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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.

POSTPONEMENT OF KEMPER CIVIC LEAGUE MEETINGS

Due to Covid concerns, The Kemper Women's Civic League will not meet until March or until further notice.

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.

MSU EXTENSION FEBRUARY QUICK BITE PROGRAMS

Quick Bites programs are offered through the Mississippi State University Extension Service and provide information on varied topics over zoom video conferencing. The programs are held during lunch (12-1) on Thursdays. Please register in advance for each meeting. After you register, you will receive an email confirmation and the link to joining the meeting.

Date: February 4, 2021

Title: **I LOVE Flowers**

Presenter: Lynette, McDougald, Instructor, Plant & Soil Sciences

Description: February is the perfect time to enjoy bright colorful flowers indoors since it's a bit gloomy outdoors. Lynette will use some of our favorite flowers and foliage and quick and easy designs.

Date: February 11, 2021

Title: **What's in Your Soil?**

Presenter: Clarissa Balbalian, Diagnostic Lab Manager, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology & Plant Pathology

Description: Let's dig down deep and get the new year started in prepping from the ground up. Clarissa will address common disease problems in your landscape and garden, how to avoid problems and what we might expect this spring.

Date: February 25, 2021

Title: **Technology and You: What is Your Digital Footprint?**

Presenter: Andy Collins, Extension Instructor, Center for Technology Outreach

Description: Let's talk about our digital footprints. What are we putting out there, who is monitoring and following, how to change our status or no longer participate, how will our accounts be managed after we die? What happens to our information that we provide to online accounts? Join in to learn more about your online presence and how to best manage your space.

Please contact our office if you have any questions at 601-743-2387.

SERVS SAFE FOOD SAFETY COURSE REGISTRATION:

A One Day ServSafe course will be offered at the MSU Extension office in Macon, MS on Wednesday, February 24th, 2021. The class will begin at 7:30 a.m. The deadline for registration is Friday, February 12, 2021 (or when registration has reached its maximum number of participants).

This course is mandatory for all establishments, (restaurants, schools, nursing homes, day cares, etc.), that serve food to the public. At least one person in each business MUST be certified.

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COVID cases rise to 881

Compiled By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
The Kemper Messenger

The number of cases of COVID-19 in Kemper County has increased by 20 this past week, according to statistics provided by the Mississippi Department of Health website.

Kemper County has 881 reported cases as of Monday, an increase of 20. The county has 22 reported deaths.

The rate of the number of new cases has gone down across the state in recent weeks. According to health department numbers, there were 5,011 new cases in Mississippi in the past week. That is 2,902 fewer new cases when compared to the previous week. There have

been 287,969 cases reported in Mississippi since March 2020, and 6,464 reported deaths, an increase of 122 since last week.

First Confirmed UK case in Mississippi

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) confirms the first case of a COVID-19 variant strain in a Mississippi resident Monday.

A case of the B.1.1.7 UK variant strain of COVID-19 was confirmed during routine testing. No international travel or spread to contacts is known to have occurred, but additional investigation is ongoing.

The B.1.1.7 variant strain has been identified in 40 U.S. states and is known to spread more easily and quickly than other strains. While

suspected, currently there is no direct evidence that this strain causes a more severe infection or a higher risk of death.

MSDH continues to expand surveillance for variant strains in Mississippi, and it is likely that additional cases will be identified. Current available vaccines are expected to be effective against variant strains, but further research continues.

Mississippians are strongly encouraged to wear a mask, social distance, avoid large gatherings, and wash hands frequently. Vaccination is also encouraged for those who are eligible. Current eligibility includes Mississippi residents or those who work in Mississippi ages 65 and older, or those 16-64 with certain underlying conditions,

healthcare personnel, and residents of long term care facilities.

For eligibility criteria, visit the MSDH website at [HealthyMS.com/covid19](https://www.healthymississippi.com/covid19). To schedule an appointment at an MSDH drive-through clinic, visit covidvaccine.unc.edu or call the COVID-19 hotline at 1-877-978-6453.

Vaccinations are in high demand, and appointments may not be available in all areas. Appointments for second doses should be available.

Free COVID-19 vaccinations for Mississippians when available can be obtained at drive-through sites around the state and from some local healthcare providers.

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Wildcats making all-region were, from left, Quavion McClendon, James Granger and Adrian Burrage,



James Granger brings the ball down the court against Morton.



The Kemper County Lady Wildcats celebrated winning the Region 3-5A tournament Friday after they knocked off Forest 64-54 victory.

KEMPER COUNTY TEAMS CAPTURE REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
The Kemper Messenger

Both Kemper County High School basketball teams captured their respective Region 5-3A basketball championship this past Friday night on their own court in DeKalb.

The Kemper County boys defeated Morton 43-40 while the Lady Wildcats knocked off Forest 64-54.

Both Kemper County teams will host West Marion Friday in the Class 3A state tournament.

The tournament was to have started Monday. With a winter storm moving across Mississippi that brought snow, ice and temperatures in the teens and lower, the Mississippi High School Activities Association has moved the first round to Thursday (girls) and Friday (boys). Because the same schools were playing in both tournament, they allowed them to play a double-header.

The Kemper County boys opened the tournament with a 56-48 victory over Southeast Lauderdale. Jamar Grace led with 19 points

while Quavion McClendon added 11 points.

That put the Wildcats in the region championship game against Morton. The Wildcats took a 23-13 halftime lead and rolled on to the championship. James Granger led with 16 points while McClendon scored 11.

Lady Wildcats

The Kemper County girls opened the tournament on Tuesday with a 68-30 win over

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Kemper County bundles up for winter storm

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
The Kemper Messenger

Nearly 1,500 homes were without power Monday night in Kemper County during the winter storm that blanketed the area with ice and snow.

The temperature reached 15 degrees during the night and the wind chill was in the single digits. Another cold night was expected Tuesday night.

East Mississippi Power Association crews and other emergency services were out throughout the night.

"For the most part, people adhered to our advisory to stay at home and off the roads," Sheriff James Moore said. "There were a few accidents, mostly people sliding off the roads. But we aren't aware of any injuries."

Sheriff Moore said his department checked on some elderly residents throughout the night but no

one was moved to another location.

Sheriff Moore said the food distribution program his department recently started will not be operating this week.

"We will be back open next Wednesday," Moore said. "We gave out around 1,400 boxes of food last week. Just come by the sheriff's department. We start at 11 a.m. and stay open until we run out of food."

Kemper County board of supervisors president Pat Granger said county crews were out, putting salt on bridges and clearing roads.

"We appreciate our county employees for the work they do," Granger said. "We cleared the ice and tried to make it safe for our residents."

Granger said the courthouse would be closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Emergency response manager

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Central Mississippi was pounded Monday by a winter storm.

Seed order forms for food plots available

By **JAMES L. CUMMINS**
Special to The Messenger

Whether you are a photographer, a hunter or just like viewing wildlife on a sunny afternoon, anyone who has spent time overlooking a food plot will have a deep appreciation for wildlife plantings.

Food plots are very attractive to wildlife enthusiasts because they can supplement daily nutritional needs at a low cost. These plots can be designed to serve as a source of food and cover. Well-managed food plots have the

potential to not only increase the wildlife population and their quality of health, but can also increase our opportunities for wildlife viewing.

To aid landowners who would like to plant wildlife food plots, Wildlife Mississippi is continuing its popular Wildlife Habitat Seed Program. Through this program, Wildlife Mississippi will make seed available at a minimal cost.

The Wildlife Habitat Seed Program is designed to provide an incentive for landowners to establish and maintain food

plots that will yield a variety of benefits to the landowner as well as to the species of wildlife he or she is managing.

Corn, soybean, and grain sorghum will be available through Wildlife Mississippi's Spring 2021 Wildlife Habitat Seed Program. All seed is treated and has good germination rates. Wildlife Mississippi will also be taking pre-orders for winter wheat, which will be distributed in the month of September.

If planted properly, the various types of seed will be utilized by a variety of species of

wildlife. White-tailed deer, turkeys, bobwhite quail, mourning doves, waterfowl, and many species of songbirds will benefit from the plantings of the seed that is offered.

The guidelines regarding this program are simple and easy to follow. Anyone interested in obtaining seed should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wildlife Mississippi with a request for an order form and planting recommendations for the seed.

Wildlife Mississippi will be taking orders until March 5. This will allow Wildlife Mis-

issippi to place the orders in a timely manner to ensure that they will be filled in time for the planting season.

Shipping and handling charges incurred by Wildlife Mississippi are included in the price of the seed. The costs will be \$25.00 per 50 lb. bag of glyphosate resistant corn, \$12 per 50 lb. bag of sorghum, \$14 per 50 lb. bag of glyphosate resistant soybeans, and \$9 (pre-order) per 50 lb. bag of winter wheat. Pick up locations will be Amory, Flowood, Greenville, and Hattiesburg.

For an order form and

planting recommendations for this beneficial program, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Wildlife Mississippi, PO Box 10, Stoneville, MS 38776. If you wish to place your order online, please visit our website at www.wildlife-miss.org.

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.

EMCC Lions take 87-70 road win over Meridian

From school reports

MERIDIAN — The Lions of East Mississippi Community College led from start to finish and had five players score in double figures to claim an impressive 87-70 road win over Meridian Community College during Saturday's MACCC basketball action.

Playing without two of their leading scorers — Jakorie Smith and Arecko Gipson Jr. — due to injury, the Lions used the three-point shot to jump out to an early 23-7 advantage.

The Eagles were also hot from beyond the three-point line in the opening half with Leondre Townsen's back-to-back treys leading an 8-0 run for MCC to cut the deficit to eight points (23-15) midway through the half.

The rest of the first half featured additional scoring runs by both teams. After the visitors scored 10 unanswered points, Meridian countered with consecutive 3-pointers by Horatio Parker to make it a 12-point game at 33-21. Eight straight points by the Lions,

including a pair of Hunter McCutcheon treys, increased the margin to 20 points (41-21) with five minutes left in the half.

The Eagles' Jermiyah Brown then caught fire from the outside with a trio of 3-pointers that fueled a 17-2 MCC run that cut the deficit to just five points (43-38) by halftime.

After the second stanza started in similar fashion with Justin Brown's 3-pointer cutting EMCC's lead to just two points, the Lions answered

with an 8-1 run to go back up by nine points (51-42). Later in the half, another McCutcheon trey and an inside basket by D'Antonio Deloach bumped EMCC's lead back up to double digits.

Justin Brown's trey made it an eight-point contest (65-57) near the midway mark of the second half, but that's as close as the home-standing Eagles would get for the remainder of the game. Six straight points by the Lions around the four-minute mark increased the advantage to 23 points (85-62)

on their way to the 17-point road triumph.

Coach Billy Begley's EMCC Lions improved to 5-3 overall on the season. They were paced by their Louisville, Kentucky connection of Blake Butler and McCutcheon with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Freshman Nick Walker followed with 13 points and nine rebounds, while Meridian native Traemond Pittman and Danny Washington added 10 points apiece. Fellow Meridian product Makeem Roberts contributed eight points, nine

rebounds and five assists for the winners.

Falling to 4-3 overall and having their three-game winning streak snapped, the Meridian Eagles were led by Jermiyah Brown and Zebadi-ah Kirkwood with 11 points each.

East Mississippi's scheduled Monday basketball games versus Northwest Mississippi (men at Senatobia and women in Scooba) have been postponed due to Monday's weather. The games will be rescheduled at a later date.

Legals and Classifieds

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN RE: BRENDA SPENCER, DECEASED CAUSE NO: 20-0082 NOTICE TO CREDITORS LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION having been granted on the 24th day of November 2020 to Lakilda Payton, by the Chancery Court of Kemper County, Mississippi, upon the Estate of Brenda Spencer, Deceased, notice is hereby given to any and all persons having claims against said Brenda Spencer, Deceased to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, otherwise, said claim will be forever barred. THIS the 5th day of February 2021. /s/ Lakilda Payton LAKILDA PAYTON, Administratrix of the Estate of Brenda Spencer OF COUNSEL: Gerald Gaggini, MSB 999052500 Hickory Wood Dr. Tupelo, MS 38801 Telephone: 601-212-3696 52361

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR

ENGINEERING SERVICES The Town of Scooba requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide engineering services for work related to the implementation of approved FY 2021 CDBG project(s). You are invited to submit six (6) copies of a proposal, in accordance with this request, by mail to: Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Scooba, Post Office Box 68, Scooba, MS 39358; or hand-delivered to: Scooba Town Hall, 888 Edward Nave Drive, Scooba, MS (PH: 662-476-8451), no later than 2 p.m., on March 2, 2021. The Engineer will be responsible for preparing project cost estimates for application preparation and, if awarded, the selected Engineer will provide all engineering services through project closeout in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the following: 1) prepare plans and specifications; 2) distribute bid documents; 3) assist in bid opening and prepare bid tabulation; 4) assist in the execution of construction contracts; 5) hold pre-construction conference; and 6) perform construction

inspection including periodic reports to the Town of Scooba and approve all payment requests. The Town of Scooba is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. The Town also encourages Section 3-eligible businesses to submit proposals. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 17010) requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that the Town and its contractors that participate in the above-referenced program give opportunities for job training and employment to lower-income residents of the Town of Scooba. Section 3 also requires that contracts for work in connection with the Section 3 area be awarded to Section 3-eligible business concerns. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: "Proposal for CDBG Engineering Services." Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (40 points); Experience (40 points); and Capacity for Performance (20

points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail: Qualifications – List qualifications of persons assigned to the project; Experience – Information regarding the firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, including the type and amount of grants awarded, the project activities, and the status of the projects; Capacity for Performance – Identify the number and title of staff assigned to provide services. The Town will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period to not exceed thirty (30) days for the purpose of reviewing the content of the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the firms and assigned individuals. The Town reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. Subject to CDBG award(s) and the removal of all environmental conditions, the Town will award a contract with the qualified individual or firm whose proposal has the highest number of cumulative points issued by the selection committee and determined to be the most advantageous to the Town, price and

other factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. An individual contract will be executed for each awarded project, and the contract will be on a fixed price basis. The Town has the authority to terminate the selection at any time.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT KEMPER COUNTY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE HEIRS OF ONIE SANDERFORD LITTLE, DECEASED JOE LITTLE, ADMINISTRATOR DE BONIS NON CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 19-43-JK JOE LITTLE PETITIONER VS. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ONIE SANDERFORD LITTLE, DECEASED, IF ANY, AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ONIE SANDERFORD LITTLE, DECEASED RESPONDENTS SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF ONIE SANDERFORD LITTLE, DECEASED You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Joe Little, Petitioner, seeking to have determined

and established the sole and only heirs-at-law of Onie Sanderford Little, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirship filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 20th day of April, 2021 in the Chancery 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 relief demanded in the petition, thereby barring the claims of any other relatives of the decedent. 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 8th day of February, 2021. Sherline D. Watkins-Chancery Clerk of Kemper County, Mississippi, P. O. Box 188 DeKalb, MS 39328 By: Linda Edwards Of Counsel; Kacey Guy Bailey (MB #102271) Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC 1724A - 23rd Avenue (P. O. Drawer 5514) Meridian, MS 39302-5514 Telephone: (601) 693-1301 52381

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Kemper County Economic Development Authority (KCEDA) requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide a feasibility study to determine if Engineered Lumber would be a marketable product for the timber industry in Kemper County, Mississippi. You are invited to submit 2 copies of a proposal, in accordance with this request, to Craig Hitt, Executive Director, Kemper County EDA, 14062 Hwy 16 West, DeKalb, MS 39328, no later than 10 a.m., on March 1, 2021.

The Consultant will be responsible for preparing a feasibility study to determine if Engineered Lumber would be a marketable product in Kemper County and that (1) Engineered Lumber could be manufactured with desirable physical characteristics from available species, (2) to become confidant that potential customers will be considered purchasing the project once it becomes a commercial reality, (3) to become confident that the domestic and or foreign machinery suppliers can design and convert equipment to manufacture engineered

lumber on a large scale and (4) to carry out beginning research for an optimum manufacturing location and the requirements for setting up a manufacturing location, (5) to make initial assumptions for a business plan and to develop a first draft of the financial model that eventually would go into a bankable business plan.

The Kemper County EDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The KCEDA encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: "Proposal for ARC Feasibility Study." Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (25 points); Experience (25 points); Price (25 Points); and Capacity for Performance (25 points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail:

Qualifications – List qualifications of persons assigned to the project; Experience – Information regarding the firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, including the type and amount of grants awarded, the project activities,

and the status of the projects; Price – List all costs; Capacity for Performance – Identify the number and title of staff assigned to provide services.

The KCEDA will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period to not exceed thirty (30) days for the purpose of reviewing the content of the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the firms and assigned individuals. The KCEDA reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. Subject to ARC concurrence, the KCEDA will award a contract with the qualified individual or firm whose proposal has the highest number of cumulative points issued by the selection committee and determined to be the most advantageous to the KCEDA, price and other factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. An individual contract will be executed for each awarded project, and the contract will be on a fixed price basis. The KCEDA has the authority to terminate the selection at any time.

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The cost of the training, book, and exam is \$140.00. No personal checks or cash will be accepted. For more information, call the MSU Extension of at (662) 726-4326 or (662) 726-5723.

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Adults aged 65 and older can be vaccinated at any of our drive-through locations, or at some private healthcare providers.

Anyone 16 to 64 years old with a chronic health condition that may put them at higher risk from COVID-19. (18 or older at our drive-through sites.) Qualifying health conditions: cancer, Chronic kidney disease, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), Down Syndrome, heart conditions, such as heart

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, please call Marie Wilson, County Veteran Service Officer, 601-743-2247, or email kcvso@att.net.

failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies, immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant, obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but less than 40 kg/m²), Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m² or higher), Pregnancy,

Sickle cell disease, Smoking, diabetes, or other medical conditions as determined by your medical provider

Note that your physician or medical provider may advise that you be vaccinated even if you do not have a health condition listed.

Weather

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Ben Dudley said the ice was the heaviest on the west side of the county.

"We are looking for it to

start thawing out by Wednesday afternoon," Dudley said. "The west side of the county is all ice. It's slick."

DeKalb Mayor Clark Adams said the power was off for about an hour in town but came back on. He said city workers were on standby,

take the victory. Chantel Stringfellow led with 16 points while Shalasia Darden scored 12 and Zariyah Moss put in 11.

The Lady Wildcats next took on Southeast Lauderdale and scored 57-28 win. Kemper led 39-12 at the half and held on to advance to the championship game. Stringfellow led with 12 points and Darden scored eight points.

That put the Lady Wildcats in the finals against a familiar foe in Forest. The score was

tied at 25-25 at the half. In the third quarter, Kemper County outscored Forest 23-9 and went on to take the 64-54 victory.

Stringfellow led with 17 points while Darden put in 12. Ty'Asia Bohannon scored 12 points.

For coach Ronnie Slaughter, this completes the rebuilding job he started four years ago.

"Our girls have stuck with it and worked hard to get better," Slaughter said. "I couldn't be more proud of them."

Kemper County School District

Request for Proposals on Qualifications for a District Wide Energy Conservation Program

Kemper County School District is requesting proposals for the implementation of Energy Efficiency Improvements on a performance-contracting basis. The intent of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to solicit qualification proposals from Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) that describe their capabilities to identify, design, install, maintain, monitor and arrange financing of a comprehensive energy-conservation program which includes the services listed in this proposal. Respondents may receive the RFQ Specification Packet from Superintendent Hilute Hudson at hhudson@kemper.k12.ms.us. Proposals will be due March 4th, 2021 at 10 am at the Administration Office at 159 Main Avenue, DeKalb, MS.

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CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY \$545 + Costs CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY Court Fees Up Front

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A balanced breakfast keeps you going all day

Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY
Kemper Messenger

Breakfast is an important meal. We seem to make it through the day better with good breakfast. We tend to not have low spells where we want to eat junk foods if we eat a good breakfast. The problem is,

how do we keep to our low carb diet and eat a good breakfast? Well, with planning and moderation you can stay on your path to healthy eating.

LOW CARB EASY EGG MUFFINS

6 eggs
6 strips of bacon, cooked & diced

1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese**
1/2 small onion, diced
2 tbsp water
salt & pepper to taste
Pam Fat Free cooking spray
Medium size cup cake/muffin pan
Preheat oven to 350
Cook bacon in microwave with paper towels to help

absorb the excessive grease. Cook until bacon is almost well done. Diced into small pieces, then set aside. In a small non-stick skillet spray with Pam and saute' your onions until they are soft. Set aside. In medium mixing bowl combine the eggs, bacon, cheese, onion, water, and salt & pepper. Spray cup cake/muffin pan with Pam and

spoon in the mixture evenly into all 6 compartments. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes. ENJOY!!
** Save some cheddar cheese to melt on top of the muffins before they are completely done.
*** Feel free to add any of your favorite low carb veggies.

FAST CASSEROLE
1 pound ground breakfast sausage
1 tablespoon Garlic minced
2 cups Bell peppers diced
1/2 cup Yellow onion diced
3 cups Spinach chopped
12 Eggs
1/2 teaspoon each Salt and

LOW CARB BREAK-

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Kemper County Devotional Page



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601-743-5516

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

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GETTING THE MESSAGE/Rev. Chris Shelton

Acts 3: 17-26

In this passage, Peter applies his sermon (verses 11-16) to the crowd of people who are gathered and astonished at a crippled man being instantly healed. Peter has already explained that the man was healed through faith in Jesus of Nazareth. He has also declared that Jesus is the promised Christ of the prophets, and that they are culpable in his death. Very weighty statements.

Now he explains what they must do; repent. Peter then gives reasons to repent, teaching us the nature of repentance. The first incentive is the offer of forgiveness of sins. Peter says, "Brother, I know you acted in ignorance, as did your rulers." Peter is not excusing their guilt in putting Jesus to death, but he is saying it is forgivable, and their other sins as well.

He continues; "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out." Obviously, repentance involves knowing (and admitting) the guilt of your sins and turning to Christ. To have your sins "blotted out" means completely absolved, wiped off the record. God remembers them no more. This is how great the grace of God is. Christ has fully paid for sin, all your offenses against God's law.

The converse of this helps us understand the magnitude of it. To not have your sins blotted out means you are accountable for all of them before God, who hates sin. The grace of God shown to us in the person and work of Christ is amazing, but it also manifests to us the plight of the sinner without it. You are estranged from God and held accountable for your sins. You are justly condemned.

The second reason Peter gives to repent is that "times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." The turning to Christ for forgiveness restores your relationship with the Lord. As much as we may like sin, it is discomforting to the soul. We fear death for a good reason; it is a terrible thing. Christ takes away the sting of death, which is sin. Death cannot harm one connected to Christ.

The sinful nature is such it must die, and a new nature disposed toward God's glory replaces it, and in it we may enjoy fellowship with God. The struggle against sin remains. But a repentant soul no longer aims to justify his sinful nature, rather to die to it. That is the nature of true repentance. The incentive is it brings joy in knowing the

blessedness of God. Christ replaces sin as the object of life.

Peter gives a third incentive in verses 21-22. Turning to Christ will make you a member of his kingdom when he comes again to restore all things. Therefore, turning to Christ is a blessing for you whether it is in the present or the future. Peter wrote in his first epistle that believers in Christ have an "incorruptible inheritance." And though they have trials now, they also have expectant joy in Christ.

In verses 22-24, Peter appeals to the prophets in the Old Testament who "all" wrote about the coming Messiah. Jesus is the one they wrote of. He quotes Moses in Deuteronomy 18: "The Lord God will raise up a prophet like me from your brothers. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people." Moses was pointing to Jesus of Nazareth.

Moses was a type of Christ. He was appointed by the Lord to be a mediator for the people, to deliver them from bondage. Yet he wrote of a greater prophet to come. He wrote of Christ. Christ brings light in the darkness, life in a world filled with death. There is no way to life apart from listening to him, apart from having him. But if you have him, you have everything.

Peter also mentions Samuel as a prophet who proclaimed the coming of Christ. Samuel was the one who anointed David as king of God's people. David would later conquer the enemies of God's people. He too was a type of Christ. His name means "beloved." Christ is the greater king David pointed to. Christ is the beloved of God, the only begotten Son of God. To love him is the way of life.

Peter is holding out life and death to us. God is saying turn to Christ and live. All the Scriptures have this one redemptive message. Look to the promised one of God (Christ), who destroys the works of the devil, and restores life with God for those under the power of sin and death.

You must ask yourself if you have repented; if you have turned to Christ; if you reckon yourself dead to sin and alive in Christ. If Christ is of greater worth to you than this present world, and if you are looking forward to his day, when he restores all to the glory of God, if you will embrace him and live.



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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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DIY herb gardens are easier than people may imagine

What's the easiest DIY veg and herb garden for newbies?

In the past year as I walk my neighborhood I've seen so many new gardeners giving it a go, often right out front as a proclamation: "We're here, and we're trying."

Luckily, a lot of the timid newbies were mostly successful, which is great; it's no fun learning to expect and power through the pitfalls of growing stuff, dealing with bugs, blights, inclement weather, and animals. But we stick with it, try figuring out what went awry, then with a sigh rework dirt and replant.

To me, a busy/lazy older guy with an aversion to excess effort, it's a no-brainer to just plant stuff in regular flower beds in front of shrubs, and in big containers, using veggies and herbs like ornamental flowers. Or step it

up and make small but efficient raised beds, with or without rigid sides. One neighbor simply covered rectangles of lawn with cardboard and leaves, and planted right through that. And it worked.

Beds and containers are easier and more productive in small spaces than long, skinny rows; I plant two or more compatible crops atop double-wide beds, mulch with leaves or bark, and when something is harvested I dig in the old mulch and cover with fresh mulch, then plant when I get around to it. You can even have multi-level raised beds, or put pots in the middles.

Occasionally for a new area I rent or borrow a big tiller for half a day, which is far less expensive than owning, with no worries about storage or keeping it in running condition. Had I a

bigger garden I would probably get a little lightweight cultivator tiller, but because my beds are so compact area I can work them a bit at a time fairly easily, using time-tested tools - a shovel or spade, turning fork, hand trowel, and rake - for which I am the only moving part.

A lot of folks enclose raised beds, but all you really need to do is slope and firm or even plant flowers around the sides. To keep things neat and less muddy between beds use mulch, old carpet samples or a wide board.

Rather than fill beds with store-bought soil, I recommend digging your native dirt a few inches deep then add stuff to it, like crumbled crackers in a bowl of chili. It's cheaper and works better than all one or the other.

Last month I added a fence because a soft-hearted neighbor puts out cat food for raccoons and 'possums, which later use my garden for after dinner mints; roaming cats also treat my fresh soil as their litter box. Yuck. I also drape insect netting over my cabbage, kale, broccoli, and cauliflower to foil caterpillar-causing moths; in the summer I cover my squash as well, raising it only to hand pollinate and harvest as needed.

Nothing sweeter than having little flowers around the edges, partly for looks and partly to attract more pollinators. My favorites include compact zinnias, but I also tuck lantana, blue salvias, and other long-flowering bee- and butterfly-friendly somethings here and there as well.

So it's a regular year-round thing, growing stuff every which



A new garden bed ready for planting.

way whenever the mood strikes and the weather is right, digging in old mulch then planting whatever is suitable for the season, adding fresh mulch, watering as needed, harvesting, and repeating whenever I get around to it. Meanwhile, to keep things

cheery, I'm painting pots and raised beds, and adding a simple scarecrow and birdhouse. If nothing grows, I'll still have something to smile about.

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pepper or to taste
½ cup Cheddar cheese shredded

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and prepare a baking dish with non-stick cooking spray and set aside. Ground and cook sausage in a skillet until fully cooked. Add garlic, peppers, and onions to the skillet and sauté with sausage for 2 min-

utes. Place this in your prepared baking dish. Add chopped spinach on top. In a separate bowl whisk eggs with salt and pepper. Pour egg wash over vegetables in a baking dish and gently mix to make sure eggs are covering the entire dish. Top with cheese and bake for 45 minutes or until a fork can come out clean and eggs are

cooked all the way though.

WESTERN OMELET

1 med. onion, chopped
1 c. milk
2 c. cooked ham, chopped
12 eggs, slightly beaten
1/2 tsp. pepper
6 tbsp. butter
1 med. green pepper, chopped

1 tsp. salt
Heat butter in skillet. Add onion, green pepper and ham. Stir fry 5 minutes. Spread evenly in baking pan or casserole 15 x 10 inches.

Mix eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour over ham mixture. Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until firm.

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