

# The Coffeeville Courier

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## Pirate Basketball In Full Swing!

As 2026 kicks off so does Pirate basketball and it will be hot and heavy heading into district play and then the district tourney in early February.

Pirates will have faced Water Valley on their home floor Monday, January 5th, by the time the paper hits the racks. Then we start conference play at home hosting West Tally Tuesday evening.

On to French Camp Friday evening for our second conference match up and finally ending up at Grenada Saturday for a non-conference match-up. Wow, what a week and we can't wait.

Conference play will come down to the Pirates and the Wildcats of Calhoun City. Don't ask me how they are classified 1A????

See Y'all at the game!!

## 2025 Coffeeville Christmas Parade

By William Shelton

The winners of the 2025 Coffeeville Christmas Parade Float Entries that received plaques are as follows: 1st place "Greater Sanders Chapel" Water Valley, Sis. Marsha Daniels; 2nd place "Coffeeville Methodist Church", Coffeeville, Bro. Jim Peterman and Carter Brandon; 3rd place "Mississippi State Extension 4-H", Coffeeville, Missy Burney, Emaline Swindoll, Coalson Hughes, Phinn Hughes, and "Clovie

4", "AKA" Wyitt Hughes. We really appreciated your active participation and support. On behalf of the Christmas Parade Committee, again, thank you. Coffeeville Parade Committee: Anthony Mason, Earlene Townes, Rosaline Torrance, Clydie Nicholson, Kimitria Smith, Jamie Townes, and Dalvin Harris. Coffeeville Parade Committee Coordinators: William Shelton and Kenetria Turner.



Betty Simmons Osborn, left, wishes Jennifer Ross, bank manager, much happiness in her retirement. Betty was Jennifer's boss at Cadence for many years before she retired. Betty was employed at the bank for roughly 50 years. Jennifer has retired after 40 years.

## Monthly \$5 Update

John Beshears  
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Coffeeville Fire Chief

The meeting on December 10th spiked my curiosity so I did some digging. From day one Town Clerk Rosaline Torrance has told me that there was not near the money coming in from water bills that I thought it would be. Time and time again since April 1, 2021 Torrance has said, "People just aren't paying their bills." I found this hard to believe but who was I to argue.

In the meeting on December 10th we found out that this just was not true, the good people of Coffeeville have been paying their bills! But, why do they need money from the Rebate Account if they are collecting the money?

Let's break it down in a way that a fourth grader can understand it. The town has been collecting this money for

57 months, according to BBI (our accounting firm/software) the 16 month average for monthly collections is \$2,828 per month or \$33,936 annually. In 57 months, April 1 of 2021 till the end of 2025, of collections the town has collected \$159,600. Let that sink in a moment. Now they should have put \$25,000 of that down on the truck when we purchased it, did not happen and will be covered next week, which would have left \$134,600 collected. In 2023, 2024 and 2025 combined they spent \$76,000 on truck payments, so now we are down to \$58,600.

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**God is Still on Track:** Pastor Mitchell Steen has, for the past three years, wanted to enter a float for the Christmas parade in surrounding areas. This was our first year to enter and we won first place!!! Saying a BIG thank you to the Harris Family, who's been with the GSC Church Family for over a year. They came in ready to work!!! Bro. Tony Harris built our "God is still on track," train from scratch!!! We had so much fun bringing our ideas together! Thanks to the Town of Coffeeville for choosing us!!!

