

Debris Pickup ...

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with the county’s five supervisor beats. All zones will be worked simultaneously, with priority given to the most heavily impacted areas to address safety concerns.

Within each zone, crews will complete debris removal from an entire subdivision, street or block before moving on to the next area. The company expects to make at least two full passes, followed by a final cleanup pass.

Residents who are still days or weeks away from moving debris to the roadside are encouraged not to panic.

“We’ll put out a notice before the final pass,” Vinyard said.

What residents need to know

Only storm-generated debris is eligible for pickup. Residents who live outside municipal limits are asked to place debris along the county or state maintained right of way, where crews can safely access it.

“The debris does not have to be cut into fire-

wood-size pieces,” Vinyard said. “The bigger it is, that’s fine. If you can get it to the right of way, we can pick it up.”

Residents are encouraged to consolidate smaller debris piles into larger shared piles with neighbors when possible.

“Big piles are better than a lot of little ones, Vinyard said.

Debris removal will also include state highways.

- Placement guidelines
- Do not place debris on top of utilities such as cable, phone, electrical or storm drain boxes;
 - Do not block mailboxes or driveways;
 - Drive with caution near large debris piles;
 - Sweep loose debris from the street in front of your home;
 - Keep vegetative debris separate from fences, wire and mailboxes;

Any damage to personal property caused during debris removal should be reported to the TFR hotline at (512) 260-3322.

Sayle Oil Co. to be Honored at Northwest Soiree: A Garden Gala

by Sarah Smith-Hutchinson
SENATOBIA, MS (02/13/2026) The Northwest Mississippi Community College Foundation presents the Northwest Soiree: A Garden Gala, honoring Sayle Oil Company for its dedication and service to the College. Sayle Oil Company will receive the Outstanding Corporation Award on April 18, 2026 at the Northwest's annual event in the Heindl Center for the Performing Arts.

Isaac W. "Ike" Sayle, the company's President and CEO, said he is proud to lead a company that has given back so deeply to the community it serves, much like the heart of Northwest and its mission.

Sayle Oil Company has served the area since 1947. The company was founded by Ike's father and World War II veteran, Isaac E. Sayle, when he arrived back in the States, with the hope for the future and a dream of building something lasting. With some family help, he got started with a small service station. Ike explained that in those days, they operated a full-service station, pumping gas and fixing flats for customers. While Ike's dad worked on the front end of the business, his mother ran the office. This humble start laid the foundation for remarkable growth, both in the business and family, beginning with Ike's older sister, Linda Sayle Allison and younger brother, Johnny Greene Sayle. Five years after the business began, while the owners were away on vacation, a fire tragically destroyed the service station and the business. Re-

fusing to let the setback define their future, the Sayles rebuilt and reopened in only a few days with just two gas pumps.

The family business began to grow as Ike finished college in the early 1970s adding fuel delivery and convenience stores, and in the early 1990s, adding propane and quick lubes. It has continued to grow with the third generation, now running the operation, and in recent years, the fourth generation joining the family business. Now and into the future, Sayle Oil Company is striving to be a total petroleum supplier for customers in the twenty-first century. The company's mission statement is: Sayle Oil Company, Inc., along with its strongest asset, its employees, is committed to providing the very best products and services to our valued customers.

"I'd just like to say, thank you to Northwest, first of all, for this award," said Ike. "It goes to my family and employees. Our plan is to remain actively involved with the College, support the Northwest Foundation, and maintain open lines of communication, so we can assist whenever possible."

If you'd like to be part of the Northwest legacy, join us at the Northwest Soiree: A Garden Gala. For more information, please visit www.northwestms.edu/soiree.

To purchase tickets, visit www.heindlcenter.org/soiree2026.

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Orcas communicate with clicks used in echolocation, whistles, and scream-like pulses. These are used to communicate with other orcas for mating purposes and for locating prey. It has been observed that different pods have distinctive "accents" and can recognize other members by this accent.

Another whale commonly found in the Gulf of America is the sperm whale. Considered a social species of whale, sperm whales in the Gulf of America exhibit a specific type of vocalization when gathered as a group. This form of communication, called a coda, was found to be a distinctively different dialect

YALOBUSHA COUNTY DEBRIS REMOVAL STATEMENT

Yalobusha County has adopted regulations governing the removal Of disaster-generated debris. In coordination with our debris management contractor, we have implemented an efficient and systematic collection process, so residents understand what to expect and how to ensure successful removal of eligible debris.

Contractors operate seven (7) days per week, twelve (12) hours per day, and are collecting only storm-generated debris.

TFR Enterprises, Inc. has divided the County into multiple debris collection zones. All zones are being worked simultaneously, with priority given to the most heavily impacted areas to address immediate safety concerns. Within each zone, crews will complete debris removal from an entire subdivision, street, or block before progressing to the next area.

Residents are asked to place eligible rm-generated debris at the edge of the county or state maintained right of way. Your cooperation and patience during this recovery effort are greatly appreciated.

Work willbegin on February S, 2026 and will be performed the next 60 days

As you prepare to place your debris curbside for collection, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) Do not place debris on top of utilities,for example: cable, phone, electrical or storm drain boxes.
- 2) Please do not place debris in front of or around your mailbox.
- 2) Please do not place debris in front of or around your driveway, as emergency vehicles may need to enter the area.
- 4) Please drive with extreme caution in areas with large debris piles.
- 5) Please aid contractors by sweeping excess and loose debris from the street in front of your house for collection.
- 6) Please keep vegetative debris separate from damaged fence post and wire and mailboxes.
- 7) Report damages that occur to your personal property to the TFR hotline, (512) 260-3322.

We are a community, and we shall recover as a community. We appreciate your patience,cooperation, and assistance as we undertake this monumental cleanup effort.

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when compared to codas of the sperm whales in other areas such as the Caribbean and Mediterranean seas.

These whales swim at speeds up to 10 knots but can make short bursts of up to 20 knots. Dark bluish gray to black in color, they may also have white on the belly and lower jaw. The sperm whale also holds the distinction of having the largest brain of any animal—weighing in at 20 pounds.

These two whales, along with other whale species such as Blainsville’s beaked whales, humpback whales, melon-headed whales, Gervais’ beaked whales, and 13 others, have been

So, if you are out on the Gulf of America look for signs of these magnificent creatures. They are truly a sight to behold in their natural habitat.

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BankFirst, formerly Mechanics Bank, has been serving Yalobusha County since 1892, when it got it’s start in Water Valley. BankFirst is proud to be a part in the NFS program, realizing the importance of young people becoming aware of their community news and activities. Our young people are the very future of our community and need to be a strong part of the foundation of the community.

The NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION program provides to the students as a supplemental reading material. Newspapers remain one of the most multifaceted and effected educational resources available for students. Each week during the school year over 300 newspapers are mailed to the students in the 1st grade through the 12th grades at the Coffeerville Schools. News and information are like food for the brain. Students tell us that this program seriously promotes reading skills, plus helps establish a sense of civic identity-making our young people aware of local events right here in Coffeerville and Yalobusha County. It helps to install a sense of cmmunity and place in youth, shaping them as future citizens. Newspapers not only bring acedemics to life, they also depend student learning by grounding it in real-life experiences.



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