

# Oakland News

By Linda Ross Aldy

Congratulations to our students from Oakland who are graduating high school this year! Marquavius “Qua” Bland, Malaysia Harden, and Timmarion Booker are the names I have so far. Let me know if you have names of others. Feel free to include all professional school, college and community college grads or trade schools. We are proud of our young people. Oakland has a slightly higher percentage of high school graduates than both county and state rates.

I’m sorry I was not able to get a column turned in last week. Life throws a curve ball every once in a while and that was the case last week. All is well now, I’m happy to report. My mother, Margaret Ross, ended up in the hospital and was extremely sick. After determining it was a gallbladder/bile duct issue, doctors in Tupelo did a procedure and placed a stent in the bile duct. That

made an amazing transformation in my energetic mother. I had never seen her so weak before and it was scary. After almost six days in the hospital, she was released. She decided to take advantage of physical therapy to regain the strength she lost during that time, so she will be at Tallahatchie General rehabbing. She is already making a list of the people, patients and staff, she knows there or has made connection with.

She said the food is fabulous and the people are the best. She said, “it is the Rolls Royce.” I believe she is running for TGH Mayor or maybe Miss Hospitality. In political speak, she is working the room! She has made all of us want to check in for a bit! As my siblings, great-niece and I were texting back and forth, autocorrect was convinced that bile duct should be “bald duck” so we had some humor even as we were anxious.

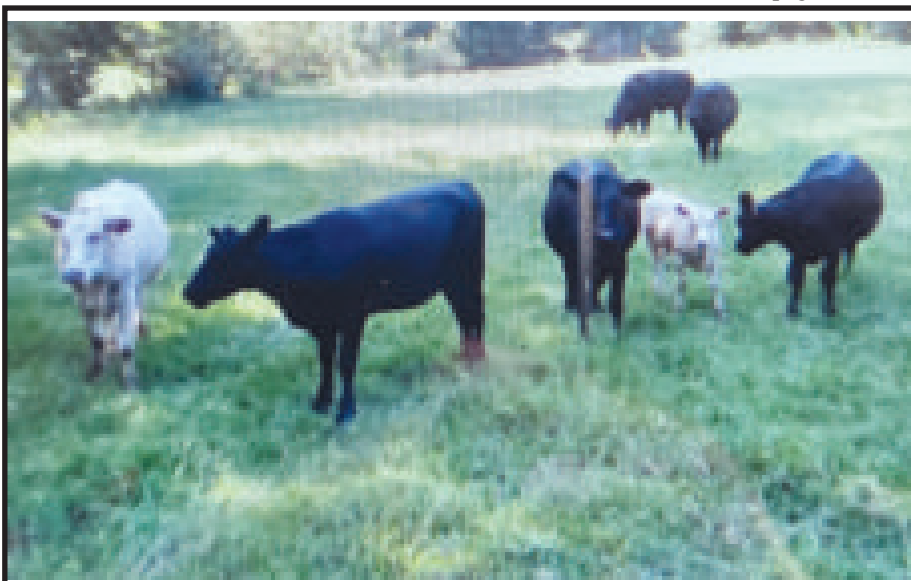
If you missed National Picnic Day as I did on April 23, go on and create your own Picnic Day! I think we’ve lost the fine art of picnicking, spreading a blanket on the ground and enjoying the great outdoors.

The concept has roots in mid-18th-century French dining, associated with gathering in nature and sharing food. It just also happens to share the day with National Cherry Cheesecake Day, so dessert should be an easy choice! Don’t despair if you are lagging behind, July is National Picnic Month!

It was wonderful to speak to the Yalobusha County Historical Society last week at their building in Coffeeville about the things going on in Oakland and to see so many people I have not seen in quite a few years.

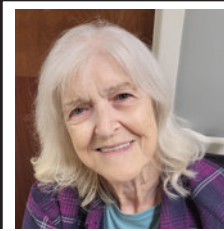
I have been on the road since I chatted with you last. From Madison to Oakland several times, to Coffeeville, to Columbus, to Tupelo. I love my trips to Columbus and The W and this trip was for Homecoming. We don’t do things the way many schools do since we don’t have a football team. Our Homecomings are in the Spring and the campus is so

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## Missing Cows

If anyone has seen these cows (8 grown and 5 calves) please call Joe Jenkins at 662-473-3602. Missing from the Oakland area.



# Coffee Time

By Sarah H. Williams



*OLD WHITTEN HOME: Forty-four years ago, when Jamie L. Whitten served in congress, before he went to Washington, D. C. he lived in this house on Main Street in Charleston, MS. He’s a first cousin of a lady I have become friends here, she is from Cascilla, MS and turned 103 on May 3rd.*

Last week John and Beth Pigg left for Nice, France, a trip for their 60th wedding anniversary. I saw this on a Facebook post and wished them congratulations.

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Thursday morning Anthony Myers, minister of the Coffeeville church of Christ, and his wife Cortney and baby Milo came to visit me and brought me a pretty bouquet of chrysanthemum in colors of yellow, blue and white. The baby was four months and did a lot of smiling.

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Happy Birthday to my late brother - in law Frank Thompson on April 24th.

### 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  
PETITIONER  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CV-13(VD)

#### 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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# Library News

By Patty Bailey

### Oakland Friends Host Authors April 29

Oakland Friends of the Library will host authors Erin Roach and Bertron Hamill at Oakland Public Library on Wednesday April 29th at 2pm. They are co-authors of the book **The Reckoning of Olo: Ocnarin Book One**, which was published in December. Erin’s most recent book is **Starflower, A Tale from the Fairy Realm**. The Friends invite the public to attend this free program and meet the authors.

### 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 mark 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. He public is invited to join us at Coffeeville Public Library this Thursday, April 30, for a great afternoon.

**May Calendars Available**  
Stop by Coffeeville or Oakland Public Library to get a copy of our monthly calendar of events available by May 1.

### Library Board Meets May 15

The Administrative Board of the Yalobusha County Public Library System will meet Friday, May 15, at 9:00 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 agenda must contact the director no later than Monday, May 11, by email info@yalobusha.lib.ms.us or phone (662) 675-8822.

### 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 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.

### “Unearth a Story” Summer Library Program

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

We’re excited about summer reading! Registration for “Unearth a Story” SLP for elementary age children will begin in May. This summer, we will be digging into lots of exciting stories about reptiles, paleontology, dinosaurs, archeology, gar-

# Living Well

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



*On Wednesday, April 22, we had our third lesson in The Dining with Diabetes series. This lesson focused on Fats and Sodium. We also had fun in the kitchen making 3 delicious recipes: Oven fried parmesan chicken, broccoli salad with creamy dressing and fresh fruit tarts. I want to say a special thanks to Ontennia Boclear, Grenada County FHW Extension Agent for co-teaching with me. And also to Mt. Moriah Baptist Association for sponsoring this series so that participants that need this information can attend the class for free.*

### Extension Programs coming up:

**Wednesday, April 29 - 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 29 – Dining with Diabetes Lesson 4** will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension office

dening, and America’s history. Registration begins May 18, and our first program will be Monday, June 1, with live reptiles.

Studies show that children who read during the summer retain valuable reading skills over the summer months. Parents of elementary age children are encouraged to register kids at Coffeeville or Oakland Public Library to see all the new additions!

Each child registered in the program receives a free book and a program packet plus other incentives.

**Thursday, April 30 – Salt Free Spice Blend Workshop** at 4:30 p.m. at the Coffeeville Public Library Plant Swap

**Friday, May 1 - 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, May 4 – Sewing for Service** will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office.

**Monday, May 4 – 4-H Home School-** will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension office. We will begin working with puppets.

**Monday, May 4 – Canning Basics** at 5:30 p.m. Join us to learn all about how to preserve food using various methods. Informational session only. Class is free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, May 6 – 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, 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.

**Friday, May 8 – 4-H Cooking Kit Registration Deadline-** Each kit contains: an experiment, a recipe, all of the ingredients you will need to complete recipe, a kitchen tool, educational in-

formation about the featured food and an activity evaluation. Kits can be picked up on Thursday, May 14th. Each kit is \$15.00.

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