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Commission's review of landfill application ongoing

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

A week after receiving a written plan from Franklin Land Management, Inc., as part of its application to collect municipal solid waste, Franklin County Probate Judge Barry Moore, the Franklin County Commission and Franklin County Attorney Roger Bedford, Jr., have started their review of the proposal and are engaging in 'internal discussions' about the language and terms of the application.

Russellville attorney Bob Rogers, who represents Franklin Land

Management, Inc., owned by Neal and Diane Hargett presented his client's written plan to commissioners at their July 20, 2022, meeting.

This is the next step in a five-step application process in Franklin Land Management's efforts to modify its permit with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to include collection of municipal solid waste.

Once Franklin Land Management filed its permit application, Alabama law requires the applicant to conduct a 'public awareness session' begin within 45 days. That includes notice

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Seeing the world: Hester on tour with Red Hot Chili Peppers

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

Barcelona, Spain. Amsterdam, Netherlands. Budapest, Hungary. Florence, Italy. London, England.

Sounds like an itinerary for a dream European vacation.

For 2010 Belgreen High School graduate Colt Hester though, these destination cities were part of his job as lighting technician for the Red Hot Chili Peppers' Summer 2022 European tour.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers are widely considered the most successful alternative rock band of all time. With six Grammy awards and 16 nominations, the band played to

massive crowds during its *Unlimited Love* European 2022 Tour.

It's the band's first extended tour since 2017, and it's centered around promotion of *Unlimited Love*, their 12th studio album. The 13-city tour ended recently, and the band has started a 19-date North American tour that will run through September.

And Hester will be at each stop, working to make each concert a visual experience for fans.

The North American tour began July 23rd in Denver, which happens to be Hester's hometown. Midway through that show, the band announced a new double album, *Return of the Dream Canteen*, set for an October 14, 2022, release date.

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Giving back: Stephenson an inspiration for Russellville's homeless

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

When the Russellville Coalition for the Homeless held its fund raiser this summer, called the First Annual July Fourth Giveaway, Betsy Green knew the monies raised would be a blessing in the lives of those the Coalition helps.

The Coalition, an outreach of Doug and Betsy Green's Free to Praise ministry, sold chances on a \$1,400 prize package that included donations from Green's Dependable Hardware, Legacy Chevron (Jim Sibley) and Pilgrim's Place BBQ (Rickey and Melinda Smith).

The Coalition is an effort of the local community, from churches to businesses to local governments, coming together to provide tools for Russellville's homeless community to improve their life situations.

Green estimates Russellville's homeless population to range from 30-50 individuals at any given time.

What Green didn't realize, though, was that their winner would be someone who's experienced homelessness, addiction, assault and self-doubts about whether she could ever turn her life around. Sometimes, it's worth saying, God works in strange and unexpected ways.

When Jennifer Stephenson learned her name was drawn June 25 as the winner, it was an emotional moment for both her and Green, who came to Stephenson's Bargain Hunt Thrift Store on Highway 48 to tell her the good news.

It's been less than three years since Stephenson was homeless in Louisiana, after another failed attempt at rehabilitation. Finally, though, Stephenson turned her life around when she moved to Russellville, thanks in large part to her lifelong friend Lisa South and Lisa's husband Rodney, along with Byron and Deb Fretwell.

The Souths provided Stephenson a place to live, and Stephenson started having small sales in her front yard. She's done resale for years and recalls that her father taught her how to do flea markets to earn a little extra income.

Once Stephenson got back on her feet, she met Doug Green at Dependable one day and asked if he knew of an organization she could help with donations for the homeless. Green told Stephenson she needed to talk with his wife Betsy, and a friendship began. Actually, more than just a friendship, as Stephenson explained.

"I wanted to do something to help locally in Russellville. When he brought Miss Betsy up and introduced us, I told her a little about my story and how I wanted to give back and God had put it on my heart to do so," Stephenson said. "Betsy is my spiritual and business mentor. She's become family to me. When they started selling the raffle tickets, I wanted to help and told Betsy I would sell some. I plan to become more involved in the Homeless Coalition and wherever she can use me, I will be there."

Stephenson moved to Russellville in 2020. Prior to that, she went into rehab in both Georgia and Louisiana. It didn't take long for her to relapse, and Stephenson found herself homeless in Louisiana. After she became the victim of an assault, Stephenson went to Florence, unsure of where she would live and how she would support herself.

Then her 'best friend' of 39 years, Lisa, invited Stephenson to come to Russellville and said she would help Stephenson get back on her feet. The two met at Tharptown School in the fourth grade. Decades later, Stephenson returned to the Tharptown area with the support base she needed to change her life.

The obstacles to overcome were substantial. 15 years of drug addiction. Both of Stephenson's parents died in June 2007. That's when she turned to drugs. The inevitable patterns then developed. Six years clean, relapse. Two years clean, relapse.

In 2020, though, Stephenson was finally ready to change her life. "Two and a half years ago, I got down on my knees and asked God to take it all from me, and He did," Stephenson said. "He took the desire for drugs away and gave me a whole new outlook on life. I've been clean and sober for two and



COURTESY PHOTO
Jennifer Stephenson, left, with Doug and Betsy Green, owners of Green's Dependable Hardware. Stephenson was the winner of a fund raiser to support the Russellville Homeless Coalition.

Gail's Way: A twist to completing forms

I was told the other day about a girl giving her baby two middle names. That is a headache in the making. Later in life, she will be filling out forms that require a first, middle and last name. It's all I can do to put my info in the limited space allowed. Two middle names will be close to impossible.

I have another challenge with forms. When I have a choice of single, married, divorced and widowed; I am three of the above. As a result, I just mark all three. Well, not always!

I was divorced in 1993. I have been single since 1993. My ex and I never remarried. When he died, the Social Security office informed me that I had become a widow. It's just a conflict within my mind that I am a widow without living with the man who made me a widow. It's easier to select an "S" for single.

I wondered about the correct selection or could it just be a preference selection and finally asked. I was told it should be the last one that applied. I do my best to circle that "W" or mark or whatever the choice is, but there are times I just can't do it. Some days I answer as precise as I can. Other days, I like to answer "Gail's Way!" that is: say what I think, and do what I want.

At this time, I will let you know, most of you might prefer to stop reading my article at this point. I have two more questions that I will answer "Gail's Way" and it's not for the faint of heart nor the serious-minded people. It's just how my "warped-sense-of-humor" works. You have been warned!

The simple question – sex. I omit the selections of "M" or "F". It's not because I'm unsure. It just makes all these obvious answers less boring to me. I just write not lately or no. The thing is these forms are rarely looked through, other than checking if all questions are answered anyway.

My final answer is disliked by some who know me. I'm not always a fan favorite, but I have learned over the years, that a sense of humor; even a warped sense of humor has helped me cope under the harshest of tragedies and health problems. You have your ways and I have mine.



Gail Motes

The final question on a form is how many children? I occasionally have written 2 ½. It's simple to answer when the choices are how many pregnancies and how many children. I have had three pregnancies. I have two children. I carried one child 12 weeks. Therefore, I can say 2 ½ children. Well, truthfully, it's not exactly half until 4 ½ months, but you know what I mean. Is it funny? No. Could I cry all the time and say, "that was possibly my girl?" I don't see a reason for that, God gave me two sons and I'm thankfully blessed, I appreciate what I have. I don't dwell on what I wanted.

Do you know why? Because God always gives me what I need. God also gave me my sense of humor.

I also consider myself a very blessed person. My family and friends love me. They might want to forget they know me in a crowd of people sometimes. They don't always like the things I say, but they never judge and most of the time they are amused. In closing, I hope you have a good week.

And as always,

Until later.



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Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fil-A-Chicken Sandwich (Spicy or Regular)	South of the Border Salad	Stuffed Baked Potato	Wild Mike's Pizza	Chicken Nuggets
Waffle Fries	Lettuce, Tomato	BBQ Pork or Chicken	Tossed Salad	Or Salisbury Steak
Lettuce, Tomato	Shredded Cheese	Shredded Cheese	Dressing of Choice	Green Peas
Fruit	W. K. Corn	Green Beans	Fresh Baked	Cream Potatoes
Milk/juice/Water	Black Beans	Fruit	Cookie	Fruit
	Fruit	Milk/juice/Water	Fruit	Milk/juice/Water
	Milk/juice/Water			
Rodeo Burger (or Fish Sandwich)	Corndogs	Crispitos	Wild Mike's Pizza	Spaghetti or Alfredo
Sidewinder Fries	Baked Beans	Dippin' Cheese	Tossed Salad	Garlic Bread
Lettuce, Pickles, Tomato	Crinkle Cut Fries	Salsa	Dressing of Choice	Tossed Salad
Cheese Slice	Fruit	Tortilla Chips	Fresh Baked	Dressing
Fruit	Milk/juice/Water	Tossed Salad	Cookie	Fruit
Milk/juice/Water		Dressing	Fruit	Milk/juice/Water
		Fruit	Milk/juice/Water	
		Milk/juice/Water		
Grilled Hot Dog	Sub-Your-Way	Hot Wings	Wild Mike's Pizza	Chicken Nachos
Potato Wedges	Philly Steak & Cheese	or	Tossed Salad	Dippin' Cheese
Pickle Relish	Peppers & Onions	Sticks N' Stones	Dressing of Choice	(or Shredded Cheese)
Baked Beans	Lettuce & Tomato	Cheesy Broccoli	Fresh Baked	Salsa
Sauerkraut	Baked Chips	Fruit	Cookie	Lettuce & Tomato
Fruit	Fruit	Milk/juice/Water	Fruit	Sour Cream
Milk/juice/Water	Milk/juice/Water		Milk/juice/Water	Fruit
				Milk/juice/Water
Chicken n' Waffles	Breakfast for Lunch	Hamburger Steak	Wild Mike's Pizza	Chicken Poppers
Tater Tots	Sausage	Half Baked Potato	Tossed Salad	SideWinder Fries
Veggie Bag n' Ranch	Eggs	Lima Beans	Dressing of Choice	Pickles
Fruit	Biscuit	Fruit	Fresh Baked	Carrots & Ranch
Milk/juice/Water	Hash Browns	Milk/juice/Water	Cookie	Fruit
	Fruit		Fruit	Milk/juice/Water
	Milk/juice/Water		Milk/juice/Water	

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Grape / Chocolate	Grilled Cheese	Mini French	<u>Breakfast Meal Pack</u>	Sausage
Crescent Roll	Fruit	Toast	French Toast Gold	Biscuit
Fruit	Juice	Fruit	Fish Crackers	Milk
Milk	Milk	Milk	Yogurt	Fruit
Juice		Juice	Fruit	Juice
			Juice	
			Milk	
Cereal, Muffin or Strawberry Bagel	Sunrise Stick	Pancake	<u>Breakfast Meal Pack</u>	Biscuit
Fruit	Fruit	Sausage-on-a-Stick	Pop Tart	w/Meat of Choice
Juice	Juice	Fruit	Cereal	Fruit
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Juice
		Juice	Fruit	Milk
Breakfast Rounds	Breakfast Pizza	Mini Maple Pancakes	<u>Breakfast Meal Pack</u>	Sausage
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Muffins	Biscuit
Juice	Juice	Milk	Apple Crisps	Milk
Milk	Milk	Juice	Milk	Juice
				Fruit
Cereal	Cinni-Minis	Breakfast Hot Pocket	<u>Breakfast Meal Pack</u>	Biscuit
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Gold Fish Honey	w/Meat of Choice
Juice	Juice	Juice	Grahams	Fruit
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A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Rev. John Clinton Busler will be held Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 11 a.m., at Russellville First United Methodist Church, 311 North Jackson Avenue. There will be a time of visitation and light refreshments served from 9-11 a.m., in the Church Ministry Center, followed by the Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Rev. Oliver was born September 8, 1934 and died September 8, 2021.

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Mugno: Say 'no' to landfill expansion

Franklin County's pristine natural resources are under serious permanent threat by an extensive expansion of Mr. Neal Hargett's Franklin County Land Management Landfill. It's located south of Belgreen High School, east of Little Bear Creek Lake, centered near beautiful creeks, fields, farms, woodlands and above a huge aquifer and water table.

What Neal Hargett and Bob Rogers didn't tell the County Commission two weeks ago were the negatives about this landfill expansion 'buried' in the plan. They include:

- expanding the landfill from 45 acres to 467 acres;
- increasing waste volume from the current 250 tons a day to 1000 tons a day;
- allowing waste from all of Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and maybe more states;
- expanding the types of waste FROM the current non-organic, non-hazardous, construction and demolition waste TO municipal solid waste, common household garbage, industrial wastes, construction and demolition debris, AND ALL OTHER WASTES AUTHORIZED BY ADEM (the state, not our Commission!) for disposal in a municipal solid waste landfill.

Every landfill leaks! Look at landfill trade publications. Their industry acknowledges it. There is no 'state of the art.' Google Alabama and other landfills. It's a forever mess!

fees or special agreements can possibly pay for the damage to include: awful odors near the Landfill, Belgreen and its school; the increased traffic on the roads past our homes, schools and farms; and our environment, safety, health and quality of life. Don't be fooled by the unverified and uncalculable "savings" in their presentations or paid ads. This is just money to them. Know Neal Hargett and his partners will profit enormously if this is approved. They have said so. But this is at the cost of our lives, homes, quality of life and our future! Ask why our future is for sale!

Let's not be the garbage dump for the country! Don't let Neal Hargett's Landfill do it!

CALL, WRITE AND VISIT the Franklin County Commissioners and Probate Judge NOW, repeatedly. Tell them NOT to approve this Landfill expansion. The Commission can end this expansion now! But if they approve it, they lose all power, authority and negotiating leverage to the state and others. After that, we're everybody's dump.

Spread the word. Tell all your neighbors to get involved. Join the Facebook Group Page "SAVE FRANKLIN COUNTY ALABAMA, Stop Hargett's Landfill Expansion" and stay informed. Watch for the mandatory public hearing in late August or September.

The Commission has worked 2+ years on this. We have less than 90 days to stop it. Why is that? Be very concerned Franklin County, very concerned. Get involved now!

No tax revenue, landfill Scott Mugno, Lick Creek Cove Resident, Franklin County

Joyce: Landfill benefits include lower costs for county, along with stricter environmental regulations

On behalf of my client, Franklin County Land Management, Inc. (FCLM), I submit the following facts concerning the proposed expansion of the FCLM landfill. FCLM has proposed to apply for a permit modification to their Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Solid Waste Disposal Facility Permit, No. 30-04.

The primary permit modifications will include:

- Construction and operation of a Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.
- Disposal of municipal solid wastes and other wastes authorized by ADEM Division 13 regulations.
- Expansion of the landfill's service area to include Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee.
- Increase the daily disposal rate from 250 tons to a maximum of 1,000 tons.

The proposed expansion will be located at the existing landfill, which is approximately 2 miles southeast from Belgreen and approximately 7 miles southwest from Russellville.

The landfill is approximately 4 miles from the Cedar Creek Reservoir.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

ADEM will permit the proposed expansion, following their regulations for the protection of the land, surface water, ground water and air quality.

Specifically, ADEM will require FCLM to perform extensive site investigations, engineering evaluations and designs, and construction quality control to be issued a permit, by ADEM, to operate as a municipal solid waste landfill.

ADEM will require the landfill will be operated by certified operators.

ADEM will require the landfill to have continuous environmental monitoring and be regularly inspected by ADEM personnel throughout the life of its operations.

When the landfill reaches its maximum volume, ADEM will require the construction an engineered closure system and perform environmental monitoring for an additional 30 years.

ADEM will require the landfill to have the following environmental protection features:

- Permitted engineering designs approved by ADEM.
- A liner and liquids (leachate) collection system.
- A groundwater monitoring system surrounding the landfill.
- Treatment of liquids from the landfill will be at an off-site wastewater treatment plant.
- Treatment of all stormwater flowing from the landfill.
- Treatment of any landfill gas from the landfill.
- Treatment of any odors from the landfill.
- Inspection of all incoming waste materials before disposal.
- Review by ADEM of all monitoring and compliance records.

BENEFITS TO FRANKLIN COUNTY

- Become a partner with a strategically located landfill, owned by a local business, and not be dependent on an out of county contractor for disposal services.
- Attraction of new industries to Franklin County by having a modern state-of-the-art landfill with a long-term partnership between the County and a local business.
- Annual savings and added revenue of over \$600,000+.
- Annual savings and added revenue can be used to pay for the County's landfill closure, post closure care and any environmental corrective action. (These expenses are currently projected at \$1,750,000 for closure and \$700,000 for 30 years of post closure care.)
- Retain control of the county's waste stream (revenue stream) by staying in the waste collection business.
- Close the county landfill and avoid any future liability related to ADEM laws or regulations.
- County citizens will be allowed to continue to use the existing transfer station.

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through printed and broadcast media in advance and the applicant must respond to any written comments or questions presented to FLM.

Within 45 days from the public awareness session, the Franklin County Commission must hold at least one public hearing, with advance notice given at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Commissioners will ultimately have to vote whether to approve or reject Franklin Land Management's application.

This week's *Franklin Free Press* includes the Franklin County Commission's notice regarding Franklin Land Management's proposed modification and the applicable Alabama law. There is also information about how the public may submit written questions to the Franklin County Commission related to the application.

This notice is neither an endorsement or an opposition by the Franklin County Commission of Franklin Land Management's application. It's simply the next step in the process.

In February, commissioners voted to enter into a non-binding agreement with FLM that was the first step of the application process. That agreement does not obligate the county in any way.

If FLM's application is approved, it would modify the facility from an industrial landfill to a municipal solid waste landfill. Franklin Land Management's service area would expand to include Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi, and increase the daily disposal rate at the facility from 250 tons to a maximum of 1,000 tons.

Hargett's landfill is located on Welch Cemetery Road south of Alabama 24 West.

Hargett is working with LaBella, Inc., a corporation that assists public and private solid waste clients through the complicated web of environmental laws and regulations to remain compliant with local, state and federal law.

After the *FFP* received two letters to the editor from citizens opposing Franklin Land Management's application, LaBella Principal Leonard Joyce wrote a response that detailed the environmental protections the project would include, and a list of benefits Franklin County would receive if the application is approved. Those benefits, according to LaBella, include: attraction of new industries to Franklin County, annual savings and added revenue to Franklin County of more than \$600,000, which could be used to pay to close the county's landfill and to pay post closure care and environmental corrective action, retaining control of the county's waste stream and continued use of the existing transfer station.

Environmental protection safeguards for the new municipal solid waste landfill would include: engineering designs approved by ADEM, a liner and

liquids (leachate) collection system. *Leachate is water that has percolated through a landfill and extracts and deposits potentially environmentally harmful substances in the process.* Other safeguards, as stated by LaBella, would include an offsite wastewater treatment plant for treatment of liquids from the landfill, treatment of all stormwater flowing from the landfill, treatment of any landfill gas and/or any odors from the landfill and inspection of all incoming waste materials before disposal.

Essentially, the argument in favor of approving Franklin Land Management's application is that it will save Franklin County costs of paying for hauling solid waste to Hillsboro, Al, and there will be ADEM approved safeguards to make sure the household waste is accepted and deposited safely into the landfill.

There is another side to the application, though, and several residents have outlined their concerns in letters to the *FFP*.

Scott Mugno, who lives in Lick Creek Cove, a subdivision adjacent to Cedar Creek Reservoir, believes there are a number of 'hidden truths' that Hargett, Rogers and LaBella aren't telling Franklin County residents.

"What Neal Hargett and Bob Rogers didn't tell the County Commission two weeks ago were the negatives about this landfill expansion 'buried' in the plan. They include: expanding the landfill from 45 acres to 467 acres; increasing waste volume from the current 250 tons a day to 1,000 tons a day; allowing waste from all of Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and maybe more states; expanding the types of waste from the current non-organic, non-hazardous, construction and demolition waste to municipal solid waste, common household garbage, industrial wastes, construction and demolition debris and all other wastes authorized by ADEM," Mugno said in a letter to the *FFP*.

Mugno expressed concern that the Franklin County Commission "has worked two-plus years on this. We have less than 90 days to stop it. Why is that?"

Essentially, early opposition to the expansion is based on the assertion that no amount of revenue can make up for environmental damage and odors and that Franklin County should not be the 'garbage dump' for the country, as Mugno said.

Arguments for and against the application will continue. You can find out more for yourself by visiting the Franklin County Commission Office in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex to obtain a copy of the solid waste management plan. You can also contact Franklin County Administrator Leah Mansell at 256-332-8850 to request a copy.

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a half years now. I tell Lisa all the time how eternally grateful I am. I wouldn't be here today if she hadn't believed in me and opened her home and heart to me," she added.

Stephenson not only had to overcome her internal demons. She also had to prove to other people her life changes were genuine. And that takes time, not words.

"Over the last 15 years, I've wondered many times if I'd ever get my life back on track again. Would I ever be able to pull out of the stigma that 'she's nothing but a drug addict, and she'll never be anything but a drug addict?'" Stephenson said.

Though every day is its own struggle, so far so good for Stephenson. "Jennifer has a passion to give back to those still in homelessness and addiction, and has many times since I've known her given out of her need to help them," Green said.

Stephenson said she's finally acting like the mother and grandmother her sons and their children deserve.

"After 15 years, I've finally got it, but I'm still 'learning' how to be the mom they need and want. My boys Keith and Timothy are my life," Stephenson said.

Stephenson is running Bargain Hunt Thrift Store, where she sells collectibles, vintage clothing, name brand clothing, antiques, cookware, dishes and a whole lot more. The store is open Tuesday-Saturday from 9-5, and located at 1176 Highway 48.

Stephenson hopes to open a second store and operate it as a non-profit that benefits the Russellville Coalition for the Homeless. And she'll always continue to work toward reducing homelessness in her hometown. Unfortunately, for many residents, they don't see the signs of homelessness in their own community, but it's here in a bigger way than most would imagine.

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Next year, the Red Hot Chili Peppers will tour Australia, New Zealand and South America, and Hester hopes to be part of those legs as well. Not bad for a young man raised in Franklin County who dreamed of touring the world with bands.

"I knew that's what I wanted to do, but didn't know necessarily how to do that when I was a kid," Hester said. "I didn't have any knowledge of production and how much hard work it involves. There are a lot of challenges in this job but I always try to remain grateful and thankful for the experience I'm getting and the things I'm able to do.

"Sometimes, I just take a breath and remember how lucky I am to physically be able to do this and for meeting the right people who saw something in me and helped me push forward in this career," he added.

The son of Richie Hester and Kyme Smith, Hester attended the University of North Alabama where he graduated with a degree in Entertainment Technology, and minors in Digital Media Production and Philosophy.

Not knowing the direction his career would take, Hester worked for a security company in 2016, where he got his first taste of what goes on at major concerts and shows. He was hired as a stage hand by Crew One in Nashville, followed by a job with Axis Sound and Lighting in Muscle Shoals, owned by Jonathan Edwards. Edwards, with years of touring experience of his own, helped Hester get his first touring job. Hester's previous tour experience as lighting technician includes Tycho's Weather tour and Godsmack's Arena Tour in 2019. Ben Bearden, a classmate of Hester's at UNA, helped Hester get the lighting technician job for the Chili Peppers' tour.

Music tours in 2022 feature so much more than just a singer with a microphone on stage. They are visual experiences, as Hester describes them.

"Everyone comes to hear the music, but there's so much more that goes into production these days," Hester said. "For huge acts (like the Red Hot Chili Peppers) they expect video and lighting to definitely be part of the experience."

Hester's resume also includes extensive experience as lighting and video technician for festivals and shows at Red Rocks Amphitheater, a stunningly beautiful outdoor arena outside of Denver naturally formed in the Rocky Mountains. When Hester relocated to Denver in 2019, he was motivated by the experience of moving across the country and being out on his own. With no job or fixed plans, it was a risk. But Hester is a risk taker who likes challenging himself.

"I've done dozens of shows at Red Rocks. The company I work for (Brown Note Productions, Inc.) is more or less the house production company there. We do more than 100 Red Rocks shows a year," Hester said. "It's a gorgeous place with a great view. Everybody loves going there. People travel across the country and world to see it."

If he wasn't busy enough, Hester is also part of his own band, Stone Riot, although he and another band member are out on tour with other groups this year.

"We took a bit of a hiatus this summer. Our lead vocalist also tours with bands as merch manager, so she had a bunch of upcoming tour dates," Hester said. "I'm looking forward to this fall and having some time off before 2023. We'll try to focus on our music during that time."

Although Hester loves what he's doing, his long-term plan is to start his own business where he serves as a contractor for other tours. He also wants to increase his focus on doing art installations at music festivals.

"Temporary art installations, like temporary art galleries, are just another side of production," Hester said. "I want to get into the designing of art pieces, and lighting for those pieces."

Hester helped create a temporary piece at an art festival in Denver. It included a stack of older televisions with footage of a colorful aquarium of fish playing in loops on the TVs.

"I'm a creative person so what I do now is very technical and very laborious, so I want to grow more as a creative person and artist," he said.

With his chaotic schedule, Hester doesn't come home to Franklin County as much as he'd like, but he dreamed of exploring the world and that's exactly what he's doing, while getting paid in the process.

"I've definitely grown to miss Franklin County. I miss my family a lot and that's one of the many challenges of a job where you travel all the time," Hester said. "All of my family is very supportive of me and as time goes on, I've grown to miss them more and more."

He'll always have a special place in his heart for the Shoals as well.

"It all started there for me. I worked in Nashville for some labor companies, but didn't really get anywhere. The reason I'm where I'm at is because of people in the Shoals (including Edwards and Bearden). I won't say I didn't work hard, and I have my own skills, but you always need someone to give you an opportunity. And I'll always be thankful for that," Hester said.



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Hester setting up lighting ahead of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' Paris concert last month.



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Pace etched into AHSAA record book with three consecutive HRs last season

Michael Rice
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Canyon Pace wasn't always a power hitter for the Russellville Golden Tigers. Pace has always been the guy to get always get a hit in a clutch moment, but after his sophomore year, Pace hit the weight room and started running and lifting weights more.

The results were dramatic as Pace started hitting home runs at a pace no one would have expected.

"It became easier and easier and balls started flying off the bat harder. Before I knew it I was hitting home runs often," Pace said.

Pace's power hitting also landed him a spot in the Alabama High School Athletic Association's record book for most consecutive at-bats with a home run. Pace tied two other players with three straight at-bats landing over the fence. The AHSAA record is four, held by four players, and Pace is among the group with three in a row.

The homers came last season when he blasted two in his final at-bats against Haleyville, and his first plate appearance against Loretto in his next game.

Pace said he wasn't trying to hit one out against

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'Dream job' for new RHS baseball coach

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

It didn't take long for Russellville City Schools officials to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Russellville High School varsity baseball coach Chris Heaps.

And that's just the way RCS Superintendent of Education Heath Grimes wanted it to be.

Nine days after Heaps resigned to accept a job at Briarwood Christian School near Birmingham, Jess Smith was introduced as the next Golden Tigers varsity baseball coach Wednesday afternoon.

Smith comes to Russellville after three years as varsity baseball coach at Scottsboro High School. Smith worked as Heaps' student teacher while Smith attended the University of North Alabama, and he was employed by Russellville City Schools as a history teacher and assistant baseball coach from 2017-2019.

The job was posted statewide for seven days, and more than 20 applicants sent in resumes. Six interviews were conducted before the job was offered to Smith this week. Grimes said the rapid hiring process was by design.

"We didn't have to delineate Russellville High School's baseball program as an attractive job," Grimes said. "We have the facilities, we have the talent and we've had the success with this program. If a person wants to be a part of that and be our head coach at Russellville High School, he or she should be quick to apply. We put the job out statewide and we know it was well-advertised."

Among the six candidates interviewed were RHS assistant baseball coaches Cory Flanagan and Jay Stanley, although Stanley withdrew his name from consideration, Grimes said. Grimes stressed that he hopes both men will remain part of the baseball coaching staff at Russellville.

"We had some very impressive candidates and we are very thankful to those two guys who have worked so hard over the years for this program," Grimes said. "They definitely helped Coach Heaps build the successful program we have and we hope they continue as part of our program."

Grimes said it was important to the two in-system candidates, as well as the school's student athletes, to complete the hiring process expeditiously.

"It wouldn't be fair to our internal candidates or our student athletes to wait an extended time for us to hire a coach, especially with school starting August 2," Grimes said.

Smith will teach history at RHS in addition to his coaching duties.

Smith is a Fort Payne native. He graduated from Fort Payne High School in 2012. After high school, he attended Central Alabama Community College where he earned an Associate's Degree, and was part of the school's baseball team.

Smith was part of Alabama's first Junior College National Championship Team in 2013.

He transferred to the University of North

Alabama, where he earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Secondary Education, with a focus on Social Sciences. He also played on the UNA baseball team.

Smith's three years previously at Russellville saw him teach United States Studies, Pre-AP 8th grade World History and United States History I and II.

He accepted the varsity baseball coaching position at Scottsboro in 2019.

Heaps, who attended Wednesday's meeting which also saw his resignation officially accepted by the board, said he was impressed five years ago with Smith's skills as a coach, and his character as a man.

"Every conversation I had with this young man since he was my intern ended with him saying 'I love you coach,'" Heaps said. "You're in good hands with him. You're in good hands."

Smith posted a 42-36 record at Scottsboro and led his team to the 6A Area 15 Championship in 2022, the school's first playoff appearance at the 6A level.

Smith said he dreamed of leading the Golden Tiger baseball program dating back to when he



L to R, Greg Trapp, Heath Grimes, Chris Heaps, Jess Smith, Darren Woodruff

was a student intern.

"This is absolutely a dream job for me to be stepping into the head coaching position in a program as great as Russellville's is," Smith said. "Being an assistant at Russellville was my first coaching job out of college, and it was an incredible experience. I was able to learn under Coach Heaps, and it not only made me a better coach, it made me a better man. I am honored to follow in his footsteps and continue what he started here at Russellville."

Grimes believes strongly in Smith, and his statements after the meeting reflect that belief.

"It's our belief that Coach Smith is going to be one of Alabama's next great baseball coaches, and we want him to be leading our program as he does that," Grimes said. "He has coached with our coaches, he's coached under Coach Heaps, he has three years of successful 6A head coaching experience, and he's coached many of the guys on the team when they were younger."

"He loves Russellville and wants to be here. He

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July 28, 2022

RE: Franklin County Land Management Facility Expansion

To Whom It May Concern,

Under Section 22-27-48.1 of the Code of Alabama, solid waste management facilities that are seeking to make modifications to their ADEM Solid Waste Disposal Facility (SWDF) Permit, are required to obtain local host government approval. Franklin County Land Management, Inc. (Facility), is proposing to apply for a major permit modifications to their ADEM SWDF Permit No. 30-04. This permit modification will allow for the landfill to expand from an industrial landfill to a municipal solid waste landfill. A copy of this code section explaining the process has been enclosed for your information.

If you would like to review copies of the local solid waste management plan and application, you may contact Franklin County Administrator Leah Mansell at (256)332-8850 or visit the Franklin County Commission Office at 405 Jackson Avenue North, Russellville, AL 35653. You may submit written concerns to the Franklin County Commission to P.O. Box 1028, Russellville, AL 35653.

Sincerely,

Franklin County Commission

application, the local governing body, at the expense of the applicant, shall provide the following notice that an application for local approval of a new solid waste management facility has been received:

- a. Notice to each owner whose property is adjacent to a proposed site, sent by certified mail.
- b. Notice to the general public provided by all of the following means:
 - 1. Publishing a notice in a newspaper having general circulation, if one exists, within the affected community one day per week for a two-week period.
 - 2. Broadcasting public service announcements submitted to a radio station that has general broadcast coverage within the affected community.
 - 3. Displaying a notice on the local governing body's website, if available.

(2) Any printed notice by letter, newspaper, or electronically on a website, shall contain at a minimum the following:

- a. A description of the application and approval process as provided in this chapter.
- b. A description of the criteria the governing body will consider, as provided in subsection (c) of Section 22-27-48, in determining whether to approve or disapprove the site.
- c. A contact person from whom interested persons can obtain additional information and can review copies of both the local solid waste management plan and the application.
- d. A description of the location where interested persons can obtain or can review copies of both the local solid waste management plan and the application, and the time frame for public hearings and involvement.
- e. A description of how the public may submit written comments to the governing body.

(f)(1) Not more than 45 days after the local governing body formally receives an application, the applicant shall conduct a public awareness session in the county or municipality in which the proposed facility is to be located, during which the applicant shall provide general information on the design and operation of the proposed facility and address questions and concerns voiced by members of the affected community. The time, date, and location of the public awareness session must be approved by the local governing body. The applicant, at its own expense, shall provide notice of the public awareness session by both printed and broadcast media beginning at least 30 days prior to the session. Printed notification shall include publication in at least one newspaper having general circulation within the affected community one day per week for a two-week period. Broadcast notification shall include public service announcements on a radio station that has general broadcast coverage within the affected community. At least one representative of the local governing body shall attend each public awareness session. If any written comment or question germane to the proposed application is submitted to the applicant at the public awareness session, the applicant shall respond if practicable, in writing within 14 days to the member of the public with a copy provided to the local governing body.

Section 22-27-48.1 Approval process by local governing body for siting of new solid waste management facility.

(a) This section applies to the siting of any new solid waste management facility, as defined in Section 22-27-2.

(b) The governing body of a county or municipality shall make a discretionary decision to approve or disapprove the siting of a new solid waste management facility in accordance with this section.

(c) Any person or entity seeking approval from the governing body of a county or municipality for the siting of a new solid waste management facility shall also submit to the governing body as part of its application, the application fee required under subsection (d) of Section 22-27-48 and all of the following information:

- (1) A written document addressing each of the criteria described in subsection (c) of Section 22-27-48.
- (2) The applicant's experience of owning or operating other solid waste facilities.
- (3) Information relating to the applicant's financial resources, including, but not limited to, any investors or corporate affiliates of the applicant.
- (4) Any pending and past civil or criminal actions taken by a governmental entity against the applicant or its owners or operators, investors, or affiliates.
- (5) Any other information the applicant deems relevant or that may assist the governing body in making a decision whether to approve or disapprove the application.

(d) After an applicant has submitted a complete application, including the items required in subsection (c), to the governing body of a county or municipality in which the proposed facility is to be located, the local governing body shall formally receive the application at its next regularly scheduled meeting. At this time, the public comment period begins.

(e)(1) Not more than 10 days after the formal receipt of an

requirements of subdivision (1). A public awareness session is independent of and separate from a public hearing.

(g) Not more than 45 days after the date of the public awareness session, the local governing body shall hold at least one public hearing. Notice of the time and place of any public hearing shall be given by publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the affected community at least 30 days, but not more than 45 days, prior to the proposed date of the hearing. Content of the notice shall be consistent with the notice requirements in subsection (e). All pertinent documents shall be available for inspection during normal business hours at a location readily accessible to the public. The public may submit written comments to the local governing body at any time up to the conclusion of the last public hearing.

(h) The local governing body shall have 30 days after the public hearing to complete its review of the local solid waste management plan and, giving consideration to the criteria provided in subsection (c) of Section 22-27-48, to public input, and to other information gathered from the applicant pursuant to subsection (c), shall make a decision to approve or disapprove the siting of a new solid waste management facility. If disapproved by the governing body, the applicant may submit a new application under subsection (c).

(i) After the local governing body has granted approval of the application, the applicant shall petition the appropriate circuit court pursuant to Rule 57 of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure for a determination of each of the following:

- (1) Whether the local governing body complied with the public comment requirements and time frames required under this section.
- (2) Whether the local governing body's approval of the application is consistent with the local solid waste management plan in place pursuant to Section 22-27-47.
- (3) Whether the local governing body considered the criteria provided in subsection (c) of Section 22-27-48 as presented to the body by the applicant in its application pursuant to subdivision (c)(1).

(j) The applicant shall bear all court costs, and his or her own legal expenses, relating to the filing of the petition under subsection (i).

(k) Unless the court with which a petition is filed needs additional information from the local governing body, the court shall issue a ruling not more than 60 days after the initial petition is filed; provided, however, the court may extend this date not more than 30 additional days if the court seeks additional information from the governing body.

(l) If the circuit court issues a declaratory judgment determining that the local governing body met the criteria set out in subsection (i), the applicant may seek approval by other regulatory authorities as required by law. If the circuit court issues a declaratory judgment determining that the criteria set out in subsection (i) has not been met, the matter shall be remanded to the local governing body for further consideration consistent with the requirements of this section. The local governing body or applicant shall be afforded the opportunity to mitigate any discrepancies the court finds, provided the period during which the governing body or applicant must respond may not extend more than 90 days.

(m) This section shall not apply to industrial facilities receiving wastes generated on site only or by the permittee.

(Act 2017-366, §2.)

has a strong belief that he and his team can and will continue the success RHS has enjoyed,” Grimes added.

Smith has a quiet confidence, something he picked up from working with Heaps.

“One of the things Coach Heaps taught me is if you don't believe in yourself, how can you expect anyone else to believe in you?,” Smith said as he addressed the board. “Russellville baseball will only go up from here. I'm humbled and honored to be here and I thank you very much.”

And that confidence shined through during Smith's interview, as Grimes explained.

“We asked him what if you don't succeed here at Russellville?,” Grimes said. “As humble as he is, Coach Smith responded by saying 'why ask me if I'm not successful? Why not ask me how I'll respond when we are successful?' He's a fighter and there's no quit in him, and that impressed us,” Grimes added.

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Haleyville, but it just happened. With his second at-bat, Pace went deep again, helping the Golden Tigers notch two wins against Haleyville.

His long ball against Loretto left the ballpark and landed in an unusual place for a baseball.

"It went over their scoreboard and into a cornfield. It was definitely the longest home run I had hit all year," Pace said.

The Golden Tigers defeated Loretto for RHS Coach Chris Heaps' 300th win.

"You're not going to find a better baseball coach across the state of Alabama," Pace said. "It was never a loss for us-- it was always a learning experience."

Pace is continuing his playing career at Union University in Jackson, Tenn., on a baseball scholarship.

inaugural Media Day gives local coaches, players chance to discuss upcoming football season

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Several Franklin County schools participated in the first annual High School Media Day at the Clarion Hotel in Sheffield last week.

This event was planned by Singing River Media Group. They put it together to give high school athletes the experience of answering questions from local media. Each participating school was represented by its varsity football coach and three to five players.

The first team of day one was the Phil Campbell Bobcats, who brought some familiar players. Coach Kevin Barnwell was appreciative of the opportunity and was happy to give his players a voice. Barnwell will have a young team this year and he'll count on senior leadership as a result.

"We have to get our guys that have been playing to push those younger guys to play to their roles in the program this season," Barnwell said.

After Phil Campbell, Coach John Ritter and the Russellville Golden Tiger player representatives took the stage. Ritter talked about his players staying positive the whole season and playing one game at a time.

The Golden Tigers return 15 seniors who have all been a part of Ritter's program for years. Of those seniors, TJ King, Tilmon Baker and Conner Warhurst were present.

Ritter described Baker as a 'warrior' who will play a lot of different roles for the Golden Tigers this season.

"There are a lot of tests in our upcoming season. However, our main goal is to maximize our potential," Ritter said.

Russellville will have that opportunity on Friday, August 19, with a road

opener against the Grissom Tigers.

Day two kicked off with Red Bay High School. Coach Heath Childers' team will feature a lot of younger guys who will play important roles in key positions. Red Bay will face the Hamilton Aggies on August 19 in their season opener.

The last team of the day was the Tharptown Wildcats, coached by a new face, Jacob Hamilton. Hamilton was thankful for the opportunity to bring his players and get those guys attention.

Tharptown has a lot of juniors and Hamilton's goal is to just be competitive. Hired less than one month ago, Hamilton will be on a fast track to establish his coaching culture and style.

Tharptown will face off week one against the Shoals Christian Flames.

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