

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 July 31, 1936

Mr. A. A. Bryant, Jr., now located at Vicksburg spent a few days in Coffeeville visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Woodall and Mrs. P. M. Woodall, accompanied by Miss Maggie Mae Turner, left Thursday morning on a vacation trip to Shiloh Park, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and to the National Park in the Great Smokey Mountains.

Mrs. S. C. Brower died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Reese, of Pine Valley, Tuesday after an illness of several weeks.

William Peeples with the National Guard on the western coast, has been promoted from the guard duty to the warrent department. Mr. and Mrs. Peeples have moved from Naco, Arizona to El Paso, Texas.

85 YEARS AGO August 1, 1941

The first open boll of of cotton for 1941 was brought in Thursday morning by Homer Arrington, Jr. The cotton was grown on V. H. Arrington's place seven miles north of town.

Mr. Cleophus Hudson, a life-long resident of this section was badly burned Monday night of last week when his car he was cranking caught fire and burned him. He died Saturday afternoon.

80 YEARS AGO August 2, 1946

Mrs. Lela Bell of Water Valley died Monday night, July 23, while visiting in the home of her son, William Bell and family.

Aaron Baddley, Jr., and Bill Peeples attended a camp near Oxford last week.

J. E. Kimbrough underwent an appendectomy at the Vardaman Hospital Monday morning.

75 YEARS AGO August 2, 1951

In a news release from Miss. State College this week, we find among the list of high-rating students the name of Mrs. Kate McLavy.

Mr. H. Gorden left Sunday for Kansas City, Missouri to visit his mother. Mrs. Gorden accompanied him to Memphis.

Pfc. James Earl Summers arrived the 21st to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Summers. He is here for a 10-day leave and will report to Camp Pickett, Louisiana.

70 YEARS AGO August 2, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Denley left Memphis on a plane Wednesday evening for Washington, D.C., where their son Charles, is very critically ill in the Walter Reed Hospital.

Mrs. Harry Gorden was in Memphis last weekend to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sam Siegal, Friday afternoon.

Little Sam Pace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pace had a major operation in the Grenada Hospital Monday morning.

60 YEARS AGO August 4, 1966

Six Ole Miss students are in the process of painting the American Legion Hut as part of their summer work-study program. Cecil Brower, Legion Commander has secured the paint through public donations. Paul Pittman is the work supervisor and the workers are Danny Kilgore, Jimmy Denley, Tim Denley, Mike Jones, and Johnny Price.

45 YEARS AGO July 30, 1981

Yalobusha County will have representatives in Washington, D. C. this summer. Paula Clay and Carla Byford will attend citizenship — Washington Focus July 25 - August 1.

Eddie Jarrell with Shadows Black Beat, Grand Champion Gaited Gelding; Ronnie Stark with Doc, 2nd Place Jr. High Point Horse; and Lisa Harbour with Zero, State Sr. Barrel Racing.

40 YEARS AGO July 31, 1986

The Yalobusha County 4-H Horse Club won the Northwest District 4-H Horse Show High Point County Award for the sixth straight year. Members include Kyle Jeffreys, Tommie Hill, John Stevens, Jonathan Byford, Mark Fielder, Robert Buford, Art Fielder, Tonya Bagguley, Jenni Smtih, Joan Farmer, Paul Craig, Bart Robinson, Laurie Craig, Tim Farmer, Cain Foster, Tammy Foster, Ronnie Stark, Stephanie Foster, Carole Rogers, Tanya Bowen, Jackie Craig and Sara Lynn Tartt.

Kathryn Bond as library assistant has been shelving books and running errands at the Coffeeville Public Library the past few weeks.

Mrs. Ouida McCracken moved into her home on Center Street across from the clinic, to join Mrs. Inez Burnham who moved into her newly constructed home several months ago.

Samy W. Chandler entered Nashville Auto Diesel College on June 18.



Coffee Time

By Sarah H. Williams

Son-in-law John Beshears underwent surgery on his shoulder Thursday. He is now having therapy, it is being preformed by Jennifer McGavock.

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Thank you members of the David Reese Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for putting up the American Flags all around the court house in Oxford. They really added to the 250th anniversary of our nation.

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On my wall is a picture Cathy Rowsey Vaughn painted of the Coffeeville Courier, a gift to me from ReeRee, my granddaughter, for Christmas a few years ago. A lot of people ask who painted the picture and I tell them.

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I really thought I was going to miss the Lord's Supper Sunday, but I didn't. I had not failed to partake of it since I came here in February. The preacher from Charleston is so faithful to bring it to me. Thank you so very much to the preacher and his wife from Charleston Church of Christ.

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When looking at the gifts Mike has given me over the years, I was overwhelmed. Thank you Mike.

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Four empty glasses were left in my room as I am trying to drink all my water. The CNA took them as the kitchen needed them back.

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Enjoyed seeing Sheila Dorris after getting in touch with her after such a long time. I attended her wedding shower several years ago. Her husband's great uncle Earl Summers had made an ironing board for them as a wedding gift.

From My. *(Cont'd. from front page)*

Where you might see a man who isn't originally from this area, I see a friend in the making, chosen for his integrity and his genuine love for people.

Scripture warns us about the danger of quick, surface-level judgments. In John 7:24, Jesus tells us:

"Stop judging by mere appearances but instead judge correctly."

Sometimes, it is so much better not to say a word. It is better to sit back, observe, and learn the truth about a person's charac-

ter before assuming the worst. When we silence the gossip, we give room for God's truth to show itself.

My prayer for Coffeeville is that we will open up our hearts. Let us welcome this business and this management team with open arms. If we allow them to grow, they can help us grow, too—not just as a town, but as individuals discover new ways to lift ourselves up and change our lives for the better.

The view from my porch looks bright when I think about what teamwork and love can achieve. Let's build that future together.

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Library News

By Patty Bailey

Scribble Art @ Coffeeville July 16

Super Thursday for children and youth at Coffeeville Public Library is Thursday, July 16 at 4:00 PM, This week, we will be making Scribble Art! All ages are welcome to come make fun, creative art with colorful scribbles.

America 250 Bookshelf

On July 4, 2026, America celebrated its 250th birthday. We have America 250 bookshelves in both libraries displaying books about American history and famous Americans. Celebrate America 250 by reading about our great nation and its history.

Book Club at Coffeeville Public Library

Coffeeville Public Library will host a book club later this summer with the book The Correspondent by Virginia Evans. This book has nearly 720,000 4-5 star ratings on Goodreads and has been on numerous suggested reading lists. We have this book in both libraries now for interested readers. Ten books for the book club will be loaned to us by Mississippi Library Commission.

We almost have a full list now for the book club. If you're interested in joining the group for a meal and conversation in a few weeks, call (662) 675-8822 and ask to have your name added to the list. The date for this meeting has not been set yet.

Stars & Stripes Scavenger Hunt

Visit Coffeeville or Oakland Public Library to go on the Stars & Stripes Scavenger Hunt for children and youth. Those who find all the patriotic clues win a prize!

Summer Book Giveaway Ends July 24

Summer Book Giveaway winners at Coffeeville Public Library last week were Zoey Dubock, Lillian Hicks,

and Leelyn Hicks. Congratulations to these winning readers!

Yalobusha County Public Library System sponsors a free Summer Book Challenge for ages 3 – 14 which ends Friday, July 24. Win one (1) free book for every 10 easy / story books or every five (5) chapter books read between by July 24. Children or their parent must have a YCPLS library card; all books must be borrowed from the library. Children may also have books read to them. There's still time to read and win!

Adopt- A- Dinosaur @ the Library

We still have dinosaurs available for adoption! They're available FREE while they last, and children may adopt another dino even if they have already gotten one.

This summer, our libraries 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 in either Coffeeville or Oakland library.

Read for 20 MS

Along with other Mississippi 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 commit to joining us, please post a short video on Facebook about reading with the hashtag #Readfor20MS. Be sure to tag Yalobusha County System!

Living Well

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



Yalobusha County 4-H well represented at the 4-H North Half BBQ cookout

Yalobusha county had 3 senior 4-Hers to participate in the 4-H North Half BBQ cookout contest Wednesday, July 8, in Winona. Susan Schroyer, competed in the turkey contest and Maverick French and Christopher Martin competed in the chicken contest. Susan Schroyer won 2nd place in the Turkey contest. Christopher Martin won 3rd place in the chicken contest. Susan and Christopher will continue on and compete in the State Cook-out contest on July 14th at Mississippi State University.

Extension Programs coming up:

Wednesday, July 15 - 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, July 16 – Looped with Love Crochet MCV Meeting will meet at 10 a.m. at the Extension office.

Friday, July 17 – 4-H Cooking Kit Registration Deadline. Sign up now for the July 4-H Cooking Kits. The cost are \$15 per kit and includes a recipe, ingredient

& kitchen tool. Pickup date will be Thursday, July 23rd. **Friday, July 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.

Monday, July 20- - Salsa Canning class using Electric boiling water bath canner. The class will be offered at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 20th. The cost to register is \$15 per person. Each person will take home a jar of salsa. Space is limited. Participants must sign up and pay registration fee

by deadline to be considered registered for class. To pay registration visit: <https://reg.extension.msstate.edu> or stop by the extension office and pay with check made out to MSU Extension.

Tuesday, July 21 – United Y.C. MCV Meeting – Will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office.

Tuesday, July 21 – 4-H Terrific Tuesday – Pet Care – will meet 2-3:30 at the Extension office. For youth ages 5-18. Youth ages 7 and under should be accompanied by an adult. Program is free, please contact

extension office at 662.675.2730 to let us know your child will be attending.

Wednesday, July 22 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 July 23 – 4-H Cooking Kit Pickup at Extension office from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, July 24 - 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, July 27 – Sewing for Service will meet at 9 a.m. at the Extension office.

Tuesday, July 28 – Terrific Tuesday – Summer Wind Down – It's been a fun summer join us as we wind down the summer with lots of fun games and activities. We will meet 2-3:30 at the Extension office. For youth ages 5-18. Youth ages 7 and under should be accompanied by an adult. Program is free, please contact extension office at 662.675.2730 to let us know your child will be attending.

Wednesday, July 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.

Friday, July 31 - 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.

Saturday, August 8 – 4-H Volunteer Forum at Mississippi State University 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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