium bowl using spoon until combined, a few minutes, scraping down spoon and sides of bowl as needed. Stir In Cream Cheese: Microwave cream cheese in separate bowl until very soft and pliable, about 10 seconds. Add cream cheese to bowl with peanut butter mixture and vigorously stir until very smooth and completely combined a few minutes. Freeze & Serve. Divide batter among round silicone molds using back of

spoon, making 14 total fat bombs. Freeze until solid, about 2 hours. Serve frozen, and transfer any leftovers to resealable bag in freezer.

**LOW-CARB COOKIES**

1/3 cup coconut oil (room temperature)  
1/2 cup ghee (vanilla bean, room temperature)  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3/4 cup sweetener  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

1/2 teaspoon Himalayan salt (pink)  
3 cups almond flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line baking sheet with parchment paper or silicone baking mat. In a medium-sized bowl, using an electric mixer, mix together coconut oil and ghee until well-combined. Add eggs and vanilla extract and mix again before adding monk fruit sweetener, baking soda, cream of tartar, and salt. Mix again until all ingredients are

fully incorporated. One cup at a time, add almond flour to mixing bowl and mix again. Form dough into balls and lightly press down and place on prepared baking sheet (Note: cookies will spread when baking so be sure to place them about 2-3 inches apart. Use a second baking sheet if necessary). Bake cookies until edges are golden brown, about 15-18 minutes. Remove baking sheet from oven and allow cookies to cool completely before serving.

### Kemper County School District Searching for Students with Disabilities

Kemper County School District is participating in an ongoing effort to identify, locate, and evaluate children from birth through twenty-one who are suspected of having a disability and may need special education and related services. This includes children with disabilities residing in Kemper County who are homeless children or are wards of the State and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability. Research indicates that early identification is essential to the growth and development of children with special needs. Information obtained from parents and other agencies are useful in determining present and future program needs for disabled children. The ultimate goal of the Kemper County School District is to provide a free and appropriate public education for all children with a disability.

Any individual, who knows of a child in the Kemper County School District with a disability and is not presently being served, should contact Amanda Hailey, Special Education Director and Child Find Coordinator, at 601-743-5125. Hailey is responsible for conducting an annual publicity campaign, contacting agencies, coordinating disability referrals, and initiating the evaluation process for in-school and out-of-school children who may need special education services. She is also responsible for ensuring that the Child Find procedures mandated by the Mississippi Department of Education are implemented and followed in a timely manner.

Once all the information has been obtained from the referral stage, a comprehensive evaluation is conducted by qualified personnel and will include administering an achievement, intelligence, and other appropriate tests that would be necessary for determining eligibility. After eligibility has been determined by the district's Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team, the child is placed in an appropriate special education program according to the individual needs of the child.

Information identifying the individual will be maintained by the school district and will be provided to other agencies in accordance with the Family Rights Privacy Act. Parents are guaranteed the right to examine documents concerning the identification, evaluation, and educational placement of their children. Access to this information is forbidden to any unauthorized person without written parental permission.

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For additional information concerning referring students with disabilities, contact Amanda Hailey who is the Special Education Director and Child Find Coordinator. She can be reached at Post Office Box 219, DeKalb, MS 39328 or by telephone at 601-743-5125.



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