

# Looking Back

For our readers who like to reminisce on news as recorded in The Coffeeville Courier of the years gone by

## 90 YEARS AGO February 7, 1936

Due to bad weather the Tillatoba School has been closed for several days.

Little Bobby Ruth Floyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rubye Floyd, of Tillatoba, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the smokehouse of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brewer of a few miles east. Sunday night, together with the meat and molasses. They had recently butchered five large hogs.

Snow was eight inches deep in this section Thursday.

Miss Effie Edith Cunningham, student at Grenada College, spent last weekend here with her parents and friends.

## 85 YEARS AGO January 24, 1941

Edwin Seymour, of Atlanta, GA, died Sunday and was buried in the Coffeeville Cemetery Monday morning.

Mrs. Beatrice Wilbourn Walker, 66, was buried in the Goshen Cemetery Saturday. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robinson Davis of Memphis.

W. F. Fredrick, C. V. Beadles, Carl Parker and Q. T. Thornton made a business trip to Toomsaba, near Meridian, this week.

Miss Kathryn Denley was married to Al Dean Wells, Jr. of Water Valley, on January 19.

## 80 YEARS AGO January 25, 1946

Robert R. Brewer, recently discharged from Uncle Sam's army after seeing a great portion of Europe free, left for Washington Sunday, with his wife, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brewer, of the Air-mount section.

Mr. John W. Phillips, 84, died Sunday at the old McMullen home east of Scobey.

J. H. Trout, 71, died Friday at his home west of Oakland and was buried Sunday at the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Miss Daisey Summers, after several weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Summers, has returned home to Chicago. Her brother, James Earl, has returned home after working in Chicago for several months.

Mrs. Aubrey Walker and baby, William Earl, come from the Grenada Hospital Friday to the home of her parents.

## 60 YEARS AGO January 13, 1966

W. T. (Dub) Wortham, groceryman, pulp-wood dealer and member of the town Board of Aldermen had his appendix removed in the Lafayette General Hospital at Oxford

Sunday night.

Among the Mississippi State University students who will complete requirements for degrees this month are four from Yalobusha County: Joseph Pittman, Coffeeville; Allen Haynes, Jr., Oakland; Daniel L. Holland, Scobey; and Charles Green, Water Valley.

## 75 YEARS AGO January 25, 1951

George Edwin Denley was elected to the position of Superintendent of Coffeeville School for the next session at a meeting of the Trustees Monday.

## 60 YEARS AGO February 3, 1966

Dr. and Mrs. Tyler Criss and family moved here last week from Parchman, where he has been the penitentiary dentist since leaving Grenada several years ago.

Between dark and daylight last Friday night one of the heaviest snows fell that this area has had in several years. Measurements were reported from 5 to 10 inches but the local official weather reporter said 8 inches.

## 50 YEARS AGO February 2, 1976

Henry Ford Jones died Monday February 2, in Grenada Hospital after an extended illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Campbell of Grenada are the proud parents of a baby boy, Michael Eugene, born Tuesday, January 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Waller announce the birth of their daughter, Bethany Mae on January 17, at the Tyler Holmes Memorial Hospital in Winona.

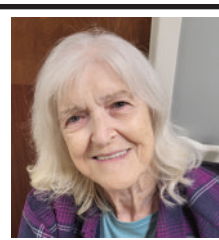
Jeanne Lea Shaw, senior at Yalobusha Academy, has been selected as the school's Star Student. Mrs. Jerry Denley was designated the Star Teacher.

## 40 YEARS AGO February 6, 1986

Deanie Andrea Denley of Coffeeville and William W. Buntin of Oakland were among the students named to the Dean's List for the recently completed Fall Semester at Delta State University.

From Coffee Time: America was shocked last Tuesday morning (January 28) when news was flashed on TV screens and in extra editions of newspapers the world over that the space shuttle Challenger had exploded into a gigantic fireball seconds after liftoff, killing all seven passengers.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Adams are announcing the birth of a daughter, born Friday, January 31, in the Oxford Lafayette County hospital. She has been named Teresa Hollie Adams.



# Coffee Time

By Sarah H. Williams

Ole Miss came out on top in the Sugar Bowl game played on Thursday, January 1, 2026 by beating Georgia by a score of 39 to 34. They will play Miami on Thursday, January 8. They beat Tulane on Saturday, December 20, 2025 in order to qualify to play in the Sugar Bowl game.

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I spent three days in Oxford in Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi, last week. I was confused thinking that Dr. Lambert was a man, when actually she came into the room and didn't know until then, when I asked who she was that Dr. Lambert was a woman. In a number of minutes my room was filled with several health care personal, as they seemed to all come at once.

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Baby Milo Myers, son of Cortney and preacher Anthony Myers was born December 30, 2025 to make a family of three. Congratulations to the Myers family.

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While watching TV in the hospital I thought 2026 was going to be possibly be a prosperous year.

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Kerri Strickland mother of three of my great nephews, who works for Accent Care called Sunday to check on me. Tammy was surprised when it was her on the phone. They visited a few minutes about family and sent her love to me.

## 2026 WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Kick off 2026 by reading great books!

Register to participate in the

### WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Jan. 2, 2026 - Feb. 28, 2026

at Coffeeville Public Library

or Oakland Public Library

• Register at your library.

- Must be a registered library user with a valid library card and no fines or overdue items.
- Must check out and read at least six (6) print library books between 1/2/2026—2/28/2026.

- All participants will be entered in a drawing for exciting prizes!

COME READ & WIN WITH US!

# Library News

By Patty Bailey

## Library Holiday Closing

System libraries will be closed for Monday, January 19, for M L King Day.

## Winter Reading Challenge Jan. 2 – Feb. 27

Yalobusha County Public Library System will sponsor a Winter Reading Challenge Jan. 2 – Feb. 27 which is open to all ages. Check out and read 6 library books by Feb. 27 to be entered in the prize drawing. To participate, you must be a registered library user with a valid library card, no unpaid fines, and no unreturned materials. All Winter Reading Challenge participants who qualify will be entered in a drawing for great prizes to be given away in both libraries.

## Homeschool Hangout Jan. 15 at Coffeeville

Homeschool Hangout is a time for homeschool students and families to use library services, play board games, put together puzzles, or use our interactive STEM kits. All homeschool families are invited to Coffeeville Public Library Thursday, Jan. 15, at 4:30 PM to hang out at the library.

## Library Board Meets Jan. 16 at Coffeeville

The Administrative Board of the Yalobusha County Public Library System will meet Friday, Jan. 16, at 9:00 AM, at Coffeeville Public Library. Library board meetings are open to the public in compliance with state law. Anyone wishing to be placed on the agenda for the meeting should email Director Patty M. Bailey no later than Monday, Jan. 12, at info@yalobusha.lib.ms.us

## Oakland Public Library Open Saturday Jan. 17

Come enjoy the wonders to be found at Oakland Public Library on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. The library will be open to

check out books and other materials, use computers, make crafts, play with puzzles or game, or sit and read.

If you want to see Saturday hours continue at Oakland Public Library, use the library on Saturday, Jan. 17.

## Coffeeville Public Library Closed Friday, Jan. 23

Coffeeville Public Library will be closed all day Friday, Jan. 23, for a staff work day. Library staff and others will be removing old, outdated books to make space for new titles.

## Winter Grab & Go Bags

Yalobusha County Public Library System has Winter Grab & Go bags for elementary age children available free. These bags contain lots of activities and crafts for kids to enjoy during the winter months.

## Free Books for Babies & Toddlers

We still have a few free baby & toddler books available. Thanks to Delta Health Alliance, Coffeeville and Oakland Public Libraries have books suitable for babies and toddlers to give away. If you have a baby or a toddler, visit our libraries to get free books for your child. Reading to babies and toddlers is an important way to bond with your child and help them learn to love reading.



# Living Well

In Yalobusha County By Pamela Redwine  
MSU-ES Extension County Coordinator - Yalobusha County

We are back! The Extension office staff had a great holiday break and we are rested and ready to start off the new year.

Upcoming Activities:

**January 7th – Healthy You Exercise class** will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office. Wear cool, comfortable clothes, supportive shoes and bring water to drink.

**January 8th – Looped with Love Crochet MHV** – will meet on Thursday, January 8th at 10 a.m. at the Extension office

**January 9th– Healthy You Exercise class** will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office. Wear cool, comfortable clothes, supportive shoes and bring water to drink.

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**January 12th– Home School Club** will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension office. This is a VERY IMPORTANT meeting as we will be planning our 2026 activities (programs, field trips, service projects, and fun days). We have a lot of families that have contacted us to let us know they are interested in getting involved in the homeschool club. This is your opportunity to make this the club you want it to be. Bring your calendar, topic ideas and a willingness to serve. Volunteers are essential to any 4-H club. Hope to see you on the 12th!

**January 14th – Healthy You Exercise class** – will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office.

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**January 16th – Healthy You Exercise class** will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office. Wear cool, comfortable clothes, supportive shoes and bring water to drink.

**Need Servsafe Certification?** Get certificate same day as exam by taking a proctored online exam (must score 70% on exam to receive certificate. Must read book and study on your own before sitting for exam). I will have two slots available on Thursday, January 15th 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. if you are interested or need more information contact me at the Extension office 662.675.2730 or email p.redwine@msstate.edu Registration deadline is January 9th.

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## Your New Year, Your Best You: The Ultimate Resolution Bucket List!

The new year is a fantastic opportunity for a fresh start, a chance to set new goals, and to truly invest in yourself. Forget those fleeting resolutions you abandon by February – this year, let's

create a "bucket list" of achievable and enjoyable goals that will genuinely enhance your life!

1. Re-imagine Your Relationship with Exercise

For many, "exercise" conjures images of grueling workouts and dread. This year, let's change that narrative! Your resolution isn't just to "exercise more," but to find enjoyable ways to move your body.

Explore New Activities: Have you always wanted to try dancing, rock climbing, or even a martial art? Now's the time!

Embrace the Outdoors: Hiking, cycling, or even brisk walks in a local park can be incredibly refreshing and a great way to explore your surroundings.

Team Up: Join a sports league or find a workout buddy. The social aspect can be a huge motivator.

Short & Sweet: Even 15-minute bursts of activity throughout the day can make a difference. Think movement breaks while working or a quick dance party in your living room!

The key is to discover what makes you feel good, energized, and genuinely happy.

2. Equip and Conquer Your Kitchen: Healthy Cooking Made Easy

Healthy eating doesn't have to be a chore, and often, the right tools can make all the difference. This year, resolve to upgrade your kitchen equipment to make healthy cooking more efficient and enjoyable.

Invest in a Good Knife Set: A sharp, comfortable knife makes food prep a breeze and can even be safer. Get a High-Powered Blender: Perfect for smoothies, soups, and homemade sauces.

Consider an Air Fryer:

Enjoy crispy favorites with significantly less oil.

Stock Up on Quality Pots & Pans: Non-stick options or durable stainless steel can elevate your cooking experience.

Food Processor: A true time-saver for chopping, slicing, and dicing.

Beyond equipment, let's focus on lessons to be learned that empower your healthy choices:

Become a Label Reading Master: Understanding nutritional labels is crucial. Learn to identify hidden sugars, unhealthy fats, and processed ingredients. Look for whole, recognizable ingredients.

Master the Art of the Healthy Plate: Visualize your plate: half vegetables and fruits, a quarter lean protein, and a quarter whole grains. This simple guide can transform your meals.

Meal Prep Like a Pro: Dedicate a couple of hours each week to prepping ingredients or entire meals. This saves time and ensures you have healthy options readily available.

3. Discover the Bounty of Your Local Food Scene

Eating seasonally and locally is not only delicious but also often more nutritious and environmentally friendly. Make it a resolution to look for more local food stores for seasonal produce deals.

Farmers' Markets: These are treasure troves of fresh, local produce, often at great prices. You can also directly connect with the people who grow your food.

Some supermarkets often have bulk food bins, local foods, and seasonal produce at great prices. Investigate more stores near you to have more options and better prices.