

# Looking Back

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

## 80 YEARS AGO July 5, 1946

People of our town were shocked Tuesday when news came from the Grenada Hospital that Mrs. Roland Murphree had died about 4:30.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Taylor of Coffeerville announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Alice, to John West Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otey Sherman of Charleston.

Having completed a course of instruction at Camp Shelby, Francis Franklin was this week appointed Highway Patrolman and reported to Jackson Wednesday to begin work.

Hon. Theo Bilbo, present U. S. Senator, was reelected over his four opponents in the Primary Election July 2.

Jack Speir and Fred Williams returned home this week after finishing an extended course in Refrigeration in Birmingham, Alabama.

## 65 YEARS AGO July 5, 1951

Irving Shaw, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Shaw, Sr., went to Jackson last weekend where he is participating in the activities of “Boy’s State”.

Members of the champion 4-H meat judging team from Yalobusha County, chosen during the annual State 4-H Club Congress, are Fella Armstrong, John Kimbrough, Harold Purdy, all of Coffeerville and Tommy Vick of Water Valley. Their coach is E. L. Sessums, Assistant County Agent.

J. B. Massey of Oakland won the Star State Farmer Award. This was announced by his vocational teacher, James Criss.

Miss Martha Ann Fancher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fancher, will be married to Lieut. Charles A. Ellard, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Ellard of Pittsboro July 8 at the Coffeerville Baptist Church.

## 70 YEARS AGO July 5, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Harbour of Inverness are the proud parents of a baby girl born Tuesday morning, July 3, in the Water Valley Hospital.

Lou McCormack is among the campers at Camp Wrenwoode near Amory this week. Nancy Stone is also there serving on the staff of counselors.

Mrs. Clarence Cook died at her home south of Oakland Thursday afternoon after several months illness.

## 60 YEARS AGO June 16, 1966

The Coffeerville Public Library has created considerable interest each summer

in their reading club for youngsters who read books during the vacation to earn a reading certificate. Members of the club are Suzanne Ayers, Jeanne Shaw, Mary Helen Criss, Bronwyn Benoist, Linda Carol Blackwelder, Robert Criss and Bill Criss.

James H. (Jimmy) Denley of Coffeerville and Cheryl Rose French of Water Valley are among the University of Mississippi students on the honor roll for the second semester of the 1965-66 session.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris of Bruce announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Joyce Lahon Morris, to James Leon “Bill” Hughes.

## 45 YEARS AGO June 18, 1981

Dwight H. Vick, a 1981 graduate of Coffeerville High School and valedictorian of his class, was recently selected as Good Citizen by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

During the week of June 1-6 Derrick Jenkins was in Washington, D. C. participating in the National Spelling Bee sponsored by the Scripps Howard Newspapers.

Mrs. Clara Denley Chamberlain, an English teacher at Grenada Junior High School, was honored as Teacher of the Year in the Grenada Municipal Separate School District. She was presented an engraved tray and a \$100.00 savings bond by Dr. Gorden Walker, Superintendent of Schools.

Eva Caldwell Sides became the bride of Mickey Lee Richardson in a morning wedding Friday, May 15. Rev. E. E. Stidham officiated at the ceremony in the home of Chappell and Jimmie Sides.

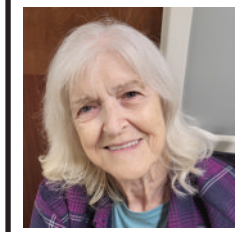
Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Elam Baptist Church for Gerry Griffin Jones, age 26, who died of injuries received in a one car accident Saturday night, June 13.

Jamie Tyler Holloway, age 23, drowned Saturday, June 13, while swimming with friends in a river near his home in Demopolis, Alabama.

## 40 YEARS AGO June 19, 1986

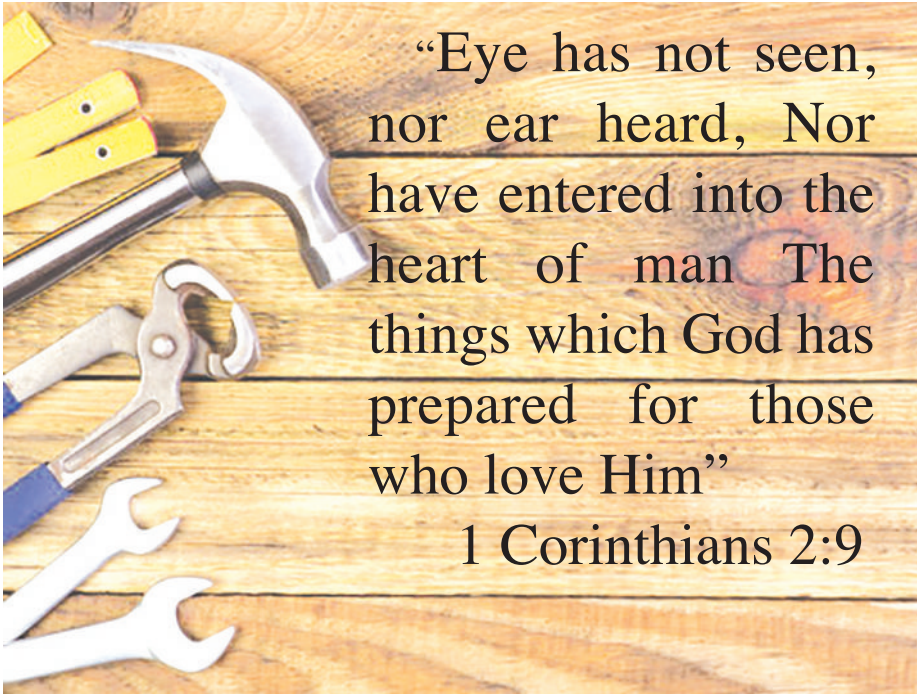
The Charles Bond Family moved into the Methodist pastorium last week. Members of the Coffeerville United Methodist Church had an ice cream supper Friday evening welcoming the new pastor and his family, Rev. and Mrs. Charles (Sarah) Bond, Stephen, 10, Andrew, 17, Kathryn, 15, and Marla, a college sophomore.

Rev. Owen Riddick has accepted the call to service as the pastor of the Lake Wash-



# Coffee Time

By Sarah H. Williams



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ington First Baptist Church of Glen Allen. Pamela Denise Morgan, Miss Grenada County, will enter the 29th annual Miss Mississippi Pageant to be held in Vicksburg July 18 through July 19.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Eugene Woodall, Jr., of Corinth are the parents of a son born Friday, May 23. He has been named Edward Eugene Woodall, III.

# Library News

By Patty Bailey

## “Unearth a Story” Summer Library Program

Our exciting “Unearth a Story” Summer Library Program kicked off Monday, June 1, with live reptile program. Last week, we learned about dinosaurs in both libraries. On Monday, June 5, Coffeerville Library’s program was on Gardening. Oakland Library’s gardening program will be Wed., June 17, at 1:30 PM.

The Summer Library Program is free for children in grades K-6. This summer, we will be digging into exciting stories about reptiles, paleontology, dinosaurs, archeology, gardening, and America’s history. Children are invited to join us for exciting adventures.

## Super Thursday at Coffeerville June 18

Coffeerville Public Library offers a Super Thursday weekly craft / activity program on Thursdays at 4:00 for children and youth. No registration required; the program is free. Thursday, June 18, our activity is “Plant a Seed,” and we will decorate pots and plant seeds. We’ll also learn about worms! June 25, we will get ready for America 250 with patriotic crafts. We invite families, children, and youth to join us on Thursdays!

## Stars & Stripes Scavenger Hunt

Visit Coffeerville or Oakland Public Library to go on the Stars & Stripes Scavenger Hunt from children and youth starting Monday, June 22. Those who successfully find all the patriotic clues win a prize!

## Summer Book Giveaway

Did you know that kids and youth ages 3 – 14 can win free books and prizes for reading this summer at Coffeerville and Oakland Public Libraries? Yalobusha County Public Library System sponsors a free Summer

Book Challenge for children ages 3 – 14. They may win one (1) free book for every 10 easy / story books or every five (5) chapter books they read between June 8 and July 24. The child or a parent must have a YCPLS library card; all books must be borrowed from either Coffeerville of Oakland Public Library. Children may also have books read to them.

Ask a librarian for a free SLP “Unearth a Story” Reading Record at the circulation desk of either library, check out books, and start reading now. After reading 10 story books or 5 chapter books, bring the reading record to either library to claim a free book and a prize. Winners may add a their name on a dinosaur to our Summer Book Giveaway display.

## Adopt-A- Dinosaur @ the Library

Did you know you can adopt a dinosaur at the library? This summer, we are offering children and youth a chance to “Adopt a Dinosaur” from the library to take home. Once you adopt a dino, you may name it and care for it. And remember that dinosaurs love to read, too! Ask about dinosaur adoption at the main desk starting in June.

## YCPLS Website Update

We recently collaborated with Stacy Stringer at the Mississippi Library Commission to update our system website. The new website features a cleaner look with better organization and more information. Check it out at <https://yalobusha.lib.ms.us>

## Libraries Closed July 3

Coffeerville and Oakland Public Libraries will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. This is a state holiday.

## Read for 20 MS

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# Living Well

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



## Sewing for Service Club Donates 50 Wheelchair and Walker Bags to Yalobusha General Hospital

*The Sewing for Service MCV (Mississippi Community Volunteer) Club has been hard at work creating wheelchair and walker bags for Yalobusha General Hospital and Nursing Home. Over the years, the group has made and donated hundreds of these bags to support patients and residents. Earlier this week, they donated 50 bags to the physical therapy department at Yalobusha General Hospital.*

*Recently, one of the club’s sewing members was attending physical therapy at the hospital when she noticed an older gentleman using a walker with a worn-out bag attached. She asked if he would like a new one, and he was thrilled to receive it. Moments like this highlight just how meaningful these handmade bags can be. They provide a practical way for individuals who rely on wheelchairs and walkers to carry the personal items they need while moving about more easily and independently.*

*A special thank you goes to the Sewing for Service MCV Club members for generously giving their time and talents to help others in our community and across the state. Pictured are Linda Harrison, Georgia Wilkerson, Elsie Harrison, and Lura Besinger.*

*The Sewing for Service Club is a member of the Mississippi Community Volunteers (MCV) organization, formerly known as Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers (MHV). All projects are funded through fundraisers and donations.*

*Those who would like to make a monetary donation to help purchase supplies such as fabric, Velcro, or thread, or to help service the sewing machines that keep these projects going, may contact the Yalobusha County Extension*

**Wednesday, June 17 – 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, June 18 – Looped with Love Crochet MHV Club** – will meet at 10 a.m. at the Extension office.

**Thursday, June 18 – 4-H Cooking Kit Pickup.** Office open 8-5.

**Friday, June 19– 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 23- 4-H Terrific Tuesdays – Fun with STEM-** 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). Please call by Monday, June 22nd to reserve your child’s spot.

**Thursday, June 25th – FCS AFTER 5 – Door Hangers** – Meals served at 5:30 p.m. Workshop begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$30 and includes meal and one door-hanger. To register come by the extension office pay with check made out to MSU Extension or register online at <https://reg.extension.msstate.edu/> All fees are non-refundable. Participants who miss a class have two days from class date to pick up their materials.

*sion Office at 662-675-2730 or email Pamela Redwine at [p.redwine@msstate.edu](mailto:p.redwine@msstate.edu) for more information.*

**Monday, June 29th – Green Been Canning Workshop-** Class will be held at the Extension office and will begin at 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Space is limited. To register, come by the Extension office and by with check made out to MSU-Extension or register online at <https://reg.extension.msstate.edu/>

**Tuesday, June 30th Terrific Tuesdays – Fun with Art-** 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). Please call by Monday, June 29th to reserve your child’s spot.

**Wednesday, July 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.

**Wednesday, July 1 – Dining with Diabetes Reunion** – There will be a reunion meeting for those who attended the Dining with Diabetes series in April. The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Please remember to bring your updated A1C with you to the meeting.

**Thursday, July 2 – Looped with Love Crochet MCV Meeting** will meet at 10 a.m. at the Extension office.

**Friday, July 3- Office closed to observe Independence Day.**

issippi libraries, Yalobusha County Public Library System invites everyone to participate in Read for 20 MS, which encourages all ages to

read for 20 minutes a day this summer. Make reading a part of your day, every day. We have thousands of books for you and your family to

check out and read at no cost. If you will commit to joining us, post a short video on Facebook about reading with the hashtag

#Readfor20MS. Be sure to tag Yalobusha County System!