

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
April 24, 1936

Prof. Harry Vickery, teacher at Scuna Valley this session, stepped from the school-room to Coahoma County where he will serve as Assistant County Agent.

The New Theater was sold last week to Foster Bailey and Carl Parker by the owner, Mr. A. J. Tilghman.

Bethel Baptist Church, near Jeff Davis, burned last week.

John Oscar Pittman is at home this week from Miss. State College.

85 YEARS AGO
April 25, 1941

At the local school graduation last Friday instead of a speaker the seniors presented a pageant entitled "On Parade". The main speaking parts were given by Jennie Lou Chapman, Valedictorian, and Dorothy Colston, Salutatorian.

Perhaps one of the oldest houses in the county was destroyed by fire Tuesday. It was the old Ranse Starks home located on the hill above the Editor's home in the Scuna Valley section. Jim Schmitz lived in the house when he was a boy.

At Tillatoba School closing Friday Miss Dimple Webb was awarded a certificate for having the highest average in the 7th grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Price, Oakland, Rt. 11, are rejoicing over a fine boy born the 11th. His name is Alvin Helm Price.

70 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1956

Dr. William B. Fields has moved here to become a part of our community. He has already taken over the Coffeeville Clinic and his services are available to the sick of our community.

The senior class of Coffeeville High School will present "Here Comes Charlie", in the school auditorium Friday night, April 20. Characters are Edward Woodall, Margaret Woodall, Horris Holloway, Lorene Davis, Dorothy Wright, Ralph Armstrong, Polly Smith, Henry Dean Gray, Vernell Edwards and Tommy McCormack.

Early Friday morning, April 6, when word went around that Dr. Fughball Smith had just died of a heart attack scores of friends throughout the country were saddened.

Vernell Edwards and Henry Dean Gray have been selected to play on the District All-Star Basketball Team which will place the North Half of District II, against the South Half.

65 YEARS AGO
April 13, 1961

Suzanne Peebles was crowned Miss Coffeeville Monday night, April 10, at the local school auditorium. First alternate was Queda Shaw. Donna Harbour was crowned Little Miss Coffeeville. First alternate was Debbie Edwards and second alternate was Mitzi Johnson.

Lou McCormack, Leslie Dee Henry, Barbara Hutchins, Nancy Wortham, Joanne Wright, Rebecca Gray, Nell Fancher, Judy Chapman, Joe Pittman, Deeby Peebles, Ralph McCormack, Terry Peebles, Jerry Denley, Malcolm Shaw, Hubert Clark and Carnes McCormack, Coffeeville High School "Melody Makers" will attend the State Coral Festival in Jackson this weekend.

60 YEARS AGO
April 14, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rodick of New Orleans are the parents of a baby girl Donna Kathryn. She was born March 31.

William Edward Jeffreys, Sr., a lifetime resident of Coffeeville, died in the Yalobusha General Hospital Tuesday, April 12. He was 83.

Mrs. Lillian Smith Searcy, wife of Elton Searcy of Coffeeville, died Wednesday morning, April 6, in the Yalobusha General Hospital after a long illness. He was 60.

Karen Rotenberry and Pam Denley will be Coffeeville contestants in the Annual County Spelling Bee at Coffeeville School this Thursday afternoon, April 14.

55 YEARS AGO
April 15, 1971

The Courier has been authorized to announce the candidacy of Guy Dale Shaw for reelection to the office of the Tax Assessor of Yalobusha County.

40 YEARS AGO
April 17, 1986

Dawn McCormack and Dawn McCarley will participate in the State Bible Drills at Batesville First Baptist Church Thursday night, April 17. They qualified at the Baptist Associational Bible Drills at Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Hughes of Vermont, Arkansas are announcing the birth of a son, Leslie Glen Hughes, III, born Wednesday, April 9.

Funeral services for Iva A. Bonner of Tillatoba were held Saturday, April 12, at Tillatoba Methodist Church.



Coffee Time

By Sarah H. Williams

Dianne and Chuck visited me a while Saturday. It was the first time they had been here.

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Sylvia said she had two prizes for me when she came Wednesday. My sister-in-law Pat Hickey came and so did Sylvia. Pat had a gift of flowers she had brought from Shuqualak.

They were yellow and they had withered at first. Mr. and Mrs. Mounce had given me a vase to put the flowers in. The next day the flowers had really come to glory and were so beautiful! They are still pretty and are in a pretty vase. They are still that pretty yellow!

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones came by to share communion Sunday afternoon. I really really appreciated it.



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.



Library News

By Patty Bailey

Libraries Closed April 3

System libraries will be closed this Friday, April 3, for Good Friday.

Spring Book Club at Coffeeville

Coffeeville Public Library will host a Spring Book Club in April – May. The book will be Theo of Golden by Alan Levi, a recently published novel which has received numerous awards and accolades. Books will be provided free by Mississippi Library Commission and should arrive to us in April. The group will gather in May, date TBD, to share a meal and discuss this wonderful book. There is limited space. If you want to take part in our Spring Book Club, call (662) 675-8822 or email info@yalobusha.lib.ms.us to add your name to the list.

Medicare & Bingo at Oakland April 8

Join us for a short presentation by Brandi Lacy, Community Outreach Specialist with Senior Medicare Patrol, followed by BINGO with prizes at Oakland Public Library on Wednesday, April 8, at 1:30 PM. This program is free and to the public.

Ms. Lacy's program educates and empowers beneficiaries, caregivers, their families to prevent, detect, and report Medicare fraud, abuse, and errors.

Medicare & Bingo at Coffeeville April 10

Brandi Lacy, Community Outreach Specialist with Senior Medicare Patrol, will be at Coffeeville Public Library on Friday, April 10, at 10:00 AM to give a short presentation on Medicare fraud, abuse, and errors. Following her short program, there will be Bingo with prizes. This program is free and open to the public.

Homeschool Hangout April 16

Coffeeville Public Library hosts Homeschool Hangout

every third Thursday at 4:30 for homeschool families to enjoy unstructured library time. All homeschoolers are invited.

National Library Week April 19 – 25

April 19-25 is National Library Week, an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries and library professionals play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. This year's theme is "Find Your Joy," and we are planning joyful library activities to celebrate. Snapshot Day will be Monday, April 20.

Oakland Friends Host Authors April 29

Oakland Friends of the Library will host authors Erin Roach and Bertron Hamill at Oakland Library on Wednesday April 29th at 2pm. They are co-authors of the book **The Reckoning of Olote: Ocnarin Book One**, which was published in December, and Erin's newest book is **Starflower, A Tale from the Fairy Realm**

Coffeeville Seed & Plant Swap April 30

Coffeeville Public Library and Friends of the Library will host our fourth annual Seed & Plant Swap on Thursday, April 30, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. This free event is open to the public. Area gardeners and plant lovers are encouraged to put this date on your calendar and start gathering seeds and dividing plants.

There will be door prizes, crafts for kids, and Master Gardeners on site. Pamela Redwine with Yalobusha County Extension will present a workshop. The Friends will also be selling raffle tickets for a patriotic picnic table for America's 250th birthday.

Living Well

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



March FCS After 5 – Canvas Painting Workshop – We had a great time Thursday, March 26th at the Painting Workshop. Lots of beautiful artwork was created, delicious food eaten and fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Those who attended were: April Edwards, Amanda Beard, Beverly Freer, Jan Dean Wortham, Tammy Allen, Cindy Flowers, Marilyn Smith, Dawn Ayers and Celeste Ayers. Special thanks to Mindy Beckham from Coddwimple Designs for leading our class.

Dining with Diabetes Series will be offered in April on Wednesday, April 8, 15, 22 and 29th. The program is designed for people with diabetes and their caregivers. The series includes diabetes education, cooking demonstrations, and tasting healthy foods. After each lesson participants will take

home recipes and knowledge about how to manage diabetes in their daily lives. You will want to plan to attend each of the sessions as there will be different information presented at each session. The program is free and open to the public thanks to our sponsors Mt. Moriah Baptist Association

and Mississippi State University Extension. The class will be taught by Pamela Redwine, FHW agent Yalobusha County and Ontennia Boclear, FHW agent Grenada County. The class will be held at the Extension office, located inside the Multi-Purpose Building in Coffeeville. The class is

free, but space is limited. Please register online at: https://reg.extension.msstate.edu/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0081-0004-92748d164784098a1b1b1676bbe861d or contact the extension office at 662.675.2730 or p.redwine@msstate.edu (cont'd on page 14)

Happy Easter!