

# Looking Back

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

## 80 YEARS AGO February 22, 1946

Mrs. Celia Hamblett Carr, 88, wife of Bill Carr, was buried here Saturday afternoon, after funeral services at the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Nannie Sue Hightower Vickery, 61, wife of the late Thad Vickery, was buried in the Pilgrim Rest Cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Addington and children who have been living in Water Valley for several months, moved back to California last week.

On Valentine's night at the Corthouse Miss Betty Flowers was named Queen of Hearts.

## 75 YEARS AGO February 22, 1951

Dr. F. B. Smith and Mrs. Nora Kemp of Calhoun City, were married in a quiet ceremony at the Methodist Parsonage Sunday, February 18.

Nancy Stone received word this week she was given a rating of Superior, highest given, in the Hymn Playing Contest in Columbus, December 28.

The Ford twins, Melvin and Marvin entertained the Oakland Senior Class at a party in their home one night last week.

## 70 YEARS AGO February 23, 1956

The funeral of Rev. L. J. Crumby, former pastor of the Coffeeville Baptist Church and greatly beloved citizen of our town, was held Saturday afternoon here. Clyde Pace was elected President of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

Friends of little Misses Joan House and Phyllis Ross and Mrs. Ben Dunn all of Scobey, are wishing them a quick recovery. They are all in Memphis Hospital.

## 65 YEARS AGO February 23, 1961

Recent volunteers in the 6-month armed forces training period include James L. McMinn and Jimmy McDonald of Water Valley and Jerry V. Shaw and Thomas L. Wright of Coffeeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolfe are announcing the birth of a daughter born Tuesday evening, February 21, named Kathy Lynn.

Miss Donna Bailey of Coffeeville will have a role in the Memphis cotton Carnival as lady-of-the-realm.

Christine Breedlove, a student at Delta State College, is on the President's list, Donna Bailey, a student at the University of Mississippi is on the honor roll and Ida Mae Denley a student at Clark College is on the

Dean's List.

## 60 YEARS AGO February 24, 1966

Mrs. Kate Wilbourn James, wife of Fred E. James, of Greenwood, died in the Greenwood-Leflore Hospital Friday, February 18.

Carnes McCormack and Mike Everett have rolls in the NWJC production of "Camelot" to be presented there March 3, 4 and 5.

Last week George Edwin Denley, superintendent of Coffeeville School received appointment to the Professional Relations Committee from District F of the Mississippi Education Association.

Delta State College students named to the Dean's List for the first semester include Clyde Ruth Tillman of Tillatoba and Charlene Magee of Oakland.

## 50 YEARS AGO February 26, 1976

Jim Costilow, 69, retired farmer, died Tuesday, February 17, at Tyler Holmes Memorial Hospital in Winona.

Mrs. Hattie Hughes Wooten, 91, widow of Burney A. Wooten and mother of Mrs. Garland Denley, died Sunday night at Care Inn in Grenada.

Lee Bland of Coffeeville is a member of the NWJC Rangers Basketball Team. The team was seeded second in the conference play-offs this week at Booneville.

## 40 YEARS AGO February 27, 1986

Michael Ayers, 16 years old, was recently inducted into the Grenada Chapter of the National Honor Society.

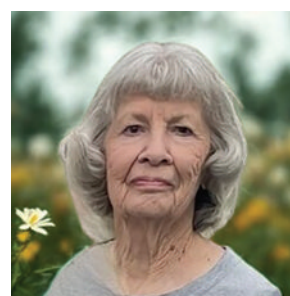
Doris Pomerlee and Linda Pomerlee, students at Alcorn State University, have made the honor roll for the 1985 fall semester.

Brett, Aramie and Lydia Denley, children of Jerry and Queda Denley have completed 21 years of perfect attendance at the Coffeeville United Methodist Church, Brett had 12 years, Aramie, 1 and Lydia will have 8 years in June for a total of 21 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Howell of Scobey announce the birth of their second child, Stacey Marie, Mrs. Howell is the former Pamela Bailey of Scobey.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bailey of Grenada announce the birth of their daughter Angela Michelle, on January 3.

# Obituary



**Ida Mae Edwards Jones**

Mrs. Ida Mae Edwards Jones, 96, of Coffeeville, passed away Saturday, January 31, 2026 at her residence. She was born March 19, 1929 to Lionel and Clara Robbins Edwards. Ida Mae retired as a Supervisor with Kellwood in Coffeeville. She loved spending time outdoors and keeping her yard manicured. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church - Coffeeville.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at First Baptist Church - Coffeeville

with Rev. Craig Baker and Rev. Truman Scarborough officiating. Interment will follow in the Coffeeville Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service Wednesday at First Baptist Church - Coffeeville.

Survivors include her son, Mike Jones (Judy) of Winona; grandsons, Philip Jones (Samantha) of Winona and Wesley Jones (Shealy) of Brandon; and six great-grandchildren, Lilian Jones, Eli Jones, Avie Mae Jones, Libbie Jo Jones, Bryson Carter and Reagan Carter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Aven Jones; sister, Oonna Denley and brother, Edward L. Edwards.

Memorials may be directed to First Baptist Church - Coffeeville.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.mckibbenandguinn.com](http://www.mckibbenandguinn.com).



# Library News

By Patty Bailey

## Coffeeville Library Services During Ice Storm

As our area experienced devastating damage and power loss from Ice Storm Fern last week, our local library stepped up to help. Power and internet were on at Coffeeville Public Library, allowing us to continue to offer services such as computers, Wi-Fi, warming, charging devices, and checking out materials. Coffeeville was only closed Monday, Jan. 26. The rest of the week we were open to assist to the public.

Our parking lot was filled with people using Wi-Fi or charging devices on outdoor extension cords. In addition to outside library services, we offered full library service inside plus hot beverages, bottle water, and snacks. We even had some people fill water buckets outside for home use.

On our Facebook page, we shared daily updates on businesses and services available in our area. The library truly serves as a community center, and we are happy we could help many of our local residents in different ways during this disaster. We hope you will continue to use your library!

## Oakland Public Library Closed

As of Monday, Feb. 2, Oakland Public Library is still without power and is closed until power may be restored. We are monitoring the situation closely and hope to be open again soon.

## Coffeeville Friends Book Sale Begins Feb. 3

Following our book purge, Coffeeville Friends of the Library will hold a big Book Sale at Coffeeville Public Library beginning Tuesday, Feb. 3. Hundreds of discarded library books in

great condition will be for sale by donation to Friends of the Library. If you love good books and fantastic bargains, come shop with us and 14432 Main Street!

## Memorial Books Given to Coffeeville Public Library

Members of the Yalobusha County Public Library System Administrative Board gave two books in Coffeeville Public Library in memory of Mrs. Mamie Herron Shields, who served 22 years on the library board. The books for youth were selected, Black Heroes and Black Inventors, both of which would be great reading for Black History Month. We appreciate these excellent additions to the library collection. Library board members include: Gail Barton, Earlene Townes, Kelley Ayers, Karol Knowles, and Margaret J. Ross.

## Coffeeville Memorial Donation

Coffeeville Public Library recently received a memorial donation given in memory of Mamie Herron Shields by Joy Mullen. Both Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Mullen are former library board members. The library system board and staff appreciate this generous donation which will provide better materials for Coffeeville Public Library.

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

Yalobusha County Public Library System is sponsoring a Winter Reading Challenge until Feb. 27 which is open to all ages. The grand prize at both libraries is a \$50 gift card provided by Friends of the Library. Other prizes will be awarded to runners up.

Check out and read at least 6 library books by Feb.

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# Living Well

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

At the time that I am writing this article (Monday, February 2, 2026) the Multi-Purpose Building is currently being used as a shelter and distribution center for the recent ice storm. Therefore, all Extension Activities for the upcoming week have been cancelled. This includes:

**February 4th - Healthy You Exercise class** - Will not meet

**February 5th - Looped with Love Crochet MHV** - will not meet

**February 6th - Healthy You Exercise class** - will not meet

**February 12th - Freezer Meals: February FCS After 5** - is postponed and will be rescheduled at a later time.

As of right now these programs are still scheduled:

**February 11th - 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.

**February 11th** - Create Club

**February 13th - 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.

**February 16th** - Sewing For Service

**February 16th** - The Home School 4-H Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension office. This will be our monthly social. Bring your favorite game and snack to share.

**February 16th** - Congressional Award Interest meeting. - 3 p.m. at the Extension office. For youth ages 14-18 interested in applying for a congressional award.

**Sign up now!!!! Saturday, March 7th Community Wide Yard Sale** -

**4-H Fundraiser.** 12x12 Booth Spaces will be available for rent for \$25.00.

We will also be accepting donations (no clothes please) for items for Yalobusha County 4-H to sale at their booth. Please contact the Extension office at 662.675.2730 or email me at [p.redwine@msstate.edu](mailto:p.redwine@msstate.edu) for more information.

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## Warm Up with a Safely Slow-Cooked Meal

Warm up this winter with some slow-cooked comfort food! Using a slow cooker or the slow-cook function of your electric pressure cooker is an easy way to make your favorite seasonal meals. After you prep the ingredients, you can put them in the cooker, start it, and forget it. After a few hours, you have a warm, flavorful meal ready to enjoy. Safely prepare slow-cooked food by following these steps:

If you plan to use frozen meat, poultry (such as chicken or turkey), or seafood in the dish, give yourself enough time to thaw it safely before adding to the slow cooker. Do not thaw frozen food on the counter. Instead thaw it in the refrigerator, in cold water, or in

the microwave. Begin to cook your meal immediately after thawing the meat if you thawed it in cold water or the microwave.

Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water before preparing your slow-cooked meal.

Rinse fresh fruits or vegetables in your recipe under running water before cutting or peeling them.

When cutting up ingredients for your meal, keep raw meat, poultry, and seafood separate from any food you plan to eat raw (for example, garnish or toppings like cheese, cilantro, or lemon zest). Use separate cutting boards, plates, and utensils.

Large cuts of meat and poultry may be cooked safely in a slow cooker. However, since slow cookers are available in several sizes, check the instruction booklet for suggested sizes of meat and poultry to cook in your slow cooker.

After touching raw meat, poultry, or seafood, wash your hands again for 20 seconds with soap and water.

Vegetables cook slower than meat and poultry in a slow cooker, so put the vegetables in first, for the best quality.

Add meat, poultry, or seafood to the slow cooker. Make sure your slow cooker is between half and two-thirds full. If it's too full, the food may be undercooked and unsafe. If it's not full enough, the food may be overcooked.

Start your cooker right after you finish prepping. Do not set a timer to start cooking later in the day. Bacteria can multiply quickly in the parts of the food that reach room temperature before cooking begins.

While your meal is cooking, wash your utensils, cut-

ting boards, and countertops with hot, soapy water, or put them in the dishwasher if they are dishwasher safe.

Cook your meal to the right temperature to kill germs. You may assume that your meal is safe to eat because it has slowly cooked for hours, but the only way to know for sure is to use a food thermometer. Place the food thermometer in the thickest part of the food, avoiding bone, fat, or gristle. Check to see if it has reached a safe internal temperature:

Whole cuts of beef, pork, veal, and lamb: 145°F (63°C) (then allow the meat to rest for 3 minutes before carving or eating)

Fish with fins: 145°F (63°C) or cook until flesh is opaque

Ground meats, such as beef and pork: 160°F (71°C)

Egg dishes: 160°F (71°C)

All poultry, including ground chicken and turkey: 165°F (74°C)

Wash your hands again for 20 seconds with soap and water and enjoy your warm meal.

Refrigerate your leftovers within 2 hours of cooking (1 hour if exposed to temperatures above 90°F (32°C), like in a hot car). If you leave leftovers out too long, bacteria can multiply rapidly and make you sick.

Wash your cooker insert and lid with hot, soapy water, or put them in the dishwasher if they are dishwasher safe.

*Article Source: <https://www.foodsafety.gov/blog/warm-safely-slow-cooked-meal>*

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