

# 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 28, 1936

Yalobusha County Schools have been ordered re-opened Monday after having been closed two weeks because of the shortage of funds.

Miss Lucille Bobbitt, owner of the Marinello Beauty Shop here, has with her now Miss Kathleen Bounds, young lady from Calhoun County.

Holmes Kuykendall Herron born Thursday, February 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herron of Glendora; Charles Edwin Holstein, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holstein, Monday February 24; Sellers Gale Denley arrived in time for breakfast Sunday morning, February 23.

Through the persistent efforts of Mrs. H. H. Boswell, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, funds have been secured from the federal music project of the WPA to organize a Boys' Band for Coffeeville.

## 85 YEARS AGO

February 28, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Bennett, riding in a pickup truck were slightly injured as was a CCC boy riding in the rear of the truck, when Mr. Bennett slammed on the brakes as the new noise making invention began signaling an approaching train at the Memphis-Grenada junction near Grenada last Saturday. Twenty dozen eggs Mrs. Bennett held in her arms were completely demolished.

Both Mayor S. D. McRee and Constable Homer Arrington have been confined to their homes during the week with flu.

Flour, 24 lbs., 65 cents; coffee, lb., 10 cents; electric irons, 89 cents at H. Gordens.

## 80 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1946

Death came quietly to Mr. J. H. Speir of the Elam section last Thursday afternoon after many months of ill health at the home of his son, Mr. Anderson Speir. It was his 88th birthday.

One of the oldest houses in this section was destroyed by fire last Thursday when the old Dollahite house on the Elam and Scuna Valley road burned. It was occupied by Jim Melton, wife and nine children, and they lost everything they had.

## 75 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1951

Even old-timers declare the flu epidemic which has swept our community in the past several days is the worst since 1918. Monday morning five teachers were absent from the local school along with 30 percent of the

students.

Funeral services were held in the local Baptist Church Friday afternoon for Wilton Weaver who died in Columbus Wednesday night.

Mr. James Boswell, injured in a truck wreck near Oakland last Thursday afternoon, has been carried to the Campbell's Clinic.

Mrs. Fannie Elizabeth Perkins Boyle, 84, died at her home in the Airmount Community last Friday after a lingering illness.

## 70 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1956

Funeral services for Mrs. Minerva Coleman Melton, aged 95, were held at Haven Hill Baptist Church Monday afternoon.

J. E. McCracken is being missed from his usual place at Pate's Barber Shop as he received treatment in the Grenada hospital this week.

Misses Margaret Woodall and Terry Denley spent last weekend at Blue Mountain College. It was high school weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gene Burney, are the parents of a boy, Daryl Gene, born February 20.

## 50 YEARS AGO

March 4, 1976

Thomas C. Dawkins of Starkville, son of Mrs. Pearl Dawkins, has been elected president of the Oktibbeha County Chamber of Commerce of 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey, III are announcing the birth of a daughter born Saturday, February 28. She has been named Amanda Sutton.

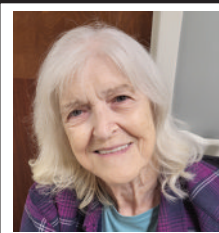
Carl Davidson, 60, produce manager for Liberty Supermarket, died Friday, February 27, at North Panola Hospital.

Coley Bailey was in Fort Worth, Texas last Wednesday through Friday attending a meeting of the Beef Masters Foundation. Coley is a member of the Board of Directors and has the distinction of being the youngest member.

## 45 YEARS AGO

February 26, 1981

Miss Lori Brower, a 1980 graduate of Coffeeville High School and a freshman business major at Mississippi State University, will be performing in The Mikado, a well-known musical by Gilbert and Sullivan,



# Coffee Time

By Sarah H. Williams

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Saturday February 14, 2026

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I have come full circle in my life, February , I moved from Charleston, MS to Coffeeville, MS on June 2,1960 I moved back to Charleston once again. As of Thursday, February 5, 2026 I am living in the TGH nursing home.

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We made a mistake in my last column; the spelling of the Hall's childrens' great granddaddy's first name, it should have been Berkerely.

Cora is named for him.

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Last Tuesday, Tammy and I came to the Jammie L. Whitten medical clinic to have some tests run. The ice from the ice storm had cleared off some. We returned on Thursday and it had cleared off considerably. The limbs along the rode had been cleared as well.

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We would like to thank TVEPA for their dedicated service in restoring electricity to their customers in Yalobusha county and surrounding areas. Thank you for continuing to work long hours to get everyone's power on.

## 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

## Coffeeville Friends Book Sale Extended

Following our book purge, Coffeeville Friends of the Library is holding a big Book Sale at Coffeeville Public Library which started Tuesday, Feb. 3. Hundreds of discarded library books in great condition will be for sale by donation to Friends of the Library. We have extended the sale until Feb. 18. If you love good books and fantastic bargains, come shop with us and 14432 Main Street!

## Winter Reading Challenge Ends 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. 27 to be entered in the prize drawing. Participants must be registered library users 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 awarded in both libraries.

## Drop-In Valentine Crafts Feb. 9 – 13

Drop-In Valentines crafts will be available in both libraries Feb. 9-13. Bring the family to make fun Valentines at the library Monday, Feb. 9 – Friday, Feb. 13.

## Libraries Closed Presidents' Day Feb. 16

Coffeeville and Oakland Public Libraries will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, in observance of Presidents' Day, a federal holiday.

## Homeschool Hangout Feb. 19 at Coffeeville

Homeschool Hangout is a time for homeschool stu-

dents 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, Feb. 18, at 4:30 PM to hang out at the library.

## February Is Library Lovers Month

National Library Lovers Month celebrates all things libraries. From showing appreciation for your favorite local library to sharing favorite books and love of reading. In addition to providing free access to books and other materials, libraries serve as community centers and offer programs and services for all ages. This special month-long event is a great way to get back into reading and enjoy the simple things in life.

Library Lovers Month is the perfect time for you to share what you love about your local library. We will have posters to be filled in sharing why you love your library, and we can't wait to hear from you.

## 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.

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## Free Books for Babies & Toddlers

We still have a few free baby & toddler books available. Thanks to Delta Health Alliance for making these books available in our libraries.

# Living Well

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

Currently the Multi-Purpose Building is being utilized for distribution and counseling for citizens affected by the recent ice storm. Therefore, all activities scheduled for the week of February 9 – 13th have been cancelled this includes:

**February 11th - Healthy You Exercise class** – Will not meet  
**February 11th – Create Club** – cancelled

**February 12th – Freezer Meals: February FCS After 5** - cancelled

**February 13th - Healthy You Exercise class** – will not meet

**February 13th – 4-H Cooking Kit for February Registration deadline**

**February 16th – Sewing For Service** – will meet a 9 a.m. and begin making fleece blankets for Blair Batson Children's Hospital.

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.

**February 17 – United Y.C. MHV Club** business meeting at 9 a.m. at Extension office.

**February 18 – 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 19 – Looped with Love Crochet MHV** – will meet at 10 a.m. bring a crochet hook and yarn.

**February 19- 4-H Cooking Kit February Distribution Day** – Please pick

up cooking kits by Friday, February 20th at 5 p.m.

**February 20 - 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.

**Sign up now!!!! Saturday, March 7th Community Wide Yard Sale – 4-H Fundraiser.** 12x12 Booth Spaces will be available for rent for \$25.00. Start getting your stuff together!!

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 for more information.

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**Vegetables in Season for February & How to Use Them**

•Broccoli- Great steamed, roasted, or stir-fried. Toss with olive oil, garlic, and a squeeze of lemon for a quick side dish, or add to soups, pasta, and grain bowls.

• Brussels Sprouts- Delicious roasted until crispy with a little olive oil and

pepper. They're also great shaved thin for salads or sautéed with onions and herbs.

• Carrots- Sweet and crunchy in winter months. Use raw in salads and slaws, roasted as a side, blended into soups, or added to stews.

• Cauliflower- Roast florets for a caramelized flavor, mash as a lighter alternative to potatoes, or blend into creamy soups. It also works well in stir-fries.

• Cabbage (green, red, Napa)- Perfect for slaws, stir-fries, soups, and tacos. Cabbage keeps well in the fridge and adds crunch and fiber to meals.

• Kale & other hearty greens (collards, Swiss chard)- Sauté with garlic and olive oil, add to soups, toss into salads (massage first to soften), or blend into smoothies.

• Leeks- Mild and slightly sweet, great in soups, quiches, roasted vegetable mixes, or sautéed as a base for sauces.

• Spinach- Use fresh in salads, omelets, smoothies, pasta dishes, or quickly wilt into soups and casseroles.

• Turnips & Rutabagas- Roast like potatoes, mash, or add to stews for a hearty, slightly sweet flavor.

• Winter Squash (butternut, acorn, spaghetti squash)- Roast cubes for bowls and salads, blend into soups, or bake and scrape- spaghetti squash as a pasta alternative

Healthy Plate Dinner

Ingredients:

• 4 small chicken breasts, baked or grilled

• 2 tomatoes, cored and diced

• 1/2 jalapeno, seeded and diced

• 1/4 red onion, diced

• 1 orange, peeled and diced

• 4 cups broccoli florets, rinsed and steamed

• 4 cups tossed salad: lettuce, your favorite veggies, 2 tablespoons dressing

• 2 cups cooked brown rice

• Garnish: lemon wedge

Directions:

1. Bake or grill the chicken breasts until done, about 20 minutes.

2. Mix the tomatoes, jalapenos, red onion, and orange to create a fresh salsa. Season to taste with salt and pepper or hot sauce.

3. Cook the rice according to package instructions.

4. Steam the broccoli in the microwave in a covered dish for 3-4 minutes.

5. Toss the salad

Nutrition Facts: Serves 3  
Each serving: 438 calories, 7 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 145 mg cholesterol, 0 mg trans fat, 304 mg sodium, 38 g carbohydrates, 7 g fiber, 8 g sugar, 54 g protein.

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