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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.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Kemper County School Board Regular Scheduled Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the District Office.

MSU EXTENSION NEW CLASS OF MASTER GARDENERS

Registration opens March 1 for the newest class of Master Gardeners, who will receive their training online this year. This year, all Master Gardener instruction is online and self-paced. The class begins May 1 and closes June 30. The cost is \$125 for those who want to become certified Master Gardener volunteers and provide 40 hours of service. For \$200, a home-gardening course is available for those not interested in the volunteer service. Non-volunteer participants can pay \$25 per class for select classes if they prefer. These individual classes are available year-round. Registration is open from March 1 until April 15. Register for the training and learn more about the Master Gardener program at <http://msuext.ms/mg>.

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.

COURTHOUSE MASK REQUIREMENT

Due to COVID-19 and Governor Reeves adding Kemper County on December 1, 2020 to the mask mandate list that requires residents to wear masks in certain circumstances, entrance to the Kemper County Courthouse will be through the East door (side facing Hwy 39) until further notice. Please note that your temperature will be checked before entering the building and wearing a face mask is required.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church of Christ meets for worship every Sunday at 11 a.m. at 14678 Hwy 16.

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 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

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Both Wildcat teams headed to Jackson in Class 3A tournament



School photo

Jamar Grace looks to pass the ball during one of the Kemper County Wildcats' earlier games. Both the Kemper County boys and girls teams are in the running for a Class 3A state championship and will play in Jackson Wednesday.

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
The Kemper Messenger

Both Kemper County varsity basketball teams are headed to Jackson this week as they have advanced in the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 3A state basketball tournaments.

The teams have qualified for the semifinals in their respective brackets and were to play Wednesday. The Lady Wildcats will take on Belmont at 9 a.m. The winner advances to the finals on Saturday when they take on the winner between Kossuth and Crystal Springs starting at 1 p.m.

The Kemper County boys were to play Booneville at noon. The winner will advance to the state finals against the winners between St. Andrews and Senatobia Saturday at 3 p.m.

Because of last month's ice storm, the tournament dates were pushed back and teams had to play three games last week with the girls taking the court on Monday, Wednesday and Friday while the boys played on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The Kemper County girls started the week with a 49-21 win over West Marion. They then defeated Velma Jackson 55-36 and Jefferson County 64-54.

Kemper County trailed Velma Jackson 28-26 at the half. But coach Ronnie Slaughter made some adjustments at the half and the Lady Wildcats turned the game around. Kemper County outscored Velma Jackson 29-8 in the second half and took the victory.

Chantel Stringfellow led with 21 points. Zaryah Moss scored 12 points while Shalasia Darden scored eight.

The Lady Wildcats then went up 16-8 after the first quarter in their game with Jefferson Davis. Both teams scored 15 points in the second quarter and the score stood at 31-23 at the half in Kemper's favor.

Jefferson Davis outscored Kemper 17-13 in the third quarter. But Kemper came back to out-point Jefferson Davis 20-14 in the fourth quarter and took the win.

Stringfellow finished with 20 points while Moss scored 14.

"I think we are ready to play," said Slaughter. "These girls played hard last week and now we are two wins away from being state champions."

Wildcats

Kemper County rolled through the competition last week as they defeated West Marion 78-45, Yazoo County 81-64 and Tylertown 70-50.

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Supes authorize purchase of old Super Dollar

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
The Kemper Messenger

The Kemper County board of supervisors approved the purchase of the old Super Dollar building located across the street from the Courthouse during Monday's meeting.

Supervisors approved the minutes of the previous meeting, the claims docket and the county payroll. In other matters, supervisors

voted to:

- Authorize the execution of a perpetual right-of-way easement for a public road with Mississippi Power for Bethel Church Road;

- Approve the meal log for the Kemper Neshoba Regional Correctional Facility for the month of February;

- Approve to move \$42,000 from the circuit clerk's COVID Relief Fund to be used toward the purchase of the old Super Dollar

building;

- Approve an invoice totaling \$325 to Locksmith, Inc., to replace locks in the circuit clerk's office;

- Approve an order allowing circuit clerk Shirley Jackson to collect \$53.23 as commission on half of 1 percent on all money coming into the hands of the clerk as fines in 2020 by order of the Circuit judges;

- Approve paying Coroner

Medical Examiner Association dues for Terry Bostick and Ben Dudley;

- Approve an order approving for Bostick and Dudley to attend the 2021 Spring Coroners Conference in Flowood on April 14-16;

Supervisors met with representatives from Waggoner Engineering to discuss an ongoing project to get water and sewer services out the new Kemper Crossings Industrial Park.

COVID-19 cases up by 11 cases in county

Compiled By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
The Kemper Messenger

The number of cases of COVID-19 in Kemper County has increased by 11 this past week, according to statistics provided by the Mississippi Department of Health website.

Kemper County has 901 reported cases as of Monday, an increase of 11 in the past week. The county has 23 reported deaths, an increase of one.

Local residents are reminded that the Kemper County board of supervisors has extended its county-wide mask mandate through April 5.

The mandate was first passed last year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been extended each month by the board.

It requires that masks be worn in public. Anyone who violates the ordinance, upon conviction, could face a \$500 fine and/or six months in jail.

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

See **COVID-19**, page 4



Kemper County Homemaker Volunteers made grab and go bags to help raise awareness about heart disease and encourage people to live heart healthy lives. The bags contain heart health information, healthy snacks, and other goodies. This event was made possible through a partnership with MS Tobacco Free Coalition, Rush Healthy System, and the Partners for Kemper Foundation.

Senator Jackson updates on legislative work

By SAMPSON JACKSON
Special to The Messenger

The senate proposed a \$6.15 billion total state support budget that contains \$2.56 billion for K-12 education.

It proposed \$663.5 million for Institutions of Higher

Learning and \$232 million for community and junior colleges.

The budget proposed a \$6.4 million transfer from the Department of Finance and Administration to the Department of Public Safety to facilitate transferring authority over

the Capitol Police force to the state's chief law enforcement agency.

The passage of Senate Bill 2895 would allow a downward adjustment of ad valorem taxes in Chickasaw and Tunica counties for proposed alternative energy production projects

worth at least \$100 million. Chickasaw is eyeing a solar production project and Tunica is the proposed location for a wind generated energy project.

Our passage of House Bill 1302 would allow sufficiently trained optometrists to perform a greater range of medical serv-

ices like removing small growths or lesions, "needle drainage of eyelid abscesses, hematoma, bulla and seroma." Proponents think the increased medical ability could cause more optometrists to practice in Mississippi.

We passed a Rules calendar

honoring Mississippians who have achieved, and we made certain board appointments.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Please call me at 601-359-3232 if I can help you.

OBITUARIES

Mildred Jenkins Kirkland

Funeral services for Mildred Jenkins Kirkland were held Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Cliff Barker officiating. Burial followed in Vardaman Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Jenkins Kirkland, 85, passed away at her home on February 24, 2021. She was a member of Vardaman Baptist Church in Kemper County. Mildred worked as a seamstress at Wells-Lamont

Glove Factory for 43 years.

In 2018, Mildred was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Rodney Kirkland; parents; sisters: Helen Jenkins Burkes and Judy Jenkins Pullin; brothers: Herman Jenkins, Robert Hollie Jenkins, and Charles Jenkins; and infant sister, Mary Isabel Jenkins.

She is survived by her daughter Tammy Shumaker of Philadelphia; one grandson; one granddaughter; and twin brother, Milton Jenkins of Ocean Springs.

Janice Hagan

Fleming

Funeral services for Janice Hagan Fleming were Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Chris Young officiating and vocalist Dayna Goff. Burial followed in Big Oak United Methodist Church cemetery. Visitation was Sunday, February 28, 2021, from 1 p.m. until service at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fleming, 84, of Philadelphia died February 18, 2021.

A native of Kemper County, she graduated from Dam-

ascus High School and was a graduate of EMCC. Mrs. Fleming was a member of The United Methodist Church.

Survivors include husband, Rev. Claude Fleming, Jr.; son, Claude L. Fleming III; daughter, Susan Barton; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Wendell Hagan; sister, Lawanda Hagan Vick.

Mrs. Fleming was preceded in death by parents, George Henry and Velma Hagan; brother, Dwight Hagan.

Memorials may be sent to St. Jude, 501 Saint Jude

Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Cleveland Eugene Jowers

Graveside services for Cleveland Eugene Jowers of Dekalb, MS, will be Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 1:00 at Memorial Garden Cemetery in Demopolis, AL. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Stephens Funeral Home in DeKalb, MS. Bro. Jack Kern will be officiating.

Mr. Jowers, 79, was a big-time Alabama fan and loved going out looking for things with his metal detector. He loved golf and fishing, but

what he loved most was going to watch his grandchildren's ball games.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia; sons Jeffrey J. Jowers and Denney B. Jowers (Charla); 8 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and one on the way; 3 brothers Johnny and Walter Jowers and Lonnie Jowers along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Tounie and Columbus Jowers and one brother Winfield Jowers.

Friends may sign the online register at www.stephensfunerals.com.

Legals and Classifieds

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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. WatkinsChancery Clerk of Kemper County, Mississippi, P. O. Box 188DeKalb, MS 39328 By: Linda Edwards Of Counsel:Kacey Guy Bailey (MB #102271) Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC1724A - 23rd Avenue (P. O. Drawer 5514)Meridian, MS 39302-5514Telephone: (601) 693-1301 52381

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

To all persons interested in the following described Forest Lands in Kemper County, Mississippi, to wit: Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 15 East416.50 acres m/l as shown on Tax Plat Map 72, Parcel 3, Kemper County, Mississippi. You are hereby notified that sealed bids to lease the Hunting and Fishing rights on the above described forest land for a period of 5 years may be filed with the Superintendent of Education of Kemper County School District located on Main Street, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328, on or before 3:00 p.m. on March 18, 2021. The sealed bids shall be submitted for the ENTIRE PARCEL and must include 100% of the amount bid for that parcel. This amount will be refunded if not the highest bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all

bids. All bids submitted will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter. Kemper County Board of EducationHilute Hudson, Superintendent of Education Publish two times: 03/04/2021; 03/11/2021

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Kemper County School District located on Main Street, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328, on or before 3:00 p.m. on March 18, 2021. The sealed bids shall be submitted for the ENTIRE PARCEL and must include 100% of the amount bid for that parcel. This amount will be refunded if not the highest bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids. All bids submitted will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter. Kemper County Board of EducationHilute Hudson, Superintendent of Education Publish two times 03/04/2021; 03/11/2021

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income, Unemployment/Child Support/SNAPS, Documents may be submitted by mail, email, fax or drop box.

Your application will NOT be processed unless ALL documents are submitted. Phone (601) 743-5752, Fax (601) 743-2506, Email lclark@multicountyca.org, Mail/Drop Box-P.O. Box 126, 39 Bell Street, DeKalb, MS 39328.

ONLINE PRIVATE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION NOW AVAILABLE

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

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE HOURS

During the COVID-19 cycle, the Kemper County Veterans Service Office will

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.

FREE MATTER OF BALANCE CLASS

Matter of Balance Classes have been POSTPONED until further notice.

ADULT JIGSAW PUZZLE

Adult Jigsaw Puzzle meet-ups have been POSTPONED until further notice.

EARN YOUR HS DIPLOMA

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

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

KEMPER COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DEISTRICK 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CIVIL AIR PATROL Headquarters Mississippi

(USPS 292280)

The Kemper County Messenger is published every Thursday in DeKalb, MS 39328. James E. Prince, III, President. Subscriptions are \$36 per year in Kemper County, \$40 per year outside of the county and \$43 a year outside of the state. Single Copy price is 50 cents. Periodical postage paid at DeKalb POFice. POSTMASTERS: send change of address to Kemper County Messenger, Box 546 DeKalb, MS 39328; 601-743-5760 Monday noon is the deadline for all news submissions, advertising, weddings and obituaries. The Kemper County Messenger reserves the right to reject or edit any or all advertising.

Wing Civil Air Patrol United States Air Force Auxiliary 1635 Airport Dr. Jackson, Miss. Volunteers needed! G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Squadron, CIVIL AIR PATROL, Meridian, is looking for new members. Meeting time is Monday nights (except holidays) at 5:30 p.m. in building 308 at Key Field Membership categories: Cadets (youth) ages 13 - 18 (but may remain as a cadet until age 21.) Senior Members: age 18 and up. contact: Captain Carolyn Holiman 601-490-0206 ms102-cc@mSWG.cap.gov.

TODAY'S MOM

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

FREE BOOKS TO CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD

Kemper County is a participant in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program providing a free book mailed monthly to the child in the child's name from birth until the child reaches the age of five. This project is sponsored by the United Way of East Mississippi, the Strasser Family Foundation and the Partners for Kemper County, Community Foundation of East Mississippi. To enroll your child on the website enter uwem.org and click on Impact Programs Imagination Library or imagi-

nationlibrary.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.

FREE & FREE EATING SMART BEING ACTIVE!

You're invited to an Eating Smart Being Active Class

Being overweight or obese can lead to health problems like diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease. Southern cooking and our love of soul food might make you think healthy eating is difficult. Join us for a 9 session course where you will learn about healthy eating, cooking with new recipes, saving money at the grocery store, and getting physically active. You'll learn all these topics and MORE! There will be goodies given away, and you can taste a new recipe while discussing and sharing valuable information. Bring a friend and come expecting to have fun! 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

CUB SCOUTS SEEKING SCOUTS

Pack #4 of Kemper County Cub Scouts is looking for interested individuals (boys and girls) from the ages of six year olds to twelve year olds that are interested in scouting. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Barney Brown Senior Citizen Building. Point of Contact: Billy J. Rush, Cub Master.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Board of Education of the Kemper County School District hereby gives notice that bids will be received from all financial institutions located within Kemper County until 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 2021, for the privilege of keeping school funds or any part thereof in said institution or institutions for the years beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2024, all pursuant to Section 27-105-305, et. al., Mississippi Code of 1972. Said bids shall designate the kind of security as authorized by law which the financial institution proposes to give as security for said funds and current interest rates on deposits and time deposits offered by the financial institution, as well as all applicable bank fees to be charged to the district. Bid instructions and forms can be obtained by contacting Dr. Matilda Miller at (601) 743-2657.

Please mail bids to Kemper County Superintendent of Education, P.O. Box 219, 159 Main Street, DeKalb, MS 39328. Please specify "Financial Bids" on envelope.

Bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled April 8, 2021 Board meeting.

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.

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

Jim Arnold, Attorney
601-656-6914

Ways to keep your low carbs with cold weather food

Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY
Kemper Messenger

With all this cold weather, we are looking for some good "stick to your ribs" recipes.

You may fear you will have to give up low carbs for comfort, but never fear. There are options avail-

able. Just remember that healthy eating requires planning and moderation.

LOW-CARB LASAGNA
2 cabbages (medium)
2 pounds lean ground beef
1 Anaheim pepper (chopped)
1 white onion (or yellow, finely chopped)

1 clove garlic (minced)
1 teaspoon oregano
2 teaspoons basil
28 ounces crushed tomatoes (with Italian herbs)
1 egg white
1 cup gouda cheese (shredded)
1 cup mozzarella cheese (shredded)
1 cup Parmesan cheese

(shredded)
salt
pepper
red pepper flakes

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut cabbage heads in half and boil for 15-20 minutes until soft. Drain water and chop into 1" squares. Then sauté cabbage for 2-3 minutes to remove

excess water. Let cool and wrap cabbage leaves in dishtowel, squeezing out remaining water. Brown beef in skillet. When most of the pink is gone, add pepper and onion. Sauté 3 more minutes until thoroughly cooked and onion has softened. Add garlic, oregano and basil and cook 1 more minute. Remove from heat.

In a medium bowl, whisk egg white into crushed tomatoes. Add to meat mixture and season with salt and pepper. In a separate bowl, mix cheeses together. To assemble, double layer cabbage, meat sauce and cheese in greased 9" x 13" pan. Sprinkle with red pepper flakes

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Kemper County Devotional Page

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Acts 4:23-31

This passage begins with Peter and John giving a report to the church of what the chief priests and elders had said to them (verse 23). They had been given an unlawful command accompanied with threats for non-compliance: "you are not to speak in the name of Jesus (verse 18)."

The church responds by proclaiming the sovereignty of God over creation and providence. God is the ruler with absolute power. He made all things; he is not the work of man's hands, nor a god of man's imaginations.

We find the phrase (verse 24), "Sovereign Lord, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them," throughout the Scriptures. In Psalm 146 it is used to make a distinction between those who look to the Lord and those who put their hope in the rulers of men. In Revelation 10 it is a mandate to the church to be faithful in proclaiming God's word in tribulation.

Facing the threats of men, the church looks to the power and majesty of the Sovereign Lord. It is an argument from the greater to the lesser. If God made all things, then he is able to do whatever he wills. He will ultimately prevail, so as his people we focus on his will and leave the temporary consequences to him.

The church moves from God's creative power to his prophetic word. They quote Psalm 2, which depicts the foolishness of kings and rulers on earth being opposed to the Lord's anointed Savior and King, which the church identifies as the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a lot at stake. The Psalm warns people they must "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you perish in the way." But, "blessed are those who take refuge in him." Therefore the wisdom of the church is the wisdom the Lord Jesus taught: "Do not fear men who can only kill the body but not the soul; rather fear God who can destroy both body and soul in hell."

There is a natural animosity in men toward the truth of Christ. It stems from the absence of love toward God, and therefore the angry resistance to being confronted with his divine word and judgments against our wickedness,

There is no negative to embracing Christ and being delivered from sin and death. But men love sin and idols. This passage instructs you to take careful inventory of your thoughts of God and of Christ whom he sent to save. He is the only way of salvation. God does not make idle threats. Neither does he fail to keep his promises. You must choose between sin and the Lord. Our lives here are short and uncertain; this world is not worth losing your soul. And the Lord is full of mercy to those who call on him.

In verses 27-28, the church applies Psalm 2 to what took place when Jesus was unjustly put to death by Herod, Pilate, and all the people. It was all written of through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit long before it happened.

The Lord didn't just foreknow what was going to happen, but in verse 28 we see that men putting Christ to death was what God's "hand and plan had predestined to take place." God does not cause men to sin, but he sovereignly brings good out of it. The death of Christ is the prime example of this. We must remember, though, sin is no less evil because God brings good out of it.

The wonder of the gospel is that men who put Christ to death are offered life in his name. Murder is an awful thing; to murder the holy, only begotten Son of God, all the more. There are none who can justly say they are innocent of it. If God numbers our sin, not one of us can stand. Remarkably, if you "kiss the Son," whom you crucified, all your sins are sponged away. Such is the grace of God.

We see the request of the church to the Lord in the face of the threats they have received. They ask for boldness to continue to proclaim Christ to the world (verse 29). What is striking is they do not ask for the threat to be removed or for their oppressors to be judged. They are walking in their Savior's steps, who prayed on the cross for those persecuting him. Some of the rulers will come to faith (Chapter 6). Vengeance for those who remain in unbelief will come in due time. Until then, grace is offered in Christ. His church is to maintain faithfulness and diligence it proclaiming his word to the world.

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
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In the Garden with Felder



Screened compost from leaf pile

I just "86ed" some of my garden by tossing freeze-damaged plants and trimmings into my leaf-pile compost bin. It will be run back through the garden later.

The nearly century-old term "86" is used mostly as a code in the restaurant and bar industry to let servers know when an item is either out of stock or needs to be discarded. Also refers to an unruly customer needing to be ejected.

Side note: I love applying extraneous terms to gardening, including computer lingo. I delete weeds and wasp nests, cut and paste plants from one spot to another, and surf garden centers for plants to download into beds. And it could be said that the harsh weather crashed my garden, which now needs rebooting.

Anyway, with damaged plants making my normally-cluttered garden look more bare than usual, this time of year I can see the "found objects" that naturally accumulate every year. Because I struggle unsuccessfully with Dumpster diver tendencies, spring cleaning the garden for me is usually an exercise in "what was I thinking?" I often have to haul off perfectly good but useless odds and ends that other folks 86ed and left on their curb, and which I never got around to using.

Along with the usual pots of plants that died so long ago their name tags are too faded to read, are weathered old boards, tools with broken handles meant to be crafted into a garden sculpture, cut-up pieces of roofing tin from a fence project, empty paint cans...

However, last week I did find my long-lost prescription bifocal sunglasses under a pile of brush that had been carelessly piled behind some shrubs, and a still-useable pair of pruning shears in the compost pile.

Speaking of the compost pile brings me back to my original topic, of cleaning up after the storm. It wasn't a total loss; soon as the sun came out, hardy winter-flowering camellias, flowering quince, and daffodils

popped into color from undamaged buds, and hungry honeybees sought succor in the nectar-rich dandelions and henbit that my neighbors so despise in their lawns.

But I got out my pruning shears and trimmed the yellow and taupe freeze-dried leaves from a boxwood and other burnt evergreen shrubs, neatened up the singed clumps of oxalis, daylily, and iris, and yanked out limp snapdragons and once-beautiful but now-slimy flowering cabbage plants. I checked some shrubs to make sure their bark isn't split down low, which would mean heavier pruning to save them this summer, and finished pruning the roses, figs and hydrangea. It's time for all that.

It all went onto what I call my compost pile, which is essentially a somewhat neat, fenced-in leaf pile of fallen leaves, used-up plants, weeds, and biodegradable veg and fruit kitchen trimmings.

I've never been much for formal compost systems, with all the mental management of the right ratios of green and brown stuff and rules for turning and aerating. Did it very successfully a couple of times, and found it interesting but too much work. Now I have a simple fenced leaf pile.

Bottom line for composting are two simple rules: Stop throwing that stuff away, and pile it up somewhere. I toss debris on one side, then sift finished compost from the other through half-inch mesh hardware cloth; what isn't finished gets run back through the pile. Once I settled into this nearly effortless process, I've secured a steady supply of fuss-free compost. Without having to haul bagged stuff to the curb.

All in all, the yard looks much better with the storm-damaged trimmings 86ed. Time to reboot.

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Wildcats

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Kemper County led Yazoo County 16-15 after the first quarter. The Wildcats limited Yazoo County to 14 points in the second quarter while scor-

ing 21 and led 37-29 at the half. The Wildcats carried a 54-44 lead into the fourth quarter and outscored Yazoo County 27-20 in the final eight minutes to ice the victory.

James Granger scored 28 points to lead Kemper County. Quavion McClendon scored 13 while Jamar Grace and Ty

Steele both put in 12.

The Wildcats and Tylertown went back and forth. But in the fourth quarter, the Wildcats outscored Tylertown 20-11 to clinch the win.

Granger scored 23 points and McClendon and Steele both scored 12.

COVID-19

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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.

The rate of the number of

new cases has increased across the state this past week. According to health department numbers, there were 4,120 new cases reported in Mississippi in the past week.

There have been 294,994 cases reported in Mississippi since March 2020, and 6,681 reported deaths, an increase of 128 since last week.

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Please arrive for your vaccination appointment 15 minutes early, and please keep to your assigned appointment time.

Cook

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if desired. Bake 20 minutes or until golden brown.

LOW CARB CHICKEN CASSEROLE

- 16 ounces cauliflower (bag of, thawed)
- 3 tablespoons margarine (stick)
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast (cut into bite size pieces)

- 1 tablespoon seasoning (chicken)
- 2 1/2 teaspoons margarine (stick)
- 2 1/2 teaspoons flour (all-purpose)
- 2 cups cheddar cheese (shredded sharp, divided)
- 1 1/4 cups milk (can use regular milk)
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper (or to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a skillet, large enough to hold the chicken, melt margarine

over medium heat. Add chicken and sprinkle with chicken seasoning; stirring well to coat. Cook until no longer pink and slightly browned. Set aside.

To make the Cheese Sauce: In a medium-sized saucepan, melt margarine over medium/low heat.

Add flour and cook until lightly browned. Stir in milk, a little at a time, until slightly thickened.

Stir 1 1/2 cups cheese into milk. To get the desired thickness or thinness, you might want to add a bit more milk. Add salt and pepper to taste. In a large bowl, add cauliflower, chicken, and cheese sauce. Then pour into a greased 2-quart pan. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

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