

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.

KEMPER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Kemper Historical Association will meet at the Museum in DeKalb on Monday Oct 4 at 3 pm, to make plans for Heritage Day, which will be held on Oct 31

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 Malika Jones at the Kemper County Extension office at 601-743-2837 for more information.

MULTI-COUNTY CSA TEMPORARY OFFICE PROCEDURES KEMPER

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EMCC's enrollment increases

From school reports

While overall fall enrollment numbers compared to the same time last year are down by more than 5 percent at public colleges statewide, East Mississippi Community College saw an increase in enrollment this year.

EMCC's increase of 1.5 percent in students enrolled is the second highest in the state and the college is among only three Mississippi public colleges to show positive growth. Each of the 12 remaining community colleges in the state saw a decrease in enrollment during the same timeframe, with numbers dropping between 1.3 percent and 13 percent.

That decline is part of a national trend this year. While fall 2021 col-

lege enrollment numbers nationwide are not yet available, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, total enrollment for spring enrollment at all U.S. colleges fell a collective 9.5 percent.

"The fact that our numbers are up is not a coincidence," EMCC President Dr. Scott Alsobrooks said. "We have implemented numerous changes across the college to improve our enrollment and retention processes."

The enrollment numbers for Mississippi's colleges are compiled by the Mississippi Community College Board and are based on a preliminary headcount taken each year on the 10th day of the fall semester.

"Each college reports their

enrollment numbers to MCCB on the same day of the fall term," EMCC Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness Susan Baird said. "This is the standard number colleges use for benchmarking their enrollment numbers from year to year."

Audited enrollment numbers won't be available until next spring. EMCC enrolled 3,532 students this fall, with increases across the major campuses. Enrollment was up by 45 students compared to last year at the Scooba campus and by 44 students on the college's Golden Triangle campus, Alsobrooks said. The Community university enrolled 185 students this fall, which represents a 5 percent increase over last year's numbers, he added.

The preliminary headcount includes all students taking for-credit classes and does not reflect those students taking noncredit courses of study. Mississippi Delta Community College saw the largest enrollment increase, with 5.8 percent growth. The only other college in the state with positive enrollment was Northeast Mississippi Community College, which had an increase of 1.3 percent.

This is the first fall-to-fall enrollment increase EMCC has experienced since the 2015-16 school year, Baird said.

Changes

EMCC District Director of

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Photo by Rocky Higginbotham

East Mississippi quarterback Jamari Jones completed 16-of-22 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns while also running for a fourth score.

No. 11 EMCC Lions begin MACCC North action with convincing 56-3 win at Delta

MOORHEAD – The 11th-ranked East Mississippi Community College Lions opened MACCC North Division play with a convincing 56-3 road victory over a previously unbeaten Mississippi Delta squad Thursday.

In a well-balanced effort on both sides of the football, the Lions scored 28 points during each half on the way to their season-best scoring effort. Now averaging 45.7 points per game for the year, they have now scored in all 12 quarters this season.

Each of EMCC's eight touchdowns on the evening was scored by a different player.

After coming up empty on their first two possessions, including fumbling into the end zone on the game's opening drive, the Lions' offense began to

click with touchdowns on four consecutive possessions later in the half.

Their first touchdown of the night, and the game's only score in the first quarter, resulted in an 11-yard scoring pass play from Jamari Jones to Jontarius Henderson with two minutes left in the quarter.

Following one of Delta's six three-and-outs forced by EMCC's stingy defense, the Lions stayed mostly on the ground during an ensuing seven-play, 46-yard scoring drive that was capped by Amariyon Howard's 4-yard rumble into the end zone at the 13:34 mark of the second quarter.

Special teams play set up the Lions' next score, as

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Wildcats look to regroup vs. SE Lauderdale

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
The Kemper County Messenger

The Kemper County Wildcats will try to get back on the winning track Friday night when they visit Southeast Lauderdale in prep football action.

The Wildcats saw their record fall to 2-2 last Friday night when they dropped a 41-33 decision to Quitman.

"Give Quitman all the credit," Coach Ray Ray Westerfield said. "They have a young team but they have talent and they are going to be good for a long time."

The score was tied at 7-7 after the first quarter. Quitman led 14-13 at the half. Then in the third quarter, they outscored the Wildcats 20-14 to carry a 34-27 lead into final quarter. That would be

the difference as the Panthers outscored the Wildcats 7-6 in the final quarter.

Wildcat quarterback Aaron Steele completed 12-of-19 passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns. Steele rushed 21 times for 186 yards and two touchdowns.

Rams outmatched in loss

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
The Kemper County Messenger

The Kemper Academy Rams had a long night last Friday as they dropped a 56-0 decision to Calhoun Academy in eight-man football action.

"They were a lot bigger than

Jamar Grace caught six passes, including the two touchdown passes for 121 yards.

Dicenzo Miller was back from injury. He rushed 11 times for 44 yards and caught two passes for 32 yards.

Heaven Coleman scored a touchdown on a kickoff return.

we were," Coach Michael Dawkins said. "We played hard but just didn't match up very well. It was 42-0 in the fourth quarter and they threw two long touchdowns passes before the game was over."

The Rams, now 1-4, will visit Prentiss Christian Friday night.

COVID infections now over 1,300 here

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

Mississippi has passed New Jersey as the state with the highest rate of COVID-19 deaths in the United States.

Nearly 1 of every 320 Mississippians having succumbed to the coronavirus.

Figures from the Mississippi Department of Health show that 9,270 people have died from COVID-19 since March 2020, and increase of 105 since last week. There has been 476,600 people infected since March 2020. The state has a population of roughly 3 million and has had one of the worst vaccination rates in the country.

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

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Kemper County by the Mississippi Department of Health increased by 14 in the past week.

Kemper County has 1,377 infections reported since March 2020. There has also been one additional death related to COVID-19 in the past week, moving the total of 38 people in Kemper County being taken by the dread disease.

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.

State opens anti-human trafficking website

From special reports

JACKSON – The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation Human Trafficking/Special Victims Unit, a division of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, recently launched a newly designed website dedicated to combating human trafficking.

The goal of the new website, funded by the Mississippi Legislature, is to provide citizens with a centralized location for information related to human trafficking in Mississippi. Most importantly, the website provides instructions and contact information to report human trafficking for victims and those that suspect human trafficking. Users can also access statistics related to human trafficking reports for the most recent report-

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LEGALS

ELC-7 (Adopted 3/22/89) tion Commission August 2021.
Exhibit 7 P. O. Box 23005 (seal)
Jackson, MS 39225-3005 CHANCERY CLERK
KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: /s/ Sherline Watkins D.C

NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 69-27-31, Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated, an election was held on June 8, 2021, to elect three (3) commissioners for the Kemper County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The result is as follows representing:

Beat #: 2
Name: Jerry Nelson
Address: P.O. Box 33 Dekalb, MS 39328

Beat #: 3
Name: Brian Smith
Address: 470 Smith Galloway Road, DeKalb, MS 39328

Beat #: 4
Name: David Barefield
Address: 45 Barefield Lane, Preston, MS 39354

Signed by Authority of an order to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission in its minutes of September 16, 2021.

Nick Ivy
Executive Director, MSWCC

NOTE TO THE EDITOR: This notice is to be published pursuant to Section 25-7-65, Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated, one (1) time in the LEGAL NOTICE SECTION. Send proof of publication and bill to: Mississippi Soil and Water Conserva-

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE REAL PROPERTY AND ESTATE OF JOHNNY MAY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 21-# 94

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JOHNNY M. MAY ADDRESS UNKNOWN

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

You have been made a party in this Cause by Suzanne May Evans and Paula May Cash in the matter to Determine Heirship of Johnny M. May, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 1st day of November, 2021, before the Honorable Kiley Kirk at the Kemper County Courthouse at 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 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 31st day of

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 addresses 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

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 seeking 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 Court-house, 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 Roberson Law Firm, PLLC P.O. Box 80265, 212 E. Main Street Starkville, MS 39759 Phone: (662) 324-3810 Fax: (662) 461-8956 Email: adaniellebanks@gmail.com

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 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.

To the people of DeKalb, Kemper County, and the surrounding areas: Thank you for your love, your giving hearts, and most of all your prayers. I am doing ok and on my way back to "maybe" normal if at all possible. The food, clothing, and many gifts but most of all your prayers have seen me through this most trying time and I am hopefully on my way back to normal. I lost everything except my night gown, even my little 5 cats and 4 dogs, which actually saved my life by waking me up to find my home in flames. I have always been known as a collector and a keeper. Family things given to me, the gifts that my students gave me over the years, things that people were tired of- I collected, they all carried special memories. These were my treasures. Even all of my wedding gifts- I had kept every one. Such beautiful memories they gave me, also all of the special gifts from my students. Thank all of you again for making this most trying time more bearable for me. Sincerely and with love, Joyce Craig McCoy Aust

MS Care Center of DeKalb is accepting application for CNA PRN pay rate up to \$15.00 HR. Application may be picked up in Business Office between 9:00am -4:00pm. Email Resumes to Rbolens@msccdekab.com or mail MS Care Center of DeKalb 205 Willow Ave DeKalb, MS 39328--

We are happy this week to have Grace Gibson from the Kipling community as our guest columnist. We are always glad to have members of our community share their thoughts and comments in the KIPLING NEWS. I welcome others who would like to express their views and comments.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS.
by Grace Gibson
We live in a hectic world in our everyday lives. It is hard at times to think of others. The fol-

Kipling News

by Jane McWilliams



lowing twenty random acts of kindness would go far in helping make someone else's day.
1. Open the door for someone and give them a smile.
2. Write an appreciative letter or note to someone that has had

an influence on your life.
3. After bad weather, call neighbors to see if any help is needed.
4. Allow another driver to merge in front of you or stop to allow someone to cross the street.
5. Offer change when the person ahead of you comes up short at the cash register.
6. Ask someone "How are you doing?" or "Are you okay?" and really listen to their answer.
7. Leave a note or goodie for the mail carrier, sanitation workers, or others.

8. Send a birthday greeting, get-well card, or congratulatory message to a friend or acquaintance.
9. Return the shopping cart for someone at the grocery store.
10. Give someone a compliment and really mean it and pass it on.
11. Take food or other goodies to some ill person in the community to show your concern and love.
12. Allow someone to go ahead of you at the cash register if they have fewer items than

you.
13. Offer to babysit or keep someone's pet for them when they need assistance.
14. Offer to provide transportation for someone in need.
15. Pass along a good book if you know someone that likes to read.
16. Forgive a debt.
17. Offer your seat to someone that has a greater need for it.
18. Visit a friend or neighbor in the hospital or nursing home, if possible.
19. Inform the boss or person

in charge of someone who provided particularly good service and report what they did well.
20. Pray for those in need or for those who will be in need.
We need to help others, to be aware of the needs of others, and to be thankful that we live in this country where we can perform random acts of kindness each day. Through these acts, we will be following the words of Jesus when He expressed the second greatest commandment---"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Luke 6:31

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

September 9th – September 18th

9-9 Bradley Anthony, 47, 1107 Tank St Philadelphia, MS, Charge: Probation Violation	428 Pleasant Grove Church Rd De Kalb, Ms, Charge: Reckless Driving, driving under the influence other	Fox Ave Philadelphia, MS, Charge: Domestic Violence	session of Schedule II Narcotics	9-18 Keshawn Dominique Little, 33, 142 Horn LN Salltillo, MS, Charge: Possession of Marijuana less than Once John E Palmer, 35, 15083 Hwy 39N Brittany Apt De	Kalb, MS, Charge: No DL, Failure to yield to blue lights, disregard for traffic device X3, Driving on wrong side of road
9-11 Cleopatra McCaleb, 36,	9-13 Randy Moncreaise, 40, 273	9-14 Joseph Rapheus, 1305 Buatt Avenue Crowley, LA, Charge: Possession of Marijuana, Pos-	9-17 Jimmy Cole, 32, 1508 Britany Apt 20 D De Kalb, MS, Charge: DUI		

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COUNTY

Due to COVID-19 we are providing tele-service only. Face-to-face, in-house appointments are temporary suspended. Please call our office to schedule a telephone appointment.

If you are a senior citizen or receive disability income AND have been assisted this

year, you DO NOT need an appointment. Please submit your bill (for which assistance is needed) by mail, email, fax or drop box. If you are a senior citizen or receive disability income and HAVE NOT been assisted, please call for a telephone appointment.

To receive services, the following are needed: Bill (for which assistance is needed), Photo Identification, Social Security Cards, Proof of income, Unemployment/Child Support/SNAPS, Documents may be submitted by mail, email, fax or drop box.

Your application will NOT be processed unless ALL documents are submitted. Phone (601) 743-5752, Fax (601) 743-2506, Email lclark@multicountycsa.org, Mail/Drop Box- P.O. Box 126, 39 Bell

Street, DeKalb, MS 39328.

ONLINE PRIVATE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION NOW AVAILABLE

In response to limited face-to-face training caused by COVID-19, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry has approved an online private applicator certification program developed by the MSU Extension Service. Persons needing to obtain or renew their private applicator certification can complete the online training (two video training modules and a competency exam) by visiting the Online Private Applicator Certification 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.

Enrollment

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Advising, Retention and Student Success Dr. Nikita L. Ashford-Ashworth, who was hired last March, said everyone in her department has shifted their focus from a transactional model to a proactive model when it comes to student interactions.

"Basically, that means we are reaching out to our students rather than waiting for them to call us," Ashford-Ashworth said.

EMCC had a strong summer enrollment and one of the strategies was to reach out to those students to see what assistance they needed to continue their studies in the fall term.

They also promoted "Walk-in Wednesdays" for students who prefer face-to-face advising.

EMCC's Enrollment Management department also implemented changes to modernize their communication and recruiting efforts. Among other things, they have implemented Ellucian CRM Recruit, a software system that tracks all interactions with students and displays them on a dashboard for quick reference.

"It allows us to have a visualization of where that student is in the enrollment funnel and what we need to do to get them to enroll in classes," Informa-

tion Technology Specialist William Everitt said.

The department is also utilizing software that allows for mass notifications to targeted students via email and texts.

Traditional recruiting efforts, such as high school visits and campus tours that were on hold last year because of COVID-19, have also resumed and dual enrollment advisors are now serving as recruiters as well.

Not only are EMCC's enrollment numbers up, but so are general reserve funds,

which saw a bump of about \$2 million last year, with roughly \$500,000 of that allocated to give employees raises, Alsobrooks said.

Alsobrooks said the expectation this coming year is to have roughly \$7 million in total reserves in the general operating fund, which is up from about \$800,000 when he was hired in January of 2019.

For more information about available programs of study at EMCC, visit online at www.eastms.edu or call 662.243.1900 or 662.476.5000.

Trafficking

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ing period.

The website also contains links to recent media releases related to human trafficking operations. The website offers citizens a variety of resources, including links to numerous national and state organizations committed to fighting human trafficking and assisting victims of human trafficking. Users interested in hosting a training or in need of a speaker to discuss human trafficking can submit a training request through the website.

The website also outlines the establishment, purpose, structure, and initiatives of the Mississippi Human Trafficking

Council. The newly designed website can be accessed by visiting www.dps.ms.gov/humantrafficking/. Website content will be continually updated to provide citizens with current information on human trafficking in Mississippi.

"The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation Human Trafficking/Special Victims Unit's new human trafficking website illustrates our continued commitment to ending human trafficking in Mississippi," said Governor Tate Reeves. "The website will raise awareness about human trafficking while providing citizens with the tools needed to identify and report this heinous crime, ultimately allowing us to hold traffickers accountable and create a safer Mississippi for all

Kipling Water Association Customers

Effective October 1, 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

It feels soooo great to be flying again!

Finally taking that vacation; Catching up with family and friends. As always, we're here for you. Let us get you on your way.

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Eat healthy while enjoying classic favorite dishes

Compiled by DENISE
SWOGETINSKY

This week we will explore some healthy ways to enjoy some classic dishes we grew up with.

LOW CARB MEATLOAF

1 1/2 lbs ground beef
1/3 cup red onions chopped

1/2 cup pork rinds crushed
1/3 teaspoon ground pepper
2 teaspoons minced garlic
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 teaspoons ground mustard
1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder
8 oz tomato sauce
2 eggs
1/3 cup ketchup

Preheat oven to 375.
In a large bowl, combine all ingredients but ketchup.
Place mixture in a 5x9 inch loaf pan. Press and shape into a loaf shape.
Bake for 45-50 minutes or until reaching desired texture.
Let cool for 2-5 minutes.
Spread ketchup on loaf. Cut and serve or remove from loaf

pan and then cut and serve.

AIR FRYER LOW CARB FRIED CHICKEN

1/4 cup coconut flour
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
2 large eggs
1 cup pork rinds (2.25 oz)
1 teaspoon smoked paprika

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
Stir the coconut flour, sea salt and black pepper in a medium shallow bowl. Set aside.
In a second medium bowl, whisk together the eggs. Set aside.
In a third bowl, mix the crushed pork rinds, smoked paprika, garlic powder and

thyme.

Dredge the chicken pieces in the coconut flour mixture, dip in the eggs, shake off the excess, then press into the pork rind mixture. For best results, keep most of the third mixture in a separate bowl and add a little at a time to the bowl where you'll

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Kemper County Devotional Page

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"This devotional page and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage each and everyone of us to attend worship service."

Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Acts 13:13-41

This passage highlights for us another stop in Paul's first missionary journey. Paul and his companions left Cyprus and traveled to Asia Minor, the location of modern day Turkey. They traveled inland and arrived at Antioch in Pisidia, where Paul was asked to speak in the synagogue. I want to draw your attention to several aspects of Paul's message.

First, it is full of Scripture. He gives a summary of God's special favor toward Israel in the Old Testament. In doing so he brings out the redemptive favors of God, all of which pointed to the coming of Christ into the world.

Paul depicts Scripture as an organic whole, gradually unfolding the redemptive promise of God until its complete disclosure in Jesus' death and resurrection. To say Scripture is God-breathed is not an irrational statement. Paul points to God fulfilling the prophets and his purposes in the coming of Jesus.

When Jesus began his ministry, he quoted words that Isaiah had written around 800 years before: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind and to set at liberty those who are oppressed: to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Isaiah 61:1).

Isaiah was writing of the work of salvation the Messiah would accomplish. When Jesus finished reading this, he sat down and said, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." In Paul's sermon, he quotes the Old Testament to explain Christ's death, his redemptive accomplishments, and his resurrection. He uses Scripture, as Jesus did, to unveil God's salvation.

God moved the prophets to write of Christ so we could see plainly that salvation is from him and that Jesus is more than a prophet. He is the eternal Son of God, God's final word to sinful humanity; he is not just a messenger, but the message. And we need to listen because he came to save sinners.

Another element of Paul's sermon is to bring out the patience of God with sinners. Israel's persistent response toward the amazing favor

of God was rebellion and unbelief. God shows in the nation of Israel the sinfulness of sin in mankind. Their rebellion against God culminates in calling for Jesus' death: "And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed" (Acts 13:28).

Israel needed a sin-pardoning God, and so do you and I. Christ came to save sinners. That is the message. If God didn't bear long with sinners and pardon many and repeated offenses, we would have no hope. You can look at yourself and rightly say I am a standing example of God's patience with sinners.

Another aspect of Paul's sermon is to emphasize what a treasure the gospel is. He says, "We bring you good news" (Acts 13:32). This is the same "glad tidings" the angels pronounced to the shepherds when Christ the Lord was born (Luke 2).

Paul says of Christ: "Let it be known to you therefore brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed from the law of Moses" (Acts 13:38-39).

In Christ, God's justice and mercy are reconciled. God freely forgives sinners because Christ has taken the judgment they rightly deserve. God can forgive the worst sin without relinquishing in the least his abhorrence of that sin. This is how great a treasure the gospel is, how great a treasure Christ is.

But forgiveness is not automatic. It is required you believe, that you have faith in Christ. And that means coming to be washed clean by him; entrusting your body and soul unto him. It is not a deleterious thing to be cleansed and embraced by the Son of God, nor to receive a rich welcome into the kingdom of God. It is the gift of life. And God delights to give it.

Paul closes his sermon with a warning. He quotes the prophet Habakkuk, who warned Israel of impending judgment (Acts 13:41). His point is you can't avert the judgment of God because you don't believe it or don't like it. It is coming. What you can do is make provision for it by calling upon Christ.

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How to Make the Most of the Last Days of Summer

The weather may still be warm, but the call of fall is definitely being heard. Summer is quickly rushing toward an end. Although summer is almost over, it doesn't mean that you can't still enjoy a little last-minute summer fun.

Beach Time

Head off to the beach to enjoy some late summer fun. Be sure to pack some sunscreen, a camera, beach blankets, sunglasses, bottled water, and a bag for collecting those tiny beach treasures like seashells. School has started again, and the people at the beaches are beginning to thin out for the season. So, tossing around a football or throwing a Frisbee can be done without the added worry of accidentally running in to other people.

Cook-out



LaWanda Shields

The weather is ideal for a cook-out. Invite the neighbors over or just have the family join you for an outdoors meal. Plan a fantastic menu with the usual items like hamburgers, hot dogs, and steak. However, throw in a mix of food from both the summer and fall seasons like squash, sweet potatoes, watermelon, and cantaloupe.

Picnic

If you don't want to go to the expense of having a cook-out,

try a picnic instead. Picnics are a fun way to finish out the summer season. They will get you and the family outside for some much-needed sun. Since it is still warm, you might want to wait until the evening when the summer temperatures drop, and you can find some shade. Spread your blankets. Grab your basket. Most of all, enjoy the last few golden days of summer.

Scrapbooking

As the seasons are changing, you can capture those last memories of summer in photos. You can make a scrapbook using your summer pictures and/or even some of the beautiful end of the summer foliage. Summer is coming to an end. So, enjoy those last few sunshine filled days with a few of the activities I mentioned. Happy End of Summer!

Lions

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Cameron Hines partially blocked a punt that gave the visitors ball possession at MDCC's 29-yard line. Four plays later, Jones found Kevin Barnett in the back of the left-side end zone for a 12-yard touchdown toss to make it 21-0 with 11:03 remaining in the half.

The margin quickly grew to four touchdowns within the next minute thanks in large part to Jeremy Mack Jr.'s second pass interception in as many games. EMCC promptly went 45 yards in three plays to lengthen its lead to 28-0 on Jones' 17-yard scoring strike to Zach Patterson at the 10:04 mark.

The Trojans were able to put together their only drive that consumed more than five plays and went longer than 12 yards. Mason Caldwell's successful 36-yard field goal at the 3:19 mark capped a 13-play, 58-yard scoring drive that gave MDCC its only points of the game.

Following intermission, the Lions went back to work and

managed to reach the MACCC's mandated 38-point, mercy-rule margin with six minutes remaining in the third quarter. To open the second half, Joshua Short's 30-yard scoop and score of Jalon Jones' fumble extended EMCC's lead to 35-3 with 13:40 still left in the third quarter.

Later in the quarter Jones went 11 yards untouched into the end zone to stretch the margin to 42-3.

Even with a running clock, EMCC was able to produce two more touchdowns during the fast-paced fourth quarter.

Offensively, the Lions recorded 422 yards of total offense, including 309 of those yards coming in the first half alone.

Individually, Jones complet-

ed 16-of-22 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns while also running for a fourth score.

Nine different EMCC receivers caught passes in the game, with Henderson, Patterson, Perryman and Joshua Aka leading the way with three receptions apiece. Perryman was the game's leading ground gainer with 80 rushing yards and one touchdown on 15 attempts.

Coach Buddy Stephens' 3-0 EMCC Lions return home to play host to the Holmes Bulldogs on Thursday (Sept. 23). With kickoff set for 7 p.m. at Sullivan-Windham Field on the Scooba campus, the 10 newest members of EMCC's Sports Hall of Fame will be recognized at halftime.

Cook


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be coating the chicken. That way, it won't get clumpy too fast.

Preheat the air fryer at 400 degrees F (204 degrees C) for 5

minutes. Lightly grease the metal basket and arrange the breaded chicken on it in a single layer, without touching.

Place the basket into the air fryer. Cook the fried chicken in the air fryer for 20 minutes, until it reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees F




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