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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.

ANTIOCH HOMECOMING

Regrettably due to the health situation we have decided to cancel the meeting on September 5, 2021.

This will be the second time in my memory. Please contact anyone you know and inform them.

Anyone wishing to visit cemetery is welcome. If you would like to make a donation to the upkeep please mail to one of the following address. Make checks payable to Antioch Cemetery fund.

The Citizens Bank
27597 Ms-16
Scooba, Ms. 39358
Or
Andrew Dabbs
1626 Dabbs Rd
Scooba, Ms. 39358

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

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Health officials praise vaccine

Compiled by STEVE SWOGETINSKY
The Kemper County Messengers

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

According to news reports, between July 29 and August 25, 90 percent of hospitalizations and 87 percent of deaths due to Covid-19 occurred in people who were unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, according to the Mississippi Department of Health. Only 2 percent of overall cases were among vaccinated people.

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Kemper County by the Mississippi Department of Health increased by 41 in the past week.

Kemper County has 1,272 infections reports since March 2020. That has gone up from 1,231 in the past week. There has also been three additional deaths related to COVID-19 in the past week, moving the total of 34 people in Kemper County being taken by the dread disease.

Statewide, there have been 435,611 cases reported since last March 2020. That is an increase of 22,113 in the past week. The number of deaths stands at 8,361, an increase 314 deaths.

In Kemper County, as of Monday, 34 percent of the population or 3321 people have been fully vaccinated. Forty-one percent of the population or 4004, have received one of the shots. Fully vac-

inated means either two doses of Moderna or Pfizer or one dose of Johnson & Johnson.

Mississippi is experiencing high levels of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to the delta variant. The delta variant is much more contagious, and spreads twice as easily compared to other strains. Outbreaks have been identified in youth camps, faith-based gatherings, funerals and social events

Wearing a mask is most important if you have a weakened immune system or if, because of your age or an underlying medical condition, you are at increased risk for severe disease, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased

risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated. If this applies to you or your household, you might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission in your area.

You should continue to wear a mask where required by laws, rules, regulations, or local guidance.

If you haven't been vaccinated yet, find a vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what is known about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can do things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

For information on COVID-19 treatment, visit HealthyMS.com/covid-19.

local teams win big



Submitted photos

The Kemper County Wildcats and the Kemper Academy Rams won their football games Friday night. In the top photo, the Wildcats close in on a Leake Central in their 47-20 win. Kemper Academy, pictured in the lower photo, took a 52-12 win over Discovery Christian in Flowood. Both teams will be back in action this Friday. The Wildcats travel to Louisville while the Rams return home to host Christian Colligient from the Coast.

Kemper Wildcats open with strong victory

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
The Kemper County Messenger

The Kemper County Wildcats opened their 2021 football season with a 47-20 victory over Leake Central Friday night on the East Mississippi Community College campus in Scooba.

The Wildcats will visit Louisville this Friday night.

Running back Dizenzo Miller Jr. had a busy night. He carried the ball 11 times for 73

yards and three touchdowns. He also caught three passes for 46 yards and a touchdown.

Quarterback Aaron Steele completed 7-of-17 passing attempts for 100 yards and three touchdowns. Steele also rushed eight times for 117 yards and one touchdown.

Jamar Grace caught three passes for 46 yards and two touchdowns. Toddrick Rush rushed three times for 22 yards and Ty Steele ran the ball once

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Rams even record at 1-1 with 52-12 win

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
The Kemper County Messenger

The Kemper Academy Rams rebounded from their season opening loss to roll over Discovery Christian School 52-12 in eight-man football action.

The Rams, now 1-1 on the season, will be back home Friday night when they host Christian Collegiate.

Quarterback Eli Weaver accounted for five touchdowns. He rushed

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Hurricane leaves little damage in Kemper

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
The Kemper County Messenger

What was Category 4 Hurricane Ida passed over Kemper County Monday night dumping rain but leaving minor damage.

Schools were closed on Monday while the storm passed through but re-opened on Tuesday.

Emergency operation director Ben Dudley said Kemper County seemed to fare well.

"We have some spotty power outages but by and large, they are back on," Dudley said. "You have some trees down but nothing major. Road and bridge was working on a downed tree (Tuesday morning). But nothing major.

"We have some places in the county that traditionally floods, some low lying road. We don't really have any houses that are in danger of flooding."

Julie Boles, spokeswoman for East Mississippi Electric Power Association said there were some power outages but most were restored by Tuesday.

"We started seeing outages Monday morning, and we had a couple of hundred scattered

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Unemployed total drops in July by 1.4% for Kemper

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
The Kemper County Messenger

Kemper County's July 2021 unemployment rate of 9.4% dropped when compared to the previous month rate of 10.8%, according to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

That's 2.7 points above the state's rate of 6.7 unemployment percent. The national percentage of unemployed stands at 5.7%.

This is an improvement over the same time last year in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Kemper County's unemployment rate stood at 11.6%. Businesses and industries were forced to halt or scale back operations and send their employees home to avoid infection. At that time, Mississippi's unemployment rate stood at 9.6% while the nation's rate was at 10.3%.

Kemper County's labor force in July 2021 stood at 3,510 people. Of that, 330 people were out of work.

Here is a look at the unemployment rates in neighboring counties.

	July 21	June 21	July 20
Neshoba	6.8	7.8	13.2
Leake	6.7	7.5	9.7
Lauderdale	5.9	7.4	9.1
Newton	7.1	8.1	9.8
Scott	5.4	6.0	6.6
Noxubee	10.0	10.5	14.5
Winston	7.5	8.6	10.5
Attala	7.5	8.0	10.2

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2021 was 6.7%, decreasing nine-tenths of a percentage point

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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID FOR AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE SIXTEENTH SECTION LAND

To all persons interested in the following described Agricultural Land in Kemper County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 14 East

All the open land lying in the S ½ of SW

¼, containing 64.00 acres more or less, Kemper County, Mississippi.

You are hereby notified that sealed bid to lease for Agricultural rights on the above-described 16th section land for a period of 5 years may be filed with the Superintendent of Education of Kemper County School District located at 159 Main Street, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328, on or before 3:00 p.m. on September 9, 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 any and all bids less than \$ 20.00 per acre. All bids submitted will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Kemper County Board of Education

Hilute Hudson, Superintendent or Education

CARD OF THANKS

TO THE VOTERS OF WARD THREE, DEKALB

I want to thank you for returning me to serve another term as Alderman of Ward Three for the Town of DeKalb. It

is a great honor, and I sincerely appreciate your confidence in me in representing ALL the citizens of Ward Three. [br /]

I have been honored to have received your support, as well as having recently received my Masters Degree in Counseling/Education and Clinical Mental Health. I will now be able to serve better and more effectively not only the citizens of Ward Three, but all of DeKalb and Kemper County in

my work as Attendance Officer. It is a privilege to do so, and I assure you that I will do my utmost to promote the interests of all the people to the best of my abilities.[br /] Once again, thank you for your support, and I look forward to serving you faithfully as your Alderman.

Tracy Naylor

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Aug 4th -Aug 22nd

8-4
Quadarious Brown, 22, 739 Main St De Kalb, MS, Charge: Domestic Violence- Simple Assault

8-8
Christopher Hampton, 24, 301 Depot Hill De Kalb, MS,

Charge: DUI 1st Offense

8-15
Celya Wallace, 40, 3112 5th Street Meridian, MS, Charge: DUI, NO DL

8-17
Hannah Rose Wiechert, 27,

275 Sw 2nd St Apt North Dakota, Charge: Possession of Controlled Substance
Fredric Scott, 57, 124 Swdenburg Cir Columbus, MS, Charge: Possession of Marijuana

Michael Jerome Cunningham Jr, 48, 1410 30th Ave NW

Apt 4201North Dakota, Charge: Possession of a Control Substance

Benamin Griffin, 28, 106 Kathy Ave Quitman MS, Charge: Expired Tag, Possession Marijuana less than oz, Possession of Control substance
John Calvin Gibbs, 747

Depot Hill St, Charge: Driving under Suspended License

Antonio Smith, 33, 2428 Old Marion Rd Meridian, MS, Charge: No DL

Michael Little, 41, 1295 Old Rock Rd Porterville, MS, Charge: Suspended License

8-22
Tony Charles Moore Jr, 37, 650 Sunflower Rd Scooba, MS, Charge: Public Drunk
Edwina Louise Murray, 37, 341 County Rd 479 Alabama, Charge: Public Drunk

EMCC awarded \$200K grant for apprenticeship training

From school reports

The Workforce and Community Services division at East Mississippi Community College has been awarded a \$200,000 grant to provide training to area workers through the Mississippi Apprenticeship Program, or MAP, a state apprenticeship program supported by the U.S. Department of Labor.

EMCC will work with area businesses and industries to develop Registered Apprenticeships that will provide employees with both on-the job training and in-class instruction to meet identified needs.

“One of the things that

excites us about this is there is a potential to help our small and medium-sized businesses develop talent in a way we haven’t been able to do before,” EMCC Vice President of Workforce & Economic Development Dr. Courtney Taylor said. “We will be working with those companies to help them develop the talent they need, as well as our large employers.”

EMCC was notified Aug. 11 that it had been awarded the grant to establish the apprenticeship program, which was to launch Wednesday. Grant funds will be used to help offset training costs, and provide support services, although those details have not been finalized yet.

“Some of the things we are looking at are reimbursing tuition costs, wage reimbursement for apprenticeships and any pre-training that may be needed before the actual classes begin,” Taylor said. “Other funding will be dedicated to support services, such as transportation costs, books, work uniforms, childcare and supplies.”

Work has already begun on the next step in the process, which is meeting with officials from local industries and businesses to determine their interest in the apprenticeship program and to identify their training needs.

Unlike paid internships in

which EMCC sends students to participating businesses, in an apprenticeship the employers would send their workers to EMCC to receive training or even work with EMCC to identify new employees that could start the company and apprenticeship simultaneously. There could be exceptions, however.

In July 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor announced an award of \$3.5 million to expand Registered Apprenticeships in Mississippi. Graduates of a Registered Apprenticeship program receive a national industry-recognized credential validated by the U.S. Department of Labor or a statewide apprenticeship

agency, according to Apprenticeship.gov, a U.S. Department of Labor website.

Mississippi also has a Skills Training Tax credit for businesses that can be utilized by program sponsors in manufacturing, wholesale, warehousing and other related industries, the website states.

The MAP is administered through the state Office of Apprenticeship in coordination with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security and the Mississippi Community College Board.

“We are grateful to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security and the Mississippi Community Col-

lege Board for the opportunity to expand services to the communities we serve,” EMCC President Dr. Scott Alsobrooks said. “These apprenticeships will provide residents who are working an opportunity they might not otherwise have to attend school while continuing to earn a living, while also addressing any skills gaps faced by area businesses and industries.”

There were 1,529 apprentices who participated in the Mississippi Apprenticeship Program from the program’s inception in 2016 to Sept. 30, 2019, according to a Mississippi Department of Employment Security abstract.

EMCC adds Neal as assistant director of bands

From school reports

SCOOBA – Director of Bands Chris King was so excited about the prospect of Ben Neal joining him here at East Mississippi Community College, he reached out for an official interview on Neal’s honeymoon.

“In talking to him initially, we seemed to see eye-to-eye on so many different things,” King said of Neal, who recently joined EMCC as the Assistant Director of Bands. “He really seemed to have the mindset we

were looking for.”

Neal has experience spanning three states on the high school, junior college and college level – but was actually working in Las Cruces, N.M., before accepting the position with EMCC in Scooba.

A native of Etta and graduate of West Union Attendance Center in north Mississippi, Neal worked with an alum of New Mexico State University while student teaching at Ripley High School.

Neal graduated from New Mexico State in May with a

master’s degree in Percussion Performance. While in Las Cruces, he worked as a Front Ensemble Instructor with Mayfield High School.

His duties within the New Mexico State band program and music department ranged from organizing the NMSU Drumline Club to coaching percussion ensemble groups; and from studying orchestral conducting to assisting with instruction and marching fundamentals for the Pride of New Mexico Marching Band.

“I was looking for a lot of

things and at (returning to) Mississippi in particular,” Neal said. “Chris knew I was looking and called ... that first phone call, we probably talked an hour.”

Neal has already been through a band camp with EMCC’s Mighty Lion Band prior to the start of the fall semester and is now helping King prepare the band for the upcoming football season. In addition to serving as the Assistant Director of Bands, he is the Director of Percussion, Director of the Mighty Lion Drumline, and also offers private lessons.

Rates

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over the month. The number of unemployed decreased 11,000 over the month, while the employed total increased 14,700 from the prior month. The Nation’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2021 at 5.7% decreased four-tenths of a percentage point over the month and 4.8 percentage points over the year.

Mississippi’s nonfarm employment decreased 4,600

over the month but was 44,900 higher than one year ago. The government sector registered the largest monthly employment loss, followed by the professional & business services sector.

For the month of July 2021, 28 counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than the state’s rate of 6.7%. Rankin County posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of July at 4.5% followed by Union County at 4.9%. Jefferson County had the highest unemployment rate for July at 19.7% followed by Wilkinson County at 15.5%.

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

MULTI-COUNTY CSA TEMPORARY OFFICE PROCEDURES KEMPER COUNTY

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Due to COVID-19 we are providing teleservice 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.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE HOURS

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

EARN YOUR HS DIPLOMA

Earn Your High School Diploma in just 22 weeks! Tuition, Room and Board is absolutely Free! Youth Challenge, located at Camp Shelby Mississippi, is the Premier Alternative Education Program

for 16 to 18 year old youth, who are struggling in the traditional school environment and for those who are no longer attending. Challenge also offers nationally certified job skills and College classes through a local University.

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

KEMPER COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES BEAVER CONTROL

Wildcats

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for 12 yards.

Defensively, Devon Baskin had eight tackles, two for losses. Alex Roberts recovered a fumble. Kessler Thompson broke up a pass and Kendrick Wells had a quarterback sack.

Rams

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for 125 yards and passed for 156 yards.

Those scoring touchdowns included Eli Miles with two touchdowns and Thomas Mattox, Buddy Weaver, Colton Kenerd and Buddy West with

Kenteric Delk had five tackles, E.J. Jackson had four tackles.

The Wildcats now turn their attention to Louisville which beat Gentry 31-12.

“Just like every year, Louisville is going to be a strong opponent,” said Coach Ray Westerfield. “They are fast and physical on defense and they have a bunch of play-makers on offense.”

one apiece. Beau Gully scored on a two-point conversion.

Miles was a top tackler with six stops. Eli Weaver had nine tackles, three assists and a sack.

“Discovery was more our size,” said KA coach Michael Dawkins. “We matched up better. Our defense held up well the whole night. We made things happen on offense. The line blocked well.”

Invitation for Bids Stumpage for Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Kemper County Board of Education in DeKalb, Mississippi up to and no later than 4:00 P.M., September 9, 2021, for the purchase on a lump sum basis for all timber, standing or down, designated for harvesting on 70.00 acres in Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 16 East, Kemper County, Mississippi. Bids should be addressed to Kemper County School District, P.O. Box 219, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328 or hand delivered to 159 Main Avenue, DeKalb, MS 39328. No faxed or emailed bids will be accepted. The envelope should be clearly marked to indicate that it contains a timber bid for Section 28, Township 11N, Range 16E, containing 70.00 acres m/l. All bids will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.

The Kemper County School District is accepting bids for the following items:

Heavy Duty Scissor Lift Table
Brake Lathe

You are hereby notified that a separate sealed bid must be completed on each item listed above and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. The amount of the bid for the item must be included along with contact information. Only one bid per envelope shall be mailed to Kemper County School District, Post Office Box 219, DeKalb, MS 39328 or hand delivered at the Office of Superintendent of Education located on 159 Main Avenue, DeKalb, MS on or before September 9, 2021 by 4:00 p.m. The Kemper County School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids submitted will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Meat rubs add taste to Labor Day barbecues

Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY
Kemper Messenger

Monday is Labor Day. Many of us will be home enjoying time with our friends and family. It's the last big get together before school really rolls and takes over our sched-

ules. Many will want to barbecue. The grill will fill the air with irresistible aromas.

One way we like to prepare our food is by using sizzling kabobs. They are a great way of cooking multiple things at once. If you are going to use these, you need to remember a few tips. When you use wooden

skewers, soak them over night so they don't burn. When loading on the meats and vegetables, remember to think about size. Cutting your vegetables about the same size will help them to cook at the same temperatures.

Be creative with your vegetables you choose. Firm

squash, carrots, peppers, onions, broccoli, cauliflower and tomatoes, are just a few vegetables you can try. You can even cut fruits into chunks and grill them.

When preparing your kabobs you may want to marinate them with either a liquid marinade or a dry rub. below

are some carb friendly marinades and rubs you can use.

HOMEMADE MEAT MARINADE

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1 small onion minced
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons steak seasoning
- 2 tablespoon Italian seasoning

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Kemper County Devotional Page



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Psalm 40:9-17

David is in a crisis. He established earlier in the psalm that God delivered him from the pit of destruction and set his feet on solid ground. The Lord put a new song in his mouth, a song of praise for the salvation of his body and soul. It is this deliverance that teaches David how to respond to a crisis or tribulation.

First David proclaims God's righteousness in the crisis (verses 9-10). He is determined that no crisis will cause him to shrink from proclaiming to God's people the love and faithfulness of God. This is not easy. Any crisis David was in would also affect the people of Israel since he was the King. The human heart is naturally cold toward God; in a crisis it often turns to murmuring, rebuke, and anger. When Moses sought to persuade the Israelites in the desert to remember God's faithfulness, they threatened to stone him. This was because they were not happy with God's providence. Nevertheless, this is exactly what people need to hear. God has shown his favor in delivering you from the pit of destruction. He is faithful. "Whoever is wise, let him hear and consider the steadfast love of the Lord (psalm 107)."

Second, David knew what he needed to endure this trial. He affirms that God's mercy, love, and faithfulness will preserve him (verse 11). David is saying that since you are with me in this Lord, I can endure it and remain faithful. Augustine used to pray, "Lord command what you will, but give what you command." In other words, whatever providence you bring, Lord, I am willing to undergo, so long as your Spirit enables me to endure it and remain faithful through it. A sense of dependence needs to be united with confidence that the Lord provide.

Third, David was poor in spirit. He confesses, "My sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me" (verse 12). This is often the case for a Christian in a crisis. He feels convicted of sin. It is not unhealthy. Rather, it shows an honest, healthy relationship with the Lord. It prepares you for

true comfort, which the Lord alone can give.

Living in impenitence and sin is a comfortless state. Being self-confident and insensitive to the holiness of God is a wretched condition. David, however, knows he is unworthy. David is in the right frame of mind to be comforted. Do not then be distressed because you are feeling unworthy. It is what God wants you to feel. You are now in God's way. Confess your sins before the Lord and seek comfort in him. Draw near to the Lord. He delights in mercy.

If we get a right view of one sin we are usually given to see that our offenses are countless. David said, "My sins are more than the hairs on my head." The Lord Jesus showed the Samaritan woman (John 4) a particular sin and she went away and said, "Come, see a man that has told me all things that I ever did." She wasn't hurt by this conviction of sin, she was saved by it. Charles Hodge wrote, "The greatest conviction a man can have is conviction of sin."

A crisis can help awaken Christians or a church to fresh conviction of how sinful and dependent on God's grace they are. The exalted Christ told the prosperous church in Laodicea, "You say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked." He instructs them to seek grace to see their sin and find their comfort in reconciliation and fellowship with God, not in easy circumstances. He is not a God to leave his people in the misery of indulging sin.

This brings us to the last point, which is for the Christian in a crisis to always return to comfort in the Lord's promise of salvation and to praise the Lord for it. David says, "May those who love your salvation always say, 'The Lord be exalted'" (verse 16). Assured of his salvation, and yet knowing his frailty, David cries out to the Lord to come quickly with help (verse 17). In our trials, effectual help must come from God only. Should you hesitate to call on the one who made the heavens and the earth and has delivered you from the pit?



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— 1 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

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Conserving energy by reducing, reusing and recycling

By JAMES L. CUMMINS
The Kemper County
Messenger

Energy conservation is the practice of decreasing the quantity of energy used.

It will not only help to reduce energy costs and the need for new power plants but it will also reduce the need for energy imports. The United States is currently the largest single consumer of energy in the world.

America has become a very wasteful society. We need to

make it a habit to be more conscious of our resources and environment. Developing a habit takes time. By spending time considering our actions and doing things to save energy each day, our actions will become a habit.

They are many people that just don't know or understand how they can help with energy conservation. One way to conserve energy is to reduce, reuse and recycle. Did you know that it can take up to 700 years for plastic to decompose in our landfills? It takes 80 to 100

years for aluminum cans to break down and disappear. With just a few small changes in our routines, we can help change the future of our environment and make a positive move toward energy conservation.

We can reduce the amount of garbage we throw away by making some of the following changes. We can use rechargeable batteries instead of disposable ones, use reusable plastic containers for food instead of plastic bags, and use washable dishes and utensils instead of

paper plates and plastic utensils that you would tend to throw away. If we create less garbage, our communities can save landfill space.

By reusing items, we can save our precious landfill space and, equally important, we can save natural resources and materials it would take to make a new product. Some items we can reuse are boxes, bubble wrap, foil, coffee cans, and glass jars. Also, plastic bottles can be reused by filling them with water or juice and placing them in the freezer. Put one in

your lunch box or reusable lunch bag (instead of the paper one) and it will double as an ice pack. At lunchtime, you'll have an ice-cold beverage. Taking things that would be garbage and reusing them is a great way to help conserve resources. And one day soon, we will likely be making fuel from our garbage.

Recycling is also important. For instance, aluminum cans can be recycled into: pie plates, thumbtacks, foil, and many other items. It takes less than 5 percent of the energy to make

an aluminum can from recycled materials than from new material. Recycling allows us to reuse materials instead of having to get more from the Earth all over again.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their website is www.wildlifemiss.org.

Best Ways to Relax

Whether it was at work or at home, the stress of everyday living can cause you to turn to food as a means of comfort or a way to relax. This type of behavior can have a negative effect on your health. So, what can you do to relax after a hectic day?



LaWanda Shields

*Journal

Keeping a journal is a great way to record the events of your everyday life and a way to relieve stress. Reflective writing helps you deal with those negative feelings.

*Walk

Go walking. It does not matter what time of the year it is. You can walk. Nature walks are great for the summer, spring, and fall. Walking is low impact

*Read

After a busy day, do you want to escape to a faraway place? Well, grab a book. A good book can help you escape from the pressures of your day. Reading offers a soothing dis-

traction.

*Mediate

Mediation is another way to relax. One of the easiest ways to meditate is to find a place where you will be free of any distractions. Choose a comfortable sitting position, partially close your eyes, and clear your mind. Begin to slow your breathing. Once this is done, focus on breathing in and out. Do this for about 10 to 15 minutes. As simple as this may sound, it will help you to relax.

*Watch Your Favorite Show or Listen to Music

Watching your favorite television show or listening to music may not be as healthy as walking, but they are a way to relax after a stressful day.

PAID POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stan Copeland announces candidacy for State Senate District 32



Stan Copeland

I am announcing my candidacy for State Senate District 32. I am a lifelong resident of Mississippi and very proud to call this state home. My wife, Danielle Copeland, is also a lifelong Mississippian. We have been married for over 18 years and have a 13-year-old

son, Chamber L. e e Copeland. We currently live in Preston, Ms. I have a Bachelor of Science from Mississippi State University in Forestry with minors in Forest Management and Business Management. I have served as Sunday School Superintendent

and on the Board of Directors at Coye Assembly of God. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors of Northwest Kemper Water Association and have for the last 13 years. I believe a good leader will recognize the talents and resources of a community and use them as a multiplier to improve the community. Let's Multiply, Not Divide.

Please consider me as your choice to represent District 32 as your State Senator on November 2nd

Cook

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marinate at least 2 hours and up to one day before cooking.

HAWAIIAN MEAT MARINADE

1.5 Cup of soy sauce
1.5 Cup of pineapple juice
1 Cup of brown sugar, packed
1 Tablespoon of brown sugar, packed
8 garlic cloves, chopped
2 Tablespoons of fresh ginger, chopped

In a large mixing bowl combine soy sauce, pineapple juice, garlic, and ginger.

Before adding the brown sugar, take one cup of the sauce mixture and place into a separate bowl and add 1 TBSP brown sugar, this will be to marinate your meat. Add 3/4 cup brown sugar to the original marinade bowl and mix both bowls until sugar dissolves.

Place meat in freezer bag and add your meat marinade. If using pork shoulder butt, slice meat into bite sized chunks suitable for skewers, adding meat to skewers after the meat marinades overnight in the freezer bag.

Refrigerate sauce overnight.

ULTIMATE LOW CARB HOMEMADE DRY RUB

1/4 cup low carb brown sugar
1 tbsp smoked paprika
1/2 tbsp kosher salt
1/2 tbsp garlic powder
1/2 tbsp onion powder
1 tsp black pepper
1/2 tsp cumin
1/8 tsp cayenne
1/4 tsp ground mustard
1/2 tsp chili powder
1/2 tsp dried thyme leaves
Combine all ingredients together in a small bowl. Rub all over meat and cook as desired.

MEXICAN DRY RUB

1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
1/4 teaspoon salt

In a small bowl, stir together the spices. Rub spice mixture evenly over pork, coating the entire surface. Cook pork as desired, or cover and refrigerate for 15 minutes to several hours to boost flavors.

Makes about 6 tsp. One serving is 1 tsp.

Storm

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throughout the day," Boles said. "Then late in the afternoon, a substation which covers north

Kemper County and southern Winston County had an outage and that affected around 1,800 members. We got that on with in a few hours. We have all outages restored Monday night."

Since, the EMEPA system had around 500 outages

because of limbs and trees falling on the lines but most of that was outside of Kemper County."

EMEPA will be sending a crew to help Magnolia Power Association restore power near McComb.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR FOR KEMPER COUNTY NO TAX LEVY INCREASE

The Kemper County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2021-2022 on September 3, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Barney Brown Center Meeting Room in the City of DeKalb, Mississippi.

The Kemper County Board of Supervisors is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$28,848,316. 10.55% or \$3,042,322 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has a total projected revenue of \$29,784,262. Of that amount, 10.42% or \$3,103,643 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the Kemper County Board of Supervisors plans keep your ad valorem millage rate at 100.81 mills, the same as last year. This means that that you will pay the same ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment or rental real property unless your assessed value has changed.

Any citizen of Kemper County is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levy, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Protect Your Health and Your Future - Avoid Opioid Misuse. Say "No" to Meth and Other Drugs!

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

Facts about these dangerous drugs:

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



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

Sometimes people use meth in combination with heroin, prescription opioids or other drugs. This greatly increases the likelihood of health problems, overdose and death. Illegal drugs can be mixed with dangerous drugs or toxic chemicals, such as fentanyl, that can cause poisoning or death. Just a sprinkle of fentanyl is deadly.



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



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