

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 March 13, 1936

War Clouds are gathering in Europe. In a spectacular move this week German troops marched into the territory near the Rhine River between France and Germany where they had agreed, at the end of the world war, not to place troops.

The Tillatoba Baptist Church was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning.

85 YEARS AGO March 14, 1941, 1941

Emmitt McNulty, 24, of the New Hope section, died last Friday after a lingering illness.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sayle and Ervin, Jr., have moved from Highway Street to the house on Sand Street lately occupied by Mr. C. J. Hamilton.

Ben Lee, 47, prominent railroad employee, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lee of near town, died in the Veteran's Hospital in Gulfport, Wednesday.

Martha Tierce, high school student, is at home in East End ill with scarlet fever.

70 YEARS AGO March 15, 1956

Mrs. Lula Gertrude Harper died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Bell, of Oakland.

The first science fair was staged Tuesday afternoon in the high school auditorium, under the sponsorship of the Science Department of which Mrs. F. E. Collins is head. First place winners were Tommy McCormack and Marie Waddell.

60 YEARS AGO March 3, 1966

David Arrington, captain of the boys' basketball team, was named All-Star after the North Mississippi Class BB tournament in Water Valley Saturday night. The team will go to state this weekend as the number 3 team from North Mississippi.

Selected as STAR Student in the Coffeeville High School, Steve Brower in turn chose Mrs. Clyde Pace, mathematics instructor, as STAR Teacher.

Martha Gray, a student at Blue Mountain College, has been appointed as a Baptist student summer missionary to serve in Ohio this summer.

50 YEARS AGO March 11, 1976

As of March 1st the Yalobusha County Board of Supervisors has approved Miss Judy L. Goodard as the Extension 4-H Youth Agent.

One of the social highlights of the season will take place at Yalobusha Academy on

Friday evening, March 12, when Miss Passionate Von Mush (Allen Freer) will become the bride of Pretty Boy Floyd (Eldrege "Red" Coleman) in a womanless wedding.

Thomas Whitten Waller, age 84, died Wednesday, March 3, at Yalobusha County General Hospital in Water Valley.

James Rupert Magee, 67, farmer and cattleman, died Thursday, March 4, at Grenada County Hospital.

45 YEARS AGO March 5, 1981

In a cancer benefit basketball game at the CHS gym Saturday night an array of Coach Paul Pittman's former players (50s and 60s) entertained the spectators as they proved that they still retained some of their ball-handling skill. They beat the TV-9 team 62-48. Among those playing were Joe Martin, Hilly Griffin, David Gray, Hubert Clark, Jr., Francis Williams, Alton Pollan, Rodney Gray, Benny Fly, George Ayers, Ricky Denley, David Arrington, Steve Bailey, "Midnight" Williams, Spencer Williams, Bud York, James Edwards, Johnny Boyle, Burl Adams, Henry Dean Gray, Coley Bailey, Jerry Shaw and Allen Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hampton of Bolivar, Tennessee, are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Cathy Leigh, to Billy Rider, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rider of Coffeeville.

Mr. Luther Braxton Schmitz, age 83, died at the Grenada County Hospital Tuesday morning, March 3, after suffering a stroke at his home Monday.

40 YEARS AGO March 6, 1986

Named to the 4th Six Weeks Honor Roll at Calhoun Academy were Daniel Brooks, sixth grade, A Honor Roll; Dana Peacock, eighth grade, A and B Honor Roll; Don Brooks, tenth grade, A Honor Roll; and Jim Edwards, eleventh grade, A and B Honor Roll.

Mrs. Grady W. Butler, of Oakland, a member of the James Gilliam Chapter, Mississippi State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was elected to the office of State Librarian at a meeting of the 80th State Conference held in Jackson February 20, 21 and 22.



Mt.Moriah District Annual Usher Program

Mt.Moriah District Annual Usher Program will be Sun., March 15th, 2026, at 3 O' clock pm at the Mt. Moriah Association builing, Coffeeville, MS.

Rev. Tony Armstrong pastor of Bryant Chapel M.B Church, Pittsburgh, MS will be the special guest. We hope to see you there.

Rev Calvin Hawkins is moderator. Deacon Reginald Baskin is president of the Usher Ministry.



Stella Haywood.

Letter To The Editor

I want to thank God first for bringing us Through the Storm and keeping us, and for the people who still love and care for others. Mitt and Bren Armstrong checked on me everyday, making sure I had food and water. Caren Covington for checking on me, Amanda Hodges for going to the grocery store, Tommie Willis for picking up food from the store for me, Dorothy Page, Syreeta, Clayton Horton, Jerry Turner, Ms Naomi Jennings for checking on me, my baby sister Debra and her husband Jerry for letting me stay with them until I got electricity back, Ms Jean Dean and family for offering me a place to stay, and last but not least all of the people who worked 24/7 trying to get everyone's lights back on. All of the above mentioned people were in the same situation as I was, but they didn't forget about me. Also my Amazing Children. Thanks to my Nephew, Little Brother for getting the limbs out of my driveway.

Gods Grace and Mercy continue to be with you all is my prayer,

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

Homeschool Hangout Feb. 19 at Coffeeville

Homeschool Hangout is a time for homeschool students and families to use library services, play games, assemble puzzles, or use our interactive STEM kits. Audrey Beach with Delta Health Alliance will be here this month with a giant Connect Four game. All homeschool families are invited to Coffeeville Public Library Thursday, Feb. 19, at 4:30 PM to hang out at the library.

Coffeeville Friends Meet Feb. 26

Friends of Coffeeville Public Library will meet Thursday, Feb. 26, at 11:30 for a potluck lunch and meeting. All members are urged to attend, and new members are welcome. Friends will be making plans for 2026. If you appreciate Coffeeville Public Library, consider joining Friends to support the library.

Love Your Library Scavenger Hunt

Visit Coffeeville or Oakland Public Library for the kids' Love Your Library Scavenger Hunt before the end of the month. Children and youth may win a prize by solving the puzzle. Come go on the hunt at your library!

Winter Reading Challenge Ends Feb. 27

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

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.

February Is Library Lovers Month

National Library Lovers Month celebrates all things libraries. In addition to providing free access to books and other materials, libraries serve as community hubs 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, and Library Lovers Month is the perfect time for you to share what you love about your local library. We have posters on which you may share why you love your library. We can't wait to hear from you!

Federal Library Funding Restored

We are happy to report that Institute for Museums and Library Services (IMLS) has been restored after being scheduled for closure in 2026. IMLS provides federal grant funding to the Mississippi Library Commission which uses the funds to provide services and award grants to state libraries. Without the grant funds which come to public libraries through IMLS, our local library system could not purchase computers, new books, and many other vital services.

Thanks to all library supporters who contacted U. S. Senators and Representatives to ask for continued funding for IMLS and public (cont'd on page 18) li-

Living Well

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

It's been a tough couple of weeks, but things are slowly starting to get back to normal around the Extension office. We are excited that we will be able to start back having programs this week at our office located inside the Multi-Purpose Building in Coffeeville. Check out our program schedule below.

Community Yard Sale – sponsored by Yalobusha County 4-H We had originally planned to have our 4-H sponsored Community Yard Sale on Saturday, March 7th. However, we are not sure that the arena will be available at that time, because it is still being utilized for ice storm emergency management and distribution. We have **rescheduled the yard sale for Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 7 a.m. until noon.** We apologize for the inconvenience of the date change, but it truly could not be helped. Here are some details to help you plan and we hope you will participate – either by having a booth, donating items

to the 4-H booth or shopping the day of the sale.

Attention Sellers: Yard booth space is available to rent. A 12x12 booth space is available for \$25.00. The deadline to pay and reserve your booth is Friday, March 13th. The space will be located inside the Yalobusha County Multi-Purpose Building on a packed arena (dirt) floor. No tables or chairs will be provided. You must bring your own. No electrical outlets are available. Concession stand sponsored by Yalobusha County 4-H will be available (no other food items can be sold without permission from Yalobusha county 4-H). Last year we had a great turnout of about 24 different sellers and lots of shoppers from all over the state. Set up will be allowed on Friday, March 20th from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. (will be able to drive up to space to drop off items). Saturday no vehicles will be allowed in the arena until the end of the sale.

Donations: The Yalobusha County 4-H will be accepting donated items to sell at their yard sale table. Donations will be accepted Thursday, March 12th – Tuesday, March 17th at the Yalobusha County Multi-Purpose Building (weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Sorry, but we cannot accept clothing items. All proceeds will go to the Yalobusha County General 4-H fund to sponsor 4-H activities in Yalobusha county. Yalobusha county 4-H reserves the right to dispose of leftover items.

Shoppers: Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Community wide yard sale sponsored by the Yalobusha county 4-H on Saturday, March 21st. Doors will open at 7 a.m. Last year we had 24 vendors with lots of great treasures and deals. Plan on grabbing breakfast at the 4-H Concession stand. There will be sausage and biscuits, donuts, coffee, juice and more.

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.

February 25- 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 26 – ServSafe Certification Class and Exam. Class begins at 7:30 a.m. Exam begins at 4 p.m.

February 27 - 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.

March 9 – Servsafe Online Exam only – two spots available 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Contact the Extension office for more information.

March 26 – March FCS After 5 – Spring Canvas Painting Workshop- Thursday, March 26th. The cost is \$40. A meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. and Painting will begin at 6 p.m. Class will be led by Mindy and Annisa from Coddwomple Designs. Designs and a link to register can be found at:

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Cooking Matters- We talked nutrition and food safety and then we headed to the kitchen and made two delicious recipes: Turkey Burger Macaroni and Berry Blast Off. I was also glad to have Amber Dauzat, Calhoun County Extension Family, Health and Wellness agent co-teach this 6 week series with me. Looking forward to more fun, educational and delicious classes with this group.