

# 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 June 12, 1936

Jesse L. Weeks, Supt. of Education, calls a special meeting of the Yalobusha County School Board.

Cyclonic winds hit town Wednesday afternoon blowing the top from Eades Grocery and Bryant's Warehouse. The dwellings of Mrs. Etta Webb and Mrs. A. L. Robins were damaged. All light and telephone wires were blown down.

Mike Conner, candidate for U. S. Senator, will speak at Scuna Valley Wednesday, June 17.

## 75 YEARS AGO June 7, 1951

J. B. Massey of Oakland wins District State Farmer Awards as announced by his vocation teacher, James Criss.

Sam Lumpkin, candidate for governor, will speak here June 13 in the interest of his candidacy.

Miss Betty Jo Porter and Donald Summers of the U. S. Navy were married June 5 in the Coffeeville Baptist Church, with Rev. L. J. Crumby officiating.

In the political announcement column — For Sheriff and Tax Collector, E. T. (Pete) Green, Loyd Farmer, Haywood Smith, Roy C. Cook and Ed Ray Perkins; For Chancery Clerk, J. Roy Bennett and Jake Burns; For Supervisor, Beat One, Carl Parker, Ira Pittman, Malcolm Johnson; For Supervisor, Beat Five, Evie Kilgore, Ray Mosher.

## 65 YEARS AGO June 8, 1961

Normandie Mills Inc., off to good start with twenty-one happy employees. With Gregory Quick in charge of the plant and Betsy McCormack as secretary, the employees are busily making ladies lingerie. The original workers at the plant were Billy Wayne Chandler, Cecil Ingram, Horris Holloway, Issac Williams, Glenda Cohea, Shirley Ann Tribble, Donna Thornton, Mary Ann Fly, Sarah Williams, Lula Frances Davis, Martha Rose Whitman, Gladys Hickman, Mary L. Spurgeon, Josephine Wright, Jimmie Caulder, Rose Marie Pittman, Joy Irene Howe, Annie Lois Edwards, Joanne Wright, Mary Winstead, Nettie Mae Landreth, Evelyn Diane Holloway, Nancy McClellan, Mary Sue Smith and Lula Mae Bell.

Terry Peebles names "State Farmer", Joe Bailey III receives God and County Award in Scouting; Christine Breedlove on Baptist Assembly staff at Ridgecrest, N. C.; John W. Purdy received diploma from International Correspondence Schools in Highway Engi-

neering; Lou McCormack goes to Wrenwood as parish helper for the Presbyterian Church.

## 60 YEARS AGO June 9, 1966

Rev. A. G. Clark comes to Methodist Church as pastor, Rev. S. J. Hull goes to Water Valley.

Students attending a 1941 class reunion were Mary Dee Shaw, Reba McClusky, Clara Faye West, A. V. Crostwait, Margaret Langham, Martha Saucier, Frances Swan, Miss Beth Criss, teacher Durwood Wilbourn, Otis Pate, Fred Hodges, Richard E. Pittman and Lawson Harbour.

Allen Williams and Jimmy Madison left Wednesday for Fort Benning, Georgia, for basic training.

Christine Williams and Billy Dean Fielder will be married at Dividing Ridge Baptist Church Friday, June 24.

## 55 YEARS AGO June 10, 1971

Marilyn Jones is one of the contestants in the 1971 Miss Grenada Lake Pageant.

Brad Dye announces for State Treasurer. Sgt. and Mrs. Kelly Dean Pollan with Kim and Cynthia will fly to Germany for another tour of duty.

## 40 YEARS AGO May 29, 1986

Truman D. Scarborough will move to Coffeeville Friday, May 30, to assume his duties as pastor of First Baptist Church. Coming with him from Philadelphia (MS) Baptist Church will be Mrs. Scarborough, and two daughters, Aletha, 15, and Hannah, 11.

Qualified electors all over the state will go to the polls Tuesday, June 3, to vote two separate ballots — one for a Primary Election to name congressman and judges, the other a Special Election to vote for or against two house concurrent resolutions.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse sends gift filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 4:2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving

Dr. Joe Armstrong, professor, Animal and Range Science Department, received the distinguished teaching award at the University of New Mexico's 23rd annual awards day Thursday, April 24.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing



## Identifying Pests in the Home Garden

with Dr. Jermaine Perier, Assistant Professor

Join us to learn how to ID pests in your garden.

Date: June 9, 2026  
Time: 5:00 pm

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Make plans to join us at the Multipurpose Building in Coffeeville for Dr. Jermaine Perier's presentation on identifying garden insects and how to rid your vegetables of them. He will begin his program at 5:00 on Tuesday, June 9, and will be able to answer your questions. Dr. Perier is the Fruit and Vegetable Entomologist at the MSU Truck Crop Experiment Station in Crystal Springs. If you have any issues you may be having and want to bring pictures, he'd be glad to take a look and answer.



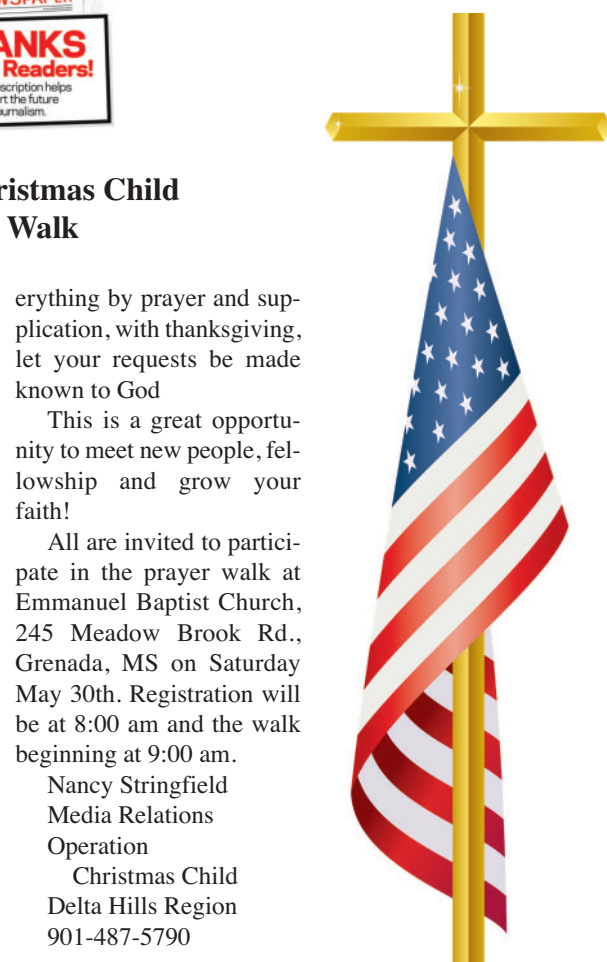
## Operation Christmas Child Prayer Walk

Everyone is invited to join Emmanuel Baptist Church for a prayer walk organized by Operation Christmas Child volunteers.

This is a great opportunity to meet new people, fellowship and grow your faith!

All are invited to participate in the prayer walk at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 245 Meadow Brook Rd., Grenada, MS on Saturday May 30th. Registration will be at 8:00 am and the walk beginning at 9:00 am.

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# Library News

By Patty Bailey

## Summer Library Program Registration May 18 - 29

Registration for "Unearth a Story" SLP for elementary age children begins this week at Coffeeville or Oakland Public Library. Parents, grandparents, or legal guardians may register children entering grades K - 6 at either library Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 29. This summer, we will be digging into exciting stories about reptiles, paleontology, dinosaurs, archeology, gardening, and America's history. Our first program will be Live Reptiles on Monday, June 1, at both libraries with Jackie Kerr from the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.

Studies show that children who read during the summer retain or improve valuable reading skills over the summer months. Parents of elementary age children are encouraged to register kids at Coffeeville or Oakland Public Library for "Unearth a Story" Summer Library Program. The first 60 children registered in the Summer Library Program receive a free book, SLP "Unearth a Story" program packet, and lots of other incentives.

## Homeschool Hangout May 21

Homeschool Hangout meets at Coffeeville Public Library every third Thursday at 4:30 for homeschool families to enjoy unstructured library time. Homeschoolers and families are invited to join us for fun and games on Thursday, May 21, at 4:30.

## Libraries Closed Memorial Day May 25

Libraries will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

## Spring Book Club May 28 at Coffeeville

Coffeeville Public Library will host a Spring Book

Club Thursday, May 28. The book to be discussed is Theo of Golden by Allen Levi, a recently published novel which has received numerous awards and accolades. Books were provided free by the Mississippi Library Commission. The group will gather Thursday, May 28 at 5:30 to share a meal and discuss this wonderful book. If you have read the book Theo of Golden and would like to attend the Book Club May 28, please call (662) 675-8822 or email info@yalobusha.lib.ms.us to add your name to our list.

## First Books for First Readers

Members of Friends of Coffeeville Library and Director Patty Bailey delivered brand new hardback books to every first-grade student at Coffeeville Elementary School on Tuesday, May 12. Friends' members Debbie Brooks, Christine Fielder, Carole Martin, and Jan Dean Wortham read to the children and presented each child with their own Pete the Cat book which contained several stories for the children to read and enjoy.

First Books for First Readers is a project begun by Coffeeville Friends many years ago to give each CES first grader the gift of a book to encourage and to inspire a love of books and reading. Friends' members look forward to this event every year and hope the students are just as excited to receive and read their new books.

## Summer Library Program Starts June 1

Our exciting "Unearth a Story" Summer Library Program will kick off Monday, June 1, with the fabulous Jackie Kerr from the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and reptiles. Jackie will present an exciting live reptile program at Oakland at 10:00 AM and at Coffeeville at 1:30 PM.

# Living Well

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

**Wednesday, May 27 - 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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**Monday, June 1 - Sewing for Service-** will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office. Volunteers are needed to sew, iron and cut out.

**Monday, June 1 - 4-H Home School** - will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension office. We are starting a new Puppet series, so if you are interested in learning about Puppetry join us.

**Tuesday, June 2 - 4-H Terrific Tuesdays - Fun with LEGOs** - will meet 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the Extension office. This is a free program and open to all kids ages 5-18. Younger children (under the ages of 7- should be accompanied by an adult).

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**Thursday, June 4 - Looped with Love Crochet MHV Club** - will meet at

This program is intended for elementary age children who are registered in the Summer Library Program at Coffeeville or Oakland Public Library. However, we open this program to children and families as space permits.

10 a.m. at the Extension office.

**Friday, June 5 - 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, June 9- 4-H Terrific Tuesdays - Fun with Bugs** - will meet 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the Extension office. This is a free program and open to all kids ages 5-18. Younger children (under the ages of 7- should be accompanied by an adult).

**Wednesday, June 10 - 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, June 10 - Create MHV** - Project: Clothespin Cross Wall decor, Project Leader: Elsie Harrison, All supplies will be provided for \$10. Please contact the Extension office to reserve your spot by Friday, May 5th.

**Friday, June 12 - 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, June 12 - Project Achievement Day** - Northeast Mississippi Community College - Booneville.

**Friday, June 12 - Deadline to Register for June 4-H Cooking Kit.** The cost is \$15 per kit and includes: recipe, ingredients, fun activities and kitchen tool.

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## It's Farmers' Market Season

Google your city + "farmers market" (many run weekly)

- Go early for best selection or late for possible deals
- Look for producer-only markets (actual farmers, not resellers)
- Check seasonality—spring markets bring greens, berries, herbs
- Seek out stores that offer local produce. Start with a flexible plan and shop what looks the best.
- Build meals around what's fresh
- Pick a few salad veggies, cooking veggies, and fruits
- Buy what you can use in 3-4 days. Choose ready to eat with longer lasting items so you have options all week.
- Most farmers accept debit cards but some prefer cash and by carrying cash you might tend to stay on budget better.
- Take a sturdy shopping bag and good walking

Counter (room temp):  
Tomatoes  
Stone fruit (until ripe)  
Refrigerator:  
Leafy greens → in a bag with paper towel  
Carrots/celery → in water (crisper + crisp texture)  
Berries → unwashed, dry container (wash before eating)  
Herb trick:  
Treat herbs like flowers—trim stems, place in water, loosely cover  
Prep it  
Instead of storing everything away for "later" prep it so it is ready all week.

- Fruits: vibrant color, fragrant, slightly soft (not mushy)
- Vegetables: firm, crisp, deeply colored
- Leafy greens: no wilting or yellowing
- Herbs: bright and aromatic

- Wash and chop veggies for quick meals
- Roast a tray of mixed vegetables
- Make a simple vinaigrette
- Store ready-to-eat snacks at eye level

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