

Looking Back

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

80 YEARS AGO May 10, 1946

Roy Johnson and his family have moved to Jackson where he has employment at the air base. Mechanic Jack Peacock has moved into the Johnson home, near town and Roy Spurgeon and family have moved to town occupying the apartment at the Boswell home left vacant by the Peacocks. The William Hudsons have sold their home to the Allie Martins and the Hudsons are going to Tillatoba.

After pneumonia three weeks ago, Mr. Earnest Womack has not gained strength as he should, and went Tuesday to the Veterans' Hospital in Memphis for treatment.

75 YEARS AGO May 10, 1951

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70 YEARS AGO May 10, 1956

Tyler Wortham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dub Wortham and a fourth grade student in the local school, underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Oxford Hospital Wednesday.

Ex-Governor Fielding Wright died in Jackson Friday night, May 4th, after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pate are in Jackson this week where Mr. Pate is attending a State meeting of the Royal Arch Masons as Grand Sentinel.

Frank Provine, Sr., a native of Coffeeville, died Saturday in King's Daughters Hospital in Canton.

60 YEARS AGO April 28, 1966

Mrs. Estelle Dees Hall died late Thursday, April 21, in the Yalobusha General Hospital where she had been carried several days earlier after suffering a heart attack at her home west of Coffeeville.

John Lyon Hartley and Billy Callaway, Jr., of Oakland are among the 166 football players from North Mississippi nominated for the 1966 All-Star Team.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neal are announcing the arrival of a son who was born Tuesday morning, April 26, in the Yalobusha General Hospital. He was named Thomas Scott Neal.

Girls' Track Team at CHS: Delores Beman, Jan Kilgore, Delores White, Mary Ann Chapman, and Marlene Byford. Miss Mary Alice Moorman is their coach.

55 YEARS AGO April 29, 1971

Miss Linda Ross, of Oakland, one of Mississippi's four delegates to the National 4-H Convention in Washington, D. C., was presented a special leadership certificate there.

Leroy Edwards left Monday by plane to attend National Marketing Seminar in Denver, Colorado, sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Clyde S. Pace was the recipient of a new award given for outstanding leadership in the chicksa District of the Yalobusha Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America on April 15.

Sandra Snell was named to the midterm honor roll for the second semester at Mississippi State College for Women.

45 YEARS AGO April 23, 1981

Tom Davis, a State Farm Insurance Agent in Oxford, is the nation's leading agent, producing more sale than any of the other 14,000 plus State Farm Agents throughout the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Bedford McCullar were honored on their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, April 19, when their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs.. Robert H. Morgan, Bob, Dale, and Jay, carried them to lunch at the Holiday Inn Grenada.

Miss Clyde Aston, age 92, died Sunday, April 19, at Golden Retirement home in Oxford.

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40 YEARS AGO May 1, 1986

Dawn McCarley participated in the State Bible Drills Thursday, April 17, at the Batesville First Baptist Church. She received a Superior Rating and a trophy for four years of participation in the Youth Bible Drills.

Recently the Arkansas Association of American Mothers, Inc. named Martha Gray Hendera, Arkansas' Honor Young Mothers Of The Year. She is the daughter of the late Q. B. and Eula Gray of Coffeeville.

FROM COFFEEVILLE: Funeral services for Ex-Governor Charles C. "Cliff" Finch were held in Batesville last Thursday. He died Tuesday of a heart attack at his law office.

Henry L. Kilgore died in an accidental



Coffee Time

By Sarah H. Williams

Two times James West has given us the news that someone in our class has died. They are Jimmy Lavender and Norma Joyce Burns.

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Cossar State Park has a new manager as stated in *The Courier* a couple of weeks ago, and other papers such as the North Mississippi Herald, Water Valley and The Sun Sentinel, Charleston.

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We were so sorry to get the news of the death of Bruce Stidham and Jo Ann Denley. They were both our friends.

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Tammy and I were among the people who attended the Coffeeville Women's Progressive Club annual luncheon Saturday, April 11 which was held at the Coffeeville United Methodist Church. The personation was the use of wood working and the use of a kiln. I knew a young lady who used a kiln, Jennifer Pace to fire pottery. I have several of her peices. My father-in-law Howard Williams could really make a beautiful gun stock. The late Allen Pittman who used the word bois-d-arc meaning bow wood. This wood was liberally used by early French settlers, who observed wood being used for war clubs and bow-making by Native Americans.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ALICE JANE PRAY, DECEASED
SHELLEY PRAY GUIDRY,
ADMINISTRATRIX
VS.
EX PARTE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Alice Jane Pray, deceased, were granted to me by the Chancery Court of Yalobusha County, Mississippi in the above styled and numbered cause on the 18 th day of March 2026. All persons having claims against the Estate of Alice Jane Pray, deceased, are required to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 8th day of April 2026.

By: /s/ SHELLEY PRAY GUIDRY
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drowning near his Water Valley home last Friday. Son of Irvin Kilgore, he attended

School at CHS when his family, lived in the New Hope Community.

Library News

By Patty Bailey

National Library Week April 19 – 25

This week, 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." Some of the joyful activities planned for this week include following:

- Snapshot Day Mon., April 20, when we chronicle of a "day in the life" of a library.
- Fine Free all week on overdue items.
- Free NLW activity packets for kids and scavenger hunts in the libraries.
- Silent Book Club Thursday, April 23, 5:00-8:00 PM at Coffeeville Public Library. Enjoy relaxing silent reading time in the library with fellow readers.

- Register to win a prize when you check out a book during NLW.

Libraries Closed April 27
Libraries will be closed Monday, April 27, for a state holiday.

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 Olothe: Ocnarin Book One**, which was published in December, and Erin's newest book is **Starflower, A Tale from the Fairy Realm**. The Friends invite the public to attend this free program.

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 "Extension Eats: Salt Free Spice Blends" program in the library at 4:30. Participants will get to make a salt free spice blend to take home.

Friends are selling raffle tickets for a patriotic American flag picnic table as a fundraiser for the library. See the ad in the Courier and on our FB page for information on how to purchase a raffle ticket. Cash only or Venmo.

Spring Book Club at Coffeeville

Coffeeville Public Library will host a Spring Book Club in May. The book is Theo of Golden by Allen Levi, a recently published novel which has received numerous awards and accolades. Books have been provided free by the Mississippi Library Commission. The group will gather in May, date TBD, to share a meal and discuss this wonderful book. If you want to take part in our Spring Book Club, call (662) 675-8822 or email info@yalobusha.lib.ms.us to see if there's still space available.

Friends Book Grant Award

Yalobusha County Public Library System was recently awarded a grant by Friends of MS Libraries to purchase books for children and youth. The new books are now on our shelves. Please visit Coffeeville or Oakland Public Library to see all the new additions!

Library Board Meets May 15

The Administrative Board of the Yalobusha County Public Library System will meet Friday, May 15, at 9:00

Living Well

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



April Create MHV Club Members of the Create MHV Club met on Wednesday, April 8th for their April meeting. Mrs. Mary Fuquay led the Decorative Door hanger craft. Those who attended were: Elsie Harrison, Mary Fuquay and Pam Smith. The next Create Club meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13th at 10 a.m. at the Extension office.

Extension Programs coming up:

Wednesday, April 22 – 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, April 22 – Dining with Diabetes Lesson 3 will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension office

Thursday, April 23 – ServSafe class and exam. Class starts at 7:30 a.m.

Friday, April 24 - 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.

Tuesday, April 28 -

AM, at Coffeeville 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, May 11, by email info@yalobusha.lib.ms.us or phone (662) 675-8822.

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Thursday, May 7 – Looped with Love Crochet MHV Club – will meet at 10 a.m. at the Extension office.

Thursday, May 7 – Modeling Squad practice for Club congress at 5:15 p.m. at the Extension office.

Friday, May 8 - 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.

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Grilling Equipment Guide

With the average gas grill costing upwards of \$1000, we thought we would do a series on ways to grill outside and inside that don't require a huge propane grill. Of course you can always go the used route to get one for much less than retail.

Charcoal grills
Charcoal grills deliver that classic smoky flavor that many people associate

with summer cooking. They reach high temperatures, making them ideal for searing meats and charring vegetables. While they take more time to heat and require a bit more hands-on attention, the payoff is deep, rich flavor. For heart-healthy grilling, let the coals burn down to avoid flare-ups and pair your foods with low-sodium rubs and marinades.

Wood grills

Cooking over wood adds another layer of complexity, infusing foods with subtle, aromatic flavors depending on the type of wood used—like hickory, apple, or mesquite. Wood grilling is great for slow cooking and can elevate vegetables, fish, and lean proteins with a natural smokiness. Keep it heart healthy by avoiding heavy sauces and letting the natural flavors shine with herbs, citrus, and spices.

Gas grills

Gas grills are convenient, consistent, and easy to control, making them a popular choice for everyday grilling. With quick ignition and adjustable heat, they're perfect for cooking a variety of foods from delicate fish to hearty vegetables. Because they produce less smoke than charcoal, they're ideal for lighter, cleaner flavors—just add a simple marinade or dry rub to keep things heart healthy.

Electric grills

Electric grills are a great indoor or apartment-friendly option, offering grill marks and high heat without open flames. They're easy to use, quick to heat, and perfect for smaller portions of chicken, fish, vegetables, or tofu. Since there's less smoke, they work well with bright marinades and spice blends to build flavor without relying

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