

Looking Back

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

85 YEARS AGO March 28, 1941

W. E. Hutchins is the new manager for the Yalobusha County Cooperative. He will move here from Grenada May 1.

Miss Fannie Sayle and Mrs. C. V. Landreth, of Oakland, are attending the Missionary Conference in Amory this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hooper, of East End, March 17, a girl, named Olivian Montez.

80 YEARS AGO March 29, 1946

W. P. York has been reelected Superintendent of the Scuna Valley School for the 12th successive year.

Gerald H. Denley is expected home this weekend from Hamburg, Germany, where he has been operating a government printing plant since last September. He went to Europe in August of 1944.

Dr. William N. Crowson received his degree at Harvard University March 23 and is now at home with his parents, Supt. and Mrs. Q. T. Crowson. He will go to Georgia in April to serve his internship of 15 months.

The flood commission at Vicksburg is going ahead with plans to build the Grenada and Enid Dams.

75 YEARS AGO March 29, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pittman narrowly escaped serious injury when their car was hit by a fast moving taxi in Greenwood Tuesday. "Miss" Ricie got a cut on the head which necessitated some stitches and a few hours of hospitalization. Fred was badly shaken-up, but had no serious injuries. The car was a complete loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boyd were called to Jayess Friday on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Bessie Boyd.

70 YEARS AGO March 29, 1956

Phillip Pittman, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pittman and popular member of the Coffeeville School's senior class, is in Jackson this week serving as a page in the Mississippi House of Representatives.

Young Steve Brower, second grade student in Coffeeville School, is at home this week recuperating from a tonsillectomy performed in the Grenada Hospital Friday.

The Rev. J. D. Simpson, retired Methodist minister of Potts Camp, died at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis Thursday. He was 89. One of his daughters is Mrs. Harold Brower of Coffeeville.

60 YEARS AGO March 17, 1966

Jan Adams, Jo Adams, Beverly Arrington, Jan Arrington, Virginia Arrington, Patsy George, Pat Harrison, Marilyn Jones, Jan Kilgore, Libby Lowe, Peggy McNulty, Pam Pate, Holley Peeples, Debbie Salley, Carol Sexton, Sue Shaw, Glenda Summers, June Turner, Wanda Webster and Delores White are the contestants in the "Miss Coffeeville" contest which will be Friday night, April 1.

Among the comparatively few students who attained listings on the honor roll for the first semester at MSCW is Brenada Joy Adams.

William F. Priddy, 73, retired electrical engineer, died Wednesday night, March 9, at his home in the Spring Hill Community near Oakland.

40 YEARS AGO March 20, 1986

David Pendergrass, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Pendergrass, has been named STAR Student at Coffeeville High School. The award is presented to the senior having the highest ACT score and a grade point average of 92 or above. David's ACT score was 27 and his GPA is 96. David chose Miss Katherine Piner as STAR teacher.

On Sunday, March 9, Wayside Baptist Church in Scobey was honored to have Tony Moore of Coffeeville join them as their new music director.

Chief Ralph Wayne Pittman was sent to Pearl Harbour March 2, where he is teaching Special Diving Classes for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Nichols are announcing the birth of a son born Wednesday, March 5, at the Grenada Lake Medical Center. He has been named Thomas Glenn Nichols.

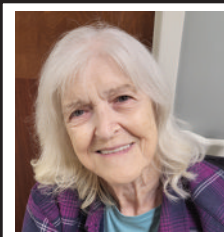
Alfred Alexander Bryant, III, a retired Army Colonel died last Wednesday, March 23, at Yalobusha General Hospital in Water Valley after a long illness. Services were Friday, March 14, at First Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder.

35 YEARS AGO March 21, 1991

George Wells Armstrong, Jr., 87, merchant and pharmacist, died Friday, March 15. Services Sunday, March 17, at Coffeeville United Methodist Church.

Mark Fielder wins first place honors in Senior Swine Showmanship at Northwest District Junior Livestock Show.

Emily Wortham, Amanda Shields, John Stevens, and Patricia Estrada inducted into National Honor Society at Kirk Academy.



Coffee Time

By Sarah H. Williams

I had a wonderful time on Saturday, February 28, at Cracker Barrel in Batesville. Dianne and Chuck Byers, of Nesbit; Lori and Paul Brown, of Olive Branch; Sylvia Hickey, of Charleston; and Savina McGee, of Batesville, along with Tammy and me enjoyed a wonderful lunch and good visiting to celebrate Dianne and my birthdays.

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Sylvia came Sunday afternoon to keep me company and brighten my day.

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Got a lot of cards for my birthday and one was especially cute from Eloise Epperson from Yazoo City. It goes something like this. It's your birthday and it's great, that's what friends are for who can grow old together. You go first. By the way Eloise is 96.

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I had a cute supprise Friday, February 27. Tammy and Ree-Ree brought Jay and Cora Hall to see me along with a few gifts. It was wonderful to see them.

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I got up early last Monday morning. Had things to do. Like therapy followed by shower and hair washing. Sylvia came for a visit. It was a good day.

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Sara Jones and her husband Raymond from the Charleston Church of Christ came Sunday and brought me communion .Thank you very much. Raymond Jones is the preacher there. Sara brought me some christians magazines. Tom Davis led the singing.

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Green Goshen Church Announcement

The Green Goshen C.M.E. Church family of Water Valley, MS , cordially invites every Pastor and church member to be our honored guests at our Annual Birthday Tea Program. Join us for a fun fellowship and worship on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

Our day begins with:
*Sunday School 10:00 am

*Followed by our Morning Worship Service at 11:00 am.

A delicious lunch will be served immediately following morning service.

The Birthday Tea Program will begin promptly at 2:00 pm. The message will be delivered by Evangelist Pamela Pomlee along with her Church family of Pine Grove West of Oakland, MS.

We are truly looking forward to worshipping with you and celebrating on this special occasion. Your pres-

Life in the Spirit Church, Inc. (C.O.G.I.C.) 8282 Macon Road, Cordova TN 38018 Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Pastor Wayne E. Tinnon and Lady Karen L. Tinnon



Pastor Tinnon invites those from Yalobusha County and the surrounding area who live in the greater Memphis area to celebrate Resurrection Sunday with LITS Church on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

ence would mean so much to us.
Thanking you in advance,
Rev. Cristy Rubbin-Fuzz, Pastor
Bro. Wilton Kimble, Sponsor

Library News

By Patty Bailey

Spring Break @ Your Library March 9-13

Students and families are invited to visit Coffeeville or Oakland Public Library during Spring Break March 9-13. We will have exciting spring crafts, tons of new books, board games, puzzles, and STEM activities ready for kids or the whole family to enjoy. Enjoy a staycation at your library this Spring Break.

Library Board Meets March 27 at Oakland

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Administrative Board of the Yalobusha County Public Library System meeting has been moved to Friday, March 27, at 9:00 AM, at Oakland Public Library. Library board meetings are open to the public in compliance with state law.

Any person wishing to be on the meeting agenda must contact the director no later than Monday, March 23, by email info@yalobusha.lib.ms.us or phone (662) 675-8822.

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BINGO & Medicare Fraud April 8 & 10

Brandi Lacey, Com-

munity Outreach Specialist with Senior Medicare Patrol, will be in our libraries in April to provide information on Medicare fraud and abuse for seniors. After a short presentation, there will be BINGO and prizes!

Brandi will be at Oakland Public Library on Wednesday, April 8, at 1:30 PM, and she will be at Coffeeville Public Library Friday, April 10, at 10:00 AM. These fun and educational programs are free and open to the public.

Spring Seed & Plant Swap at Coffeeville April 30

Coffeeville Public Library and Friends of the Library will host the fourth annual Seed & Plant Swap on Thursday, April 30, from 4:00 -6:00 PM. Start gathering, growing, planting, and dividing plants and seeds for this fun, free event for the whole family.

Master Gardeners will be on hand, and there will be door prizes, crafts for kids, and much more. Mark April 30 on our calendar and plan to be here for this great annual event.

Winter Reading Challenge Winners

Yalobusha County Public Library System sponsored a Winter Reading Challenge which was open to all ages. Prize winners were drawn in both libraries on March 2.

Grand prize winner of a \$50 gift card provided by Friends of the Library in the Winter Reading Challenge at Coffeeville Public Library was Zoey Dubock. Winners of books or DVDs at Coffeeville were Mary Dawn Peeples, Joselyn Flager, Anna Sykes, and Jaquarious Nason.

At Oakland Public Library, the Grand Prize Winner of a \$50 gift card provided by Friends of the Library is (cont'd on page 18)

Living Well

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

It's been a great week getting back to regular scheduled programs. On Monday we enjoyed having the 4-H Home School Club meeting where they enjoyed getting to see each other and play games and eat snacks. Our Sewing for Service Group did not meet this week, due to a lot of sickness going around, but we hope they will all be better and ready to meet next time. Our Healthy You Exercise ladies were so glad to get back together and get a good workout in. And our Looped with Love Crochet club group were glad to be back at the Extension office. And then of course we had another great Cooking Matters meeting at the Water Valley Housing Authority. This week our recipes were Ratatouille and Blackend Chicken, both were delicious!

Extension Programs this week:
Wednesday, March 11-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.

Wednesday, March 11-Create Club MHV will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office. The program will be fleece pillows with ties. The program leader is Mary Fuqay and all supplies will be provided for \$6. Space is limited, please contact the Extension office by Monday, March 9th to reserve your spot.

Friday, March 13 -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.

Monday, March 16-Sewing for Service – will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office. Wear cool, comfortable clothes,

supportive shoes and bring water to drink.

Saturday, March 21 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.

Monday, March 16 – 4-H Home School club – will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension office. All members are encouraged to come. Emaline and Dollie Swindoll will be in charge of the meeting.

Tuesday, March 17 – United Y.C. MHV Potluck and Bingo – will be at 10 a.m. at the Extension office. Bring a dish to share and a couple of Bingo prizes to add to our prize table. The public is invited to attend.

Wednesday, March 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.

Thursday, March 19 – Looped with Love Crochet MHV will meet at 10 a.m. at the Extension office. You will need to bring yard and crochet hook. Great opportunity for beginners to learn how to crochet, as well as, a good time for more experienced people to get ideas for new projects or finish existing projects.

Friday, March 20 – Healthy You Exercise - class will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office. Wear cool, comfortable clothes,

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Attention Yard Sale 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.

Thursday, 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: https://reg.extension.msstat.edu/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0081-0004-7c5f85567e154c4ba4187edd22ae59c3 or you can pay in office with a check made out to MSU Extension. Please select design when you register. Space is limited. Must pay to reserve your spot.

Yard 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.
Yard Sale 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.