








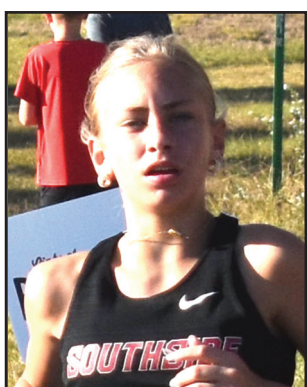
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Southside's Evan Christopher (left) and Lydia Kay (right) finished first at the Etowah County Schools cross country meet on Oct. 22 at Glencoe.

Photos by Chris McCarthy



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Cooper Yancey's last-minute field goal helped give Southside a 30-23 victory over Gadsden City in high school football on Oct. 18 at GCHS.

Photo by Colin Edwards



City of Gadsden mourns death of ‘The Colonel’

Lt. Col. Carl Harrison, beloved JROTC teacher, dies at 91



Kaitlin Hoskins/file photo
Lt. Col. Carl Harrison salutes the American flag at a Veterans Day program at GCHS on Nov. 8, 2023.

**By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor**

“Just one more time, I want to tell you ‘Thank you’.”

Lt. Col. Carl Harrison spoke those words nearly a year ago to a packed-out gym at Gadsden City High School. Former students, current students, faculty and staff members, board of education members, city leaders and more were gathered on November 8, 2023 for a Veterans Day program.

The program doubled as a retirement party for Harrison who had retired earlier that year.

This year, just shy of Veterans Day, the community is mourning the death of Harrison, who died October 18 at his residence. He was 91.

The hole Harrison left behind was felt immediately in the community. A Facebook post made by the Gadsden City Schools system announcing his passing had over 1,200 reactions and hundreds of shares. It also had hundreds of comments from people expressing their love and gratitude for Harrison. In over 200 comments, not a single negative word was written.

Harrison loved his family, his county and his faith. He also loved his former students and often referred to them as his children, and the children

of those former students were seen as his grandchildren. Over the years, he amassed a large family made up of students.

“No one has done more for the students than The Colonel,” is what Gadsden City Schools Superintendent Keith Blackwell said at last year’s Veterans Day program at Gadsden City High School.

Harrison is remembered as a humble man. He was known for giving other people the credit for a job done well. He always had a kind word to say to anyone he spoke with.

Harrison, born August 11, 1933 in Pell City, graduated from Gadsden High School in 1952 and directly following his high school graduation he began his life-long career in the military in the ROTC program at Polytechnic Institute (now named Auburn University).

In 1953 he moved on to Jacksonville State University and later, in January of 1957, he earned his degree in secondary education and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant through the ROTC program.

In March of 1957, Harrison entered active duty at Fort Eustis in Virginia. While there, he completed transportation officer basic course and received his first assignment to the transporta-

tion terminal command post in Newfoundland, Canada.

Harrison was stationed around the world throughout his military career. The Infantry Center Troop Command at Fort Benning in Georgia in 1960; Railway Maintenance Activity in Heidelberg, Germany in 1961; Air Calvary Division in Vietnam in 1965; back to Fort Eustis for transportation officer career training in 1966; and after completion of that course he was sent to the 12th US ASA Field Station in Chitose, Japan.

Harrison completed 20 years of active duty before officially retiring in 1976.

After retiring from the military, he was not quite done with his acts of service. He was approached about creating a JROTC program at Carver High School in Birmingham. He spent seven years there, leading the program, before being asked to create a JROTC program in his hometown of Gadsden. He created programs for all three of the high schools in Gadsden in 1984 (Gadsden High, Emma Sansom High and Litchfield High) and continued leading the program once the three high schools consolidated in 2006 until his retirement in 2023.

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Messenger donates \$3,600 to The Rozzy Foundation



On Friday, Oct. 18, The Messenger newspaper presented a \$3,610 check to the Rozzy Foundation, which Ben and Lauren Greene established after their daughter Rozlyn “Rozzy” Patience Green passed away from Acute Myeloid Leukemia in September of 2019. The foundation works toward providing comfort to families suffering from the effects of childhood cancer. The Messenger was able to donate the money after running an advertising special through the month of September. September is national Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Pictured, from left: shopgadsden.com owner and operator Justin Nelson, Ben Greene, Lauren Greene, Messenger

Photo courtesy of Katie Bohannon

News Editor Kaitlin Hoskins, City of Gadsden Mayor and Messenger owner Craig Ford, Messenger Business Manager Teri Chupp, Rozzy Foundation supporter Andi Chupp, Messenger Publisher Chris McCarthy. The Greene family and The Messenger wish to thank the following sponsors: City of Gadsden, City of Glencoe, ALACO Drugs, Etowah County Sheriff’s Office, Family Savings Credit Union, Ford Insurance Agency, Harmony Hydration, Little Caesars, State Representative Mack Butler, One Stop Industries, People’s Independent Bank, shopgadsden.com, Steven Kellett, Teri and Andi Chupp, WinSouth Credit Union and Trim It Up.



Submitted photo

ADEM offering money to counties to clear old tires

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) recently announced a plan offering counties up to \$150,000 over three years to clean up discarded scrap tires from roadsides.

ADEM’s Scrap Tire Right of Way Program is available to all 67 counties. The funding is from the state’s Scrap Tire Fund administered by ADEM. One dollar from the sale of each tire in Alabama goes into the fund, which is used to cover the costs of cleaning up illegally discarded tires as well as promoting recycling and other alternative uses of scrap tires that keep them out of landfills. This is the latest three-year cycle for the program, which has been effective in the past in incentivizing counties to pick up littered scrap tires from rights of way and dispose of them in an environmentally responsible manner.

“Old and discarded tires strewn across the landscape are a problem in virtually

every county, small or large, rural or urban,” said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. “These tires are not only eyesores; they are environmental and health hazards, including breeding grounds for mosquitoes, rodents and other pests. This funding enables counties to address these problems when they might not otherwise could afford the cost in manpower and equipment to do so.”

To take part in the program, the counties must sign an agreement with ADEM. The counties are reimbursed by ADEM for expenses in the collection and disposal of the scrap tires, including recycling the tires for beneficial use. The program is similar to ADEM’s program that reimburses counties for the costs of cleaning up unauthorized garbage dumps. That program is funded with a fee on garbage disposed in municipal landfills.

ADEM tire program- page 3A



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OBITUARIES



Carl Guy Harrison

GADSDEN - Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at First Baptist Church, of Gadsden, for LTC Carl Guy Harrison age 91 of Gadsden who died Friday, October 18, 2024.

Carl Guy Harrison was born August 11, 1933 in Pell City Alabama. He was a proud Military veteran having actively served from March 1957 until April 1977. He served in The Gadsden City School system as ROTC Instructor for the remainder of his life.

He is preceded in death by parents Polly Louise(Lee) Harrison and Guy Richard Harrison.

He is survived by wife Marlene (Clark) Harrison, sons Carl "Rick"(Brenda) Harrison and Michael Harrison, brother Mike(Janice) Harrison and sisters Jane Phillips and Polly Wilkerson, grandchildren Luke Shelton, Corey Harrison, Michael Phelps, numerous nieces and nephews and countless ROTC Cadets.

Pallbearers were Harrison Dial, Luke Shelton, Corey Harrison, Steven Dial, Allan Morgan and Brian Dial. Honorary pallbearers were Gadsden City High School JROTC.

Special thanks to Gadsden City High School, JROTC, City of Gadsden, Keith Blackwell, Wayne Davenport, First Baptist Church, and especially Steven Dial and Lisa Naylor. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Military Officers Association of America:

MOAA Coosa Valley Chapter 12
Lance Granger, Treasurer for Carl Harrison Scholarship
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Patricia Koehler

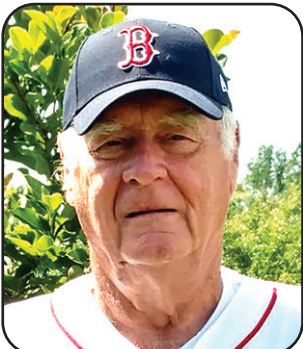
FORT PAYNE - Funeral services will be October 25th, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Crestwood chapel for Patricia Koehler, age 69, of Fort Payne. Patricia passed away on October 20, 2024. Visitation will be held Thursday,

October 24th at 6-8 p.m.

Pat will be remembered for her love of people; she was extremely legal minded and used her skills to help others. She was a government service employee most of her life. Her intelligence and wit were astonishing. She was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

Preceded in death by Alexander and Yelma Koehler, brother Laurence and sister Sandra

Survived by Donald (Lynn) Koehler, nephew Chris (Leah Ann) Koehler, Kim (Andrew) Dykes, Jake Toney and Erica (Kolby) Wilson, and six chosen grandchildren.



Franklyn E. Seckel

Franklyn E. Seckel passed away peacefully on October 18, 2024.

A Memorial service is being held at Walnut Grove Methodist Church on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 1:00pm. Bro. Harvey Beck to officiate. Inurnment will be at Morton Chapel Methodist Cemetery.

Franklyn was born in Massachusetts on April 9, 1936. He was a loving husband and father. He played catcher for the Boston Red Sox. He served his country in the United States Air Force. He spent many years owning his own landscaping business. Later in life, he fulfilled his dreams to become a farrier.

He is preceded in death by his wife Marlene Seckel.

He is survived by his three children, Richard (Marie) Seckel, Debra (Tommy) Hutcherson, Jennifer (Roland) Smith; brother, Ernest (Bernice) Seckel; 7 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren along with many loving family members.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Pro Health Hospice and his wonderful nurse Mackenzie Pope.

Ferendez Douglas Latham, Sr.

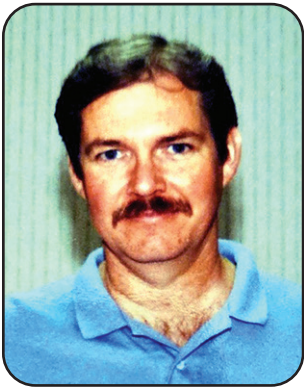
GADSDEN - With heartfelt sadness we announce

the passing of Mr. Ferendez D. Latham, Sr. who departed this life on Monday, October 14, 2024.

Family Visitation: Saturday, October 26, 2024, Noon - 1:00 PM at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Funeral Service: Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 508 Allen Street, E. Gadsden, AL 35903 at 1:00 PM.

Please remember his family in your prayers.



James Howard Jordan

ATTALLA - James Howard Jordan, 75, of Attalla, passed away October 21, 2024, in Attalla, Alabama. He is preceded in death by his father, Marvin Jordan, and his mother, Geneva Mae Overstreet.

Howard grew up fishing and hunting the rivers and woods of Alabama. After high school, he joined the Air Force where he served for four years. After attending college, he began his career in the grocery business, working his way up to manager, and eventually became a buyer for Mitchell Grocery Corp where he worked for over 20 years before retiring in 2015.

Howard was a talented artist and calligrapher. He was a self-taught guitarist, and was more than willing to entertain family with the music of Creedence Clearwater Revival, Bob Seger, and Elvis.

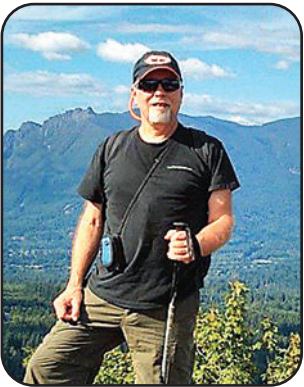
He was a jack of all trades, and loved working on house projects or tinkering with cars.

Fall was his favorite time of year. He loved to see the leaves changing colors, and made several trips to the Smoky Mountains to see the foliage. He spent Fall Saturdays cheering on the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Howard loved his grandchildren- Aspen, Jake, Sara Kate, Charleigh Anne, and Esther Grace. If asked, he never missed an opportunity to brag on them, or show you a new picture of them.

Services for Howard will be held October 25, 2024 at Morgan Funeral Chapel in

Attalla, AL. Visitation will take place from 11:00am -12:00pm, with the funeral service beginning at 12:00pm. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Boaz where he will be buried next to his beloved father, Marvin Jordan.



Jeffrey Alan Pruitt

HUNTSVILLE - Jeffrey Alan Pruitt, age 69, of Huntsville, Alabama passed away on Friday, October 18, 2024.

A memorial visitation for Jeffrey will be held Friday, October 25, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Collier-Butler Funeral Home, 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 PM.



Lewis Harvey Fuller

GADSDEN - Lewis Harvey Fuller, of Gadsden, Alabama passed away on Friday, October 18, 2024.

Lewis was born in Dekalb County, AL to Imogene Posey Fuller & Hoyt N. Fuller, and moved to Chattanooga, TN as a child. He served honorably in the United States Air Force as a medical corpsman, which inspired him to enroll in & graduate from the Baroness Erlanger Respiratory Therapy Program in Chattanooga and to his first career as a Respiratory Therapist. In 1965, Lewis moved to Gadsden to establish the Respiratory Therapy Department at Baptist Memorial Hospital. He received his B.S. degree from Jacksonville State University in Business Administration and founded Fuller Medical Company in 1974 in his garage, opened up

his first store front on Broad Street in Gadsden in 1981, and remained the president until selling in 2014. As president of Fuller Medical International, he conducted business with the government of Kuwait following the Persian Gulf War.

Politics and community service were very important to Lewis. He was elected to Gadsden's first City Council, representing District 7, in 1986; and was appointed to represent District 2 of the Etowah County Commission by then Governor Robert Bentley in 2015. Lewis was also proud to serve as the vice-chair of the Etowah County Republican Executive Committee and as a member of the Alabama State Republican Executive Committee, as well as an elected delegate to both the 1996 & 2000 Republican National Conventions.

He was appointed by Congressman Tom Bevill to serve as a delegate to President Bill Clinton's White House Conference on Small Business in 1995. Lewis served as the Board Chairman of Alabama Voters Against Lawsuit Abuse, on the Executive Committee of the Gadsden/Etowah Chamber of Commerce, as the President of the Board of the Alabama Durable Medical Equipment Association and the Chairman of the Alabama Home Medical Equipment Licensure Board.

His civic service also included serving on the boards of numerous organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama and as the President of: Gadsden Lions Club, Etowah Chapter of American Red Cross,

Gadsden Civic Theatre/Theatre of Gadsden and Downtown Action Council. On two occasions, he participated in Lions' (Club) Vision trips to Mexico.

Lewis was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter for more than 50 years. He served as a Lay Reader and several terms on the Vestry, but probably enjoyed being a choir member the most. Parish trips to Camp McDowell were another favorite activity.

He enjoyed hunting with his youngest son Andrew and his uncle Ted Posey, and fishing with his eldest son David. Lewis cherished the memories of his worldwide travels, especially with his daughter Elizabeth and his wife Belinda. These last couple of years he became Poppy, and got to read stories with his grandson Cypress. He very much relished spending time with is Theatre of Gadsden friends, starting in numerous productions at the Ritz Theatre. Lewis

was also known by many for his exploits driving race cars, which he capped off by racing in the 24 Hours of Daytona in 1985.

Lewis had many adventures and met many interesting people, some of whom were known to many and some of whom were known to but a few. He could go anywhere in the world and run into someone he knew. He loved meeting people and learning something about them, and he rarely parted from such meetings a stranger. He collected stories & jokes, and showed them freely with all, but it was the people themselves he enjoyed most of all, especially his family.

He is survived by Belinda Terrell Fuller, his wife of 45 years; his children David Nathaniel Fuller, Elizabeth Leona Fuller & Andrew Hoyt Fuller, and his grandchild Cypress Nathaniel Fuller; and his sisters Peggy Fuller Paul, Betty Fuller Niswonger and Christine Gass Fuller.

A memorial Eucharist will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, located at 156 South 9th Street in downtown Gadsden on Saturday October 26th at 2pm with a reception to follow in the Great Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church, The Joel W. Helms Eye Clinic, the Theatre of Gadsden or any favorite charity of your choosing.

The family would like to thank all of the caregivers at Riverview Regional Medical Center - 4th Tower, Gadsden Rehabilitation - 700 Hall and Gentiva Hospice.

Linda "Gayle" Conaway

GLENCOE - Funeral services will be 1 pm Monday, October 28, 2024, at Crestwood Chapel, for Ms. Linda "Gayle" Conaway, age 81, of Glencoe who Died Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Reverend Mark Gidley will officiate. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Gayle will be remembered for her love of family. She was a Christian first and friend to all. She was loved and will be dearly missed.

She is preceded in death by parents M.C. and Pauline Smith, daughter Tina Chambers and brother Tommy Smith.

Special thanks to son in law Chuck, who was there when we needed him most and, A C G Hospice, especially nurses Amy Sharon and Shelly.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday from 11 am until the time of service.



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NEWS

MSA launches new program

Main Street Alabama recently announced the launch of Sweet Hometown Tours: Alabama Main Street Trail, a statewide trail system showcasing the Main Street experience in the state's designated communities.

From Appalachia to the Gulf Coast, Sweet Hometown Tours pairs Alabama's penchant for historic preservation with today's love for elevated and authentic experiences in downtown districts throughout the state.

All 33 destinations will be linked throughout the state's eleven regions, immersing travelers and residents on a Main Street adventure, many of which are geologically, culturally and historically unique to Alabama.

Considering 2025 will be the Alabama Tourism Department's The Year of Alabama Trails, Main Street Alabama plans to collaborate in various ways with state tourism to promote the trail.

"Our Main Streets tell us who we are, who we were, and how the past has shaped us," said Main Street Alabama President Mary Helmer Wirth. "Over the years, we've seen Alabama's charming downtowns become a powerful network of connected communities, and we'd like to provide a delightful road map for everyone to enjoy the warmth and hospitality so readily found in these towns."

After launching in 2013, the organization began employing its preservation-based economic development program of helping to boost the Alabama economy along the way. Whether it is discovering the best eateries, enjoying art, shopping small, touring nature or celebrating history and culture, Sweet Hometown Tours invites everybody to explore Alabama's vibrant and historic spaces by highlighting and outlining the most quintessential experiences that put the "sweet" in Sweet Home Alabama. Visit sweethometowns.com to get the most complete look at the trail and to stay up-to-date on current offerings.

A nonprofit organization, Main Street Alabama stresses public-private partnerships, broad community engagement and strategies that create jobs, spark new investment, attract visitors and spur growth in core commercial districts. Main Street Alabama builds on the authentic history, culture and attributes of specific places, to bring sustainable change.



Courtesy of Alex Chaney

Hokes Bluff resident Tina Hopper presents a football to a referee prior to the Hokes Bluff/Ashville football game on Friday, Oct. 18 at AHS. It was a symbolic last delivery for Hooper, who recently retired as a UPS driver after 37 years. She serviced the St. Clair County area for many years.

Lt. Col. Carl Harrison - From 1A

Harrison and his wife Marlene Clark Harrison celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in January of this year. They have two sons together, Rick and Mike.

Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford said Harrison is "one of the finest men" he has ever known.

"He positively influenced the lives of so many during his life of service, mine included," Ford said. "I am grateful for who he was, his leadership for our community and for his legacy which now outlives him through the lives of everyone he has impacted and their families. He leaves Gadsden much better than he found it. And all of us who remain behind can only hope to live up to his example."

Ford attended the special Veterans Day program in 2023 and gifted Harrison a proclamation, which proclaimed November 8, 2023 as Lt. Col. Carl Harrison Day in the city.

During his speech, Ford became emotional briefly, saying that it was an honor to be presenting Harrison with a proclamation.

"[Harrison] I'm not an emotional person," Ford said. "But when it comes to you, I am. It is quite an honor for me [to present this proclamation]. You represent the City of Gadsden and the State of Alabama and the country's standards. It is an honor to be here to present this to you."

Ford thanked Harrison for his duty — not only to his country, but to his city as well.

Harrison, in turn, thanked Ford and the city school system for always supporting him. Harrison, while holding back tears, said, "I hope that everybody can experience such a humble occasion."

"Oh man, this is just so humbling. Just one more time, I want to tell you 'thank you' and my family thanks you and it's just been wonderful... Thank you."

Harrison was laid to rest Wednesday, Oct. 23 at Crestwood Cemetery.



Kaitlin Hoskins/file photo

Marlene Clark Harrison (left) and Lt. Col. Carl Harrison (right) share a moment at the Veterans Day program at Gadsden City High School on Nov. 8, 2023. Col. Harrison was honored with a proclamation from Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford at the event. Harrison died on Oct. 18, 2024.

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Gadsden nominated for 2024 Civic Experience Award by CivicPlus

The City of Gadsden was recently named a finalist for the 2024 Civic Experience Awards presented by CivicPlus, a national government technology company.

According to the company, its awards program recognizes local government leaders, departments and municipalities working hard to improve civic experiences to create greater civic participation and satisfaction, safer, cleaner and more profitable communities.

In 2023, the City of Gadsden undertook a major initiative to enhance community engagement and improve access to city services. Using the Municipal Websites and SeeClickFix 311 CRM solutions from CivicPlus, the city updated its website to provide more accessible information, launched a new texting platform and developed a custom-branded app called HeyGadsden. The app allows residents to report neighborhood issues directly to city officials, who then provide updates to residents until the issues are resolved.

"It is an honor to see our public affairs team's hard work getting recognized on a national scale," said

Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford. "When I took office two years ago, one of my top priorities was to define the narrative for Gadsden. To accomplish that, we gave our citizens more tools to make their voices heard. Now, everyday residents are helping us clean up our city by submitting issues in their neighborhoods and corresponding with the 'boots on the ground' to get the information they need. I want to thank the Gadsden City Council for supporting these initiatives, the talented city employees who facilitate this work and the residents of Gadsden for taking advantage of these tools."

The city's changes in its public affairs efforts stemmed from the GROW Gadsden plan, developed by extensive resident engagement and including over 2,000 participants in various meetings and surveys. The plan replaces a 45-year-old master plan and emphasizes a cleaner and better-maintained community.

The implementation of a municipal website and SeeClickFix 311 CRM solutions from CivicPlus significantly improved the civic experience in Gadsden by bridging the gap be-

tween residents and government officials.

Before leveraging CivicPlus, limited options for communication led to declining trust in the City of Gadsden, which had experienced consistent population decline since its peak in the 1960s. Once a regional hub for industrial innovation, several manufacturers had since shuttered their doors, resulting in a loss of economic opportunity and leaving the community with a fading civic identity.

Now, increased transparency and direct engagement have enhanced trust and reliability in local government. The community has responded positively, with more residents participating in clean-up initiatives, serving on boards and actively promoting the City of Gadsden, reflecting a strengthened sense of community involvement and partnership.

In addition to the solutions provided through CivicPlus, the City of Gadsden has added other technological tools to enhance the civic experience, including a video communication platform called Rep'd and a direct text messaging platform called TextMyGov.

Robinson steps down as Chamber CEO



Courtesy of The Chamber

The Chamber of Gadsden and Etowah County recently announced its search for a President and CEO-Elect pending the departure of Christi Robinson, who is stepping down to pursue a business opportunity. The Chamber's leadership has assembled a hiring committee that will facilitate the search for President and CEO-Elect.

"It was a very difficult decision to leave The Chamber," said Robinson, who was hired in December of 2021. "I have made deep and lasting connections during my time at The Chamber and I will carry those relationships with me throughout the remainder of my life. "I'm very excited to expand the use of my skills and focus my efforts on the areas of my current role that I love the most - helping businesses to be successful. I have the utmost confidence in the board's selection process and I'm excited to begin this transition."

The Chamber is currently accepting applications for President and CEO-Elect. Interested candidates can submit a cover letter, professional resume, three professional references and salary expectations to president@etowahchamber.org.

"It's been such an exciting time with Christi at the helm of the Chamber," said Chamber Board Chair Bethanne Mashburn of The Alley and The Factory. "We are so grateful for her dedication to the Chamber and look forward to continuing to have her involved as a member and volunteer. The hiring committee will work hard in finding our next President and CEO to lead us as we continue to serve as a strong and positive voice for area businesses."

A graduate of the Birmingham School of Law, Robinson also holds a Bachelor of Science in finance from Jacksonville State University and an associate degree in business administration from Snead State Community College. Prior to The Chamber, she worked at Alabama Teachers Credit Union for 12 years in various roles, including as fraud specialist. She and her husband Chris, who is a Gadsden City Councilman, own and operate Blackstone Pub and Eatery in downtown Gadsden and Blackstone Pizza Kitchen near Noccoalula Falls.

"We have greatly appreciated Christi's leadership and the partnerships she has built during her time at The Chamber," said Chamber Board Chair-Elect Barry Cherry.



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Since making landfall, the storm and its aftermath have led to the cancellation of more than 100 blood drives, causing thousands of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. For so many people living with urgent medical care needs, blood transfusions are essential, and donations in the Southeast are key to keeping our nationwide network stocked. The Red Cross

operates through a national inventory with the ability to move blood wherever and whenever it is needed most.

All those who donate blood, platelets or plasma through Oct. 31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. For full details, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Treat](https://www.redcrossblood.org/Treat).

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Gadsden State Community College enrollment numbers see boost

Gadsden State Community College has increased its enrollment by 8.14 percent when comparing Fall 2024 semester with Fall 2023. This follows a 7.62 percent increase in overall enrollment for the 2023-24 academic year compared to 2022-23. According to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, Gadsden State’s enrollment growth is well above the national average of 2.5 percent for 2023-24.

“We are extremely proud of the growth we’ve experienced at Gadsden State,” said Andy Green, the college’s Dean of Student Services. “These numbers are testament to the hard work of our faculty and staff, who are dedicated to creating a welcoming and supportive environment for our students. We’ve worked hard to make higher education more accessible and appealing. It’s exciting to see that effort reflected in our enrollment growth.”

Green said the increased enrollment also reflects the college’s continued commitment to providing affordable, flexible and relevant educational opportunities for students.

“As the cost of post-secondary education continues to rise nationally, more students are choosing Gadsden State as a cost-effective option,” he said. “Gadsden State’s flexible scheduling options, online education, scholarship opportunities and unique career technical, academic and healthcare programs are all factors in our enrollment increase.”

Gadsden State’s Dual Enrollment Program also saw a 39.43 percent increase with 1,478 high school students enrolling in college courses for the current semester.

“Dual enrollment allows high school students to earn both high school and college credit simultaneously,” Green said. “This gives them a head start on their education, and it saves them time and money in the long run. These students gain valuable experience in a college setting while exploring potential career paths in their educational journey.”



Courtesy of Gadsden State

Members of the Gadsden State chapter of Phi Theta Kappa participated in the recent Get on Board Day to promote enrollment in the college.

Brett Johnson hired as executive director of Dekalb County EDA

By Kaitlin Hoskins
New Editor

Brett Johnson, Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford’s Chief of Staff, has been appointed as the new executive director of the Dekalb County Economic Development Authority.

Johnson, who will begin his role in November, will succeed Jimmy Durham, who has led the organization since its conception 30 years ago.

Johnson’s introduction to serving in a governmental role happened as a young man, through the YMCA of Coosa Valley’s Youth in Government program. Later, he met Ford at local campaign events and meetings of political groups in Etowah County.

When Ford became minority leader in House of Representatives, he asked Johnson if he wanted a job in Montgomery.

“Mayor Ford said that he had been given a little money for a staff once he became minority leader,” Johnson said. “He asked if I wanted to come on board and I said ‘yes’.”

“Of course, he didn’t say just how little money it was exactly,” Johnson joked.

When Ford ran for Senate District 10 years later, Johnson helped with the campaign as well. Then Ford’s run for mayor



BRETT JOHNSON

of Gadsden resulted in Johnson being brought in again.

“Mayor Ford brought me in on day one,” Johnson said. “I will always be grateful that he brought me in. The day we were

allowed in City Hall we were all running around without a clue of where to go or what needed to be done. We didn’t even know where the bathrooms were.”

Johnson said it is bittersweet to leave the position he is currently in.

“There is so much good going on in Gadsden,” he said. “There is so much I look forward to watching happen. This Gadsden Greenway is going to be transformational. I can’t wait to see how it transforms Gadsden. It’s only one part of the master plan, but great things are coming to Gadsden. I’ll get to watch it from Dekalb County.”

Johnson has previously held leadership positions at the Alabama Higher Education Partnership, the Alabama Education Association and Liberty Learning Foundation.

He believes that his years of working closely with industry leaders and leaders in all levels of government will help him in his new role.

“It’s all about relationships and bringing two parties to the table,” Johnson said.

Johnson and his wife Tiffany are looking forward to moving to Dekalb County. Tiffany is a Fort Payne native and a graduate of Fort Payne High School. Johnson said her dream job after graduating college as a teacher was to come back home to teach in Fort Payne schools. She currently serves

as a reading specialist for Etowah County Schools.

“I am ready to deliver for DeKalb County,” Johnson said. “We have tremendous assets to promote and are blessed to be in one of the most resourceful areas in the country. I’m looking forward to working with our industry partners to expand on what has gotten us to this point while also reaching for new heights through strategic innovation.”

Johnson holds a master’s degree in public administration and a bachelor’s degree in political science and communication from Jacksonville State University. He is a certified Local Government Professional Manager (LGPM), a Certified Alabama Planning and Zoning Official (CAPZO), and a Certified Nonprofit Executive (CNE). He recently defended his doctorate dissertation at University of the Cumberland, where he now holds a doctorate degree.

“We’re going to miss Brett,” Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford said. “Our loss is Dekalb County’s gain. Brett has been an integral part of what we’ve done in the city so far and what we will be able to do in the future.”

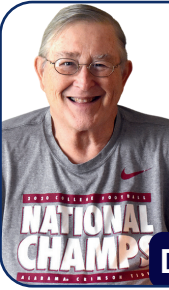
The City of Gadsden has not announced plans for the vacancy Johnson’s departure will leave.

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEA Financial System Combined State of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds For Fiscal Year Ended September 30. 2024							Exhibit F-II-A
109 - Attalla City Schools							
GOVERNMENTAL			FIDUCIARY				
Revenues	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Total	
State Sources	\$14,666,295.46	\$0.00	\$368,180.14	\$183,970.86	\$0.00	\$15,218,446.46	
Federal Sources	\$420.00	\$3,498,609.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,499,029.53	
Local Sources	\$2,608,043.00	\$616,137.97	\$40,298.30	\$6,927.14	\$96,375.94	\$3,367,782.35	
Other Sources	\$53,283.73	\$24,736.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,019.83	
Total Revenues:	\$17,328,042.19	\$4,139,483.60	\$408,478.44	\$190,898.00	\$96,375.94	\$22,163,278.17	
Expenditures							
Instructional Services	\$8,614,182.49	\$1,466,967.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,311.23	\$10,113,460.82	
Instructional Support Services	\$2,390,488.92	\$845,601.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,657.03	\$3,256,747.64	
Operation & Maintenance Services	\$1,601,292.56	\$150,128.58	\$0.00	\$59,427.76	\$2,182.90	\$1,813,031.80	
Auxiliary Services	\$574,331.47	\$1,890,951.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,465,283.33	
General Administrative Services	\$1,459,883.52	\$248,834.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,708,717.95	
Capital Outlay	\$818,779.08	\$11,512.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$830,291.83	
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$795,469.39	\$103,713.86	\$0.00	\$899,183.25	
Other Expenditures	\$380,937.24	\$188,005.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,646.22	\$596,589.40	
Total Expenditures:	\$15,839,895.28	\$4,802,002.35	\$795,469.39	\$163,141.62	\$82,797.38	\$21,683,306.02	
Other Fund Sources (Uses)							
Other Fund Sources:	\$353,499.69	\$469,543.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,281.25	\$825,324.58	
Other Fund Uses:	\$456,436.30	\$46,224.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,856.08	\$511,517.34	
Total Other Fund Sources (Uses):	(\$102,936.61)	\$423,318.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,574.83)	\$313,807.24	
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Fund Uses:							
	\$1,385,210.30	(\$239,200.07)	(\$386,990.95)	\$27,756.38	\$7,003.73	\$793,779.39	
Beginning Fund Balance - October 1:	\$3,538,568.77	\$1,160,247.70	\$1,330,136.23	\$1,049,751.28	\$109,280.90	\$7,187,984.88	
Ending Fund Balance - September 30:	\$4,923,779.07	\$921,047.63	\$943,145.28	\$1,077,507.66	\$116,284.63	\$7,981,764.27	

FY24 Schedule of Debt as of 9/30/24								
Original Amount	Year Borrowed	Anticipated Date of Liquidation	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Balance Remaining as of 9/30/24	Revenue and Fund Source used for payment	Description/Purpose of Debt	Lender
6690000	2016	2040	90000	248650	6450000	PSF 2120/2120	2016WT (NEW EMS)	Regions
2200000	2018	2037	94950	51513.48	1670118	Local Funds	2018WT (SCHNEIDER PROJECT)	BBVA
2500000	2021	2030	250000	55848.87	1755000	Fsource 6110/6140	2021AWT (2007WT/2015WT) EHS IMPROVEMENTS	Regions
1429573	2008	2028	80258.4	23455.46	406376.73	PSF 2120/8410	2015B (2008A NEW AES)	State of Alabama
365000	2011	2026	N/A Sinking Fund	957.04	365000	9115	QZAB 2011A (AES ROOFING/BATHROOMS)	State of Alabama

LIFESTYLE

The Vagabond - A little-known cemetery at city hall



**Looking
at the
History**
Danny Crownover

Several friends recently asked The Vagabond about the history behind a burying ground located on the river bluff to the side of the present Gadsden City Hall. This area used to be in the rear of the last house on the right side of Chestnut Street, which was the home of Mrs. Syl Denman.

Very few people were aware of such a place. It was a little plot laid aside for a family cemetery by Abner Keeling, an

early settler of Gadsden and founder of a prominent local family. Keeling and his wife Rebecca Miller Keeling came to Ohatchee in the mid-1800s and arrived in Gadsden when the town first began to develop. The couple bought a large tract of land extending down the east side of the Coosa River for a distance of about five miles.

The Keelings also purchased the block bounded by Broad, First, Chestnut and Second streets and built a stately colonial home fronting Broad Street on the site of the city's first hotel. The home was eventually inherited by their daughter, Mrs. Laura Barret, and was known as the Barret Home for many years.

The plantation on the east side of the river was in what became known as Keeling Bend, a part of which was Keeling Island located in the middle of the Coosa River.

Abner Keeling selected a little spot located across Chestnut Street from the Emma Sansom Park for a family burying ground. He and his wife and two sons are buried there. In addition, the graves of two Confederate soldiers were marked by iron crosses that were placed by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Abner Keeling stipulated that there should be no tombstones and nothing to mark any of the graves, for the reason that some of his neighbors might object to anything that looked like a cemetery in the vicinity.

He wanted the little plot kept green and unobtrusive, which he had been doing for many years.

When the graves of other private cemeteries were being moved to Forrest Cemetery, Keeling refused to have his plot disturbed.

Mrs. Jack Ramey, the grandmother of Mrs. Otto Agricola, was buried in the plot. She died during a high-water period in Wills Valley, and the Ramey cemetery in Calhoun County could not be reached. Some of the graves in the plot have been relocated, but it is believed some remain, including the soldiers' graves.

Abner Keeling left a number of descendants, all of whom have played an important part in business and cultural life of Gadsden. He and his wife were typical Virginians and their home, first locate on the west bank of the Coosa River and later on the east side, was always a hospitable one. Their sons and daughters and their grandchildren and other descendants for many years have carried on the traditions of this fine old Virginia family.

Contact Danny Crownover at dkcrown@bellsouth.net.

Alabama senate race carries national implications

We are down to the final days of our 2024 election. We go to the polls Tuesday, November 5, to elect the next President of the United States.

We have no good statewide races in Alabama this year. All our important state offices are up for election in 2026. Thanks to the federal courts, however, we have one doozy of a congressional race in the newly drawn Second Congressional District. It is not only the most interesting, important and entertaining contest in Alabama; it is one of the premier and pivotal congressional races in the nation in that it very well may well decide which party has the majority control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The federal courts designed this district to elect a Democrat to U.S. Congress from the Heart of Dixie. The federal court, which hung its hat on the 1965 Voting Rights Act, blatantly overruled the Alabama Legislature's constitutional power to draw congressional lines for the state.

The new seat is comprised of all of Montgomery County, as well as most of the more rural counties surrounding the city, including Macon, Lowndes, Bullock, Pike, Butler, Crenshaw, Barbour and Russell. It continues through the Black Belt counties like an arrow towards Mobile and gathers most of the Black voters in Mobile. The district extends from the Georgia state line to the

Mississippi state line. The lion's share of the votes, however, are in Montgomery and Mobile.

Although this gerrymandered district was created by the federal courts to implement a new Democratic Black district, as soon as the new lines were drawn, Republicans said, "not so fast," "over our dead bodies" and "You ain't taking it without a fight." As the beginning of the race began, 11 Democrats were running in the Democratic Primary and nine Republicans were seeking the GOP nomination. When the dust settled after the April primaries, two surprising candidates emerged from the 20 aspirants.

The two stellar horses that emerged are thoroughbreds. The Republicans nominated Caroleene Dobson and the Democrat's stallion is Shomari Figures. Voters may have subconsciously chosen two young combatants. Youth is an omnipotent advantage in Washington. Dobson and Figures are both in their 30s and could build generational power under the seniority-driven power structure in D.C. They are both sterling candidates who are genuinely philosophically representative of their respective party. Figures is a real liberal Democrat and Dobson is a real conservative Republican.

Figures has a Democratic pedigree a mile long. He grew up in Mobile as the son of two legendary state senators. His late fa-

ther, Michael Figures, served 18 years as a leader in the Alabama Senate. His mother, Vivian Figures, followed Michael in the same state senate seat when he died early. She has become an icon in both Mobile and the state senate during her nearly three decades in the upper chamber.

The Figures name has been at the forefront of Mobile politics for over four decades, and it paid off in the primary, as Shomari received an amazing 92 percent of the vote in Mobile County. He also carried Montgomery County. It also did not hurt that he was able to outspend all 10 of his opponents combined with the bulk of his money coming from crypto currency groups. Figures has a law degree and has spent his entire career in Washington, D.C. working for the Obama and Biden Administrations.

Dobson is a sensational and sterling young Republican candidate. She is a homegrown Monroe County girl, and her ancestral home is in the heart of the new district, perfectly nestled between the two metro voting centers of Mobile and Montgomery. She received 88 percent of the vote in Monroe County. She outdistanced the other major GOP contender, former State Senator Dick Brewbaker, in the Republican Primary by an amazing 59 percent to 41 percent to capture the Republican nomina-



**INSIDE
THE
STATEHOUSE**
Steve Flowers

tion.

Caroleene is a 37-year-old lawyer, mother and wife. She is poised and exudes class and integrity. Her family has deep roots in the cattle industry in the state, and she has been helped immensely by ALFA. She has worked hard and has left no leaf unturned. Regardless, the Republicans and Caroleene will need some help to secure this seat. A low voter turnout among Democratic voters may be the key to victory. This race is the ultimate purple and swing congressional race in the South, and one of the most important races in the country. It could go either way.

See you next week.

Steve Flowers is Alabama's leading political columnist. His weekly column appears in over 60 Alabama newspapers. He served 16 years in the state legislature. Steve may be reached at steve@steveflowers.us.



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Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Chicken Taco Soup and Cowboy Soup

Chicken Wild Rice Soup

- 5-2/3 cups water
- 1 package (4.3oz.) Long grain and wild rice
- 1 envelope Lipton chicken noodle soup mix
- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1 medium carrot, chopped
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup, undiluted
- 1 cup cooked, cubed chicken

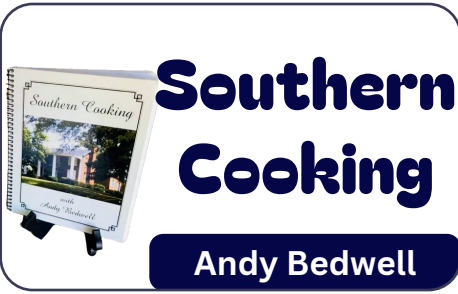
In a large saucepan, combine water, rice with contents of seasoning packet, and noodle soup mix, bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in celery, carrot and onion, then cover and simmer another 10 minutes. Stir in canned soups and cubed chicken. Cook 8-10 minutes longer or until rice and veggies are tender.

Chicken Taco Soup

- 2 cans shoe peg corn, drained
- 2 cans black beans
- 2 cans Rotel
- 4 chicken breasts, cooked chicken broth
- 1 package ranch dressing
- 1 package taco seasoning

Combine and cook all ingredients together in a soup pot.

Andy's Note: The lady that sent me



Southern Cooking

Andy Bedwell

this recipe said that she serves this soup with cheese, sour cream, avocado and tortilla chips. She also likes to cook this in her CrockPot.

Cowboy Soup

- 1 pound ground chuck
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 medium bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cans minestrone soup
- 1 can shoe peg corn
- 1 can hot chili beans
- 1 can stewed tomatoes
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes
- Salt

Brown ground chuck and drain. Add remaining ingredients and water as needed. Cook on medium-low heat.

Happy cooking, Andy

Andy Bedwell's cookbook, "Southern Cooking with Andy Bedwell", can be purchased at the Messenger on Rainbow Drive.

The Messenger's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE MESSENGER'S PICK FOR EVENT OF THE WEEK

RAINBOO FALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

The City of Rainbow City will host the Rainboo City Fall Festival from 5:30 – 9 p.m. at Vivian Lee Maddox Sports Complex. There will be food trucks, a flashlight candy hunt and a showing of the movie Monsters Inc. Attendees are asked to bring blankets, chairs, bag or bucket for candy and flashlights. The event is free to attend.

October 26

Family Success Center will hold a free Trunk or Treat event from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 821 East Broad Street in Gadsden. There will be music, games and a lot of candy! The event is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 256-547-6888.

The City of Glencoe will host the annual Fall Fest from 5 – 8 p.m. at Hollingsworth Park. There will be free hot dogs, drinks, trunk or treat, bouncy houses and more.

October 31

The City of Attalla's Boo Bash will be held from 5 – 8 p.m. at Larry Means Field at 201 Case Avenue. There will be food trucks, candy, vendors and more. For more information, call 256-538-9266.

November 22 – 24

Experience all the magic of the holiday classic with original costume designs, dazzling scenery and a host of characters as the Downtown Dance Conservatory presents "The Nutcracker Princess" at Gadsden City High School. The Downtown Dance Artists Company perform along with a children's cast. Show times are Friday, November 22 at 6 p.m., Saturday, November 23 at 1 p.m., Saturday, November 23 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now.

November 23

Smith Tomato will present the 4th annual "A Country Christmas Event at the Coosa Landing" on November 23 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Over 70 art and craft vendors and food vendors will be present. There will be free pictures with Santa Claus and a table to write letters to Santa. Admission is \$8 per person, kids 12 and under are free.

November 28 – Jan. 4

Christmas at The Falls will begin on Thursday, November 28 from, 4 – 9 p.m. and will run through Jan. 4. The exhibit will be closed from December 24 -25. Come see millions of Christmas lights! Tickets are on sale now. Call 256-549-4663 or visit NoccalulaFallsPark.com

November 29 – Jan. 4

Get ready for the 2nd annual Christmas on the Coosa ice-skating experience. The ice

rink returns on November 29 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The real ice rink near Moragne Park will close for the season on Jan. 4. For more information, call Janet Tarrance at 256-549-4658 or Valerie Galbreath at 256-549-4643.

November 29 – 30

Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday are coming to downtown Gadsden November 29 – 30. Wear your plaid with pride and shop local. Visit downtown Gadsden for Plaid Friday and shop and dine with our small businesses. Avoid the rush of Black Friday and spend an enjoyable day with friends and family instead. Santa will be walking around too.

December 2

Join the City of Southside for a Christmas Parade and tree lighting event at Southside City Hall from 5 – 7 p.m. December 2. The free event will feature food trucks, the Pride of Southside Marching Band and Santa will also make an appearance. For more information, contact City Hall.

December 3

Join the City of Gadsden for the annual Christmas Parade down Broad Street. The parade begins at 6 p.m.

December 5

Join the City of Attalla for a Christmas Parade and tree lighting event in downtown Attalla. The tree lighting will be held at 5:30 p.m. and the parade will begin at 6 p.m. The event is free to attend.

December 6

Join the City of Gadsden for a Christmas tree lighting event at 344 South 1st Street at 6 p.m. Music from the Theatre of Gadsden Christmas Carolers will begin at 5 p.m. and music from Gadsden Christmas Brass Band will begin at 5:15 p.m. The event is free to attend.

December 6 – 15

See "Miracle on 34th Street" hosted by Theatre of Gadsden at the Ritz Theatre. Show times are Friday, December 6, at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 7, at 7 p.m., Sunday, December 8, at 2 p.m., Friday, December 13, at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 14, at 7 p.m., Sunday, December 15, at 2 p.m. Tickets prices vary between \$13-\$20. For more information, call 256-547-7469.

Submit events by email to khoskins@gadsdenmessenger.com.

A full calendar plus more events

When I think of the story of my life, October is one of my favorite settings. It's my favorite time of the year. The heat is finally abating, leaves are changing and there are more fun activities planned than I can possibly attend. I try to plan carefully and thoroughly, but sometimes even the most careful planning does not allow for participation.

This year, I particularly felt that insidious FOMO (fear of missing out) as I continuously saw announcements for events I'd love to participate in but just couldn't fit into my schedule. Rather than letting it ruin my autumnal joy, though, I have decided to revel in the overabundance of cultural, social and artistic possibilities we have access to in Gadsden. This decision has been hard won for me, coming on the heels of the resolution I made earlier this year to be more social and participate in more local activities.

In fact, everyone's calendars were so instantly full that our writers group decided to cancel our writing workshops during this busy seasons. Our daughters have field

trips, there are school concerts to attend, work activities, Halloween and a month full of birthdays for our family. Despite our overflowing calendars, I have attended the local events I could make it to, and longingly eyed the ones I had to skip.

For anyone else like myself who may have had to miss out on a few things this year, here are a few of the possibilities to look forward to and plan for next year: Trick or Treat Village at the Falls, Sunset Sips, Artober, Candy with the Cardinals, Beehive, GSCC Cardinal Gala, Gadsden Museum of Art's River Reels and Tales, Mushroom Faire at the Falls, Turtle Island Native American Association Powwow at the Falls, Rock of Horror Costume Party at the Amphitheatre, Downtown Gadsden's Trick or Treat, the Family Success Center's Trunk or Treat, plus all of the many trunk-or-treats leading up to Halloween at local churches.

There are several places to look for upcoming events, including local Facebook pages, the Greater Gadsden Area Tourism website, the Etowah Chamber website and

the website for Noccalula Falls, among others. I am reminding myself that there is always next year.

Until then, though, I plan to keep trying to make it to as many interest-related events as I can because I tend to shut down when things get too busy — but creativity and connection cannot survive and grow in a vacuum. Part of trying to be my most authentic self definitely includes continuous learning and creating and connecting. When I get too busy, though, part of the conflict I feel is less FOMO and more wondering if I can be my authentic self, interested in all the things, even when I can't participate in them? I think the answer is yes. Planning helps facilitate participation, but becoming too wrapped up in the planning leaves little room for the living. And the living is where the stories we write of our lives develop.

This reminds me of something Ursula K. LeGuin said: "The unread story is not a story; it is little black marks on wood pulp. The reader, reading it, makes it live: a live thing, a story."



Arranging the Pieces

Tabitha Bozeman

The fully planned schedule is just a page or screen with marks on it. The living of the schedule, the acceptance of the unplanned, the willingness to notice what we miss and what we'd like to participate in next time — that is where the stories are.

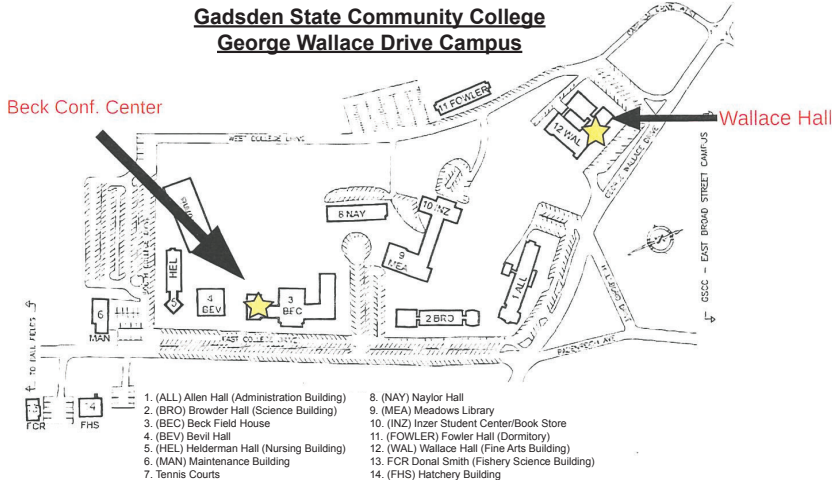
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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF POLLING LOCATION

TO WALLACE HALL AT GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOTERS

Wallace Hall is currently being renovated and will not be available for the 2024 General Election. The Etowah County Commission has designated the Beck Conference Center at Gadsden State Community College as the alternate location. It is right next to the GSCC gym and is located on the same campus.

Gadsden State Community College George Wallace Drive Campus



Beck Conference Center is located next to the gym (FOLLOW THE SIGNS)

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As I am writing this column on Wednesday, Oct. 23, tonight concluded the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, or Sukkot. It always amazes me how God aligns the prophetic clock with the Hebrew calendar; it is truly one of His most profound mysteries. Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Ingathering, is a harvest celebration. Notably, it remains one of the few biblical feasts yet to be fulfilled prophetically, pointing us to future events in God's divine plan.

To give you an idea of how God is working according to the Hebrew calendar, when the Messiah was crucified and became the Lamb of God for the world, it occurred on Passover. When Jesus rose from the dead, it was precisely on the Feast of First Fruits. After His ascension

to heaven and 50 days after Passover, there was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost, or the Hebrew Feast of Shavuot. This indicated the beginning of the harvest season.

We have been in the midst of the great harvest for the past 2,000 years. The fall feasts, of Yom Teruah (which some refer to as Rosh Hashanah) and the Feasts of Tabernacles, or Sukkot, are a reminder of what is to come at the second coming of our Messiah!

Jesus gave us these feasts to prepare us and even commanded us to practice them so that we would be ready at His return. God tells us to rejoice and celebrate during the week of Sukkot, for it represents His final dwelling with us.

In Revelation 21:1-4, God gives us a glimpse of what dwelling with Him for eternity will look like. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell

with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Wow! While things of this world get crazier and evil ramps up, it is comforting to know that our current world will become old and pass away with a much greater celebration awaiting us. Human history began in a garden, and for those who believe in Jesus as their Messiah, it will end in a city that is like a garden paradise. Revelation 21:9 compares the eternal city of God to that of a beautiful bride, for this will be the eternal home for God's people.

If you are struggling today, be encouraged knowing that the things of God only get better for those who love Him. Rejoice and look toward the day when there is no more death, no more sorrow and no more pain, because in Him all these things will pass away. God is saving the best for last! Hallelujah!

If you would like continued prayer, feel free to email me at tonif77@gmail.com. I would love to pray for you!

Bible Verse of the Week

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

- John 14:27
King James Version



Verse for Kids

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

- Proverbs 29:2
King James Version

The Invitation of the Incarnation

In the Mass of the Roman Catholic Church, as you approach Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (or Thanksgiving) and as Christ approaches us in that same sacrament, there are ascending levels of intimacy as we draw near to each other.

From our side of the sacrament, we draw near to the sanctuary by first passing through the narthex, or what other churches may call the vestibule. In this space, the priest, deacons, and altar servers prepare themselves with vestments, candles, bells and the processional crucifix. We as parishioners greet our spiritual leaders and start to prepare ourselves for worship (or sacrifice) as well, that pinnacle moment of faith called The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

As we enter the nave, or what other churches may call the sanctuary, we anoint ourselves with Holy Water, which reminds us that we enter the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. This center part of the church holds all the pews and prayer kneelers and is where we as parishioners offer our sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15).

This is a special place. The ceiling is intentionally shaped to look like the hull of a boat, for the Church is the New Testament Noah's Ark through which we are saved by Christ from judgement (Hebrews 11:7). The pews, in correlation, are as the benches of a boat where the rowers sit to do their work. This reminds us that we are to "work out our own salvation" (Philippians 2:12). Christians are not meant to be passive participants; rather we are to actively do the work of faith (James 2:26) as urgently as rowers on the sea yes, we get the word "navy" from the word Nave). We as rowers are necessary and are invited into even more intimacy as the Mass progresses.

The altar resides in the sanctuary, or what other churches might call the stage. Here, after our priest consecrates the wine and the bread, we are invited to walk forward and receive our Lord in His Supper. We literally are invited to His Table, or altar, to partake of Eternal Food (His Body and Blood - John 6:33-34), the very fruit of the Tree of Life (His Cross). We approach our Lord by His grace, we receive our Lord by Faith, and He fills us with Himself. We have been invited in, all the way into His Sanctuary, and we for that are thankful in the form of the Eucharist.

Behind the altar and beneath the large crucifix (1 Corinthians 2:2) at the inner most part of the sanctuary, is the Tabernacle, which is the beloved place where our Lord, in the form of bread, lies in repose between Masses. Here, at the very center of the Sanctuary, is the very center of our attention - Jesus is in the room. To this Tabernacle and towards our Lord we kneel, we bow, we genuflect, we pray, we sing and we worship. It is the fulfilment of the entire Old Testament (remember that Jesus did not come to abolish, but to fulfill - Matthew 5:17). And the Catholic Church, just like the Temple before it and the Tent of Meeting before that, is set up to invite us all the way into the presence of God.

With one enormous difference, however.

In the Old Testament Temple, most followers could only go as far as the Outer Court. Only priests could go into the Holy Place, and the high priest alone could go into the Holy of Holies only once a year. This correlates to the Nave (Outer Court), the Sanctuary (Holy Place), and the Tabernacle (Holy of Holies) in the New Testament Church. But the enormous difference is that by



The tearing of the veil (both the tearing of Jesus' flesh on the cross and the tearing of the Temple) we can now all "boldly approach the throne of grace, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). We are invited all the way into the Holy of Holies by our Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-15).

The Invitation of the Incarnation is our opportunity to live in and live out John 1:14 with Jesus: "and the Word became flesh and dwelt (or "tabernacled") among us." And we "behold His glory" in every Mass.

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ETOWAH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION COMBINED BALANCE SHEET									
September 30, 2024									
FUND TYPES					ACCOUNT GROUP				
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Fiduciary	Long-Term Debt	Fixed Assets		
Assets	\$34,848,521.72	\$5,047,204.16	\$6,167.84	\$6,689,647.15	\$3,125,381.64	\$43,951,186.01	\$181,739,262.44		
Liabilities	\$991,984.53	\$1,036,876.41	\$ -	\$15,496.99	\$2,325,474.29	\$43,951,186.01	\$ -		
Fund Equity	33,856,537.19	4,010,327.75	6,167.84	6,674,150.16	799,907.35	-	181,739,262.44		
	\$34,848,521.72	\$5,047,204.16	\$6,167.84	\$6,689,647.15	\$3,125,381.64	\$43,951,186.01	\$181,739,262.44		
ETOWAH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE									
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024									
FUND TYPES	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Fiduciary	TOTAL			
Revenues									
State Revenues	\$79,048,320.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,356,790.00	\$ -		\$82,405,110.52		
Federal Revenues	1,998.00	20,773,618.23	-	-	-		20,775,616.23		
Local Revenues	14,199,463.17	3,293,244.56	5,967.24	3,464,529.17	1,519,650.65		22,482,854.79		
Other Revenues	580,629.76	86,025.94	125,000.00	-	-		791,655.70		
Total Revenues	93,830,411.45	24,152,888.73	5,967.24	6,946,319.17	1,519,650.65		126,455,237.24		
Expenditures									
Instructional Services	46,845,147.99	9,289,330.86	-	10,467.56	439,683.11		56,584,629.52		
Instructional Support	13,630,648.65	3,810,668.45	-	-	388,864.69		17,830,181.79		
Operation & Maintenance	7,406,479.09	1,526,766.29	-	883,081.54	107,888.88		9,924,215.80		
Auxiliary Services	4,828,530.64	10,064,547.17	-	350,364.00	19,152.08		15,262,593.89		
General Administrative	3,364,941.52	1,280,283.88	-	-	-		4,645,225.40		
Capital Outlay	2,497,593.75	710,828.27	-	1,378,467.98	-		4,586,890.00		
Debt Services	135,142.00	-	2,167,158.72	2,374,131.90	-		4,676,432.62		
Other Expenditures	2,111,635.40	889,942.10	-	-	372,294.46		3,373,871.96		
Total Expenditures	80,820,119.04	27,572,367.02	2,167,158.72	4,996,512.98	1,327,883.22		116,884,040.98		
Other Fund Sources (Uses)									
Transfers In	572,527.95	4,446,445.76	2,163,339.61	102,421.65	24,401.22		7,309,136.19		
Other Fund Sources	1,330,755.31	-	-	-	-		1,330,755.31		
Transfers Out	(2,990,427.07)	(1,860,556.23)	-	(2,265,761.26)	(192,391.63)		(7,309,136.19)		
Total Other Fund Sources (Uses)	(1,087,143.81)	2,585,889.53	2,163,339.61	(2,163,339.61)	(167,990.41)		1,330,755.31		
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over(Under)									
Expenditures & Other Uses	11,923,148.60	(833,588.76)	2,148.13	(213,533.42)	23,777.02		10,901,951.57		
Beginning Fund Balance	21,933,388.59	4,843,916.51	4,019.71	6,887,683.58	776,130.33		34,445,138.72		
Ending Fund Balance	\$33,856,537.19	\$4,010,327.75	\$6,167.84	\$6,674,150.16	\$799,907.35		\$45,347,090.29		
FY24 Schedule of Debt									
PART 1									
Original Amount	Year Borrowed	Anticipated Date of Liquidation	FY2024 Principal Paid	FY2024 Interest Paid	Balance remaining as of 9/30/24	Revenue and Fund Source used for payment	Description/Purpose of Debt	Lender	Interest Rate
9,869,201.70	2012	3/1/24	304,138.57	4,560.03	-	2120 8410	Capital Projects	State of AL	3%-5%
169,861.11	2014	10/15/23	18,647.49	473.47	-	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	SunTrust	2.51%
76,184.43	2014	10/15/23	8,346.13	211.91	-	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	SunTrust	2.51%
1,355,084.73	2013	9/30/33	68,926.34	7,038.10	144,632.32	2120 8410	Capital Projects	State of AL	3%-5%
11,925,035.95	2014	9/30/34	535,558.91	329,528.93	8,156,247.29	6140	Capital Projects - Schneider	US Bank	3.85%
2,086,351.90	2014	2/1/25	225,646.95	17,511.75	237,411.65	2120 8410	2005 Refinanced PSCA	State of AL	4.71%
1,340,202.00	2016	6/15/26	140,723.00	8,776.45	290,117.00	1320	Note Payable - Bus Purchase	Compass Bank	2.04%
500,000.00	2016	4/1/26	50,000.04	2,576.15	79,166.45	6140	Note Payable - Schneider	ADECA	0.00%
1,270,781.56	2017	10/15/26	129,140.91	12,463.16	405,758.70	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	Signature	2.33%
826,900.00	2018	10/15/27	82,137.95	14,945.81	357,444.49	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	Signature	3.40%
864,010.90	2019	10/15/28	83,618.19	16,075.17	456,905.55	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	Signature	2.97%
1,745,179.62	2020	4/3/30	169,686.96	22,570.37	1,084,222.67	1320	Note Payable - Bus Purchase	Regions	1.80%
9,405,000.00	2021	9/1/45	-	249,962.50	9,405,000.00	6110	Capital Projects	US Bank	2%-4%
26,805,000.00	2021	9/1/42	1,410,000.00	507,196.22	21,105,000.00	6110	Capital Projects	US Bank	.447%-2.936%
1,324,185.17	2021	7/31/31	126,922.82	17,021.42	949,616.04	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	Signature	1.65%
668,077.03	2021	7/1/33	10,451.94	11,644.74	621,184.53	2120 8410	Capital Projects	State of AL	1.79%
716,153.10	2023	8/16/33	57,673.78	32,256.46	658,479.32	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	Flagstar	4.643%
\$69,562,979.07			\$3,421,619.98	\$1,254,812.64	\$43,951,186.01				
PART 2									
Total Line of Credit	Was Line Of Credit Used in FY24	FY2024 Principal Paid	FY2024 Interest Paid	Revenue and Fund Source used for payment	Lender	Interest Rate			
None									

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SPORTS

Roundups & Rundowns

Cross country

With three runners placing in the top 10, the West End girls cross country team won the Class 1A-3A division at the Wildcat Fall Classic 5K on Saturday, Oct. 19 in Anniston.

The Lady Patriots edged Sand Rock, 32 to 39, in the 39-runner field.

Karlee Tarpley paced West End with a runner-up time of 22:08.44, followed by Kennedi Nix in fourth place at 22:34.94 and Jada Wright in eighth place at 23:20.52. Kenzli Nix helped the Lady Patriots with a 13th place time of 23:54.83, with Tensley Young right behind at 24:00.36.

Carolina Rainey finished 16th at 24:21.64, followed by Westbrook Christian's Noel Griffin in 17th place at 24:37.14.

In the boys' Class 1A-3A race of 70 participants, Westbrook's Luke Pilotte came in ninth with a time of 19:16.23.

Volleyball

Several local high school teams competed at the AHSAA North Super Regional Tournament earlier this week in Hoover. In Class 6A, Southside defeated Pell City, 3-0, before falling to Buckhorn, 3-0 in the quarterfinals. The Lady Panthers ended the season with a 21-15 record. In Class 2A, West End lost to Pleasant Valley, 3-0. The Lady Patriots ended the season at 19-21. In Class 4A, Ashville lost to Deshler, 3-1. The Lady Bulldogs finished year with a 24-26 record.

Football

Several area football players were nominated for the AHSAA Prep Football Spotlight for the week of Oct. 18.

Southside sophomore Cooper Yancey kicked a 41-yard field goal with 17 seconds left in the Panthers' 30-23 win over Gadsden City. Senior Koal Garrett rushed 24 times for 146 yards and two touchdowns.

Gadsden City senior T.J. Worthy rushed 12 times for 183 yards and two touchdowns and had three receptions for 78 yards and a score in the Titans' 30-23 loss to Southside-Gadsden. Worthy's 60-yard TD run in the second quarter broke the school career rushing mark set by Alonzo Harris in 2010.

Coosa Christian freshman Kylen Johnson had four receptions for 44 yards and a touchdown, returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown and intercepted a pass in the Conquerors' 62-0 win over West End.

Three Hokes Bluff players rushed for over 100 yards in the Eagles' 56-19 victory over Ashville. Bryce Whitaker gained 150 yards and two touchdowns on 12 attempts, Blaine Barron carried 15 times for 146 yards and three touchdowns and Brenton Hale ran for 108 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries.

Westbrook Christian senior Noah Wight had 15 tackles, including three for a loss, a sack and a forced fumble in the Warriors' 33-30 loss to J.B. Pennington.

Southside sweeps county cross country meet



Chris McCarthy/Messenger

The Southside High School boys cross country team gathers for a photo after winning the Etowah County Schools Meet on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Glencoe. Pictured, sitting, from left: Kaden Battles, Logan Reaves, Max Valentine, Harrison Pierce, Cody Smith, Carson Abel, Will Clough, Hudson Honeycutt, Henry Knight. Standing, from left: Pranjal Sharma, Jack Brown, Evan Christopher, Levi Kay, Jonathan Russell, Keaton Yingling, Tanner Griggs, Micah Little, Conner Christopher, Colt Mickle, Jaxon Pope, Chase Hall, Jackson Abernathy.



Chris McCarthy/Messenger

The Southside High School girls cross country team gathers for a photo after winning the Etowah County Schools Meet on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Glencoe. Pictured, kneeling, from left: Riley Hulsey, Lucy Valentine, Lydia Kay, Adalyn Phillips, Chloe Weaver, Brooke Little, Adalyn Wall, K'Leigh Jackson, Ella Loyd, Reese Beebe. Standing, from left: Marlee Tucker, Payton Ridley, Zoie Menk, Taylor Dortch, Mallory Tucker, Autumn Garrett, Emily Brown, Ava Frachiseur, Madisyn Smith, Laney Ridgeway, Lexy Reaves.

By Chris McCarthy
Publisher

In an autumn ritual that is as familiar as the change to Daylight Savings Time, the Southside High School cross country teams finished first at the Etowah County School Meet on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Glencoe. The boys won their 11th straight championship, while the girls captured their sixth title out of the past seven seasons.

Sparked by Evan Christopher's third straight individual title, the SHS boys bested runner-up Hokes Bluff by nearly 10 minutes in overall time. Christopher's time of 15:53 was 95 seconds faster than Hokes Bluff's Ethan Patterson, who clocked in at 17:27.

Five other Panther runners finished in the top 10 - Levi Kay in fourth place at 18:40, Jackson Brown in fifth place at 18:54.55, Jonathan Russell in seventh place at 19:09, Keaton Yingling in eighth place at 19:14.2 and Pranjal Sharma in ninth place at 19:20. Glencoe's Dakota Ensminger came in third with a time of 18:10, while Sardis' Braxton Jones finished sixth at 18:59.4 and Glencoe's Owen Beason in 10th place at 19:22.

"Our hard work during the summer and throughout the season is really paying off," said Southside cross country coach Kim Nails. "Having so many kids who are working hard towards the same goal gives you chance to be suc-

cessful. Our seniors and even the kids who have graduated invest in the next class coming up, and that's a cycle that's been repeating itself over the last several years."

Christopher, who finished runner-up at last year Class 6A state cross country meet, bettered his 2023 county run by 75 seconds.

"Last year at county, I kind of paced with the other guys and didn't think about my time that much," he said. "This year I had a little bit different strategy in going out a little slower than I usually do. I wasn't the best time ever, but it got the job done. I never really expected to win the first [county title], so to win three in a row against some pretty good runners is special."

The Lady Panthers finished one runner short of a sweep by placing five runners in the top six spots. Southside topped runner-up West End in overall time 1:46.34 to 2:01.41. Seventh grader Lydia Kay crossed the finish line first with a time of 20:17.7, followed by Marlee Tucker at 20:51.6, Payton Ridley at 21:13.9 and Taylor Dortch at 21:28.3. Completing the top 10 were West End's Kennedi Nix in fifth at 22:35.3, Southside's Lucy Valentine in sixth at 22:42.7, Southside Riley Hulsey in seventh at 23:27.7, West End's Kenzli Nix in eighth at 23:59.5, Southside's Mallory Tucker in ninth at 24:11.8 and West End's Jada Wright in 10th at 24:24.3.

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Southside's Koal Garrett fights for yardage as Gadsden City's Tremonte Williams (52) attempts a tackle during the Panthers' 30-23 victory in high school football on Oct. 18 at GCHS.



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@ Wisconsin	W. 42-10
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@ Vanderbilt	L. 35-40
vs. S. Carolina	W. 27-25
@ Tennessee	L. 17-24
vs. Missouri	Oct. 26
@ LSU	Nov. 9
vs. Mercer	Nov. 16
@ Oklahoma	Nov. 23
vs. Auburn	Nov. 30

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vs. Arkansas	L. 24-14
vs. Oklahoma	L. 24-24
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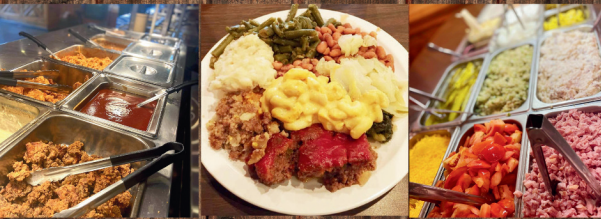
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Local Sports Schedule

High School Football

Friday, Oct. 25
Hazel Green at Southside
Mae Jemison at Gadsden City
Tuscaloosa Aca. at Coosa Christian
Oneonta at Hokes Bluff
A.P. Brewer at Sardis
Weaver at Westbrook
West End at Southeastern
Etowah at Alexandria
Glencoe at Locust Fork
Gaston at Sand Rock
Ashville at Cherokee County

Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 25
North Super Regional Tournament at Hoover

Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 29-30
AHSAA State Tournament at Birmingham CrossPlex

Flag Football

Tuesday, Oct. 29
Pinson Valley at Gadsden City

Cross Country

Thursday, Oct. 31
Gaston, West End at Class 1A-2A
Section 3 Meet at Pisgah
Glencoe, Westbrook at Class 3A
Section 2 Meet at Lineville
Ashville, Etowah, Hokes Bluff at Class 4A Section 4 Meet at Scottsboro
Sardis at Class 5A
Section 2 Meet at Lineville
Gadsden City, Southside at Class 6A

Section 5 meet at Scottsboro

Bowling

All home matches at The Alley at the Gadsden Mall
Monday, Oct. 29
Hewitt-Trussville at Etowah
Tuesday, Oct. 29
Gadsden City at Vestavia Hills
Wednesday, Oct. 30
Etowah at Southside
Pinson Valley at Gadsden City
Thursday, Oct. 31
Gadsden City at Pinson Valley

College Cross Country

Friday, Oct. 25
Gadsden State at ACCC Meet

Oct. 25 - Oct. 31

ASWA high school football poll

Released Oct. 23

Class 7A		
Team	Record	Points
1. Auburn	8-0	216
2. Hoover	7-2	143
3. Opelika	8-1	131
4. Mary Montgomery	8-1	129
5. Central-Phenix City	6-2	101
6. Austin	8-0	90
7. Thompson	6-3	84
8. Hewitt-Trussville	7-2	70
9. Baker	6-2	23
10. Enterprise	5-3	18
Others receiving votes: Carver-Montgomery (5-3) 17, Vestavia Hills (4-4) 3, Daphne (6-3) 1.		
Class 6A		
Team	Record	Points
1. Saraland	8-0	209
2. Parker	8-1	158
3. Oxford	8-0	146
4. Spain Park	8-0	133
5. Clay-Chalkville	7-1	102
6. Hartselle	7-1	88
7. Spanish Fort	7-1	61
8. Mountain Brook	6-3	44
9. Homewood	6-2	41
10. St. Paul's	7-1	15
Others receiving votes: Muscle Shoals (5-2) 14, Fort Payne (6-2) 12, Helena (5-3) 1, Russell County (6-2) 1, Southside (5-3) 1.		
Class 5A		
Team	Record	Points
1. Catholic-Mont.	8-0	210
2. Central-Clay Co.	9-0	165
3. Vigor	8-0	140
4. Fairview	7-0	113
5. Moody	6-2	105
6. Guntersville	7-1	93
7. Corner	7-1	56
8. Leeds	7-2	44
9. Williamson	8-1	36
10. Russellville	6-2	28
Others receiving votes: Scottsboro (7-2) 12, Wenonah (7-1) 11, Demopolis (6-2) 8, Northside (7-1) 4, Boaz (6-2) 1.		
Class 4A		
Team	Record	Points
1. Jackson	8-1	216
2. Pleasant Grove	7-1	153
3. Cherokee County	8-1	143
4. West Morgan	8-0	131
5. Good Hope	8-0	103
6. St. Michael Cath.	7-1	92
7. Bibb County	7-2	64
8. Dale County	7-2	55
9. North Jackson	6-2	22
10. Opp	6-2	13
Others receiving votes: Randolph (6-2) 8, Tallassee (5-2) 8, Oak Grove (6-2) 5, Fairfield (6-2) 4, Central-Florence (6-2) 3, Dora (6-3) 3, Hokes Bluff (6-2) 2, Alexandria (5-3) 1.		
Class 3A		
Team	Record	Points
1. T.R. Miller	8-0	194
2. Mars Hill Bible	8-0	171
3. Piedmont	8-0	143
4. Thomasville	8-0	123
5. Fyffe	6-2	105
6. Gordo	8-1	87
7. Glenwood	8-0	75
8. Geraldine	7-1	43
9. Winfield	8-1	39
10. Trinity	7-2	17
Others receiving votes: Montgomery Academy (8-1) 14, Houston Academy (7-1) 8, Bayside Academy (7-1) 4, Sylvania (6-2) 2, Southside-Selma (6-2) 1.		
Class 2A		
Team	Record	Points
1. Pisgah	8-0	208
2. Highland Home	9-0	162
3. Coosa Christian	8-1	145
4. Cottonwood	9-0	125
5. Reeltown	7-1	101
6. Winston County	8-0	82
7. Tuscaloosa Aca.	7-1	72
8. Decatur Heritage	6-1	56
9. Vincent	7-1	43
10. Clarke County	6-2	16
Others receiving votes: Providence Christian (7-1) 11, Goshen (5-2) 4, Pleasant Valley (7-2) 1.		
Class 1A		
Team	Record	Points
1. Wadley	7-0	210
2. Leroy	8-1	164
3. Hackleburg	8-0	140
4. Spring Garden	9-0	121
5. Elba	7-2	107
6. Sweet Water	6-2	86
7. Maplesville	7-1	74
8. Lynn	8-1	54
9. McKenzie	8-1	37
10. Autauga Aca.	7-1	16
Others receiving votes: Linden (6-2) 9, University Charter (7-1) 3, Berry (7-1) 2, Brantley (4-4) 1, Florala (7-2) 1, Verbena (7-1) 1.		

Auburn once again can't close out a game, Alabama has absolutely no margin for error

Alabama Week 8 Review

For the first time since 2007, Alabama lost two regular season games before the end of October. The Crimson Tide fell to Tennessee, 24-17, last week to fall to 5-2 on the season and 3-2 in the SEC. Alabama now has no margin for error entering the back half of the schedule. Alabama could not get into a rhythm offensively against the Volunteers and quarterback Jalen Milroe struggled with accuracy in completed 25 of 45 passes for one touchdown and two interceptions. UA rushed 34 times for 75 yards while allowing 408 yards to a Tennessee offense that has struggled in SEC play. Kalen DeBoer's team hosts Missouri on Saturday, Oct. 26 as the Tide looks to get back on track.

Auburn Week 8 Review

The trend for Auburn football this season has been finding ways to lose games. The Tigers fell 21-17 at Missouri last week, and it was yet another game during which Hugh Freeze's team outplayed its opponent but lost in the fourth quarter. Auburn led 17-3 in the second half and failed to score the rest of the game as Missouri worked its way back in the contest with an injured Brady Cook at quarterback. AU quarterback Payton Thorne threw for 176 yards and a touchdown, but the Tigers were held to under 300 yards of offense. Auburn hits the road this Saturday for a matchup at Kentucky.

SEC Week 9 Rankings

- Georgia (6-1, 4-1)
- Texas (6-1, 2-1)
- LSU (6-1, 3-0)
- Texas A&M (6-1, 3-0)
- Tennessee (6-1, 3-1)
- Ole Miss (5-2, 1-2)
- Alabama (5-2, 2-2)
- Missouri (6-1, 2-1)
- Vanderbilt (5-2, 2-1)
- Arkansas (4-3, 2-2)
- South Carolina (4-3, 2-3)
- Florida (4-3, 2-2)
- Oklahoma (4-3, 1-3)
- Kentucky (3-4, 1-4)
- Auburn (2-5, 0-4)

Game of the Week

LSU at Texas A&M (-2.5). Not many people likely had these two teams as the last remaining unbeaten squads in conference play, but the Tigers and Aggies have played extremely well in recent week. The LSU offense is one of the best in the country and has one of the best quarterbacks in the country in Garrett Nussmeier. The Tigers have vastly improved on the defensive side of the ball as well under new defensive coordinator Blake Baker. Texas A&M lost its opener to Notre Dame since then have looked like a playoff contender. Kyle Field will be rocking on Saturday night, and the winner of this game will be in the driver's seat to make the conference title game. *Prediction: LSU 31, Texas A&M 27.*

Oklahoma at Ole Miss (-20). Unlike Texas, Oklahoma's first season in the SEC has been quite the wake-up call for the Sooners' fan base. While the Sooners are 4-3 on the year, they should probably have a worse record and look like one of the worst teams in the league. The offense is in complete disarray, and offensive coordinator Seth Littrell was fired last week by head coach Brent Venables after a miserable start to the season. Oklahoma travels to Oxford on Saturday to face an Ole Miss team off a bye and off a loss. *Prediction: Ole Miss 31, Oklahoma 10.*

Arkansas at Mississippi State (+6.5). Despite a 1-6 record and a backup quarterback, Mississippi State actually made strides in recent weeks under first-year head coach Jeff Leiby. Michael Van Buren, Jr., has been solid at quarterback, and the Bulldogs are catching an Arkansas team fresh off a shellacking at home to LSU. The Razorbacks are the better team, but this one could come down to the final possession. *Prediction: Arkansas 28, Mississippi State 27.*

In & Around SEC

Cole Frederick

Week 9

Missouri at Alabama (-16.5). If Alabama wishes to avoid its first three-loss regular season since 2010, it must win its remaining games. A 10-2 Alabama team will make the 12-team playoff, but another loss would spell doom for the Crimson Tide's play-off chances. Luckily for Alabama, Missouri quarterback Brady Cook is doubtful for Saturday with an ankle injury, so this is an excellent chance for Alabama to bounce back. *Prediction: Alabama 38, Missouri 13.*

Texas at Vanderbilt (+18.5). Welcome to the SEC, Texas. The Longhorns were heralded as the best team in the country over the last month, but their first real taste of the SEC came on Saturday when the Longhorns hosted a bloodthirsty Georgia team. The 30-15 loss doesn't really impact the Longhorns in the long haul, and they should still be a playoff team and title contender. But Texas now hits the road to take on an upset-minded Vanderbilt team that has proven three times this year it can win outright as a double-digit favorite. *Prediction: Texas 34, Vanderbilt 20.*

Auburn at Kentucky (-2.5). Saturday's matchup in Lexington features two of the most disappointing teams in the conference. Auburn inventing ways to lose, while Kentucky has played well in two games and been abysmal in every other SEC game. Last week, the Wildcats were embarrassed by a Florida team that wants to fire its coach. If either team wants to make the postseason, a win on Saturday is a must. *Prediction: Auburn 24, Kentucky 20.*



Hokes Bluff's Alex Carter (26) breaks free of the Ashville defense on the way to a touchdown during the Eagles' 56-19 victory in high school football on Friday, Oct. 18 at AHS.

Panthers win county 5K run
- from 3B

Christopher's current season PR of 15:34.30 puts in him third place in Class 6A behind Hazel Green's Bryce McCleary (15:00.1) and McGill-Toolen Catholic's William Porr (15:07.53). "I've just to stay mentally focused for sectionals and state," said Christopher. "There's a couple of guys ranked ahead of me right now, so I've got to stay on top of things." The sectional meets are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 31, while the AHSAA state meet will be held Saturday, Nov. 9 at Indian Mounds Park in Oakville. "Winning county three years in a row speaks well of Evan and the hard work he puts in," said Nails. "You don't finish with times like he does without putting in the miles."

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The top 10 girls finishers at the Etowah County Schools Meet gather for a photo on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Glencoe. Pictured, from left: Jada Wright, West End, 10th place; Mallory Tucker, Southside, ninth place; Kenzi Nix, West End, eighth place; Riley Husley, Southside, seven place; Lucy Valentine, Southside, sixth place; Kennedy Nix, West End, fifth place; Taylor Dortch, Southside, fourth place; Payton Ridley, Southside, third place; Marlee Tucker, Southside, second place; Lydia Kay, Southside, first place.



Chris McCarthy/Messenger

The top 10 boys finishers at the Etowah County Schools Meet gather for a photo on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Glencoe. Pictured, from left: Owen Beason, Glencoe, 10th place; Pranjal Sharma, Southside, ninth place; Keaton Yingling, Southside, eighth place; Jonathan Russell, Southside, seventh place; Braxton Jones, Sardis, sixth place; Jackson Brown, Southside, fifth place; Levi Kay, Southside, fourth place; Dakota Ensinger, Glencoe, third place; Ethan Patterson, Hokes Bluff, second place; Evan Christopher, Southside, first place.

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Area high school football standings Through Week 8

Class 6A, Region 8		
	Overall	Region
Fort Payne	6-2	5-0
Southside	5-3	4-1
Gadsden City	5-3	3-2
Buckhorn	4-4	3-3
Mae Jemison	3-6	2-3
Hazel Green	2-6	1-4
Lee-Huntsville	0-8	0-5
Class 5A, Region 8		
	Overall	Region
Scottsboro	7-2	5-1
Boaz	6-2	4-1
Guntersville	7-1	4-1
Arab	5-3	3-2
Sardis	2-7	1-4
Douglas	4-4	1-4
Brewer	1-7	0-5
Class 4A, Region 6		
	Overall	Region
Cherokee County	8-1	6-0
Hokes Bluff	6-2	4-2
Anniston	4-4	4-2
Alexandria	5-3	4-2
Etowah	3-5	3-3
White Plains	3-5	1-5
Ashville	1-7	1-5
Oneonta	2-6	1-5
Class 3A, Region 6		
	Overall	Region
Piedmont	8-0	6-0
Locust Fork	6-2	4-2
Walter Wellborn	5-2	4-2
J.B. Pennington	6-3	4-3
Westbrook Christian	5-3	3-3
Ohatchee	5-4	3-4
Weaver	2-6	2-4
Glencoe	2-6	1-5
Saks	2-6	1-5
Class 2A, Region 6		
	Overall	Region
Coosa Christian	8-1	6-0
Southeastern	5-3	4-1
Falkville	4-4	3-2
Cold Springs	4-5	2-3
Susan Moore	2-6	2-3
Cleveland	2-6	1-4
West End	1-8	0-5
Class 2A, Region 7		
	Overall	Region
Pisgah	8-0	5-0
Pleasant Valley	7-2	4-1
North Sand Mountain	5-3	3-2
Cedar Bluff	3-6	3-3
Sand Rock	3-5	2-3
Gaston Section	2-6	1-4
	1-7	0-5



Photo courtesy of Alex Chaney
Hokes Bluff's Alex Carter (26) breaks up a pass intended for Ashville's Parker Smith during the Eagles' 56-19 victory in high school football on Friday, Oct. 18 at AHS.

Local high school football statistics

Reporting this week:
Ashville, Coosa Christian, Gaston, Etowah, Gadsden City, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff, Sardis, Southside, Westbrook

Rushing				
Name	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Blevins, Westbrook	156	1,112	7.1	19
Whitaker, Hokes Bluff	106	1,078	10.2	15
Worthy, Gadsden City	107	873	8.2	14
Scissum, Etowah	84	750	8.9	10
K. Garrett, Southside	94	746	7.9	8
Barron, Hokes Bluff	101	630	6.2	8
Terry, Coosa Chr.	34	590	17.3	6
Hale, Hokes Bluff	56	544	9.7	8
Boyd, Southside	74	518	7.0	3
McMurray, Glencoe	82	506	6.2	1
Chapman, Sardis	72	395	5.5	5
Hudson, Glencoe	54	364	6.7	3
Boggs, Glencoe	81	355	4.4	3
Strong, Southside	32	303	9.5	4
Wilson, Coosa Chr.	78	300	3.8	8
Skaggs, Gaston	37	279	7.5	4
Carter, Hokes Bluff	47	278	5.9	3
Wood, Westbrook	52	242	4.7	2
Martin, Sardis	45	225	5.0	3
Hamby, West End	60	224	3.7	3

Passing				
Name	Att.	Comp.	Yards	TD
Franklin, Gadsden City	188	120	1,626	16
Scissum, Etowah	156	102	1,395	11
Potter, Ashville	144	87	1,274	11
Justus, Coosa Chr.	139	85	1,177	16
Hamby, West End	115	54	845	7
Chapman, Sardis	120	70	742	3
Sarratt, Southside	70	49	718	3
Blevins, Westbrook	93	53	713	6
Clay, Gaston	94	40	585	2
Whitaker, Hokes Bluff	59	29	381	3
Johnson, Glencoe	55	24	351	7
Sollie, Westbrook	18	15	266	4
Bryan, Southside	15	10	136	1

Receiving				
Name	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Mayo, West End	35	551	15.7	5
Johnson, Westbrook	30	382	12.7	3
Knight, Etowah	26	342	13.2	1
Sparks, Gadsden City	25	246	9.8	2
Kilgo, Westbrook	24	401	16.7	6
Worthy, Gadsden City	23	437	19.0	7
Swafford, Gadsden City	23	346	15.0	3
Curry, Gadsden City	21	249	11.9	0
Yow, Gadsden City	19	297	15.6	2
Reeves, Etowah	18	310	17.2	1
Morgan, Hokes Bluff	17	253	14.9	1
Richardson, Etowah	16	302	24.5	3
Peoples, Southside	16	253	15.8	2
Huckbay, Ashville	15	323	21.5	1
Johnson, Coosa Chr.	14	275	19.6	5

Tackles	
Name	No.
O'Bryant, Coosa Chr.	95
T. Jones, Westbrook	68
Mickler, Coosa Chr.	65
Franklin, Coosa Chr.	48
Mays, Coosa Chr.	45
Wright, Westbrook	44
Palmer, Coosa Chr.	43
Motes, Coosa Chr.	43
Legg, Westbrook	42
Cox, Hokes Bluff	41
McCarver, Hokes Bluff	37
Johnson, Coosa Chr.	37
Pearce, Coosa Chr.	35
Thomas, Ashville	34
Skaggs, Westbrook	34
Shields, Hokes Bluff	34
Whiteside, Westbrook	34
Bowers, Southside	33
Mackey, Coosa Chr.	32
Ramsey, Westbrook	29
Malone, Coosa Chr.	29
Wilson, Coosa Chr.	27
East, Coosa Chr.	24
Strunk, Southside	23
Edwards, Coosa Chr.	23
Flowers, Southside	22
Morgan, Hokes Bluff	22
Whittemore, Southside	21
Mostella, Coosa Chr.	19

Sacks	
Name	No.
Shields, Hokes Bluff	5
Mays, Coosa Chr.	4
Whittemore, Southside	4
Wright, Westbrook	4
Palmer, Coosa Chr.	4
T. Jones, Westbrook	3
Mackey, Coosa Chr.	3
Ramsey, Westbrook	3

Interceptions	
Name	No.
Johnson, Coosa Chr.	5
Edwards, Coosa Chr.	4
Bogle, Gaston	3
McCarver, Hokes Bluff	3
Huckbay, Ashville	2



Photo courtesy of Colin Edwards
Southside's Cooper Yancey (left) get set to attempt a game-winning field goal as Jordan Bryan holds during the Panthers' 30-23 victory over Gadsden City in high school football on Oct. 18 at GCHS.

ADCNR photo contest ends October 31, 2024

The 2025 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest, a joint project between the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Alabama Tourism Department, is currently accepting entries through October 31.

The 2025 contest will focus on traditional photography techniques and the use of handheld cameras. No cellphone, smartphone, game camera or drone photography will be chosen as winning photos for nine of the 10 categories. Smartphone and tablet photos will be accepted in the Young Photographers category.

The photo contest is open to state residents and visitors alike, but qualifying photos must have been taken in Alabama over the past two years. Any amateur photographer not employed by ADCNR is encouraged to enter.

A total of 10 photos per person may be entered in the following categories (persona may enter all 10 in one category or among several categories): Alabama State Parks, Birds, Bugs and Butterflies, Cold-blooded Critters, Nature-Based Recreation, Scenic, Shoots and Roots, Sweet Home Alabama, Wildlife and Young Photographers (ages 17 and under). Art teachers are encouraged to incorpo-

rate participation in the Young Photographers category into their art instruction this fall.

First, second and third place and one honorable mention will be awarded in each category. Winning images will be featured online and in a traveling exhibit at various venues across the state during 2025. Any organization or venue interested in hosting the 2025 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest Exhibit may e-mail kenny.johnson@dcnr.

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20, 2024, before the Hon. Will Clay at the Etowah County Judicial Building, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama. You may appear at the hearing and contest the Petition.

Dated this the 27th day of September

/s/ Cassandra Johnson
DISTRICT/JUVENILE
COURT CLERK

Krystal Padula McWhorter
Attorney for the Natural
Mother
834 Chestnut Street
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October 4, 11, 18, and 25,
2024

**NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
TERMINATION
OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

IN THE JUVENILE
COURT OF ETOWAH
COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.:
JU 2024-198.01

IN RE: R.J.I.
A minor child
DOB: 06/05/2016

NOTICE TO: Justin
Wayne Irvine, the father.

You are hereby given notice that a Petition has been filed by the Natural Mother, Laura Alexander Elledge, to minor child, R.J.I., born on June 5, 2016. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the Clerk of the Etowah County Juvenile Court within fourteen (14) days from the date of last publication of this notice. If you fail to file an Answer within the allowed time, a judgment by default may be entered against you. You are further notified that you have the right to have an attorney represent you in this matter, and if you cannot afford to hire an attorney, one can be appointed by the Court to represent you. The Petition is set for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on November 20, 2024, before the Hon. Will Clay at the Etowah County Judicial Building, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama. You may appear at the hearing and contest the Petition.

Dated this the 27th day of September 2024

/s/ Cassandra Johnson
DISTRICT/JUVENILE
COURT CLERK

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October 4, 11, 18, and 25,
2024

**TERMINATION OF
PARENTAL RIGHTS**

In the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama Case # JU-23-34.02 In Re: G.J.. Publication Notice to: Antonia Guice and Zeb Guice. A Complaint has been filed in this court for termination of parental rights as to the above Minor Child whose date of birth is 11/15/22. You must file an answer to the Complaint within 14 days of perfection of service by publication. Your answer is to be filed in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 801 Forrest Ave. Gadsden, AL 35901. Case is set for final hearing 12/5/2024.

Done this 14th day of October, 2024.

Cassandra Johnson
COURT CLERK.

David King, Esq.
Etowah County DHR,
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October 18, 25,
November 1, 8, 2024

**COMPLAINT
FOR DIVORCE**

In the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama

JUANA VASQUEZ SANCHEZ v JOSE ANTONIO GOMEZ SANCHEZ
CASE NO: 31-DR-2023-900302.00

Notice to: Jose Antonio Gomez Sanchez

You have been made a Defendant in a lawsuit for a divorce action in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, filed by Juana Vasquez Sanchez. The divorce action was filed on October 26, 2023 and you have thirty days from that date of the last publication notice to file an Answer. Your response must be filed with the Circuit Court of Etowah County,

Alabama 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The Attorney for Juana Vasquez Sanchez is Kenneth P. Robertson, 926 Third Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

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October 18, 25,
November 1, and 8, 2024

**NOTICE OF
COMPLAINT**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF ETOWAH COUNTY
ALABAMA

CARLOS MOSTELLA,
PLAINTIFFS

v.
CV-2024-900454

M&M REAL ESTATE EQUITIES, LLC; JOHNNY E. POTTS and DONNA G. POTTS, and those fictitious defendants whose identities and whereabouts are unknown, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the lands described herein
DEFENDANTS

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint to Foreclose the Right to Redeem and Quiet Title as to the following property: Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 3, Kyle's Cheap Home Addition to Alabama City; thence West and along the South line of said Lot 1 a distance of 55 feet; thence deflect 90° to the right and run in a Northerly direction parallel to the East line of Lots 1 and 2 a distance of 100 feet to a point in the North line of Lot 2; thence deflect 90° to the right and run in an Easterly direction and along the North line of Lot 2 a distance of 5 feet; thence 90° to the left and run in a Northerly direction parallel to the East line of Lot 3 a distance of 20 feet to a point; thence deflect 90° to the right and run in an Easterly direction, parallel with the South line of Lot 1 a distance of 50 feet to a point in the East line of Lot 3; thence Southerly and along the East line of Lots 3, 2 and 1, to the point of beginning; and embracing a portion of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Kyle's Cheap Home Addition to Alabama City, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 189, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

The Defendants, Johnny E. Potts and Donna G. Potts and/or their heirs and next of kin, and any other individuals who may claim an interest in the above described property, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiffs' Complaint within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the aforementioned case.

Done the 10th day of October 2024

CASSANDRA JOHNSON,
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October 18, 25,
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**STATE OF
ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY
THE GOVERNOR**

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2024 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2024-121 (SB262), which ordered an election to be held on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 relating to Etowah County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks preceding the date appointed for the election in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in the county affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be

held in Etowah County, Alabama, in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

**AMENDMENT
PROPOSED BY ACT
NO. 2024-121**

"Section 28-2-00 (a) The legislature Legislature, by general or local law, may by general or local law provide that a trial tax or charge on litigation of not more than --- dollars (---) shall be taxed as costs in any case, action, or proceeding hereafter filed in the circuit court of fix, regulate, and alter the costs and charges of courts in Etowah county; whether at law or in equity, and that a like tax or charge of not more than --- dollars (---) shall be taxed as cost in any case hereafter filed in the Etowah county court, the proceeds of such tax or charge shall be used for establishing, equipping, maintaining and operating the public law library in Etowah county established pursuant to Act No. 491, H. 596, which became effective August 4, 1955 (Acts of Alabama 1955, page 485), including the payment of the salaries of the personnel needed to operate such library County and provide for their distribution, including, but not limited to, for the establishment, equipment, maintenance, or operation of a public law library. (b) All court costs and charges collected in Etowah County prior to the ratification of this amendment are hereby ratified, validated, and confirmed."

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in Etowah County, Alabama.

October 11, 18, 25, and
November 1, 2024

**STATE OF
ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR**

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2024 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2024-301 (HB302), proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

**AMENDMENT
PROPOSED BY ACT
NO. 2024-301**

(a) All sixteen section and indemnity school land that is owned in fee simple by the Franklin County School System, is located in Fayette County and Walker County, and is for the exclusive use of schools in the Franklin County School System is vested in the Franklin County Board of Education. The board may manage, sell, lease, and control the land and any timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land.

(b) Any proceeds generated from the sale of timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land, or from the lease or sale of the land or its natural resources, shall be paid to the Franklin County Board of Education and deposited into the Franklin County Board of Education General Fund.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that this amendment supersede any other provision of this constitution that may be construed as conflicting with this amendment as it relates to the land and the rights, power, and control

thereof and to the sale, lease, or other disposition of the land and timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land, and any proceeds and interest earned there-from.

(d) Upon ratification of this amendment, all proceeds realized from the sale, lease, or other disposition of the land or the sale of timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land occurring before ratification of this amendment, and held in trust by the State of Alabama, shall continue to be held in trust, and any proceeds and interest derived from those transactions shall be paid to the Franklin County Board of Education.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in every county as required by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 19th day of September 2024.

Kay Ivy,
Governor

Wes Allen
Secretary of State

October 11, 18, 25, and
November 1, 2024

**NOTICE TO
CONTRACTORS
FEDERAL AID
PROJECT NO.
STPAA-0291(501)
ETOWAH COUNTY,
ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on November 08, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Micro- Milling, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-291 from the junction of SR-759 to the intersection of SR-1(US-431) in Gadsden. Length 0.890 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate.

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Forty-five (45) Working Days. A 4.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$8.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations. Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$640,363 To \$782,666 . The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before

10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director

October 18, 25, and
November 1, 2024

**ORDINANCE
NO. O-47-24**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO FARMERS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A MIDDLE MILE FIBER OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK WITHIN CERTAIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Farmers Telecommunications Corporation, (hereinafter referred to as the "the Company") desires to construct, install, maintain, operate, and control a middle mile fiber optic infrastructure network within certain public rights-of-way within the City of Gadsden, Alabama ("City"); and WHEREAS, the Company has requested a franchise from the City in order to maintain and construct a middle mile fiber optic infrastructure network within the corporate limits of the City; and WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to accommodate the Company's request and grant a franchise to allow Company to maintain and construct a middle mile fiber optic infrastructure in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City does hereby grant to Company a non-exclusive franchise granting the limited authority to maintain and construct a middle mile fiber optic infrastructure network in the City in and along certain rights-of-way outlined in the Agreement attached as Exhibit A, subject to the terms and conditions set forth within.

Section 2. Severability Clause. If any part, section or subdivision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. Any Ordinance heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, which is in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective only upon receipt of a written unconditional acceptance by the Company of the terms and conditions contained herein within thirty (30) days of the passage of this Ordinance.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 15, 2024.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

October 25, 2024

**ORDINANCE
NO. O-48-24**

An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Deliv-

ery of Financing Documents for Fire Truck

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council has found and determined, and does hereby find, determine and declare that the City of Gadsden, Alabama (the "City") is authorized by Chapter 16A of Title 41 of the Code of Alabama 1975 (the "Enabling Law") to enter into that certain Secured Equipment Financing Agreement, to be dated the date of delivery (the "Financing Agreement") by the City and Regions Capital Advantage, Inc., as the lender (the "Lender"), for the purpose of financing the acquisition of fire truck(s).

Section 2. The City Council does hereby approve, adopt, authorize, direct, ratify and confirm the terms and provisions of the representations and warranties of the City set forth in the agreements, obligations and transactions to be undertaken by the City pursuant to, and the execution and delivery by the City of, the following documents (collectively, the "Financing Documents"):

(a) the Financing Agreement, reflecting an installment-purchase financing in an amount of \$785,000 and an interest rate of 4.27%, as adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Financing Agreement but never to exceed the maximum amount permitted under Alabama law;

(b) the Bill of Sale, to be dated the date of execution and delivery thereof, between the City and the Lender;

(c) any and all agreements, assignments, notices, financing statements, and other documents, instruments or agreements, as the same may at any time be amended, supplemented or restated, which secure, evidence, or give notice of the security for the obligations of the City to the Lender under the Financing Agreement and the security therefor.

Section 3. (a) The Financing Documents are approved in substantially the form and of substantially the content as presented to and considered by the City Council, with such changes or additions thereto or deletions therefrom as the officer of the City executing the same shall approve, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Financing Documents by such officer as hereinafter provided.

(b) The Financing Documents presented to, considered and adopted by the City Council shall be filed in the permanent records of the City Council.

Section 4. (a) The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Financing Documents for and on behalf of and in the name of the City. The City Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same.

(b) Any prior execution of the Financing Documents by any of the aforesaid officers is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. The Mayor and City Clerk of the City, or any of them, are hereby authorized and directed to execute, deliver and file such related documents and agreements and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this ordinance or complete the financing herein authorized; and execute and deliver to the Lender and counsel thereto such certified copies of proceedings of the City and such closing papers, proofs and statements containing such representations of fact and law as may be necessary to demonstrate the validity of the Financing Documents, the absence of any pending or threatened litigation with respect to such instruments or any matter referred to therein or in this ordinance.

Section 6. Any prior action taken by or on behalf of the City or any officer, agent, or representative thereof, or documents executed by or on behalf of the City, in

connection with the transactions herein authorized and approved, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 7. Any resolution, ordinance, order or notice, or part thereof, of the City Council in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance is hereby, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, repealed.

Section 8. The City Council does hereby approve, adopt, ratify, and confirm the seal impressed on these minutes as and for the official corporate seal of the City and said seal shall remain in the custody of the City Clerk of the City, who is hereby authorized to affix the same to bonds, contracts, proceedings and other documents of the City.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 15, 2024.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

October 25, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units will be auctioned on 10/30/2024 beginning at 10:00 AM on the business premises of: B & J Thrift and Mini Storage. B & J Thrift and Mini Storage is located at 1101 Hwy 77, Attalla, AL 35954.

Michael Ulbrich
Unit 49

Jack Madion
Unit 48

B & J Thrift and Mini Storage
1101 Hwy 77
Attalla, AL 35954

October 18 and 25, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on October 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903

Kristidis Tolbert
Unit 141

Off Campus Storage
474 George Wallace Drive
Gadsden, AL. 35903

October 18 and 25, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on November 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903

Whitney Hunter
Unit 9 and 153

Off Campus Storage
474 George Wallace Drive
Gadsden, AL. 35903

October 25 and
November 1, 2024

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE
POSSESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on December 20, 2024.

2005 Ford Taurus
VIN: 1FAF-P53U85A300930

2012 Chrysler 200
VIN: 1C3C-CBBB8CN176210

2005 Ford Explorer Sport Trac
VIN: 1FMZU-67K95UA18112

1997 Dodge Ram 1500
VIN: 1B7HC16X-6V5300044

Thacker Towing & Recovery
927 5th Avenue NE
Attalla, AL 35954
(256) 546-9994

October 25 and
November 1, 2024

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE
POSSESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on November 29, 2024.

2013 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCR2F37DA265774

1993 Mercury M53
VIN:



You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL

City of Gadsden
P.O. Box 267
Gadsden, AL 35902
(256) 549-4529

October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to SANPIPER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., P.O. BOX 406, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902-0406, TIFFANY GIBBS, 623 NEWTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 2930 SHAHAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, P.O. BOX 4043, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-0043, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 2930 SHAHAN AVENUE (MOBILE HOME) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots Numbers One (1) and Two (2) in Block Twenty-One (21) and Lot Number Eleven (11) in Block Twenty (20) all the Smith's First Addition to the City of Gadsden, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, subject however to the terms and conditions of certain deed and easement document executed by Lois McDonald, a widow, to the City of Gadsden, date July 12, 1985, and recorded in Book 1429, Page 19, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, granting permanent and perpetual easement for a storm sewer drainage facility.

TAX PARCEL ID: 16-01-01-1-000-224.000
PIN: 49366

You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL

City of Gadsden
P.O. Box 267
Gadsden, AL 35902
(256) 549-4765

October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to OTIS ADAMS, SR. (owns PPIN 33451), P.O. BOX 335, ASHLAND, ALABAMA 36251-0335, 407 N. 9TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, KAREN L. MOORE (owns PPIN 33452), 532 SEWELL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 407 N. 9TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 407 N. 9TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Parcel 1:
A lot or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the east line of the SW1/4 of the NW1/4, which said point is 810.85 feet southerly, measured along said east line, from the northeast corner of said forty, said point also being 62.35 feet from the southeast corner of that certain lot or parcel of land conveyed Janie Whitworth Smith, et al, to Coosa Valley Lodge of Elks, Lodge #715 by deed dated February 7, 1944 and recorded in Deed Record 6-P, page 493, in the Probate Office of said County and from thence run in a Northwesterly direction and in a direct line to the present southeast fine of North Ninth Street, which said point is 66.5 feet southerly, measured along the southeast line of said North Ninth Street, from the southwest corner of said lot conveyed by Janie Whitworth Smith, et al, to Coosa Valley Lodge of Elks Lodge #715; thence run in a Southwesterly direction and along the present south-

east line of North Ninth Street a distance of 66.5 feet; thence in a South-easterly direction and in a direct line to a point in the east line of the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 which said point is 62.35 feet southerly, measured along said east line from the point of beginning; thence North-erly and along said east line a distance of 62.35 feet to the point of beginning and being a part of the SW1/4 of the NW1/4, in Section 4, Township 12 South of Range 6, East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel 2:
6 5 ' 5 ' 2 2 0 ' SX62.35'X235'S SE OF N 9 ST LYING IN SW 1/4 4-12=6 1834=170 lying and TH being situated in said County and State, to have and to hold the same, the said right and title of the State in the land aforesaid.

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-02-04-2-000-273.000 & 15-02-04-2-000-273.001
PIN# 33451 & 33452

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated.

You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL

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October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to KATHY STANFIELD, 2401 NORRIS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2401 NORRIS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-06-1-000-275.000
PIN# 37846

LT 1 & E 15 LT 3 BLK 31 ALFORD'S 2ND ADD PLAT A-308 GADSDEN S6-T12-R6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL

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October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to HOBSON EUGENE WOOD, 6171 LISTER FERRY ROAD, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1705 VAN BUREN AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-295.000
PIN# 37943

LOT 12 BLK 50 SOUTH GADSDEN ADDT PLAT B-314 8-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL

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October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to BARBARA BOWERS, 231 PRESLEY AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 231 PRESLEY AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-07-35-2-000-012.003
PIN# 15004

LT 5 & W 44' LT 4 BLK 2 PRESLEY ADD A RESURVEY & RESUB OF LTS 68-69-70-71 INDIA SUTHERLIN EST

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL

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October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JULIAN MARTINEZ, 3409 CONCORD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3411 CONCORD AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-090.000
PIN# 49808

LT 7 BLK 16 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL

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October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to BRENT F. POLLARD, 2705 S. 11TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2705 S. 11TH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-4-000-207.000
PIN# 39007

LT 20 & PT LT 19 BLK F EDGEWOOD ADD #2 PLAT E 79 7-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to FRANK GONZALEZ, 505 WEBSTER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in

the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 505 WEBSTER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-122.000
PIN# 49846

LT 7 BLK 26 WALNUT PARK OR WEST POINT #2 PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
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October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to KENNETH E. & WF LINDA ABNEY, 14 WINONA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, WELLS FARGO BANK, 1 HOME CAMPUS, DES MOINES, IA 50328, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 14 WINONA AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-376.000
PIN# 18802

LT 105 PARCEL 3 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F 55 GADSDEN SEC 31 TWP 11S R 6E

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL

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October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to CLEMMIE WILLIAMS, 322 HOWELL CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 322 HOWELL CIRCLE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-356.000
PIN# 50093

LT 10 BLK 4 WOODLAND PARK PLAT E-105 GADSDEN 1-12-5

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL

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October 25, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to APRIL VOYTEK & JASON GRAY, 1407 CENTRE AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure

or condition located at 1407 CENTRE AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-4-000-091.000
PIN# 38866

LTS 7 & 8 BLK 11 PLAT B-314 GADSDEN REALTY CO SO ADD GADSDEN 7-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to DENESE E STEWARD, 1131 OAK GROVE ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35905, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1209 COLBERT AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-077.001
PIN# 64489

LTS 4-5 BLK 2 ELLIS ADD PLAT D-123 7-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to ROSELAND DEVELOPMENTAL HOMES, LLC, 1341 HOKE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, DENNIS ROOT, 3520 GEORGIA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3520 GEORGIA AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-313.000
PIN# 50048

LTS 1-2 BLK 6 PRUETT, JAMES H ADD TO GAD PLAT D-135 GADSDEN 1-12-5

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to MARTHA A WALDREP, 1211 COLBERT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1211 COLBERT AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-079.000
PIN# 39112

LT 6 BLK 2 ELLIS ADD PLAT D-123 7-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to TONYA F PORTER, 809 PULLTIGHT ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 425 N. 9TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-266.000
PIN# 33443

LTS 3-4 BLK 2 ELLIOTT ADD PLAT B-23 GADSDEN 4-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to MILTON VERTMORE LUCAS JR., 1519 MCKINLEY AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 103 FOURTEENTH STREET NORTH in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-463.000
PIN# 31380

PT LTS 40-41-42-43 BLK C STROUDS FIRST SUB PLAT B 84 -85 SEC 11 TWP 12S R 6E

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Notice is hereby given to ORTWAY OR CARRY EVANS, 401 PATTERSON AVENUE, GADSDEN, AVENUE 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 401 PATTERSON AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-2-000-397.000
PIN# 44155

LT 1 BLK C MILLER HGLDS ADD D-31 GADSDEN SEC 14 TWP 12S R 6E

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to JERRY LEE JONES, 1105 SOUTH 12TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1105 SOUTH 12TH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-1-000-362.000
PIN# 40230

BEG NE COR LT 2 BLK N TH SW 93.12 ALONG W ROW OF S 12TH ST TH NW 190S TH N 41.6 TH SE 21S TH NE 45S TH SE 165S TO POB PT LTS 2-3 BLK N ELLIOTT ADD #2 PLAT B-3 GADSDEN 8-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to AMY & BENNY ABERNATHY, 1401 CENTRAL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, ROBERT M. & KIMBERLY ABERNATHY, 1401 CENTRAL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1401 CENTRAL AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-124.000
PIN# 39201

LT 21 BLK 1 ASHLEY ADD PLAT A-370-371 GADSDEN 7-12



EDENWOOD ADD PLAT C-257 SEC 9 TWP 12S R 6E

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Notice is hereby given to ALFRED E. & JAMIE MARTIN, 3205 SANSOM AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024, a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3205 SANSOM AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-116.000
PIN# 49251

BEG SE COR LT 9 BLK 11 SMITH'S ADD 1ST ADD PLAT B-158 TH W 50S ALONG N ROW OF SANSOM AVE TH N 125S TH E 50S TH S 125 TO POB BEING PT LT 9 BLK 11 SMITH'S ADD 1ST ADD PLAT B-158 GADSDEN 1-12-5

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Notice is hereby given to JANI F. MCGLAUGHAN, 433 PADEN ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024, a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 433 PADEN ROAD in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-06-23-1-000-066.000
PIN# 44713

PT LT 6 BLK 4 PADEN FARM 2ND ADD PLAT C-275 N OF RD 23-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to PAUL & WF GENEVA BARKLEY, 259 PADEN ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024, a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 259 PADEN ROAD in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-06-23-2-000-013.000
PIN# 44839

BEG NW COR LOT 42 TH SE ON PADEN RD 300' TH SW ON LOT LINE 370'(S) TO 510' CON- TOUR LINE TH

NW ON SAID LINE 305'(S) TH NE 360'(S) TO POB BEING PART LOT 42 BLK 3 ROLLING GREEN FARM TRACT 2 PLAT E-37 GADSDEN 23-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to KYLE WAYNE SIKES, 101 ARGYLE LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 101 ARGYLE LANE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-29-1-000-097.000
PIN# 17531

LT 40 ARGYLE HILLS PLAT G-25 29-11-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to SCENITA CHAMBERS, 217 SEWELL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 217 SEWELL STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-2-000-051.000
PIN# 43760

LTS 9-10 BLK A PINE-HURST 3RD ADD C-55 GADSDEN SEC 14 TWP 12S R 6)

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Notice is hereby given to VIRGINIA BARFIELD, 2023 MCCLAIN CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, AMANDA JOHNSON, 900 AGRICOLA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 900 AGRICOLA AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-1-000-211.000
PIN# 30323

LT 13 BLK 46 GARDEN CITY SUB #3 PLAT C-412 11-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to SONYA BIGELOW, 512 N 16TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, CHARLES MINTON, 1601 GADSDEN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1601 GADSDEN AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-3-000-137.000
PIN# 19639

LT 1 & E 25 LT 2 BLK 4 J M PATRICK PLAT PLAT A-11 GADSDEN 32-11-6

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Notice is hereby given to TOMMY NAUGHTON, 130 WASHINGTON CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-3904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 130 WASHINGTON CIRCLE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-1-000-126.000
PIN# 19244

LTS 1-2 BLK 12 BELLEVUE HIGHLANDS 1ST ADD PLAT B-290 32-11-6

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Notice is hereby given to ALICIA KILLINGS, 716 S. 6TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 716 S. 6TH STREET in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-09-1-000-257.000
PIN# 34693

NW COR OF LT 4 TH SW 70 ALONG S 6TH ST TH SE 150 TH NE 75S TH NW 150 TO POB BEING LT 4 BLK C & PT OF ANNULED ROW EDENWOOD ADD B-310-311 GADSDEN 9-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to GUSSIE JORDAN & ARLANDO JENNINGS, 1525 KYLE AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2927, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024, a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 211 S. 14TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-372.000
PIN# 37491

S 60 OF N 120 OF LTS 1-2 BLK 3 HILL & CANSLER ADD PLAT A-74 GADSDEN 5-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to LOWERY PROPERTIES, INC., P.O. BOX 4290, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024, a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1502 HILL AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-3-000-033.000
PIN# 36898

LOT 1 BLK 5 HILL CANSLER ADD PLAT A 74 GADSDEN 5-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to ANTHONY BURNS, 1125 HILLSBORO DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3166, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1125 HILLSBORO DRIVE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-05-15-1-000-014.000
PIN# 41389

LT 4 BLK 2 THE HIGHLANDS PLAT C-263 GADSDEN 15-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to RAN I & wf TAMME D LATIMER, 402 CLARK STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-2217, 403 CLARK STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 403 CLARK STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-324.000
PIN# 50538

LT 11 BLK 11 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 1-12-5

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Notice is hereby given to MARK ANTHONY VARNON, 3498 LAY SPRINGS ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1605 PIERCE AVENUE (County property tax records list property address as 1607 PIERCE AVENUE) in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-118.000
PIN# 39435

LOT 21 BLK 34 SOUTH GADSDEN ADDT PLAT B-314 GADSDEN SEC 8 TWP 12S R 6E

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Notice is hereby given to LINDA WALKER LED-BETTER, 1609 PIERCE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-4743, 1609 PIERCE AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 609 SLACK STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-119.000
PIN# 39436

LTS 18-20 BLK 34 GADSDEN REALTY CO SUB PLAT B-314 GADSDEN 8-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to MAUNTEZ B. MAYER, 327 VAN COURTLAND STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-2459, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 327 VAN COURTLAND STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-139.000
PIN# 50341

LTS 25-26 BLK 3 WEST POINT ADD PLAT B-140 1-12-5

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Notice is hereby given to REBECCA KINNEY, 622 GILBERT FERRY ROAD, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 504 HERZBERG CIRCLE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 11 BLK 1-A SHORELAND ESTATES 1ST ADD TO BROADVIEW PLAT C-383 GADSDEN 10-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-10-2-000-149.000
PIN# 35928

Should be assessed with a lien of \$1,744.28 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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Notice is hereby given to TARTAN VENTURES LLC, 204 BRIARMEADE DRIVE LOT 30, GLENCOE, ALABAMA 35905, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 609 SLACK STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 14 SLACK STREET ADD C-17 GADSDEN 9-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-09-3-000-005.000
PIN# 35148

Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,961.03 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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CITY OF GADSDEN

WBA Project No.: 23-083.00

Prequalification statements are solicited for General Contractors interested in bidding on the new City Hall project for the City of Gadsden. This project includes the renovation of two existing buildings and the construction of an addition between those to create a new City Hall. The site is located off Broad Street in the city block between 2nd and 3rd Streets. Selective demolition will be required to complete the renovations. Approximately 23,400 SF of the existing 3-story Regions building will be renovated, which is the entire building minus the recently renovated Region's tenant space on the first floor. The existing 2-story Merrill Lynch building, which has a total area of approximately 14,000 SF, will have limited scope. With the construction of a new 15,500 SF Council Chamber addition, the entire combined building area, including renovated and new space, will be 64,000 SF to serve the city's current and future growth needs.

Within the Regions and Merrill Lynch buildings, new MEP and FP systems will be provided at select areas to complement the new systems that are being provided within the addition. Regions Bank, Merrill Lynch, and CDG are all tenants which will occupy the existing buildings during construction. No work is planned for the Regions tenant space; however, some limited MEP and FP upgrades are planned for the Merrill Lynch building. Sitework such as grading, utilities, and stormwater drainage will be provided to accommodate the new addition and tie it in with the surrounding buildings and infrastructure. New landscaping and irrigation improvements are also planned. All the work must be phased by the GC as outlined on the construction drawings to minimize tenant disruptions and maintain their business operations.

Pre-qualification packages and project summary information will be made available October 28, 2024 by contacting Williams Blackstock Architects c/o Sean Whitt via e-mail at sean@wba-architects.com. Prequalification packages are to be submitted no later than 5:00pm local time on November 15, 2024 via electronic copy emailed to sean@wba-architects.com. Notification of successful respondents will be issued no later than 12:00pm local time on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at which time final bid documents will be made available. Additional qualifications and requirements for General Contractor Bidders are indicated in the Bid and Contract Documents.

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Gadsden until 2:00 PM local time on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at the Council Chambers at City Hall.

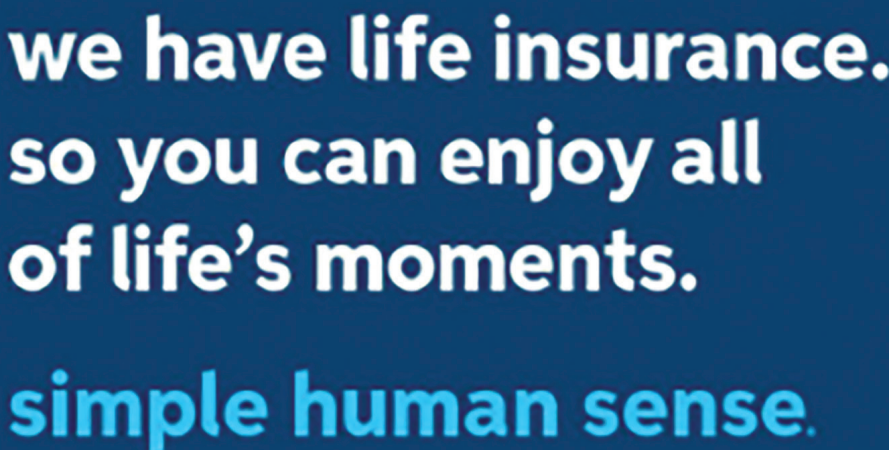
Final plans and specifications for use in preparing bids will be available digitally to prequalified General Contractors only from Williams Blackstock Architects, c/o Sean Whitt (sean@wba-

October 25, 2024

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