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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.

KEMPERZ COUNTY WOMEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE HUGE GARAGE SALE

(Baked goods, adult, children & baby clothes, kitchen utensils, glassware, art and much more)

Friday, October 8, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Kemper County Courthouse Square
DeKalb, MS 39328

KEMPER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Kemper Historical Association will meet at the Museum in DeKalb on Monday Oct 4 at 3 pm, to make plans for Heritage Day, which will be held on Oct 30

VOLUNTEERS FOR 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM

Kemper County Extension office is in search of volunteers to lead the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The success of 4-H programs relies heavily on dedicated volunteers. Shooting sports instructors are responsible for assisting with the overall coordination and management of the county 4-H shooting sports program. Training opportunities will be available in mid-September. We're currently offering training in rifle, shotgun, pistol, and archery disciplines. If you are interested in being a volunteer or instructor for the shooting sports program, contact the Kemper Extension office at 601-743-2837

REGISTRATION FOR MASTER GARDENERS

Registration is currently underway for the next class of Master Gardeners. This year, all Master Gardener instruction is online and self-paced. The current class begins Oct.1 and closes Nov. 30.

Master Gardener volunteers experience the personal satisfaction of serving their community, gaining Horticultural expertise, and connecting with their local gardening community. Registration is available online at msuext.ms/mg now through September 15th. For more information contact your local Extension office at 601-743-2837.

CHERRY CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

If you would like to make a donation to the Cherry Cemetery Maintenance Fund, please send your donation to Mary Jane Nelson, P.O. Box 33, DeKalb, MS 39328. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

CENTER RIDGE CEMETERY DONATIONS

Anyone who has someone buried or is interested in the Center Ridge Cemetery can send their donations to: Barbara Brown, 7246 HWY 39S, DeKalb, MS 39328

KEMPER FLEA MARKET

Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8am-1pm at Bizzy Bee's. Free vendor setup. Selling anything from food, snow cones, household, crafts, and much more.

GARBAGE BILL PAYMENTS

Attention: ALL KEMPER COUNTY LANDOWNERS effective January 1, 2021 all garbage bill payments must be taken at the Commercial Bank located in DeKalb, MS (in-person) please have account number.

The Kemper County Courthouse will no longer be accepting garbage payments.

Payments can be mailed to:
K. C. Garbage & Solid Waste
P O Box 39
DeKalb, MS 39328

Or call 1-800-253-0831 for questions regarding your account

JRMWV PROGRAM

Junior Master Wellness Volunteer Training Recruitment going on now. We are looking for youth 14-18 years old to join us for an exciting volunteer program.

The JrMWV Program is a community health education and volunteer leader training program. Youth will learn about improving health literacy and healthy lifestyle choices

and will then go out into their community and become an advocate for a healthier Mississippi! Participants will be expected to give back by completing 24 hours of community service.

Come learn, share, and inspire others to lead a healthy lifestyle. For more information or to sign up call the Kemper County Extension office at 601-743-2837 or send an email to malikah.jones@msstate.edu.

COALITION FOR A HEALTHY KEMPER COUNTY

The Coalition for a Healthy Kemper County was organized to provide educational outreach. The goal is to bring educational awareness of health issues and unhealthy lifestyles that accompany diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, etc.

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happy 100th birthday



Kemper County Homemaker Volunteers recently honored one of its most loved and cherished members, Ms. Julia Inez Roberts Bailey. Ms. Bailey celebrated her 100th birthday on September 17th. At 100, she's still an active volunteer with the West Liberty MHV Club in Kemper County. She attends arts and crafts meetings on Tuesdays, where members make home décor and work on various sewing projects, including quilts. Bailey's favorite projects are sewing, embroidery, and quilting. Ms. Bailey is pictured along with some of her gifts for the Homemakers.

kemper county homecoming court



School photo

Introducing Kemper County High School's 2021 Homecoming Court. Pictured are, back row from left: Zavion Hill, Ty Steele, Alfred Love, Jamar Grace, front row from left: Zariyah Moss, Ashawna Grace, Precious Stone, Andrewnetta Adams, Kaylah Hearn, Kamri Tate, Maliyah Betts, Latajah Whitsett, Santasia Rencher, E'Laina Tisdale, Jahnuque Clemons, Kennedi Rush, Martaxia Richardson, and Olivia Hill.

kemper academy homecoming court



School photo

Kemper Academy will host homecoming this Friday night when the Rams host Newton Academy. Members of the homecoming court are, front row from left, senior maids Avery Luke, Sydney Wilson and Breanna Eaves; second row from left, seventh grade maid Halie Mabry Johnson, eighth grade maid Abigail Williams, ninth grade maid Shelley Knight, 10th grade maid Madison Boswell and 11th grade maid Cailea Johnson.

EMCC Library hosting 2 events

From school reports

SCOOPA — The public is invited to attend two free events in October at the Tubb-May Library on East Mississippi Community College's Scooba campus.

Learn about the origins of Mississippi's mascots beginning at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5, during a presentation by Jim Woodrick, director of the Historic Preservation Division of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Dr. James Giesen will be the guest speaker at the library on Tuesday, Oct. 19, beginning at 5 p.m. Giesen will give a presentation titled "Boll Weevil Blues: Cotton and Myth in Mississippi" in which he will highlight how people in the state responded to the early 20th century destruction of tons of cotton across the state.

Both presentations are being made available by the Partners for Kemper County and the speakers are among the historians, writers and storytellers invited to become members of the Mississippi Humanities Council's Speakers Bureau. Refreshments will be served at both events.

Woodrick, a native of Meridian, is a frequent speaker on the topics of Mississippi history and the state's role in the Civil War, according to the Speakers Bureau section of the Mississippi Humanities Council website. Woodrick's presentation is titled "The History of Mississippi's Mascots (and a Few Others Too)."

"During this presentation, the hidden history of some of the South's most beloved (or despised) mascots will be revealed, including Mississippi State's 'Bully,' the origin of the LSU Tigers and, of course, the story behind the Ole Miss Rebels," according to the Mississippi Humanities Council

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35-point second quarter powers No. 11 EMCC to 49-7 home win over Holmes

From school reports

SCOOPA — Powered by a 35-point second quarter, the 11th-ranked Lions of East Mississippi Community College continued their solid play on both sides of the ball with a 49-7 home victory over the Holmes Bulldogs Thursday.

With seven touchdowns, including a trio of scores within a two-minute span midway through the second quarter, plus allowing the opposition only one score for the fourth straight game, the Lions have now outscored their opponents by a collective total of 186-24 on the season.

The only scoring during Thursday's first quarter came on the game's opening possession when Ethan Conner capped a seven-play, 34-yard drive with a 4-yard keeper at the 12:49 mark.

EMCC's explosive five-touchdown second quarter began with an 11-play, 79-yard drive that concluded with a 14-yard scoring pass from Jamari Jones to running back Zias

Perryman, who slipped four would-be tacklers coming out of the backfield on the way to making it a 14-0 game a minute into the quarter.

The Lions' furious scoring spree began with a nifty 46-yard catch and run from Jones to Zach Patterson, who shook off a defender and beat two others to the left corner of the end zone with 9:24 remaining in the quarter.

EMCC's stellar defensive unit then took center stage to maintain the home team's game-changing momentum. Immediately following Brandon Lairy's 7-yard sack of quarterback Jordan Willis deep in Holmes territory, Trey Laing's sack of Willis caused a fumble that Drew Tuazama scooped and scored from 4 yards out to quickly extend the margin to 28-0 at the 7:44 mark.

The Lions proceeded to break open the contest with some help from special teams play on the ensuing kickoff when EMCC's Ray Lias Jr. recovered

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School photo

East Mississippi defender Trey Laing brings down a Holmes ball carrier.

LEGALS

MS FORESTRY COMMISSION INVITATION FOR BIDS CONTAINERIZED TREE PLANTING ON COUNTY SCHOOL LANDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Kemper County School District, DeKalb, Mississippi,

up to and not later than 4:00 P.M., October 14, 2021, for doing CONTAINERIZED TREE

PLANTING work on 214 acres according to the terms of the contract. The work will be

done as follows:

SECTION 16; TOWNSHIP 10N; RANGE 18E; ACRES 214; TREES PER ACRE 454

Areas to be worked will be shown to prospective bidders by a representative of the Mississippi Forestry Commission, Louisville, Mississippi or by telephoning (662-361- 1135). Before bids are submitted, prospective bidders must become familiar with area to be improved. A work contract which will be required is attached. Should a perspective bidder wish to vary this contract, it is requested that he appeal in writing to the Mississippi Forestry Commission ten days prior to opening of bids. The successful bidder will be required to sign and abide by the contract. The Board reserves the right to reject or refuse any and all bids. In submitting a bid please mail your bid in an envelope addressed as follows:

Return Address Postage
Kemper County School District
P.O. Box 219
DeKalb, MS 39328

CONTAINERIZED PLANTING BID
16-10-18- 214 Acres
To be Opened: October 14, 2021 5:00 P.M.

MS FORESTRY COMMISSION INVITATION FOR BIDS CONTAINERIZED TREE PLANTING ON COUNTY SCHOOL LANDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Kemper County School District, DeKalb, Mississippi,

up to and not later than 4:00 P.M., October 14, 2021, for doing CONTAINERIZED TREE

PLANTING (LONGLEAF PINE) work on 106 acres according to the terms of the contract.

The work will be done as follows:

SECTION 16; TOWNSHIP 9N; RANGE 17E; ACRES 106, TREES PER ACRE 605

Areas to be worked will be shown to prospective bidders by a representative of the Mississippi Forestry Commission, Louisville, Mississippi or by telephoning (662-361- 1135). Before bids are submitted, prospective bidders must become familiar with area to be improved. A work contract which will be required is attached. Should a perspective bidder wish to vary this contract, it is requested that he appeal in writing to the Mississippi Forestry Commission ten days prior to opening of bids. The successful bidder will be required to sign and abide by the contract. The Board reserves the right to reject or refuse any and all bids. In submitting a bid please mail your bid in an envelope addressed as follows:

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Kemper County School District
P.O. Box 219
DeKalb, MS 39328

CONTAINERIZED PLANTING BID
16-9-17- 106 Acres Longleaf Pine
To be Opened: October 14, 2021, 5:00 P.M.

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., October 14, 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/f. All bids will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE REAL PROPERTY AND ESTATE OF JOHNNY M. MAY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 21-# 94

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 1st day of November, 2021, before the Honorable Kiley Kirk at the Kemper County Courthouse at De Kalb, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 31st day of August, 2021.

(seal)
CHANCERY CLERK
KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: /s/ Sherline Watkins D.C

FILED IN MY OFFICE
AUG 31 2021
KEMPER COUNTY
CHANCERY CLERK
SHERLINE D. WATKINS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

You have been named by Thomas Adkins, Administrator of the George Young Adkins, Jr. Estate, who is seeking the judicial determination of heirs of George Young Adkins, Jr., Deceased.

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

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

you desire.

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

Sherlene Watkins, Chancery Clerk

By: /s/ Deputy Clerk
Danielle Banks, MSB No. 105900
Roberson Law Firm, PLLC
P.O. Box 80265, 212 E. Main Street
Starkville, MS 39759
Phone: (662) 324-3810 Fax: (662) 461-8956
Email: adaniellebanks@gmail.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF LUCY DEAN ALFORD HULL, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 21-98 DEWAYNE C. HULL PETITIONER SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LUCY DEAN ALFORD HULL (who cannot be found in the State of Mississippi, and whose post office and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry). You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Dewayne C. Hull seeking determination of heirship of Lucy Dean Alford Hull. Defendants other than you in this action are none. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m., on the 16th day of November, 2021, in the Courtroom of the Kemper County Courthouse at DeKalb, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 10th day of September, 2021. SHIRLENE WATKINS CHANCERY CLERK OF KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SEAL BY: Linda White, D. C. GEORGE CULPEPPER ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER MISS. BAR NO. 7942 PO BOX 1184 MERIDIAN, MS 39302-1184 TELEPHONE: (601)

693-2055

HELP WANTED

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

Sitter Job. 25 years experience. Hours are flexible and can drive. Have recommendations. Call 601-504-7430

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kemper County School District is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. Applicant must possess an Associate's Degree or equivalent hours in secretarial/bookkeeping supplemented by advanced secretarial/bookkeeping courses with five years or more of experience. Pay will be based upon the district approved salary scale. The district is also accepting applications for the positions of Teacher Assistants and Custodians. Pay will be based upon the district approved salary scale. Applications may be picked up at the office of the Superintendent of Education at 159 Main Avenue in DeKalb, MS or online at HYPERLINK <http://www.kempercountyschools.org>. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Kemper County Schools is an equal employment employer and does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

CRANE EMPLOYMENT has a new address: 1500 Roebuck Drive- Meridian, MS 39301. Same management, new location. Taking applications Mon-Friday 8-4, call 601-483-3620. Equal opportunity employer.

OBITUARIES

Linda Ann Millsaps

Graveside services for Linda Ann Millsaps will be Friday, September 24, 2021, at 11

am, at Cumberland Cemetery in Cedar Bluff, MS. Brother Chris Gully will be officiating. Mrs. Millsaps, 70, died Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at her residence. Stephens Funeral

Home - Dekalb is honored to be handling her arrangements.

Mrs. Millsaps was a free spirit who loved to travel, do all kinds of crafts, and loved her pets. She loved concerts

and her favorite artist was Uncle Kracker.

Mrs. Millsaps is survived by her husband of over 29 years Chuck, her brother Ross Cowart, and numerous nieces and

nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Alice and Clifford Madrid and a brother Daryl Cowart.

In lieu of flowers, the family

requests you donate to your local animal shelter or a charity of your choice.

Friends and family may view the online register at www.stephensfunerals.com

Calendar

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We solicit the help of area leaders, organizations and individuals working together to make a positive impact on the lives of our community members. If you are interested in helping us carry out our mission, contact Malikah Jones at the Kemper County Extension office at 601-743-2837 for more information.

MULTI-COUNTY CSA TEMPORARY OFFICE PROCEDURES KEMPER COUNTY

Due to COVID-19 we are providing 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 Veterans Service Officer, 601-743-2247, or email kcvso@att.net.

EARN YOUR HS DIPLOMA

Earn Your High School Diploma in just 22 weeks! Tuition, Room and Board is absolutely Free! Youth Challenge, located at Camp Shelby by 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 COST-SHARE PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted by Kemper County SWCD for the Kem-

per 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.

Lions

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the muffed return before the ball went out of bounds. On the next play from scrimmage, Jones faked the give to Perryman and dashed 28 yards untouched into the end zone to lengthen the lead to 35-0 with 7:34 still remaining in the opening half.

Continuing their offensive assault, the Lions reached the MACCC's mandated 38-point, mercy-rule margin during their final possession of the first half. After taking advantage of a fumbled pitch that was recovered by Kel Williams, Jones found Jontarius Henderson for a 13-yard scoring strike that capped a six-play, 46-yard drive and increased the insurmountable margin to 42-0 heading into intermission.

Beginning the second half with a running clock, the Bulldogs were able to put together an 11-play, 64-yard drive that resulted in Parks Poe's 3-yard scoring run to the left pylon on a pitch from Willis at the 8:22 mark of the third quarter.

EMCC's Jones finished off a

productive performance and concluded the game's scoring with another passing touchdown late in the third quarter. This time, the sophomore signal-caller found Duke Miller in the right side of the end zone from 11 yards out at the 4:25 mark. Peyton Rodgers' seventh successful point-after-touchdown in as many attempts on the night finalized the 42-point outcome.

Statistically for the winners, EMCC's Jones accounted for five touchdowns for the second time in three weeks by throwing for four scores and running for another. For the night, the Northwest Rankin product completed 17-of-28 passes for 212 yards and the four touchdowns, while also ranking as the Lions' leading rusher in the game with 91 yards and a

touchdown on seven attempts. Along with his 28-yard scoring scamper, Jones also had runs of 26 and 25 yards in the victory.

Ten different EMCC receivers caught passes in the contest, led by Henderson and Joshua Aka with five receptions each.

Defensively, the Lions forced six turnovers on the evening, with five fumble recoveries and Jeremy Mack Jr.'s third interception in as many games.

Coach Buddy Stephens' 4-0 EMCC Lions continue MACCC North Division play on Thursday (Sept. 30) by traveling to Senatobia to take on the 14th-ranked Rangers of Northwest Mississippi Community College. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Ranger Field at Bobby Franklin Field.

Library

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website.

Both events are expected to last about 45 minutes each and Woodrick's Oct. 5 presentation

begins 90 minutes before the 5:30 p.m. start of EMCC's annual Homecoming parade on the Scooba campus.

"We thought Mr. Woodrick's presentation on mascots would be a perfect topic for Homecoming week," Tubb-May Librarian Christina Jurusik said. "It should be fun and people can come listen to the presentation before heading over to watch the parade."

According to his bio on the Mississippi Humanities Council website, Giesen is a professor of history at Mississippi State University who researches and teaches in the area of American agricultural history. His presentation delves into the response to the invasion of a destructive beetle dubbed the cotton boll weevil.

Kipling Water Association Customers

Effective October 1, 2021 water rates will increase to:

\$30.00 for 0 - 2,000 gallons
\$5.00 per 1,000 gal. over 2,000 gal.

This will be the first increase since Nov. 2010

CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY

\$545 + Costs

CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY

Court Fees Up Front

Jim Arnold, Attorney

601-656-6914

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Tasty low carb recipes with cauliflower, broccoli

Compiled by DENISE SWOGETINSKY

This week we will continue to explore our old favorite meal items with healthier, low carb alternatives.

FLUFFY LOW CARB MASHED

CAULIFLOWER

1 pound cauliflower florets
1 small celeriac peeled and cubed (8-10 oz)
1 large garlic clove peeled and sliced
1/3 cup heavy cream
1/2 stick butter (4 oz)
salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon snipped chives optional

Celeriac: Cut off the top and bottom of the celeriac. Then, with a sharp knife and working from top to bottom, peel the root as if you would supreme a grapefruit (see post for video link). Cut the celeriac into 1/2 inch dice, place into a pot with the sliced garlic and cover with water. Bring up to a boil and

cook the celeriac until tender and easily pierced with a fork. Drain.

Cauliflower: Cut the cauliflower into florets and place into a microwavable bowl. Add 2 tablespoons of water, cover, and cook at high power 5-8 minutes or until the cauliflower is tender and easily pierced with a fork. Drain.

Puree: Place both the cauliflower and celeriac (with garlic) into a food processor and pulse to break up the pieces. Add the heavy cream and puree until smooth. Add the butter and mix again. Add salt and pepper to taste. Either mix the chives into the mash or save to garnish the top.)

BROCCOLI CASSEROLE WITH CHEESE

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 (10-ounce) package frozen broccoli spears
1 can lower-sodium cream of mushroom soup
3 tablespoons fat-free mayo

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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 13:42-52

We see the reaction to Paul's sermon (Acts 13:16-41) in this passage. The initial response is positive. The people begged to hear more from Paul the next Sabbath. Some believed in Christ and followed Paul and Barnabas, who urged them to continue in the grace of God (verse 43). We begin the Christian life by grace and continue in grace.

What a difference the gospel made in the lives of these people. They had been without God and without hope a week before. Now they have the greatest treasure a man can have: fellowship with the living God. They now find Christ to be a more worthy and noble portion than anything else. It is the Lord's way when he has made a beginning to go on bestowing the grace of his Spirit, but our faith must be true.

Believing in Christ is a commitment. It's more important by far, but not unlike other commitments we make. When I graduated from high school I had offers to play baseball. The first school I went to visit was a relatively new junior college. They were proud of their new facilities; and someone took me and some other recruits on a tour extolling the benefits of campus life there.

The coach talked with us about his style of coaching, the team, opportunities, and such. Then, he talked with each of us individually. He told me I had an offer for a scholarship, and that if I signed, he expected me to do well. He said he also expected commitment on my end to represent the team and the school with effort and class. He presented his case, and it was left for me to decide.

Paul had told his hearers the story of the Old Testament. He had reviewed the rebellion of men against God. The history of the Jewish people is a paradigm of the need men have for a Savior. Paul noted how in the prophets God had promises of a Savior who would come.

He told them God's promise culminated in Jesus of Nazareth. Christ was the one written of in the prophets. Though he was sinless, men put him to death on an accursed tree. Yet, Paul said, by doing this they unknowingly fulfilled what God had said long

before of the Savior suffering and dying for sinners.

So Paul makes it very clear that the gospel is the pure grace of God. The gospel is of God. It's not men's gospel, it's God's. He offers the gift and sets the terms. The benefits of coming to Christ are immense. Paul said you will receive forgiveness of sin, justification before God based on Christ's finished work, and eternal life. So it is left for you to choose.

The whole substance of faith is in Christ's person. He requires commitment to him. Those who come to him enter his kingdom, meaning they are under his reign. Therefore, they purpose to honor the Lord, who gave himself for them and who rules over all things. They are no longer their own, but belong body and soul to Christ.

Some reacted angrily to Paul's sermon (Acts 13:45-46). Why, you might ask, would any refuse the offer of being saved from such sin and misery while entering into such blessedness? We see the answer in John 11, where the Jewish leadership responded to the miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. They didn't celebrate such a miracle and come to anoint the feet of Jesus with precious ointment. They made plans to put him to death so he wouldn't take away their place.

And that is the way of all who reject Christ. He threatens their position. They regard him as a hard master, not a blessed Savior. We see in verse 50 that they ran Paul and Barnabas out of town. Paul and Barnabas shake the dust off their feet, a sign that the curse remained on the city.

Conversely, we see in verse 52 that the new converts in the city "were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." This is an important notation. They had just witnessed the leaders of their city drive out Christian leaders. No doubt they understood this meant trouble for them. They still had to live in the midst of that hostility. But the Holy Spirit gave them joy in knowing they were no longer under the curse of death. They had life with God through Christ. Tribulations and temptations lay ahead, but so did Christ and his kingdom. They were now soldiers of Christ.



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'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose.'
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Statue carries the garden through seasons

In the Garden with Felder

Gardeners, gird yourselves, start preparing for a harsh transformation. Not to be overly dramatic, but the signs are already around us that our gardens are starting their liminal freefall towards winter.

It's not just the inexorable post-equinox shortening of daylight, or the specter of Daylight Saving Time wiping out our afternoon bliss. Trees and shrubs are already sealing off leaf stalks in preparation for the "fall" of Autumn, hummingbirds and monarch butterflies from farther north swarming our flowers, stoking energy to keep going on south.

And all this reminds gardeners to steel our minds and harden our hearts for the inevitable, when our glorious flowers of lantana and zinnias, bold foliage of elephant ears, banana plants, and cannas and other

frost-sensitive summer beauties, will get hit with a blackening frost that will open gaping visual holes.

No need to wait for the sad chore of cleaning it all up afterwards to start the winter garden. I'm already tucking little plants of pansies, violas, and ornamental kale between the doomed warm-season beauties. The taller older plants will provide shade for the newbies, helping them adjust more smoothly from coddled nursery containers to hard real-garden conditions.

Then, when a frost is predicted, rather than pull stuff up willy-nilly to create a clean plate or dig around and risk damaging daffodil bulbs already down there, I will just snip the summer stuff down close to the ground and cover the stubs with mulch, leaving their roots to slowly compost in

place. This is not only easy, but also the dying roots provide paths for new roots to follow down deep.

Oh, and because several of my big container gardens have smaller pots fitting snugly inside one another, I'm starting new ones, so when the change happens I simply swap out pots.

A favored element all designers employ is creating a "flair spot" or a strong physical accessory. Which helps any garden bridge seasonal changes. Doesn't have to have pizzazz, just be eye-catching at the right moments.

Where large landscapes usually pull this off with bold architectural features or large sculptures, more modest gardeners tuck smaller, more appropriate and usually highly personalized items here and there to help us smile through it

all. Absolutely nothing wrong with over accessorizing, of course; a sense of the absurd is expressed by lots of folks who simply take their knick-knack shelf sensibility to the garden.

It doesn't have to be "twee" - excessively cute or quaint. Think "too many gnomes and a little girl figurine with an umbrella" plus a spinning windmill, rocks and seashells from every vacation, a "dirty gardener lives here" placard, and [insert your school or politics here] flag."

Think birdbath, oversized urn, large stone, driftwood, reflective gazing globe, colorful wall hanging on the fence, St. Francis (patron saint of gardeners) statue. A group of matching or complementary containers with winter annuals and small landscape shrubs or trees that can be set out in the yard in the spring. In a word, anything. Anything that, when the summer stuff crashes, will catch the eye and thwarts your grief until the new stuff fills in.

My go-to for staving off Seasonal Affective Disorder is colorful glass, both professionally done by glass artists and home-made bottle trees. All year they gather light past dusk, but in the fall and winter they glint in the sun and bring much-needed color to the winter garden. There's nothing quite like



Cheer up the garden before winter

snow on bottles!

Whatever you do, do it soon so it'll be there when you need it - the change is coming sooner than you expect.

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Cook

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1 cup reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese

Boil the chicken breast until done and drain. When cool enough to handle, cut into 1-inch pieces. In a square or round casserole dish, mix mayo and soup. Add broccoli and chicken and mix well. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes or until cheese is melted.

EASY CAULIFLOWER RICE

1 tbsp olive oil

1 garlic clove minced
3 cups cauliflower rice
salt to taste

Add oil to a large skillet and bring to medium-high heat. When oil is hot, add in garlic and cook until lightly browned.

Add in cauliflower. Stir and cook until cauliflower is tender. If your skillet gets too dry you can add a few tablespoons of water. Season cauliflower rice with salt. Serve warm.

LOW CARB SPAGHETTI

SQUASH CASSEROLE

1 Med-lg spaghetti squash
2-3 lbs

3 cups Chicken Shredded
½ cup Ricotta cheese
1 cup Shred Sided Cheese Cheddar

3 cloves Garlic
1 tsp Butter
½ tsp Salt more to taste
1 tsp Parsley dried

In an instant Pot, steam your spaghetti squash. You can follow the instructions to steam the spaghetti squash whole here OR slice the spaghetti squash in half and deseed it, add 1 cup of water to the bottom and place the spaghetti squash on the metal rack and steam on high for 15 minutes. Do a quick steam release. Carefully (use potholders) remove the spaghetti squash and use a fork to fluff the spaghetti squash into spaghetti strands and remove it from the skin to prepare it for the casserole. - The total time to steam spaghetti squash is about 25 minutes to reach pressure and release pressure.

Empty the water from steaming the spaghetti squash in the Instant Pot and rinse it out if necessary.

Heat the Instant Pot on sauté mode. Add 1 tsp of butter then add the garlic. Heat the garlic until fragrant. Add the ricotta and chicken and stir thoroughly. Add the parsley, salt, and spaghetti squash and stir. Add the cheese and mix until the cheese is melted.

At this point, the casserole is ready to serve.

Optional. Transfer the spaghetti squash casserole to a baking dish and top with additional cheese and broil for 3-5 minutes.

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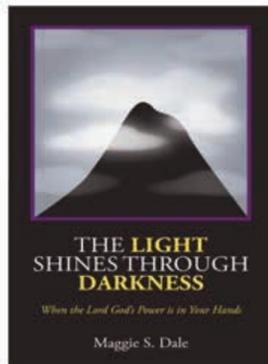
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