

Looking Back

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

85 YEARS AGO
July 11, 1941

Upon the resignation of C. V. Beadles at the last meeting of the Town Board, the election commissioners here called a special election to be held Tuesday, August 12, to elect an alderman to fill the vacancy. The other aldermen are E. C. Coleman, W. W. Eades, H. O. Leonard and J. M. Brewer.

Perry Liles and wife of south of Schoona, have company at their house, arriving several days ago, but Perry has been too busy to report it until Monday. Name of the young lady, “Murline”.

John Brewer and Lee Denley spent Wednesday in Memphis where they attended an Oldsmobile Service Training course.

William Chapman of Nashville is visiting his mother, Mrs. Carl Chapman, near town. Mr. Chapman who specialized in accountancy at Bowling Green, Ky., has a position in Tennessee.

80 YEARS AGO
June 12, 1946

On Thursday, July 4th, death came to James Lucius Godwin at his home in the Bethlehem Community, following an illness of several weeks duration.

Pvt. Paul Criss Denley who has just finished his basic training at Shephard Field, Texas is now stationed at Keesler Field, Miss.

Miss Mary Alice Fancher is attending YWA Camp at Garaway, near Clinton, this week.

75 YEARS AGO
July 12, 1951

Dorothy Ann Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Jordan, Sr., is Coffeeville’s representative at Girls’ State in Jackson this week, having been selected by the local American Legion Auxiliary. Patsy Burt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burt, is representing Oakland.

Betty Lois Fly, accompanied by her parents, made a trip last week to Washington, where she has accepted a position with the FBI.

Jesse Ben Tillman, 61, died suddenly at his home in Tillatoba Monday.

Pvt. John Daniel York of San Diego, Calif., and Bobby Johnson of Colorado are at home on leave visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tug York and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Johnson.

Margaret Woodall and David Brower are attending Intermediate Camp at Lake Stevens, near Oxford.

65 YEARS AGO
July 6, 1961

Among the undergraduate students who mad the 1961 spring Semester Honor Roll at the University of Mississippi is Donna Bess Bailey. Named to the Dean’s List of honor students for the second semester at Millsaps College, Jackson, was Edward Eugene Woodall, Jr..

The first cotton bloom for the 1961 season was brought in Monday morning, July 3, by Miss Jessie Denley from cotton grown on her place by Elmo Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shaw are the parents of a little daughter born in the Water Valley Hospital Saturday, July 1. She has been named Letitia Chalaine Shaw.

Mrs. Frank Summers, Sr., died in the Water Valley Hospital Wednesday, June 28, after a short illness.

60 YEARS AGO
July 7, 1966

Joseph N. Bailey, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Bailey of Coffeeville, has been named to the Dean’s List of Honor Students at Millsaps College for work completed during the spring semester.

Elam Baptist Church was the scene of a lovely wedding Friday evening, June 10, when Miss Peggy Jean Tribble became the bride of Charles William Bennett of Grenada.

55 YEARS AGO
July 1, 1971

Rosedale Methodist Church was the setting for the wedding of Miss Jane Cheryl Turner and Steven Allen Brower Saturday, May 29.

Susan S. Ingram, Sandra K. Dorris, Coffeeville; Hugh E. Gurner, Larshonda L. Ramsey, Water Valley; and Patricia P. Irby, Oakland were listed on the President’s List at Ole Miss for the second semester.

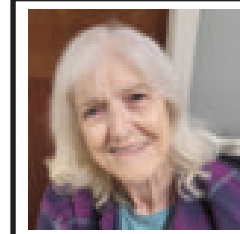
45 YEARS AGO
July 2, 1981

Jeremy Hill, 4-year-old grandson of John Hyde Landreth, brought us a cotton bloom that was found on the old Edwin Smith farm on June 25. This was the second bloom.

The Coffeeville Lions Club has elected officers for the year 1981. The officers are the following: President, Johnny Dover; Vice-President, Wilford Harbour; Secretary-Treasurer, Clyde Pace; Lion Tamer, Ray Hayes; and Tail Twister, Tyler Wortham.

40 YEARS AGO
July 10, 1986

Joe Bailey reported that Milton Robinson had found a cotton bloom Wednesday, June 25, in Coley Bailey’s cotton. County Agent Doyle Varner also reported that he had found one the same day in Daryl Burney’s cotton.



Coffee Time

By Sarah H. Williams

On Saturday June 6 Tammy, Sylvia and I attended the funeral of Dinkie Hackman and his wife Julia. They both died the same week.

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On Thursday June 11 Tammy and I went to Coffeeville. I wanted to see the new Leway Market grocery store. While there we went in the Family Dollar store and I shopped a little. I also wanted to see Coley Little Bailey’s corn, it had really grown.

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I was watching the news recently and saw where The French Air and Space Force’s aerobatic team, recently painted the New York skies with red, white and blue smoke. The spectacular flyover along the Hudson River and Statue od Liberty was part of the “Liberte’ 250” mission to celebrate the 250th anniversary of American independence.

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Sunday we celebrated Farther’s Day. Our father Aaron Hickey passed away on March 1, 1983. He had 7 children.

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Juneteenth was celebrated in Oakland June 20 from 4-9 p. m. at the James Riley Swearngen Walking Track and Park. Juneteenth was something I wasn’t aware of growing up, I had to learn about it as an adult Juneteenth has been more than when union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas and informed enslaved people that they were free . More than two years after the Emancipation 150 years as a powerful reminder of freedom, preservation and hope.

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We enjoyed my 445th Daughter of the American Revolution celebration Tuesday. Attending were Tammy Beshears, Sylvia Hickey, Cortney,Anthony and Milo Myers. Lacy Petit, along with DAR members Monica Hearn, Laurie Tripplete and Emily Holmes of Oxford. I received a certificate of recognition for 45 years of service to the DAR.



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Earl Hickman was among the members of the Mississippi State Highway Department who were recognized recently during

service awards ceremonies held in Batesville. He has been employed with the State Highway Department for 20 years.

Library News

By Patty Bailey

“Unearth a Story”

Summer Library Program Ends July 2

Our exciting “Unearth a Story” Summer Library Program ends, next Monday, June 29, at Coffeeville, and Wednesday, July 2, Oakland

with a birthday celebration for America 250! This week on June 22 and 24, we

learned about archaeology and diggers in both libraries, and the craft was creating their name in hieroglyphics. Summer Library Program is free for children in grades

K-6. This summer, we have been 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 Coffeeville June 25

Coffeeville 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 25, we will get ready to celebrate for America 250 with patriotic crafts and birthday cake! We invite families, children, and youth to join us on Thursdays.

We will not have Super Thursday on July 2, but we will resume on July 9 & 16. America 250 Bookshelf On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate its 250th birthday. We have an America 250 bookshelf in both libraries displaying books about American history and famous Americans. Celebrate America 250 by reading about our great nation and its history.

Stars & Stripes Scavenger Hunt

Visit Coffeeville or Oakland Public Library to go on the Stars & Stripes Scavenger Hunt from children and youth starting Monday, June 22. Those who suc-

cessfully find all the patriotic clues win a prize!

Libraries Closed July 3

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

Summer Book

Giveaway Winners

First winners at Coffeeville Public Library last week were Nora Sossaman, Aubri Brewer, Layton Coleman, and Kollin Coleman. Congratulations to these winning readers!

Yalobusha County Public Library System sponsors a free Summer Book Challenge for 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 Coffeeville 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 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.

Living Well

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



We had another great Terrific Tuesday! Thank you to our wonderful 4-H Volunteer, Elizabeth Wright, for teaching the kids all about flower arranging.

Next week’s Terrific Tuesday will be all about STEM- we are building bridges!

Extension Programs coming up:

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.

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.

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6 Natural Sweeteners - Alternatives to Sugar - How Do They Stack Up?

1. Stevia Benefits: •Zero calories •Does not raise blood sugar levels •Suitable for people with diabetes •Extremely sweet, so only a small amount is needed like one drop or packet

•Heat stable Best for: Mix with tea or coffee; some people don’t like the taste.

2. Monk Fruit Benefits: •Zero calories •Does not affect blood glucose

•Contains antioxidant compounds called mogro-sides

•Pleasant sweetness with minimal aftertaste

•Works well in beverages and baking blends

Best for: Coffee, tea, desserts, and baking.

3. Date Syrup Benefits: •Contains potassium, magnesium, and antioxidants

•Less processed than refined sugar

•Rich caramel-like flavor

•Provides some fiber when made from whole dates

Best for: topping cereal, roasted veggies, cooking, and beverages

4. Honey Benefits:

•Contains antioxidants and trace nutrients

•Naturally sweet, allowing you to use less

•Adds flavor complexity

•Traditionally used to soothe sore throats

Best for: Tea, yogurt, marinades, and baking.

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