

Oakland News

By Linda Ross Aldy

June is coming in hot! Mother and I just strolled uptown at 5 p.m. and it is 91 degrees. We were grateful for the few bits of shade on our trip back home. I'm really not ready for this! We said it was cooler on Saturday morning at the ball park when went over to Water Valley to watch Kash Mastrangelo play baseball. His team won all three of their games which were played back to back to back with a little break. Mother and I stayed for one. Kash had his Mastrangelo family from Georgia watching him play along with a host of Ross and Burney kin.

We also ran into Patty and Steve Bailey while we were out and about. It is always good to see them.

Mother wanted to see the new Nabors Home Center on Hwy 7 in Water Valley. They have only been open a few weeks, but we were really impressed with the merchandise and the friendly staff. Mother helped them sell a few fans while she was there! She bought two herself because she liked the brand and the price and we have already put them to use!

We enjoyed a visit from Kay Peeples. Kay was one of the Conner family who lived next door to us growing up. It is always fun to get caught up on the family and reminisce about days gone by.

It's also a good time of year because people are sharing from their gardens! Fay Tackett brought green beans and Jennifer Ross brought some squash. Oakland Baptist Church had a potluck lunch after Sunday service and the veggies were on big display there. We definitely ate good!

June is a month with several holidays and obser-

vances. Flag Day is June 14 and commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. Juneteenth is June 19 and is now a federal holiday recognizing the freedom of enslaved African American and the day in 1865 when the news of that freedom reached the people of Galveston, TX. Of course, we have Father's Day on Sunday, June 21 which is also Summer Solstice marking the first official day of summer and the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

Then there are a multitude of other days including National Say Something Nice Day on June 1 (I hope you did without being told!) That's also National Go Barefoot Day. National Bubba Day is June 2, National Egg Day is June 3. On June 4 is Hug Your Cat Day and Cheese Day. Doughnut Day, Moonshine Day and Veggie Burger Day are all celebrated on June 5. This weekend you have Yo-Yo Day and Eyewear Day.

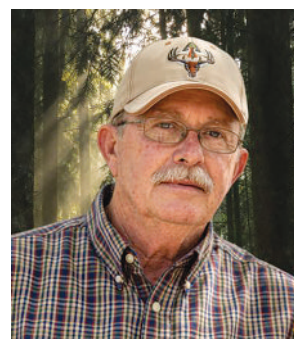
These are just a few. I don't know who comes up with some of these and I don't know how you get a day proclaimed, but I think at this point, you should just wake up every morning and decide on a day you want to name and celebrate it!

Don't forget Fish Camp on June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for ages 10-15 at the Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery Visitor Education Center. The full day camp will include fish identification, water safety tips, a tour of the hatchery, and catfish fishing in the hatchery's Visitor Education Center (VEC) pond! Participants will also meet a National Park Service Ranger and learn more about the Jr. Angler Badge!

The program is free but space is limited so pre-registration is required! To pre-register call the VEC at (662) 563-8068 or email Emily-Jo.Wiggins@wfp.ms.gov to receive a registration form.



Obituaries



Donnie Gayle Pipkin
Mr. Donnie Gayle Pipkin, 74, of Coffeeville, passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at his residence. He was born January 7, 1952, in Tallahatchie County to Alexander Franklin Pipkin and Zara Mai Roberts Pipkin.

Donnie was the definition of a true outdoorsman who found great joy in the simple things of life. He especially loved deer and turkey hunting and cherished his time outdoors. He enjoyed life on the farm, caring for his livestock, feeding his cows, and riding horses and mules on trail rides. A logger by trade, Donnie spent his working life in the woods, where he took pride in his work and appreciated God's creation each day. He will be remembered for his hardworking spirit, his love of the land, and the quiet happiness he found in the outdoors.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 29, 2026 at the Goshen Chapel with Rev. Ron Sessum officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy Pipkin; son Alex Pipkin (Michelle) of Coffeeville; daughter, Michelle Ballinger (Jared) of Lucedale; sisters, Marie Adams and Dorothy LaCook, both of Water Valley; and three grandchildren, Kemper & Eli Horton and Kyson Ballinger.

Donnie was preceded in

death by his parents; wife, Amanda Pipkin; brother, Weston Pipkin and a granddaughter, Krenlee Ballinger.

Pallbearers will be Josh Burroughs, B.J. Jackson, Troy LaCook, Eddie Pipkin, T.J. Pipkin and Ed Stevens. Honorary Pallbearers will be Greg Adams, Joseph Adams, Daniel Burns, Edward Pipkin, Johnny Tate and Robbie Tolbert.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckibbenandguinn.com.



Jerry Wayne Lucius

Mr. Jerry Wayne Lucius, 76, of Grenada, passed away Thursday, May 28, 2026 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center - Grenada. He was born September 14, 1949 in Calhoun City to J.W. and Ethel Collums Lucius. Jerry honorably served in the US Army before beginning a long career in law enforcement. He was employed as a policeman with the Grenada Police Department, Deputy Sheriff with the Grenada County Sheriff's Department and also served as Chief of Police for the Town of Coffeeville. Jerry enjoyed working in the public and was a real "people-person" which led him to his second career as a car salesman where he cultivated and maintained many friendships. He cherished the time he was able to spend with his family and

enjoyed playing pool in his spare time.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Sunday, May 31, 2026 at McKibben and Guinn Funeral Service in Grenada. Interment followed in the Grenada Memorial Garden. The family received friends one hour prior to the service Sunday at McKibben and Guinn.

Survivors include two sons, John Lucius of Six Mile, SC and Jeremy Lucius of Grenada; and four grandchildren, Alexa, Jackson, Elle and Lorili Lucius.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Shirley Dickey.

Wayne Anthony, Gary Costilow, Josh Costilow, Walt Edmondson, Wesley Phillips and Steven Rosamond will honor Jerry by serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Richard Cooper, Ricky Downs, John Johnson, Duane McKinney, Paul Poe and Kenny Williams.



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Tillatoba News By Patcie Deck

Sunday afternoon Was another relaxing day. Donna wanted northern beans, slaw, and buttermilk cornbread for lunch so that's what we had. David did a good job on cooking the northern beans and ham hock.

Nathan and Jessica McGee took Rowland, Mary Brett and McLendon to New York for a few days. They saw Trump Tower, Grand Central Station, and several other places. They had a blast!! McLendon said food was the best!!

Frank and Freda Weir went to Augusta, GA for a few days to visit with her brother, David Melton, Kathy and family. Had a great time visiting and enjoying the nieces and nephew.

Jacque and Adam Chambers went to Baton Rouge May 15-18. They stayed downtown at the Hilton on the Mississippi River veiw. They went to see Jacque's Houston side of the family.

We had a crawfish boil Saturday and visited until around 9 pm. We had some mighty good Pineapple in the crawfish boil and had some home sauce. I met cousin's I've never met before. Sunday we went to an Estates sale and bought all kinda goodies. Then back to my cousin's house for lunch. We had a seafood chowder made with leftovers from crawfish cooking. Visited the Bass Pro in Denham Springs and I found a boat. Monday we drove to Scott, Louisiana to Billy's Boudin and brought back all kinda food and then got fresh Shrimp and a gallon of oysters from Chez Francois in Lafayette, Louisiana. They call me to come and pick up my boat. We had the best time with family just

catching up and visiting. We loved watching the barges on my Mississippi River. We were the Hillbillies that showed up at The Hilton capital on Lafayette street downtown on the Mississippi River.

My cousin, Darrel Houston's dad was a brother to my grandmother and I got to meet 2 of the sons. John is my age and we played together as kids but, I don't remember. The other son, Eric came in from Houston TX. We did the cooking at John and wife Angie's house. Met the kids and her two brothers also.

Nathan Hartley had a birthday party for his daughter, Mary Brett Sunday. Those attending were Mark, Faye, Kristie, Rowland, McLendon, Hartley, Jessica McGee, Presley and Stella. Annie, Saylor and Emily Box. Nathan prepared a great meal. We had a wonderful time!! Celebrating birthdays this week are Sonya Jones Petraff on the 4th, Ginny Ford Roy on the 6th, Alex Ferguson Ballard on the 7th, Jake Rose, Kelly Paris, Charles Pyron, and Jonnie Sivley on the 8th, and Dusty McKibben on the 10th.

May you all have a wonderful time celebrating your special day!

Wendy's copy cat frosty recipe

Ingredients:
4 cups of chocolate milk
8 oz Cool Whip
7 oz sweetened condensed milk, and
1/4 Cocoa Powder

Add all ingredients to a blender and blend until well combined. At this point the chocolate mixture will look like thick chocolate milk or be milkshake consistency. Pour the chocolate liquid



into a metal loaf pan and place into the freezer. Every 30 minutes or so, take the pan out and stir the mixture and return it to the freezer. After about three hours in the freezer, you'll have the perfect frosty consistency! Scoop into a glass and enjoy!

Thought for the day.....

My life is like a camera. Focus on what's important, capture the good times, develop from the negative, and if things don't work out, just take another shot.

Who Is It?



Last week's "Who Is It?" was Coffeeville High School Honor Students. They are (l to r) Lelia Faye Gary, valedictorian, Shaneka Brown, Hope Brown, and Will Tillman, salutatorian. Please call the Courier at 662-675-2446 before noon on Monday or call and leave a message or text 662-458-8939.



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