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At Hale County Commission Garbage rates going up? Commissioners seek to keep garbage rates unchanged despite increased fuel costs

By Travis Vaughn
Editor

Hale County Commissioners will work with the county's garbage collection contractors to try to prevent garbage bill increases despite skyrocketing recent fuel costs, said commissioners at their Tuesday, June 14, meeting.

The contract with Arrow Disposal includes automatic increases based on fuel costs, with the county footing the most recent bill without passing the costs along to customers. According to statements made at

the commission meeting, fuel costs are up 74 percent over last year for the garbage service provider, and the \$4-per-gallon diesel figure that would keep costs stable has long since been surpassed.

The letter from Arrow suggested a 4.4 percent increase for customers, saying it might even be a "temporary" increase, but commissioners were hesitant to make the move.

Commission Chairman and Probate Judge Arthur Crawford Sr., summed up the dilemma when he asked commissioners a

question. "Can you afford to impose a rate increase on your constituents, or can you afford to swallow it?"

Commissioners responded by discussing the economic realities for Hale County, both for residents and for the county government.

Commissioner Joe Lee Hamilton, Jr., acknowledged that he did not "see a way around" the situation without paying the increased costs somehow, while Commissioner Donald Ray Anderson, Jr., discussed "service

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New sign at Moundville City Hall

A crew from Browder Signs and Lighting is shown above finishing up the installation of a new sign and electronic message board at Moundville City Hall on Wednesday, June 15.

Photo by Travis Vaughn

At Hale County Commission Courthouse, jail to get \$1.43 million in new roofs

By Travis Vaughn
Editor

The Hale County Courthouse and the Hale County Jail will be getting new roofs with a price tag way over \$1 million, thanks to ARPA and Capital Improvement funds, as voted on by the Hale County Commission at their Tuesday, June 14, meeting.

The roofs of both the courthouse and the jail have been patched multiple times, with buckets and mops often necessary when it rains.

The cost for a new roof at the jail comes in at \$560,000, with a warranty that the roof will be "watertight" for 30 years.

The courthouse has a complicated roofing situation, with multiple sections and options that the commissioners had to consider.

Overall, according to Commission Clerk Sylvia Williams, inspectors found the existing roof in a status of failure or in poor condition.

Commissioners first heard options for three sections of the courthouse roof that are shingled currently. They decided to go with a metal roof for \$500,000 over using shingles for \$400,000.

A second portion of the roof, described by Williams as the section over the courthouse addition, could have been restored with a 10-year warranty for \$150,000 or replaced with a 30-year warranty for \$250,000. Commissioners voted for the replacement with the 30-year guarantee.

The bell tower will be repaired for \$45,000, with that work guar-

anteed for 10 years.

A section of wall and chimney will have metal installed and other replacement work for \$75,000. Commissioners voted for that over just restoring the wall and chimney with sealant and other fixes for \$55,000.

Commissioners voted for the new roofs, using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds and Capital Improvement funds to pay for the upgrades.

One portion of the ARPA funding was released last year, with another sum to be distributed this year.

Commissioners discussed how this will use up almost all of the ARPA funds given to Hale County but emphasized the health and safety of everyone at

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Primary runoff election results are available on our Facebook page

June 21 results came in past press deadline

Voters in Alabama went back to the polls on Tuesday, June 21, for primary runoffs to help determine who will advance to November's General Election.

In Hale and Tuscaloosa Counties, however, there were no local races on the ballots.

Still, results are available on our Facebook page at MoundvilleTimesMedia. Tuesday's election ended after our usual Tuesday afternoon deadline.

For Democratic Party

voters in our covered counties, only the nomination for governor was on the ballot. Yolanda Rochelle Flowers and Malika Sanders Fortier were vying for that nod.

On the Republican ballot in those counties, Katie Britt faced Mo Brooks for the nomination for U.S. Senate; Wes Allen and Jim Zeigler competed for Secretary of State; Stan Cooke and Andrew Sorrell competed for State Auditor; Jeremy H. Oden faced Brent Woodall for Public Service Commis-

sion Place 1; and Chip Beeker and Robert L. McCollum competed for Public Service Commission Place 2.

Cross over voting rules were in place. In short, if you voted in one party's primary in May, you were not able to vote in the other party's runoff Tuesday.

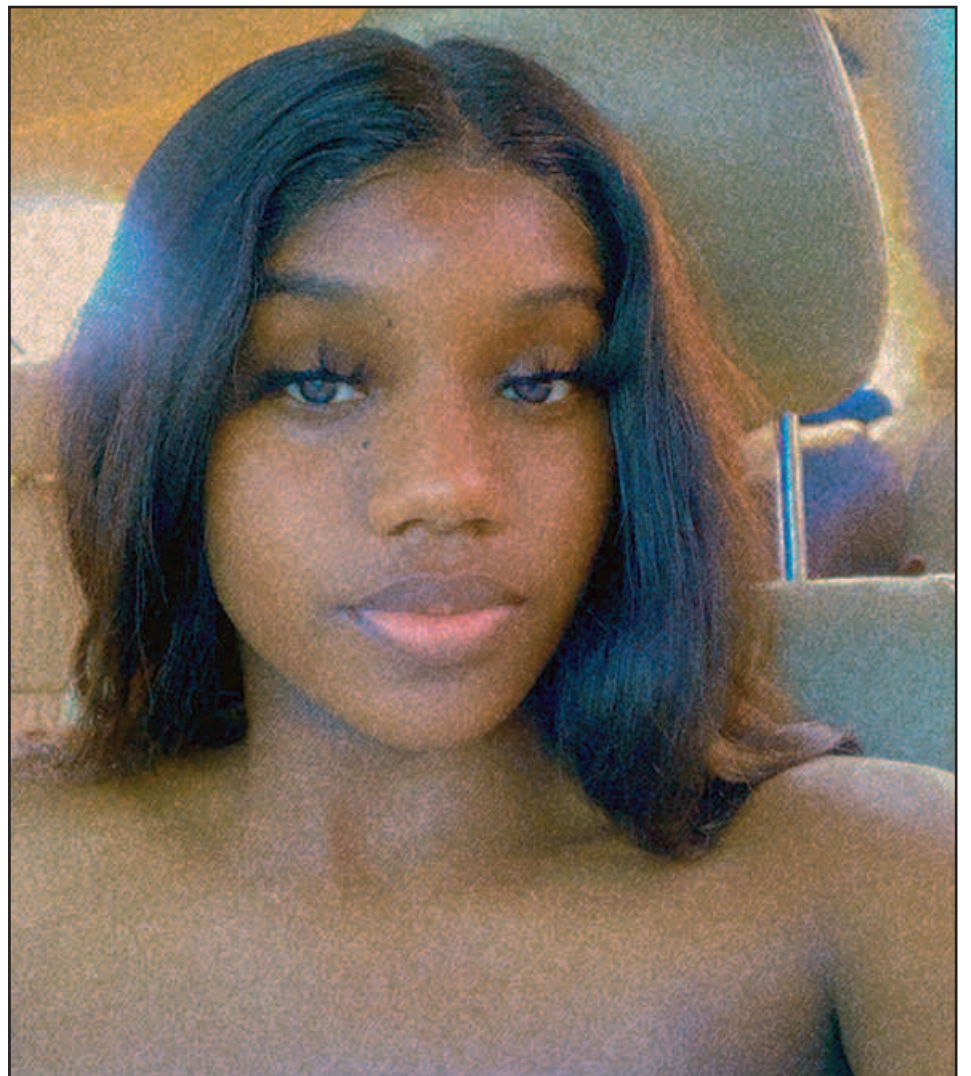
In November, however, in the General Election you can vote for anyone you wish.



Reilly signs with MUW for baseball

Hale County High School senior Connor Reilly signed to play baseball at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Miss., on May 18 in a ceremony attended by family, friends, and teammates. He is flanked by his parents, Ricky and Heather, in the photo above. The MUW Owls will play in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in NCAA Division III beginning this fall.

Submitted photo



Ryesha L. Fields named to National Society of High School Scholars

On June 6, the National Society of High School Scholars announced Ryesha L. Fields from Sawyerville has been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community commitment.

Fields is a senior at Greensboro High School. She is a member of New Pentecostal Holiness Church of Greensboro where Suffragan Bishop Lovetta Long is the pastor. She is also a member of the Greensboro High School cheerleading squad. Her parents are Lavar Sr and Regina Fields of Sawyerville, and her grandparents are Betty Anderson and the late Donald Anderson, Sr. of Sawyerville, Eunice Crawford of Greensboro, AL and the late Elvis Fields. Her siblings are Regiana Fields, Reginiqua Fields and the late Lavar Fields, Jr.

Submitted photo and information

Enviva ups investment; will start construction

By Tommy McGraw
Publisher

Enviva has upped its investment in Sumter County again and is seeking a new agreement with the county and other entities with an incentive package.

Sumter County Attorney Drayton Pruitt told the Sumter County Commission Monday, June 13, that in addition to the new agreement Enviva indicated they would begin construction in about two weeks at Port Epes.

Pruitt explained about the incentive package going back into the original agreement history. "There has been another amendment requested by Enviva and it is a good amendment."

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COVID-19 testing no longer mandated for flights to the U.S

Travelers returning to the United States from foreign countries by air this summer are relieved of one requirement. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has rescinded its order requiring a negative pre-departure COVID-19 test before flights to the United States.

This means air passengers no longer need to be tested and show a COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before boarding a flight to the U.S. However, the CDC still recommends travelers boarding flights get tested for current infection with a viral test as close to the time of departure as possible (no more than three days) and not travel if they are sick.

The CDC offers these steps to take before traveling:

- Make sure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines before travel.
- Check the current COVID-19 Community Level at your

destination.

- Make sure you understand and follow all state, tribal, local and territorial travel restrictions.

- If you have a medical condition or are taking medication that weakens your immune system, you might NOT be fully protected even if you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines. Talk to your healthcare provider before travel. Even after vaccination, you may need to continue taking all precautions.

- Consider getting tested for current infection with a viral test as close to the time of departure as possible (no more than three days) before travel.

CDC recommends people 2 years and older properly wear a well-fitting mask or respirator over the nose and mouth in indoor areas of public transportation and advises against travel if they:

- Have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Tested positive for COVID-19.

- Are awaiting results of a COVID-19 test.

- Had close contact with a person with COVID-19 and are recommended to quarantine.

A statement from the CDC explains the reasons international air travelers are no longer required to test before departure. "The COVID-19 pandemic has now shifted to a new phase, due to the widespread uptake of highly effective COVID-19 vaccines, the availability of effective therapeutics, and the increase of high rates of vaccine- and infection-induced immunity at the population level in the United States. Each of these measures has contributed to lower risk of severe disease and death across the United States."

The Alabama Department of Public Health has COVID-19 information available at its website at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/index.html>



Pleasant Hill Baptist welcomes new pastor and family

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church recently welcomed their new pastor, Nathan Vanderburg, shown above with his wife Heather and sons Ethan and Tanner. The church is located at 6057 County Road 50 in Moundville, and members invited everyone to come worship with them.

Submitted photo and information

More roofs ... from front page

the jail and courthouse and the need to secure the buildings against further structural problems.

The total comes in at \$1.43 million.

Other County Commission News

The commission heard a presentation from Hale County Jail Sgt. Griffin about her concerns about how vacation time is accrued for jailers. The clerks are looking into the situation and will respond at a future meeting. Sheriff Ken Ellis and jail ad-

ministrator Captain Gilmore were present and provided information about reclassifying certain sheriff's office and jail employees. The commission approved their requests. The move came after the county recently approved a new salary matrix for county employees.

Ed Luker was appointed to the Hale County Animal Shelter board.

Commissioners are considering a one-time lump-sum payment to county retirees and beneficiaries. Judge Crawford

said that the proposal is "a matter of money" and said commissioners would look at available funding.

County Road 20, CR 10, and Mink Slide are up for repaving and repairs in the near future. Mink Slide Road will be a joint project with Tuscaloosa County, said Engineer Fred Powell. Gallion Road (Old Hwy 80) is slated for repaving, and that project will begin as soon as the contractor has crews available, said Powell. Crews are also working on cutting brush from right-of-ways.

Hale Co. Sheriff's Report

Deputies record DV, drug, gun arrests

Hale County Sheriff Ken Ellis released the latest Sheriff's Report.

Arrests

- 06-15-2022-John Carroll Martin-37-Greensboro-was arrested for DV Strangulation/Assault.
- 06-16-2022-Chlante Denise Johnson-22-Demopolis-was arrested for Failure to Appear.
- 06-17-2022-Starnetrey Mack-22-Moundville-was arrested for Failure to Appear.
- 06-18-2022-Shelvin M Banks-47-Greensboro-was arrested for Failure to Appear.
- 06-18-2022-Earrest Renordo Winter-34-Forkland-was arrested for Criminal Mischief 2nd.
- 06-18-2022-Angelica Marie Martunez-26-Moundville-was arrested for Pedestrian Under the Influence and Pedestrian on Roadway.
- 06-19-2022-Jvees J Evans-23-Greensboro-was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana 1st and Unlawful Carrying a Pistol.
- 06-13-2022-Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree was reported on Burroughs Rd near Greensboro.
- 06-16-2022-Harassing Communications was reported on Thomas Ln near Greensboro.
- 06-18-2022-Violation of a Domestic Violence Protection Order was reported on Tuscaloosa St near Greensboro.
- 06-18-2022-Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree was reported on County Rd 16 near Greensboro.

Report Crime

Call Hale County Crime Stopper's Tip Line number, (334) 624-4659, to report a crime or suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Incidents

06-13-2022-Theft of Property was reported on County Rd 30 near Sawyerville.



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God will give us stability in an unstable world. We are victorious; no matter how bad the world may seem, we have a Heavenly home that has been prepared for us.

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Submitted by: Sharon Sparks*

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Pruitt continued, "We have already approved an earlier agreement, and now they have increased the amount of capital expenditures to \$250 million. They have increased the abatement of taxes from \$4 million to about \$4.8 million. That is the only changes and they would like for the commission to pass a resolution authorizing the chairman to execute the document.

Pruitt then added, "They are about to begin construction in two weeks."

District One Commissioner Drucilla Russ-Jackson asked for further explanation.

Pruitt said he was not sure of the exact figures but the amount of investment was going up to "\$4 million and 800 and something thousand dollars.

"What they have done before they agreed to come to Sumter County, and they asked for an inducement agreement that they would be given certain advantages. Those advantages included working with the Sumter County Industrial Development Authority [SCIDA] which they have already authorized that they would issue industrial revenue bonds, so they are no obligations to the county. This would increase that amount to \$250 million and which has already been approved by the state, and it would increase the tax incentives or rebates of taxes from \$4 million to a total of \$4.8 million.

"They [Enviva] bought the old Mannington [Wood Flooring] property and the land underlying the canal on the other side. They will now be responsible for that canal [barge slip]. This is important now because the shipping channel is being widened and deepened going from a one-way to a two-way barge traffic and now [the barge slip to load and unload barges] will be a most desirable port [Port Epes] for ships coming through the Panama Canal. That is important to us because that is an incentive tool for industry recruitment," said Pruitt

The county attorney added, "They have left in the hands of the SCIDA the main road from the county road to the river. They have gained the consent of the SCIDA to put up a gate or station a security guard at the entrance until there is further development along the road. They [Enviva] want to close the road from the county road [Bluff Port Rd or County Road 21] to the [Tombigbee] river in order to stop people from coming in unless there may be other entities [intrested in building there] such as a warehouse {that would like to locate there}.

The motion to allow the Commission Chairman Marcus Campbell to sign the necessary documents passed unanimously.

Moundville Police Department

Officers investigate property damage, thefts

Moundville Police Chief Toby Banks has released the latest Moundville Police Department blotter for June 13-21, 2022.

Incidents

06-14-2022: In the 12000 block of Elm St.- DV Criminal Trespassing.

06-15-2022: In the 15000 block of Hwy 69S- Property Damage.

06-18-2022: In the 40000 block of Hwy 69S- Theft of Property 3rd.

06-19-2022: In the 12000 block of Waterbury Dr- Harassing Communications.

Arrests:

Adam Paul Mowrer, white male, age 34 of Athens, Ala., was charged with Solicit Sex Act with

Student X3.

Citations and Other Incidents: Moundville Police issued citations, including one arrest, and attended two traffic incidents.

Need Help?

In case of an emergency, dial 911. For non-emergencies, call 205-371-2218 during normal business hours.

Greensboro Police Department

Greensboro investigating shooting incident

Greensboro Police Chief Michael Hamilton has released the latest Greensboro Police Department report.

Arrests:

Kaveon Oneal Scott, age 19, was arrested 6/9/22 for Shooting into an Occupied Vehicle, Assault 1st, and Discharging a Firearm in the City Limits. Warrants have been issued on other subjects involved in this incident.

Joseph Moore, age 45, was arrested 6/21/22 for interfering with a 911 call - Domestic.

A message from Chief

Michael Hamilton:

Take time out to check on the elderly. This heat that we are experiencing is dangerous. Let's make sure they have what they need.

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Millipede: Alien or Arthropod?

By Cole Sikes

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – No other animal may appear more otherworldly than a millipede. These creatures can be especially disturbing when they invade your home. An Alabama Cooperative Extension System entomologist aims to bring awareness to homeowners about millipedes, as well as how to control them.

Alien or arthropod?

In Alabama, one of the most troublesome home invaders is the garden millipede, *Oxidus gracilis*, also commonly named the greenhouse millipede. Homeowners are beginning to go on high alert after finding a few of this species in their home.

"Millipede invasions have long been a problem for many Alabama residents," said Xing Ping Hu, Alabama Extension entomologist. "These insects usually move after heavy rainfall and a period of dry, hot weather during summer and fall. The cause of millipede migration seems to be a combination of too much or too little humidity as well as temperature changes."

Finding one of these segmented arthropods in your house may feel like an extraterrestrial invasion. Like most insects, more than one of them can become a nuisance. Hu wants Alabamians to heed a word of caution that these critters are becoming more active and already appearing near and inside homes. Millipedes are not harm-

ful to people nor animals, do not sting or infest food and do not reproduce indoors.

Millipedes are in a group of arthropods closely related to insects and spiders. They have two pairs of legs on each body segment, except for the first three. This characteristic sets them apart from six-legged insects, eight-legged spiders and centipedes, which have one pair of legs on each body segment.

Unlike the large worm-like millipedes, garden millipedes have a flat body that is brown or black in color with pale, cream-colored legs. They are smaller than other millipede species, about one half to three quarters of an inch or 18 to 23 millimeters in length. Young millipedes are small, white to pale in color, and have fewer legs. They grow more segments and legs and become darker as they age.

The Nature of Millipedes

Native to Asia and not the United States, millipedes are detritivores, meaning they eat all kinds of dead and decaying organic materials. This can include leaf litter, mulch, roots, fruits, rich soil and even grass that in lawns. Occasionally they feed on seeds and living plants when no other food is available and become a pest in greenhouses.

Garden millipedes are nocturnal. During the daytime they stay inactive and normally aggregate in cool, moist areas. They breed in compost piles, leaf litter, rotting logs, under rocks in soil and

plant pots. They are often unnoticed because of their hidden habitats until large numbers appeared around and inside homes.

Adults mature and start mating during July and August. During this period, they can be seen climbing on exterior walls of homes, on sidewalks and on the grass. Adults tend to dig tunnels and lay eggs in the soil. They usually overwinter as adults and can live for one or more years.

Friend or foe?

Although evil-looking, millipedes are a positive member of our ecosystems. They serve as important decomposers that dispose of decaying materials. They also serve as food for many predators such as reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals and other insects.

Hu claims at certain times of the year, millipedes become restless and migrate from their normal living places. They appear in patios, drives, garages, window wells, crawlspaces and basements.

Migrations are often associated with weather changes or during wet rainy periods. Following heavy rains, thousands of millipedes will come out of their normal habitats to breathe and go wandering to find dryer places to survive. This time is when heavy home invasions occur.

Despite their hard exoskeletons, millipedes are highly susceptible to desiccation, or severe dehydration. Once abandoning their natural habitats and crawl-

ing inside a building or a carpet floor they will shrivel and die quickly. Millipedes will not survive without constant moisture exposure.

Millipede Control

Since millipedes do not live for more than a few days indoors, treatment inside homes and buildings is not necessary. Spraying areas with insecticides does little to reduce their numbers. Even though you can kill the ones that are there, more millipedes will keep wandering in from their breeding sites.

"A vacuum or a broom and dustpan are often the fastest and most appropriate method to remove them," Hu said. "Place the millipedes in a plastic bag, seal the bag and deposit the bag in an outdoor garbage container."

Should you decide to control a millipede break in, it is important to practice integrated pest management (IPM) plans. These plans can be chemical-free while also providing ample amount of home defense. Chemical options are available but may not provide complete control. Listed below are some tips for IPM.

Tip 1: Reducing moisture and breeding sites around structures

Conduct routine maintenance to create a dry environment around homes and structures by directing any water runoff away from them. This eliminates water accumulation from pipe leaks, irrigation and air conditioning condensation.

Remove millipede food sources and habitat by keeping your landscape free of leafy debris and grass clippings.

If a layer of mulch is preferred, make it no thicker than two to four inches.

Dethatch your lawn because millipedes thrive in dense thatch layers of plant material just above the soil surface.

Closely mow and edge your lawn so the lawn can dry more quickly and reduce the opportunities for millipede habitat.

Keep trash cans, water barrels and potted plants away from home foundations.

Do not place flowerbeds and gardens adjacent to structures, especially near crawlspaces and basements.

Remove rocks, logs, firewood and other items near home foundations.

Tip 2: Preventing access to structures

Seal cracks and crevices in walls and foundation where millipedes and other pests might enter. Block weep holes on brick sidings and fill large voids in walls around drainpipes and vents with non-toxic steel wool. Put caulk or foam around the steel wool to keep it in place.

Install weather stripping or sweeps on exterior doors. Caulk around windows and door frames as well as door thresholds.

Seal cracks behind baseboards where wet floor may attract millipedes as hideouts.

Tip 3: Chemical control

You must read and follow the label for application. This is the most important tip for chemical applications.

Apply EPA-approved organic products such as the diatomaceous earth (DE) powder. Treatments should be applied directly to potential entry points such as cracks, crevices, weep holes, voids, utility and pipe penetrations, vents, doors, window and visible gaps in walls and foundations. DE is not poisonous, but it causes insects to dry out and die by absorbing the oils and fats from the cuticle of insect skin. It is specifically lethal to crawling insects. It remains effective if dry and undisturbed.

Products with residual contact insecticides for perimeter applications include gamma-cyhalothrin, dinotefuran, bifenthrin, cyfluthrin or carbaryl. Insecticides should be applied to the perimeter of the home and structure in a five to twenty-foot band around potential entry points. You may also rake back thick layers of mulch to allow treatment of the exposed soil. Of all the formulations, water resistant powders provide longer residual activity.

More Information

Keep the creepy crawlers out of your home during moist seasons. Study the areas around the house and understand millipede habits better than before. To learn more about millipedes as well as other insects, please visit the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu.

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More garbage rates ... from front page

problems" that he said would make any increase passed on to customers hard to justify.

Commissioners also discussed their desire for an Arrow Disposal representative to meet with them, while Crawford reminded them of the contract's wording.

Crawford told commissioners that a refusal to pay the increase might end up with a termination of garbage services by Arrow, with the county then unable to pick up garbage. "We (the county) have no truck and no (Solid Waste) employees," said Crawford.

The sale of the last garbage truck helped finances for the county's Solid Waste department, but finances are still "pretty tight," said Commission Clerk Sylvia Williams.

She said an increased number of garbage customers had helped

lower per-cart charges to the county from Arrow, but the difference was being used to pay for the Solid Waste clerk's salary, ever-increasing postage, and other billing costs.

Crawford said there was a need for negotiation and compromise between the county and Arrow. "An increase (to county garbage customers) is the last thing we want to do," said the judge. "Can a low-income county afford it?"

Commissioners voted to pay the most recent increase out of existing Solid Waste funds and also approved the county attorney to reply to Arrow and negotiate an acceptable solution.

For now, then, garbage rates for Hale County Solid Waste garbage customers will remain the same. We will update this story as circumstances require.

Thanks for reading! MOUNDVILLE TIMES

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Hale County Soil and Water Conservation District Board

The Hale County Soil and Water Conservation District Board will hold a meeting on June 30, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at 8388 Alabama Highway 69 Greensboro.

Moundville Hosts Saturday In The Park

The UA Moundville Archaeological Park will host Saturday in the Park, a series of demonstrations and presentations related to Native Americans, archaeology, natural history, sustainable gardening and more, throughout the summer. The June 25 event will feature native foods and gardening with Rosa Hall. Saturday in the Park activities are free with paid admission to the park. For more information, contact Lindsey Gordon, UA Moundville Archaeological Park, at fgordon@aaln.ua.edu.

Swayerville Community Family, Friends, & Community Parade & Cookout

Join us at 141 G.W. Jackson Family Park Dr., Swayerville for a parade on Sat., July 2, at noon. Line up is at 11 a.m. Featuring 2 drum majors

Community Events

Guidelines for Submitting your Church/Community Announcements

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from Atlanta. Ga. The parade will begin at the corner of Hwy. 14 and Co. Rd. 77 and continues into the G.W. Jackson Family Park! There will be a cookout, fun and games directly after the parade inside the park, and we will end the evening with fireworks! Everyone is Welcome! Please come join us and bring the kids! For more information, go to gwjacksonfamilypark.com.

Macedonia Baptist Church Homecoming

Macedonia Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, June 26, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Our guest evangelist for the morning will be Dr. Chris Kynard from Linden Baptist Church. Lunch will follow the morning service along with afternoon singing. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Pastor Robert Ferguson at 334.624.7839.

Red Cross

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UA to Hold Summer Commencement Aug. 6

The University of Alabama will hold a summer commencement ceremony Saturday, Aug. 6, at Coleman Coliseum on the UA campus. All colleges and schools will participate in a single ceremony that begins at 9 a.m. Around 1,000 degree candidates are expected to be in attendance. More information, including live and recorded webcast details, an interactive campus map, parking information, lodging details, graduate profile stories and fast facts about the 2022 summer class can be found on UA's commencement website. Commencement information can be heard on UA's radio station, 92.5 FM.

ALDOR Announces Extension of Time for Filing the Election to be Taxed at the Entity Level for Certain Pass-Through Entities

The Alabama Department of Revenue (ALDOR) is extending the due date for filing the election to be taxed at the entity level for certain pass-through entities to August 15, 2022. ALDOR is taking this action because a number of taxpayers failed to file

the required election by the original due date but either made estimated payments or filed required returns as if the election had been made. The entity-level tax election is being implemented for the first time for the 2021 tax year, so ALDOR wants to help those that showed an intention to make an election but erroneously failed to do so. ALDOR will recognize elections to be taxed at the entity level that are filed using My Alabama Taxes no later than August 15, 2022, as elections validly made by the due date for those pass-through entities who: Timely filed the required entity and member tax returns, as if the election had been properly made for the year; Timely made an electing pass-through entity extension payment; or Made an entity-level tax payment prior to the due date of the respective return. Taxpayers meeting any of the above requirements may access My Alabama Taxes to make the election for the 2021 tax year from July 1, 2022, until August 15, 2022. Taxpayers may contact the ALDOR Pass-through Entity Tax Section at 334-242-1033 for guidance.

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Weekly Bible Trivia
 God commanded Joshua to be "strong and of good courage" (answer found in this week's scripture reading)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
Josh. 1:1-5	Josh. 1:6-9	Josh. 1:10-13	Josh. 1:14-16	Josh. 1:17-18	Josh. 2:1-15	Josh. 2:16-24

Baptist
Bethlehem Baptist Church - The House of Bread 1431 Co. Road 92 Swayerville, 36776, 344-624-1890; Pastor Frank L. Lyles Sr. Sun. School 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Big Sandy Baptist 14611 Old Greensboro Rd. • Moundville, 752-1284 • Pastor: Joshua Sellers. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Sun. am. Worship 10:15 a.m.; Wed.

p.m. Service 6 p.m.
Community Baptist 160 Chancey Ln. • Moundville, 371-2246 • Pastor: Jeff Lollar Sun. School 10 a.m.; Sun. am. Worship 11 a.m.; Sun. p.m. Worship 6 p.m.; Wed. p.m. Service 7 p.m.
Concord Baptist 9860 AL Hwy 60 • Moundville, 371-6564 • Pastor: Wyatt Rhone. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Sun. am. Worship 11 a.m.; Sun. Training 5 p.m.; Sun. p.m. Worship 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Service. 6:30 p.m.
Crestline Baptist 13949 Hwy 69 S. • Tuscaloosa, 344-5011 • Rev. Leon Winters. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Sun. p.m. Worship 5 p.m.; Wed. p.m. Service 6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Akron 7160 1st Ave., N. P.O. Box 281, Akron, AL. 372-0833. Rev. Billy Thornton, Pastor. SS. 9:30 a.m.; Sun. am. Worship 11:15 a.m.; Bible Study, Wed. 7 p.m.
First Missionary Baptist 136 Griffin Str., P.O. Box 22 • Moundville, 371-9097 • Pastor: David L. Bennett. Sun. early a.m. Worship 8 a.m.; Sun. School 9:30 a.m.;

Oak Grove Baptist 14415 S Rösser Rd • Moundville, 752-7272.
Pine Flat Baptist Co. Rd 49; Sun. School 10 a.m.; Sun. am. Worship 11 a.m.; Sun. p.m. Worship 5 p.m.
Pleasant Hill Baptist 6057 Co. Rd 50 • Moundville, 371-2507. Pastor: Nathan Vanderburg. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Sun. Worship Service 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening Service 5 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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Big Sandy United Methodist 11441 McPherson Landing Rd • Hwy. 69 S • Tuscaloosa, 759-3135 • Pastor - Rev Kris Roberts. Sun. School 9:45 a.m.; Sun. am. Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wed. Adult Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Youth Services 6:30 (supper) 7-8 MYF & Bible Explorers K & up; 7-8 Adult Faith; UMW (3rd Thurs) 6 p.m.
Havana United Methodist Havana, (334)624-8311 • Pastor: Dr. Kitsey Dixon. Sun. am. Worship (1st and 3rd) 9:30 a.m.; Sun. School (2nd and 4th) 9:30 a.m.
Jackson Chapel United Methodist Church Dr. Kitsey Dixon, Pastor. 68 Jackson Rd., Swayerville, (205) 346-2008, Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Services are 1st/3rd Sundays at 11:15 a.m.
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Moundville United Methodist 61 Market St., Moundville, 371-2539; Pastor: Michael Cobb. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Sunday a.m. worship 11 a.m.; www.moundvilleumethodist.com.
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Pleasant Hill Methodist 37703 Hwy. 69 S. • Moundville, Pastor Thurman Griffin. Worship 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
Pleasant Valley UMC Co. Rd. 29 • Pastor: Prentiss Taylor. Sun. Worship (1st and 3rd) 11 a.m.; Sun. p.m. Worship (1st) 6 p.m.
Powers Chapel C. M. E. 20231 Co. Rd. 21 • Moundville, 371-2504 • Rev. Paul L. Harton. Sun. School 9:45 a.m.; Sun. am. Worship 11 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; 3rd Sun. Fellowship B-fast 9 a.m.
Ramey's Chapel United Methodist Co. Rd. 32 • Moundville, Pastor: James I. Davis; Sun. Worship (1st) 9:45 a.m.; Sun. p.m. Worship (3rd) 6 p.m.
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Prayer Meeting 6:15 p.m.; Wed. Adult Choir 7 p.m.; Women's Bible Study (1st, 3rd, and 5th Thur.) 9:15 a.m.
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Obituaries

Lynn Wright

Lynn Wright, 69, of Columbus, Miss., passed away June 17, 2022, in Tuscaloosa. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at Mount Zion Baptist Church in New Hope, Miss., with Rev. Keith Pugh officiating. Burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery with Skelton Funeral Home of Reform directing. Visitation was Monday, June 20, 2022, at the funeral home and also one hour prior and immediately following the service at the church on Tuesday.

He was preceded in death by his parents Willie Loyd Wright, Sr. and Jo Etta Lipsey Wright.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years Ginger Howell Wright; sons Josh Wright (Caroline), Jody Wright (Meredith) and Jonathan Wright (Pearl); brothers Loyd Wright (Susan), Larry Wright (Kathy), Luther Wright (Penney) and Lane Wright (Carol); sister Beth Wright Ludwig (Michael); and six grandchildren Roper Penny, Thomas Wright, Levee Wright, Lydia Wright, Wellesley Wright and Landon Wright.

Lynn Wright graduated valedictorian from Carrollton High School (Ala.) in 1970 where he played football for Hall of Fame Coach Billy McGee. He went on to play football at the University

of West Alabama where he helped lead the Tigers to a 22-7-3 overall record during his three years in Livingston, including an overall record of 8-1-2 and a trip to the NAIA Semifinals in 1972. After graduating from UWA in 1975, Wright began his coaching career in 1983 at McIntosh Academy, where he would serve as head coach through the 1987 season.

During his stint at MA, he won four ACAC 2A State Titles and the NACA Division II National Championship in 1984. In 1988, Wright accepted the head-coaching job at Pickens Academy. Over a brilliant 16-year stay at PA, he led the Pirates to five AISA 2A State Championships in football and three baseball State Titles as well. He has an impressive 211-55 overall record in 22 years of coaching football and owns a 237-77 record in 11 years of coaching baseball. Wright has also coached five undefeated football teams and has put together winning streaks of 47 and 32 games. In addition to coaching, he also served as the Headmaster at Pickens Academy and won the AISA 2A Presidents Award for the Highest Academic School in its class. Wright is a 2003 inductee into the AISA Hall of Fame. He served in education for 44 years. He also served as

Headmaster and Head Coach at Jackson Academy and high school principal at New Hope High School.

He was elected and served as Lowndes County (Miss.) Superintendent of Education from 2011-19 during which time the school district under his leadership received an 'A' rating from the state. A state of the art career technical center, new Caledonia Elementary and New Hope High School were also built under his leadership. In 2020 he was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives District 37 and served as a Republican until his passing.

Pallbearers will be Steve Davis, Darrell Gregory, Tony Holmes, Sam McCorkle, Leo Wright and Steve Younger.

Honorary Pallbearers are the Mississippi House of Representatives, former team mates, coaches and players, and the Juanice Hayes Sunday School Class. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Pickens Academy, c/o Head Coach Mike Smith, Bessemer Academy, c/o Head Coach Jonathan Wright, Tuscaloosa Academy, c/o Head Coach Josh Wright or the University of West Alabama, c/o Head Coach Brett Gilliland.

4 myths that can cost you your sight this July 4th

Celebrate Independence Day, but wear eye protection around fireworks

By E.M. Brendan Wyatt, M.D.

Every year, Americans – often youngsters – suffer serious eye injuries from fireworks on the Fourth of July. People like teenager Jameson Lamb, robbed of his vision in his right eye at age 16 when a Roman candle he thought was extinguished hit him in the face. Or Erika Rodriguez-Loza, 14, who was permanently blinded in one eye when a firework burned her optic nerve.

Children and teenagers are nearly twice as likely to be injured by fireworks than are adults, and 15 percent of fireworks injuries involves eye trauma.

But you don't have to be a kid or even lighting the fireworks yourself to suffer a serious eye injury. In fact, more than half of fireworks injuries are suffered by bystanders who are simply watching the pyrotechnics when something goes awry.

With Independence Day on the horizon, it's the perfect time to focus on protecting our eyes and dispelling several myths about fireworks that put people at risk of blindness.

Myth #1: Consumer fireworks are harmless. Fireworks can cause blinding eye injuries such as chemical and thermal burns,

corneal abrasions or retinal detachment. If you have plans to celebrate July 4th with fireworks, it is essential to wear eye protection.

Myth #2: Sparklers are made for little kids and aren't dangerous. Don't let their small size fool you. Sparklers burn at more than 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. That's hot enough to melt certain metals. Sparklers are responsible for about 1,400 eye injuries each year.

Myth #3: Duds are harmless. All fireworks should be handled with extreme caution and that includes malfunctioning fireworks. Do not try to relight faulty fireworks. Instead, soak them thoroughly with water using a hose from a distance and throw the dud away.

Myth #4: Only those handling the fireworks are at risk. Fireworks-related eye injuries often happen to bystanders. Watch fireworks from a distance and make sure you and everyone else watching the pyrotechnics with you are wearing eye protection.

If an eye injury does occur, seek medical attention immedi-

ately. Even eye injuries that may seem minor should be treated right away to prevent further damage or infection.

Too many people just don't see the potential life-changing harm in sparklers, firecrackers and bottle rockets. They learn too late the necessity of wearing eye protection. It's always best to leave fireworks to the professionals. But if you choose to celebrate the Fourth with fireworks, don't buy into the myths. Wear safety glasses and take the necessary precautions to keep yourself, your family and your friends safe.

If you want more tips and information about protecting your eyesight this Fourth of July, visit www.eyesmart.org.

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Arthur L. Crawford, Sr.
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Case No.: 22-039

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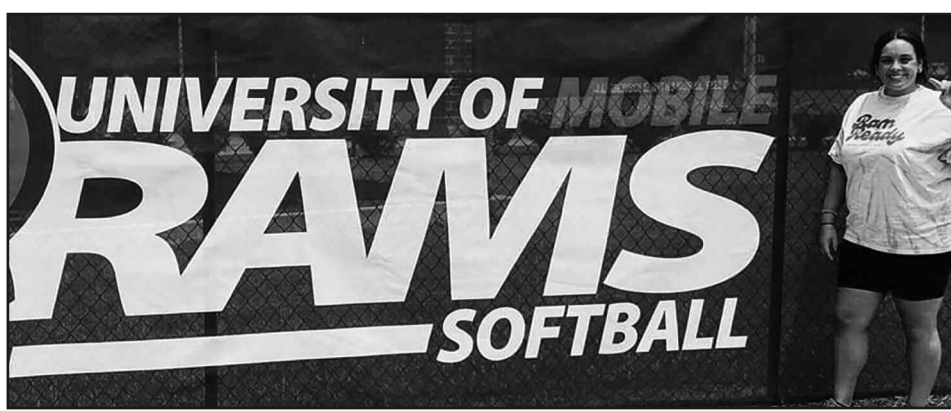
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By Rita Lewis

It's HOT! Be safe and use your sunscreen!

Kim Davis McCrory and Abby Payne vacationed in California recently visiting Kim's daughter, Ally Grace Payne, and Zach Miller and the Miller family! While there they visited

Sacramento, San Francisco, Alcatraz Island, and Santa Cruz. Forty members of Moundville Baptist Church are on a Mission trip to Petersburg, Alaska, to help with maintenance work on the church there as well as VBS and youth rallies. Safe travels for them!

Gracie Vanderford of Taylorville is the daughter of Robin Spence-Vanderford, formerly of Moundville, and the late Dwayne Vanderford. After many offers and interests, she is now a Mobile Ram! Gracie was a 4-year varsity starter at Hillcrest seeing action as a 3B/SS/P. She

continued at Shelton State as the starting 3rd baseman and four-hole hitter. Gracie led the Bucs to a third place finish in the ACCC State Championship with a team-leading 10 home runs and 49 RBI's season. The Mobile Rams finished second in the nation this past season. Gracie is excited to make that run next season and plans to finish on top. See picture above.

EVENTS

June 25: the Bake Sale and Yard Sale at Indian Mound Baptist Church will be 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Rain or shine. Money will go toward missions.

SYMPATHY

Please remember in prayer the families of Thomas "Tommy" Gross and Linda Watkins who passed away recently.

MEMORIALS

In loving memory on their birthday: June 14: Diane Davis Abernathy; June 26: Vernon Roberts; June 27: June Smith Johnston.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy belated anniversary June 17: Steve and Jennifer Lake Anderson.

Happy anniversary: June 23: Alfred and Linda Harless, Wallace and Carolyn Gooden Elliott; June 25: Larry and Memie Colburn Mitchell, Kevin and Holly Chapman Johnston; June 28: Ricky and Janice Skelton Neill; June 30: Ferrell and Sandra Boothe Tidmore.

BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating this week: June 23: Larry Johnson, Ashley Moakley Stone, Mandee Wyatt, Thomas Waters, Latissue Hatter Gee, Jennifer Lucky; June 25: Scott Tucker; June 26: Bailey Anne Marie Sutton, Allen Corley, Brian McClelland, Jade Eppes, Doreena Herron Mink; June 29: Edna Beckham, Caysen Edmonds, Keith Wyatt, Debra Rice, Stacy Rice Woods, Elizabeth Kirk Luker; June 30: Jason Smith, Parker Heurion.

That's all for this week, Rita.

Operation Grow: cultivating strong farming practices for America's heroes



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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Military veterans are honored and revered across America for their sacrifices. Their endeavors to serve and keep the United States safe make Americans proud to honor them. In an effort to give back to individuals who have given so much, Operation Grow is a project to help train and support veterans in agriculture.

"We are all here to help people," said Mike Phillips, Alabama Cooperative Extension System director. "Operation Grow will be very beneficial to our veterans. It is an honor to collaboratively provide assistance to those who have served our country."

Commissioner of Agriculture, Rick Pate, said the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) has seen programs that have lasting impacts on veterans. Pate said ADAI was looking for an opportunity to expand their support for veterans.

"Extension came to us with this proposal with the framework already in place and we are a natural partnership," Pate said. "Operation Grow is a program that really aims to help veterans get started in agriculture and I am excited about it."

Operation Grow project, as part of the Alabama Beginning Farmer program in partnership with ADAI, provides special emphasis on the training needs of military veterans interested in specialty crop production.

Harli Willis, Operation Grow project coordinator since 2015, said the Alabama Beginning Farmer program — led by the Alabama Extension commercial horticulture team — has helped more than 400 small producers across Alabama.

"Now the team has developed Operation Grow for veteran farmers," Willis said. "Implications of this project on mental health and employment priorities in veteran communities is going to be outstanding over time."

The program's intentions are to systematically train and provide networks to veteran farmers while supporting and aiding them long-term. Operation Grow provides a three-step farm planning support system to military veterans interested in farming using hands-on, on-farm and digital media-based training. The program integrates technical, experiential and social learning for veteran-owned farms.

Program leaders will help veteran growers network with other support agencies and non-government organizations to extend the current knowledge base and assess future needs. The program offers sustainable support for veteran farmers with localized multi-agency collaboration to increase farming success.

Kathleen Saucier and Dave Flounders, owners of SSSVP Farms and Veterans Ventures, said their experiences have shown a need for support for veteran farmers. Support is needed in many areas, including small business plans, accessing resources, understanding and navigating the veteran-owned business arena and connecting with other Alabama veterans.

"We believe strongly the Operation Grow proposal fits our mission: Foster independence and model sustainable healthy living habits for veterans struggling with homelessness and joblessness," Saucier and Flounders said.

Operation Grow supports grassroots educational and networking efforts that are inclusive of all veterans and their families with universal access to information and resources.

"The Operation Grow pilot project started in Limestone County in 2015 and the relationship I developed with Alabama Extension provided a solid foundation for me to begin farming," said Gregg DeBoer of DeBoer Family Farm. "As a combat vet-

eran I can tell you that falling into farming has absolutely saved my life. It truly makes a difference."

Military veterans interested in establishing a training schedule in their county can contact a commercial horticulture regional Extension agent or county coordinator. Use the Farming Basics mobile app to locate your county-based contacts and connect to a variety of digital and social media resources. These include the Farming Basics online course; a crop, insect, disease and weed database; and social media tools.

Learn more about the Alabama Beginning Farmer Program by visiting www.AlabamaBeginningFarmer.com. Several personnel from non-governmental organizations (NGO), state agencies including NRCS and FSA and Extension educators form the local support network for new producers.

See Where to Start: A Basic Program Resource Guide for Beginning Farmers, www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farming/where-to-start-a-basic-program-resource-guide-for-beginning-farmers, for information about technical assistance providers for on-farm assistance with loans and certifications.

Dean's, President's Lists students named for UA Spring 2022

A total of 11,224 students enrolled during Spring Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load. Local students listed:

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Victoria Golebiowski; Taylor

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Greensboro: Mary Chandler;
Reese Culpepper; Matthew Howell

Moundville: Allison Averette;
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Rylee Channell; Graham Dreading;
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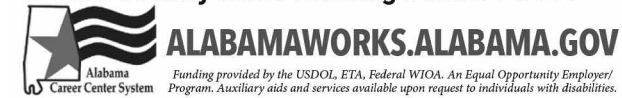
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From National Newspaper Association

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The rate increase is part of a new USPS business plan that also includes a weakening of service standards for mail that is moving across the country.

The proposed new rates must be reviewed by the Postal Regulatory Commission, but the PRC has already granted USPS the authority to eliminate an inflation-based price cap on rates. It gave USPS a new set of parameters that allows it to charge more for mail that remains in the postal system while digital technology provides new competition for delivery of messages and advertising.

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Brett Wesner, chair of National Newspaper Association and president of Wesner Publications, Cordell, Okla., said the rate announcement was grim news for community newspapers that have been fielding months of complaints that subscribers are not receiving their copies on time.

"Nothing about this scenario is good," Wesner said. "These increases will require many newspapers to increase subscription prices to cover this new cost and readers will think we have lost our minds to charge more when USPS cannot get the paper to so many on time. But times are tough in our world. We have to pay these bills."

"The increase in the stamp cost will be felt most in a rural economy. People in small towns across America send checks through the mail to pay their bills. The stamp goes up and delivery goes down. I fear that just as economic hopes have started to rise for people returning to work, faith in the Postal Service's ability to serve the nation will put a damper on commercial activity for many of us."

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Outdoor Alabama Weekly

Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries breaks new ground with night shoot at Cahaba River WMA



By David Rainer,
Ala. Dept. of Conservation
and Natural Resources

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) continues to provide citizens with groundbreaking opportunities to enjoy the outdoors in new, innovative ways.

The ADCNR's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division's (WFF) Law Enforcement Section recently held a Night Shoot at the Cahaba River Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Shooting Range.

From what Law Enforcement Chief Michael Weathers can determine, Alabama is leading the way in this event, which allowed those who signed up to bring their night vision and thermal optics to the range to shoot at night.

"Number one, we think it's very likely this is the first time a game and fish agency has ever hosted an event like this, where we open one of our state shooting ranges during what are normally closed hours and staff it," Weathers said. "We did this so members of the public who own rifles with night vision or thermal sights can shoot or zero their guns in a safe environment.

"We had good public turnout and a lot of enthusiasm. The guys who came out and shot were glad to have the opportunity, and several traveled a pretty good distance to get there. We had one gentleman drive up from Lee County. He brought a rifle with a thermal sight. We got him zeroed, and he was very complimentary of us for opening the range, providing that opportunity. It's hard to find a place to shoot, let alone a place to shoot at night."

The WFF staff opened the Cahaba River Range at 8 p.m. on a

Saturday night and brought in numerous WFF officers to oversee the range to ensure safety under the low-light conditions. Unlike the WFF Law Enforcement's Firearms 101 sessions, where new or inexperienced shooters are provided with .22-caliber firearms and taught how to handle a firearm safely and improve their shooting efficiency, the Night Shoot officers did not offer instruction.

"We brought in some of our firearms instructors, not to teach, but to run the range and ensure safety on the range," Weathers said. "We kept it open until 2 a.m. We had folks coming and going for most of the night."

Weathers said shooting at night also presents challenges because of the low-light conditions that make safety paramount.

"Shooting on a range at night is a lot different than in the daytime," he said. "If you're downrange changing targets or scoring targets, you can't see what anybody on the firing line is doing. And the firing line people can't see that there are people downrange."

"We wanted to make sure that the folks who came out wouldn't have any concerns or worries, that it was a safe environment. We used red lights. Any time the red lights were on, people had to step away from their firearms. If the red lights were on, that freed up people to go downrange and work on targets."

Steel targets were used for those with thermal imaging equipment, and range officers used propane torches to heat the steel to increase the thermal profile. "It works like a champ," Weathers said.

After the targets are ready, before the firing line goes hot, WFF

officials use their own night vision and thermal optics to ensure no one is downrange before the red lights are turned off and the firing resumes.

"We just walked around and helped where we could," Weathers said. "It was a great event. For us, it's better utilization of a state resource. Our state shooting ranges are a low-cost state resource for everybody."

Ryan Russell from Helena was one of those who made the inaugural Night Shoot, and he was able to shoot his .300 Blackout at the range.

"It was an interesting experience to shoot with a thermal scope," Russell said. "Several people were out there with night vision optics. I got to see the difference between thermal and night vision and what to expect. I was able to learn from other people how to effectively use night scopes, how they handle and things you need to be aware of. Thermal scopes are great as long as you have a warm target to shoot at. Shooting at paper is tough with thermal, but the night vision was pretty cool."

"For a first time, I thought it went well. Going to a range, you never know who you're going to interact with, but there were plenty of officers on-site to keep everybody safe. They had really good control of the range. I had both of my children out there with me. We felt safe at all times. I really enjoyed it, and we had a wide range of people out there. A couple of people there didn't shoot. They were there to watch and learn."

State Shooting Ranges are open to anyone who holds a hunting or fishing license or purchases a Wildlife Heritage license for \$11.70.

"With the explosion in night-



Top, left: The Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division recently held its first Night Shoot at the Cahaba River WMA Shooting Range. Top: William Malone uses thermal optics to control feral hogs on his property near Camden. Above: A look through Chief Weathers night vision optics reveals a warm barrel as the shooter continues to fire.

Photos by Clint Patterson, Michael Weathers, William Malone

time predator control hunting and the ownership of night vision and thermal equipment, we hope to do a lot more of these events to give folks the opportunity to come out in a safe environment to shoot their firearms with their night vision or thermal optics," Weathers said.

Landowners and leaseholders could previously apply for a depredation permit to shoot feral hogs and coyotes at night, but the process was somewhat restrictive.

The Alabama Legislature passed a law that allows Alabama residents to purchase a \$15 license (\$51 for non-residents) to hunt feral hogs and coyotes at night with night vision, thermal optics or lights attached to the firearms during a specific season. The 2022 season started on February 11 and runs through November 1.

"Last year, we got a dedicated

feral hog and coyote nighttime hunting season on private or leased land," Weathers said. "That's been a real success. A lot of folks are taking advantage of that. It makes it easier for those landowners to control predators. If you're a member of a hunting club and the landowner allows it, you can buy that license (www.outdooralabama.com) and participate in predator control hunting during the off season."

"Because of the popularity in nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting and the increase in people who own night vision and thermal optics, opening the range at night was a good way for us to work with the public. And when people buy night vision or thermal scopes and firearms, those tax dollars go into the Pittman-Robertson Fund that is distributed to the states for a variety of uses, including purchasing

shooting ranges and staffing them. This gives everybody an equal chance to better use the resources they're paying for."

Weathers said the Night Shoot was a great learning experience for the public as well as the WFF staff, and he expects to hold several similar events in the future.

"We know there's a demand for this, a need for it," he said. "We plan to host more of these events and move them around the state. By nature, they have to be staffed, and we can't do it everywhere all the time. But we intend to conduct as many of these events as possible."

Follow the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division Facebook page on future Night Shoots. Visit www.outdooralabama.com for information on State Shooting Ranges and the nighttime hunting license for feral hogs and coyotes.

USDA offering nationwide waiver for infant formula

Washington, D.C., June 6, 2022 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture is offering nationwide waivers to increase access to infant formula for families in need as states receive and distribute imported infant formula made available by the Biden-Harris Administration's Operation Fly Formula.

USDA is leveraging new authority from the recently passed Access to Baby Formula Act to offer this flexibility.

"USDA is committed to providing our WIC families with nutritious foods, and while we continue working with our many partners to bring the infant formula shortages to a speedy conclusion, we're also going to keep looking for ways to help families here and now," said Stacy Dean, USDA's deputy undersecretary for food, nutrition, and consumer services. "We're maximizing flexibility, encouraging action, and providing ongoing support so we can all overcome this obstacle to-

gether." The action builds on existing flexibilities to provide widest access to available infant formula for WIC families. Within days of the recall, USDA offered WIC state agencies waivers to maximize formula options for WIC participants and ensure they could exchange or return any recalled formula. To date, USDA has approved well over 250 state waiver requests.

In addition, Food and Nutrition Service recently encouraged state agencies to work with their infant formula manufacturers to identify and implement temporary flexibility in their contracts to allow WIC participants to purchase alternate sizes, forms, or brands of infant formula during the ongoing shortage. North Carolina and its formula manufacturer, Nestle Gerber, are the first to have put this into action by agreeing to a contract modification that expands access to formula for

WIC participants in the state.

"When formula supply began to tighten, we looked at all avenues to ensure safe and nutritious options for North Carolina babies and families," said North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kody H. Kinsley. "We immediately began working with our federal partners and with our contracted WIC manufacturer, Nestle Gerber, to give families in the WIC program the flexibility to choose different sizes, types and brands of formula during the shortage. We negotiated and implemented these changes as quickly as possible to relieve some of the stress that WIC-participating families felt."

Food and Nutrition Service is encouraged by the action taken by North Carolina. "We are grateful for the leadership and teamwork of North Carolina and Nestle Gerber to increase formula access for WIC families in their state," said Dean. The agency recently shared best

practices with WIC state agencies to help them establish contract flexibilities that will help WIC participants access the formula they need.

USDA continues to work closely with HHS and FDA and the administration to support WIC families through this challenging time and to bring to a swift end to the shortage. Recent USDA actions include:

Coordinating cross-government to rapidly transport safe specialty formulas into the country for babies with special medical needs through Operation Fly Formula. More shipments, including regular formula, are on the way in the coming days.

Calling on states to take advantage of all available WIC flexibilities that could help those they serve. Since May 13, when

USDA wrote to state health commissioners on this issue, more than 50 new waivers have been requested and approved, with all 50 states now offering at least one flexibility to help WIC families get the formula they need.

Engaging directly with WIC stakeholders including holding multiple listening sessions to better understand current needs and concerns. USDA's Food and Nutrition Service leverages its 15 nutrition assistance programs to ensure that children, low-income individuals, and families have opportunities for a better future through equitable access to safe, healthy, and nutritious food, while building a more resilient food system. Under the leadership of Secretary Tom Vilsack, FNS is fighting to end food and nutrition insecurity for

all through programs such as SNAP, school meals, and WIC. FNS also provides science-based nutrition recommendations through the co-development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. To learn more, visit www.fns.usda.gov and follow @USDANutrition.

Additional resources: Addressing the Infant Formula Shortage | The White House

Additional WIC Flexibilities - Imported Infant Formula under FDA's Infant Formula Enforcement Discretion | Food and Nutrition Service (usda.gov)

Follow-up Letter to State Health Commissioners | Food and Nutrition Service (usda.gov)

On November 7, 2021, Caleb Mitchell was involved in a near fatal car accident. He has had numerous surgeries and has been unable to work. In February, he lost his health insurance, and savings have run out. Caleb also has a two-year-old daughter he's supporting. There has been an account set up at the Bank of Moundville to help offset expenses. Please donate to the: Caleb Mitchell Medical Expense Fund C/O Ronnie Mitchell The Bank of Moundville

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