

Cossar

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hanging from the damaged tree," Sims said.

He has also requested

from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Park to set a volunteer day to help with clean-up but knows that will not happen until the dangerous

limbs are removed. He is hoping that volunteers can come in later this month. Many groups have offered to help with cleaning up and helping to reopen the 589-

acre park. Cossar is not the only Park still under shut-down orders. Wall Doxey in Holly Springs, John Kyle in Sardis, and JP Coleman in Iuka are also dealing with the same issues.

Employees are currently doing what they can safely do with debris and also have used this down time to remodel two cabins, paint the gatehouse entrance, replace rotten boards in the bathhouse and day use area.

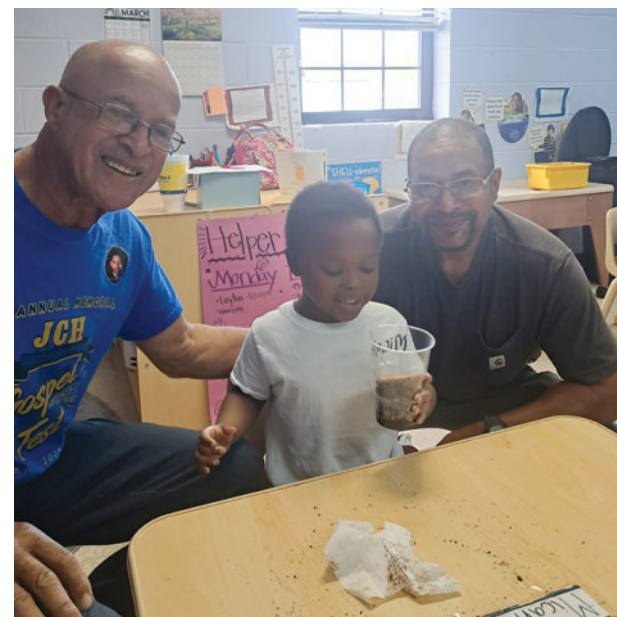
In spite of the natural disaster, Sims is excited to step into the manager role. Having grown up just across the way in Teasdale, Sims is very familiar with the Park and Enid Lake.

"I grew up on this lake. I even remember the swimming pool. We were out here all the time on our boat," he recalled.

Sims said his immediate goal is to get reopened and then to bring more visitors to the Park, to upgrade camp grounds and improve the Jones Creek campsites.

He and his high school sweetheart, Jesse, married in Oct. 2023 and have an 8-month-old daughter, Mary Michael. They are looking forward to moving onto the Park property soon. In addition to coaching for 6 years, Sims has worked in maintenance at Tallahatchie General Hospital and owned his own landscaping business.

Those skills will all be put into use in his new role. He is a graduate of Charleston High School, Northwest Community College and Delta State University. He is a hunter and fisherman and loves watching sports. He and his family attend Jackson Grove Church of Christ in Teasdale.



Plant a Seed

Micah Moore was excited to share Plant a Seed with a Grandparent event at the Water Valley Headstart not only with his PawPaw Marvin Horton but also with his Great PawPaw Clayton Horton. Micah is the son of Tony and Queena Horton of Coffeeville.



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Coffeeville Women's Progressive Club Spring Luncheon

The Women's Progressive Club will hold their spring luncheon on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Those on the luncheon committee are Mrs. Ralph (Teresa) Persick, chair, Mrs. Joe (Deborah) Bourn, and Mrs. Ellett (Janet) Caulder. Please notify a luncheon member if you plan to attend and if you will have a guest.

Andrew Chiles of Yalobusha Kiln and Millwork Co. will be the guest speaker.

We, the Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church Women's Ministry, cordially invite you to our annual Women's Fellowship Conference (young ladies 18 and up) on April 18, 2026 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Our theme for this year is: Mental Health and Self Care. Registration fee is \$10.00 each. You may pay at the door or mail to Sis Rosie Jenkins at P. O. Box 128, Oakland, Ms 38948. **This year we are doing a parade of shoes and hats.** We are looking forward to seeing you and your shoes and hats on April 18, 2026.

Sincerely yours,
Philadelphia M.B. Church Women's Ministry
Sis. Cassandra Parker, Coordinator
Rev. Columbus Bell, Pastor



Oakland Area Chamber of Commerce presents

Yalo-Ribbon Festival

Saturday, May 2

2:00 PM – Swaengen Park

61 Walnut Street – Oakland

-  **Cake Walk**
-  **Children's Zone**
-  **Food Trucks**
-  **Vendor Booths**
-  **Music All Day**

Stayin' Alive Singers – 4:00 PM

Danica Hart – 5:00 PM

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DON'T FORGET:
Bring chairs or blankets
Coolers NOT allowed

