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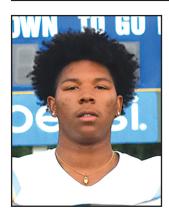
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Wednesday Nov. 6 High: 80 Low: 59

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J'Alan Terry rushed for almost 200 yards in Coosa Christian's 35-21 victory over Tuscaloosa Academy on Oct. 25.

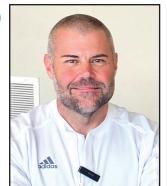
Photo by Chris McCarthy



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Hokes Bluff's Bryce Whiaker currently leads the local football coverage area in rushing.

Photo by Chris McCarthy



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Rocky Peek was recently named boys basketball coach at Coosa Christian.

Courtesy of Average Joe's Sports Talk

Interim fire chief named for Gadsden Fire Department

Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford announced that Derrick Sherrell will serve as Interim Fire Chief while the city searches for a new fire chief. Sherrell assumed into the role on Friday, October 4.

Sherrell, who was a Battalion Chief, stepped into the interim role following the departure of Wil Reed, who recently accepted the position of Etowah County 911 Executive Direc-

The city's human resources department will soon post the Gadsden Fire Chief position to begin accepting applications for consideration by the Gadsden Civil Service Board. The position will be posted for a minimum of 30 days to accept all possible qualified applications.

In the meantime, Interim Fire Chief Sherrell will manage the day-to-day operations of the department. Sherrell is a 30-year veteran of the Gadsden Fire Department with a combined nine years of prior experience as a firefighter and ambulance paramedic.

Sherrell was named Assistant Chief in 2021 (that position has since been re-titled to Battalion Chief) and previously served as the department's drug coordinator and acting Emergency Medical Services Chief.

'We want to thank Chief Reed for his 27 years of service to the people of Gadsden," said Ford. "I also want to thank Chief Sherell for stepping in to fill the gap while the Civil Service

Board prepares to select the city's next Fire Chief. This is a critical position overseeing a department of more than 100 line personnel, seven fire stations, a training academy, a fire prevention bureau, hazmat responses, search and rescue and more. With most of our calls being for emergency medical services, the people of Gadsden depend on our fire department and its leadership to provide excellent, highly organized and professional services in a moment's notice. I am looking forward to working with the men and women of our department during this transition and hope the Civil Service Board will be able to select the best possible candidate to the fire chief position in the next few months.'



Courtesy of City of Gadsden

Derrick Sherrell will serve as Interim Fire Chief while the city searches for a new fire chief.



Rainbow City celebrates Halloween



City of Rainbow City celebrated Halloween their annual Rainboo City Fall Festival at Vivian Lee Maddox Sports Complex on Saturday, Oct. 26. The young and young at heart enjoyed treats from vendors, a flashlight candy hunt, food trucks and a showing of "Monsters Inc." The annual event usually draws large crowds and this year was no different. Participants dressed as astronauts, dinosaurs, baseball players, cats, members of Ghost Busters and more.

Photos courtesy of the City of Rainbow City.

Patriots Association announces inductees

The Gadsden-Etowah Patriots Association invites local residents on Nov. 6 to honor those who have given to their country or their community, and to recognize veterans, with the annual Patriots Day luncheon and Hall of Honor induction at The Venue at Coosa Landing, followed by the Veterans Day parade in downtown Gadsden.

This year's Hall of Honor inductees are William Carl Monk Jr., Michael A. Bolton, Etowah County Probate Judge Scott W. Hassell, Rainbow City Mayor Joe R. Taylor and retired Master Sergeant Lee Vadis Campbell.

Michael A. Bolton. Bolton was born and raised in Etowah County and has distinguished himself with two parallel careers in public service spanning several decades. He ioined the U.S. Army in 1980 as a military policeman. He then served with the 3rd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, and then with the 1st Battalion, 20th Special Forces (Airborne). He was deployed for Operation Desert Storm, where he served as Chemical NCO of that Special Forces B Team. Bolton's high level of performance during his 15 years of service led him to the rank of Staff Sergeant. His numerous military awards include National Defense Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Master Parachutist Badge among others. Parallel to his military career, Bolton served in the Gadsden Fire Department for 32 years, attaining the rank of Commander. He is a nationally registered paramedic, a member of the Etowah County Special Operations Group (SWAT) and a tactical instructor. Bolton's commitment to family and his continued service in the Etowah County Sheriff's office and as a former deputy coroner underscores his dedication to community and service. Bolton currently serves as the Nuisance and Abatement Official for Rainbow City. He has two children and two grandchildren.

The Honorable Scott W. Hassell. Hassell is a lifelong resident of Etowah County. Prior to being elected as Judge of Probate for Etowah County in 2018, Judge Hassell served in the Alabama National Guard as a Cavalry Scout for 14 years. He served one term as a Councilman for the City of Hokes Bluff and worked with the Etowah County Sheriff's Office, culminating his 21 years of service there as the Chief of Corrections. He holds both undergraduate and advanced academic degrees including a PhD in cognitive and behavioral psychology. In 2024 Judge Hassell was appointed to the Commission on Adult Guardships and Conservatorships by the Alabama Supreme Court. He developed the first long term therapeutic community treatment program located in a local detention center in the State of Alabama. In addition, he developed the MCAT (Mobile Crisis Assistance Team) that provides 24/7 emergency access to mental health services in our county. Judge Hassell was key to the re-establishment of the American Legion Post No. 5 and instrumental to reviving the Veterans Memorial Park.

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OBITUARIES



Dr. Peggy J. Williams

GADSDEN - Prestige and Crematory sadly announces the passing of Dr. Peggy J. Williams, age 75, of Gadsden, AL. who traded time for eternity on Friday, October 25, 2024. She is survived by her loving Daughters. We ask that you please keep The Williams family and those that may be going through the same lifted in prayer. A public viewing and a celebration of life is planned for November 1, 2024 at 16th Street Baptist Church in Gadsden. Viewing is set for 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Celebration of life will begin at 12 p.m.



Judith E. Hammond

STEELE - Mrs. Judith "Judy" E. Hammond, age 82 of Steele, passed away on October 29, 2024.

Morgan Funeral Chapel on dom from a life well lived. ty's pastor, Reverend Dan-Friday, November 1, 2024 at Her family was the most iel Barkley, from Gadsden 11 a.m. until the time of ser- important thing in her world Cumberland Presbyterian vice at 12 p.m. Burial will and time spent with the ones Church in Gadsden. follow at Steele Cemetery.

Judy had a great love and compassion for children and young people. She worked as a substitute teacher and as a teachers' aid for many years. In addition, she taught numerous Sunday school classes at Steele Methodist Church over the course of several years.

Mrs. Hammond is preceded in death by her parents, For with the measure you her lifelong friend, Margaret Amos and Myrtle Newton; use, it will be measured to Alford Miller. her beloved husband of 46 you." Joyce was an avid fan years, Frank "Bo" Ham- of The Wizard of Oz, now ston welcomed daughter Pamond; and her brothers, Val she can honestly say that mela in 1956, and son Dale Newton and Amos Newton there is no place like home. in 1961. Betty was a mem-

daughter, Sandy (Skip) Bell, mie and Lila Mae Perry; and she participated as a

Hammond, of Somerville: Brenda Chapman. grandson, Colton (Victo-Ashville.

Hammond, Skip Bell, Ja- thew) Servarit, Glencoe; son Green, Keith Newton, Courtney (Issiack) Reeves, Philip Gleason, and Mark Eastaboga; and Charles Har-Ward. Honorary pallbearers rell, Ohatchee; great-grandare Donald Ray Bush, Rob- children, Julien Sevarit and ert Beason, and Hoyt Wash- Jane Reeves; brother, Larry

In lieu of flowers, memo-Memorial Funeral Home rials may be made to Em- da Taylor, Tammy Brady. brace (Methodist Children's Home).

Morgan Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



Joyce Perry Spakes

ry Spakes ran into the arms of Jesus on Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

Joyce was born to Tommie and Lila Mae Perry in bama passed away on Tues-Gadsden, AL. on February 23, 1955. She was 69 years old. Joyce was a property manager for many years but was a writer at heart and was fueled by Jesus and cof- tober 27th, 2024. fee. Joyce loved Jesus, her (sweetie) husband, daugh- vice was held on Wednesters, "grand ones," kitties, day, October 30th, 2024, at and coffee. Joyce was a Crestwood Cemetery. The Visitation will be held at woman full of love and wis- eulogy was given by Betshe loved was the air she given to you. A good mea- Glencoe High School. sure, pressed down, shaken After graduation, she together, and running over, married Herston Eugene Al-

Judy is survived by her death by her parents, Tom- land Presbyterian Church,

ria) Hammond, of Colorado husband, Barnard Spak-Springs; and granddaugh- es, Gadsden; daughters, and Chloe Hammond, of Ohatchee and Brandy (Jonathan) Harrell, Ohatchee; Pallbearers are Colton grandchildren, Erin (Mat-(Paula) Perry; sister-in-law, Lynne Lowe; nieces, Rhon-Cynthia Freeman, Sheila West, and Lana Yarbrough: and nephews, Jeff Hare and Donnie Perry.

Pallbearers were her sonsin-law, Phillip Smith, and Jonathan Harrell; grandson, Charles Harrell; grandsonsin-law, Matthew Sevarit and Issiack Reeves; and nephew-in-law, James Taylor.

Sunday, October 27, 2024. Sister Teresa Chapman of and nephews. The Church of Love officiated. Burial followed at For-

GADSDEN - Joyce Per- Kenneth Earl Stephens RAINBOW CITY

Kenneth Earl Stephens, age 87, of Rainbow City, Aladay, October 29, 2024.

Betty Jo Alford

GADSDEN - Betty Forepublished by The National man Alford, age 91, former-Library of Poetry: Verdant ly of Gadsden, Alabama, Lands of Spring. She was passed away on Sunday, Oc-

A graveside memorial ser-

Betty was born to Eugene breathed. Family and friends Foreman and Ruby Burson were naturally drawn to her Foreman on November 1st, warmth and charm. Her in- 1932, in Gadsden, Alabama. credible strength, kindness, She was the oldest daughand generosity knew no ter and one of five children bounds. She lived by Luke in the Foreman family. In 6:38, "Give, and it will be 1950, Betty graduated from

will be poured into your lap. ford – the older brother of

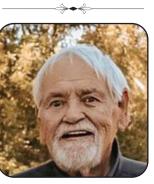
Together, Betty and Her-Joyce was preceded in ber of Gadsden Cumber-

of Uriah; son, Rusty (Trish) sisters, Janette Perry and member of the Cora Walker be no funeral or memorial Joyce is survived by her was named after her grandmother. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, ters, Kayla Bell, of Uriah, Kimberly (Phillip) Smith, and always donated her time to support her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed sewing and gardening, and she spent much of her time sewing wedding dresses and tending to her backyard rose garden over the years. Betty was also an avid fisher in her younger years, entering bass fishing tournaments and enjoying time on the lake.

Betty is preceded in passing by her husband, Herston Alford; son, Dale Alford; grandchildren's father, Jeffrey Pruitt; parents, Eugene and Ruby Foreman; and brothers, Billy Foreman and Don Foreman.

She is survived by her daughter, Pamela Pruitt; granddaughter, Bethany Nielcen (Ryan); grandson, Services and visitation Andrew Pruitt (Brittany); were held at Morgan Funer- sisters, Shirley Prater and al Chapel and Crematory on Lynn Keener (Terry Mack); as well as a host of nieces

A special thank you is given to the doctors, nurses, rest Cemetery in Gadsden, and staff at The Gardens Assisted Living of Pelham, Brookwood Medical Center of Birmingham, and Compassus Hospice Care of Birmingham for their kind and compassionate care of Betty rial Gardens in Trussville, in the latter years of her life.



Charles Frank Warneke

Charles Frank Warneke Burkett; her husband and passed away Tuesday, Octo-several brothers and sisters. ber 29, 2024.

wiie, Carolee warneke, Sydney (Isaac) McDonald.

in Eunice New Mexico, attired from McDonald's Cor- Larson. poration as Regional Super-Mark Methodist Church, in Street Baptist Church, 520 Golden Springs, where he Cleveland Ave. Attalla, AL grew in his faith. There will 35954

deceased.

Mallory A. Orr

FORT PAYNE - Ms. Mallory A. Orr, 38, of Fort Payne, AL, passed away on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. She is survived by her loving family.

Services to be announced. We ask that you please keep this family in your hearts and prayers during their time of bereavement. Arrangements under the

direction of West Gadsden Funeral Home.



Maxine B. Jones

RAINBOW CITY Graveside services were

held Thursday, October 31, nounced at a later time. 2024, at Jefferson Memofor Maxine Jones, age 102, of Rainbow City. Brandon Yopp officiated.

Mrs. Jones was born in Parrish, Alabama on August 22, 1922. One of nine siblings, she was a devoted member of Cherry Street Baptist church for 26 years and exhibited compassion in visiting shut-ins. She retired as a nurse from St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham. She was preceded in

death by her mother, Della Burkett; father, Bascomb

Mrs. Jones is survived by He is survived by his her sons, Robert (Joy) Long and terry (Kimberly)Busentheir son Chuck (Tammy) lehner; grandchildren, Pat-Warneke, their children rick (Chrisi) Long, Heather Taylor (Crystal) Warneke, (Matthew) Kadman, Allison (Brian) Therrien, and Daughter Jackie Dilmore Bethany (Brandon) Yopp; and her son Hayden. Daugh- great-grandchildren: Grace ter Cathy Campbell and her (Hayden), Abby, Carter, Jason Wesley Nelson and his cob, Ryan, Kaileigh, John, daughter Owena. Nephews Maeve, Hayes, and Mac; Mike and Chuck Manning. and brothers, Charles Bur-Mr. Warneke was born kett and James Burkett.

Pallbearers were Michael tended The University of Burkett, Matthew Kadman, Southern Mississippi. Re- Ryan Kadman, and Jacob

In lieu of flowers, contrivisor for several restaurants. butions in Maxine's memo-He was a member of St. ry may be made to Cherry

Special thanks to her Missionary Circle which service as requested by the wonderful and compassionate caregivers: Carrie Harden. Candace Montgomery. Betty Watts, Sam Entrekin, Jov Flenord, Kim Malcom, Alba Archer, and Gentiva Hospice.

Bonnie Jean Champion

GADSDEN - Bonnie Jean Champion, age 80, of Gadsden, Alabama passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2024.



CENTRE -Cynthia Anne Plummer, age 76, of Centre, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Arrangements will be an-

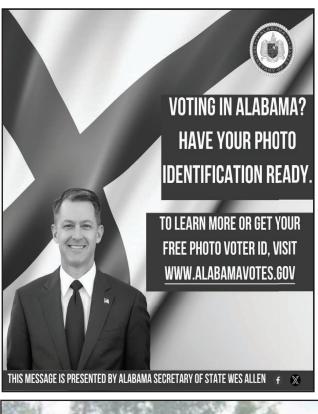


Gadsden Memorial Funeral Home announces, with deepest sympathy, the passing of Mrs. Mary Alford on Friday, October 25, 2024.

Funeral service for Mrs. Alford will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at Shiloh Baptist Church. Pastor Alando Thornton, Officiating and Rev. Robert L. Heflin, Jr., Eulogist.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in memory of Mary Alford to the Randolph County Training School Legacy Scholarship Fund, a worthy cause that she was passionate about supporting. Checks can be made payable to RCTS Scholarship Fund, c/o Gene Thornton, P.O. Box 1411, Roanoke, AL 36274.

Please remember the family in your prayers.









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NEWS

Gadsden State Phi Theta Kappa helps brighten up campus

Thanks to a collaborative effort between Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Gadsden State Alumni Association, Gadsden State Community College's Wallace Drive Campus Quad is getting a fresh look and added functionality. The organizations are making significant improvements to the outdoor space in an effort to create an inviting environment for students to study, socialize and enjoy the campus.

"Our PTK president, Collins Davis, came up with the idea for the improvement project," said PTK advisor Melissa Davis. "His goal was to create a vibrant and welcoming space for students. Our PTK members and the alumni association want to make the quad a place students are proud of. It's been inspiring to see this vision come to life.'

The college's alumni association provided the initiative's funding by purchasing new shrubs and successfully securing nearly \$10,000 through a Margin of Excellence grant. This funding allowed for the addition of four new park benches and three tables with seating. PTK members contributed their time and effort by rearranging existing outdoor furniture, spreading fresh pine straw and planting new shrubs. The collaborative project culminated in a Clean-up Day on Oct. 25.

"The opportunity to partner with the alumni association on this project has been incredibly rewarding for our students," Davis said. "It's meaningful for them to engage in campus improvements that will benefit their fellow students. They're proud to have had a direct hand in enhancing the quad.'

Alumni association president Julie White views the project as an important contribution to student life.

"Outdoor spaces like the quad provide a wonderful environment for students to study, gather and build community. Our goal is to make the quad a comfortable and inviting space that enriches the campus experience. We are thrilled to see this vision come together through our partnership with PTK.'



Courtesy of Gadsden State Community College

Members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Gadsden State Alumni Association participate in Clean-Up Day on Oct. 25.



Beginner Showmanship winners in the Youth Sheep Show at the Alabama National Fair October 12 in Montgomery were, pictured from left: Brooklyn Ray of Cullman County, grand champion; Thomas Hill of Chambers County, reserve champion; Cohen Hill of Etowah County, third place; Gideon Wrenn of St. Clair County, fourth place; and Haddy Rasco of Cullman County, fifth place. Beginner Showmanship is for exhibitors ages 4-8. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsored youth livestock events at the fair. Pictured with the winners are Paul Hodges of Montgomery County Kiwanis Club (left) and AFF Executive Director Paul Pinyan (right).

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He has over 35 years of ministry service and is currently the senior pastor of First Baptist Church Southside. Judge Hassell and his wife Mindy have one son who is currently serving in the USAF.

Honorable Mayor Joe R. Taylor. Taylor is a native of Etowah County. Mayor Taylor joined the US Army Reserve in 1980, serving in the 3rd Battalion,15th Field Artillery, and with the 1st Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He deployed to Operation Desert Storm, and after his return, served as the lead instructor for the NCO Professional Development Branch of the U.S. Army Reserve Forces School. He finished his military career as the Battalion Air Operations NCO for the 1st Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) as a Master Sergeant. His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Reserve Component Overseas Ribbon and Membership in the Order of Saint Barbara, with skills awards including Master Parachutist and Italian Jumpmaster Wings. Concurrently, Mayor Taylor served with distinction for 25 years with the Gadsden Fire Department, attaining the rank of Fire Commander. There he served as lead instructor during recruitment classes and was Vice President of the Professional Firefighters of Alabama. After leaving the fire service, Mayor Taylor continued in business but felt a calling back to public service. In 2020 he was elected as the Mayor of Rainbow City, which has been recognized as the "Safest City in Alabama" for the last four years. He and his wife Rachel have four children and one granddaughter

Master Sergeant (Ret) Lee Vadis Campbell. Campbell is a lifetime resident of Etowah County. After being drafted into the United States Army in 1961, he served 23 years, distinguishing himself through three combat tours in Vietnam, three tours in Germany, an assignment to Fort McClellan where he trained Noncommissioned Officers and at Fort Jackson, South Carolina for four years as a drill sergeant. Following a final tour in Germany, Campbell retired in 1984. During his military career, Campbell was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge and numerous other decorations and citations. After retirement from his military career, Campbell continued his life of service to his country and community while working for the Gadsden Board of Education as the custodian at Eura Brown Elementary School. There he gained the respect and affection of many administrators, teachers, parents and students. Campbell is the President of the Gadsden Horseshoe Club that hosts the state championship every year. He was inducted into the Alabama Horseshoe Player Hall of Fame in 2014. Campbell's wife is deceased. He has one daughter who lives in

William Carl Monk, Jr. Monk hails from Etowah County. In 1968 he joined the 152nd Armor Division of the Alabama National Guard and was assigned to Company B in Heflin. Monk spent eight years in the Alabama National Guard serving as a Sergeant (E-5) Tank Commander and in the Headquarters Company, Transportation Section. During this same period, after studying Criminal Justice at Gadsden State Junior College, he graduated from the Northeast Alabama Police Academy. Monk joined the Gadsden Police Department and was assigned to the narcotics squad, working undercover and confiscating large quantities of marijuana, LSD and heroin from drug dealers in both Etowah and DeKalb counties. He served in the Gadsden Police Department for 14 years, working in the Patrol, Traffic and Detective Divisions. After his career in public service, he became a professional truck driver, working for Ryder Driving and Leasing, Paxair Industrial Gases and Etowah County School Bus Transportation. Monk is a member of the Gadsden/Etowah Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 2 and a board member of the Gadsden/Etowah Patriots Association. In 2019 he was awarded the Colonel Ola Lee Mize Spirit Award for procuring a Huey Helicopter for Patriots Park at Noccalula Falls. Monk is now retired and lives in Gadsden.

Association Chair Joyce Shelley said the program this year will feature a special performance of the Gadsden State Community College Show Band.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. and the program will begin at 11:45 a.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from association members or call Joyce Shelley at 256-504-6917. The parade will begin at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Greater Gadsden Tourism at 256-549-0351.

DGI to host Plaid Friday

As a more relaxing and enjoyable alternative to the big box store Black Friday chaos, merchants in downtown Gadsden invite shoppers to participate in Plaid Friday, a nationwide initiative that encourages shopping local and supporting small and independent retailers on the biggest day for holiday sales. The date for this year's Plaid Friday is November

A movement that offers an alternative to the fast while showing support for support small businesses. day originated in Oakland, Calif. in 2009. The event's name was chosen from the idea of weaving individual threads of small businesses together to create a strong fabric that celebrates independent businesses. It is believed downtown Gadsden is the only city in Alabama to host Plain Friday.

"As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, Downtown Gadsden, Inc., would like to remind everyone of the importance of shopping and dining local this season," said Downtown Gadsden, Inc. (DGI) director Kay Moore. "The traditional post-turkey shopping frenzy known as Black Friday can feel overwhelming, chaotic and impersonal. This year, on Friday, November 29, opt for Plaid Friday as a way to slow down and shop with your friends and neighbors in a relaxed downtown environment.'

Plaid Friday precedes Small Business Saturday, meaning holiday shop-

WHAT TO KNOW

Event: Plaid Friday When: Friday, November 29 Where: Businesses located in downtown Gadsden

More Info: Plaid Friday is an alternative to **Black Friday. Merchants invite shoppers** to participate in the nationwide initiative that encourages shopping local retailers.

pers can turn their two-day, post-Thanksgiving shopping excursions into 48 pace of big box shopping hours of opportunities to

> Shoppers should look for signage or hashtags on social media, such as #plaidfriday, #shoplocal and #dinelocal and are encouraged to wear plaid clothing on Plaid Friday to show support for locally owned businesses in the commu-

> "Plaid Friday isn't just about finding great gifts; it's about investing in our own community,' dollar Moore. "Every spent here means so much more because it goes back into our local economy, strengthening our neighborhoods and supporting jobs. All you need to do is to pull that plaid out of your

closet to show your support and meet your friends for a slower pace and less chaotic day downtown."

Moore noted that several stores will offer extended hours; however, shoppers should check with each store to confirm their holiday shopping hours. For a list of DGI member businesses, visit https://downtowngadsden.com/member_type/retail/.

Downtown Gadsden is also filled with a nice selection of local-owned restaurants that are sure to please the whole family. Visit https://downtowngadsden. com/member_type/restaurants/ ahead of time to see what is available and to make a plan.

For more information, visit www.downtowngads-





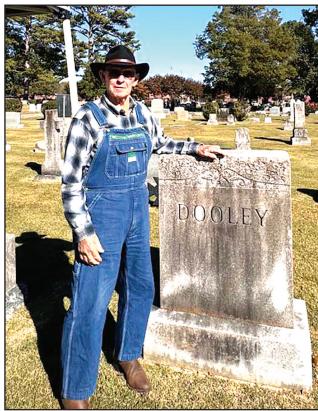
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Forrest Cemetery comes to life during annual A Walk Thru Time





Photos courtesy of Sherry Butler Clayton

Mike Bryant (pictured above at left) portrayed his great-great grandfather James Powell Dooley and Jonathan Couch (pictured above at right) portrayed his great-great grandfather Joseph Wiley Hammond during the 15th Annual Walk Through Time event on Oct. 20 at Forrest Cemetery in Gadsden.

GSCC receives Margin of Excellence grants

Three Margin of Excellence grants and meeting space that will be used were recently awarded to members of Gadsden State Community College's faculty and staff after being selected by a committee of nine coworkers and community members.

Psychology instructor Julie White was awarded \$10,483 for improvements to the multipurpose outdoor space for students on the Wallace Drive Campus. Mathematics instructors Danny Wilborn and Tammy Morgan both were awarded \$9,517. The funds will be used to send instructors within the Division of Mathematics to the American Association of Two-Year Colleges National Conference in November in Atlanta, Ga.

Athletic director and head baseball coach Blake Lewis was awarded \$5,000 for the Cardinal Lounge. The funds will assist in furnishing Phase 1 of the student-athlete lounge area

for studying, team activities, coaches' meetings and mentoring sessions.

"These prestigious awards honor faculty and staff members who have presented projects that reflect their exceptional dedication, creativity and commitment to student success," said Dr. Dana Davis, the college's committee liaison and budget manager. "The committee carefully reviewed nominations and were able to identify those projects that will significantly impact and benefit Gadsden State students."

The Margin of Excellence Committee awarded a total of \$25,000 in grants for the 2024-25 academic year.

In 1989, the U.S. Department of Education awarded Gadsden State an endowment challenge grant. The following academic year, Gadsden State raised \$370,500 from faculty,

staff and community supporters. With the federal match, Gadsden State had an endowment fund of \$741,000, which was to be held in an interest-bearing account for 20 years. This money is used to fund scholarships and special projects for students through the Margin of Excellence Grant.

Funding can be awarded for equipment for instructional or operational use, special events or projects, student scholarships, professional development, special cultural and educational programs, speakers, publications or other areas that benefit and assist our students, faculty or staff.

'Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Margin of Excellence grants," Davis said. "I know these projects will have a lasting impact on our students, employees and Gadsden State.'

















Submitted photo

2023 Hokes Bluff High School graduate and Auburn University junior Bryer Morrison (pictured at right) recently won the Alabama Farmers Federation's inaugural statewide Collegiate Discussion Meet and received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Federation and Farm Bureau Bank. He will represent Alabama during the American Farm Bureau Federation FU-SION Conference in Denver in March 2025. Morrison is studying animal sciences at Auburn. Pictured with Morrison is AFF Young Farmers Division Director Hunter McBrayer.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

Friday, Nov. 1 Gadsden Regional 1007 Goodyear Ave Gadsden, AL. 35903 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 15 Premiere Cinemas 16 1001 Rainbow Drive Gadsden, AL 35901 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 Hokes Bluff High School 1865 Appalachian Hwy 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Blood donors needed

The American Red Cross continues to work to restock critically needed blood products uncollected due to the ongoing impact of Hurricane Helene's devastation in the Southeast. Donors outside of affected areas are encouraged to make an appointment to give now and help keep the blood supply stable in the weeks to come.

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.







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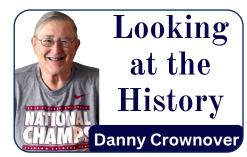
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LIESTYLE

The Vagabond - James Aiken earned fame as attorney, war hero



Among the pioneer citizens and builders of Gadsden was James Aiken, one of the he was 17 years old and received during ablest lawyers of the state of Alabama. It is no exaggeration to say that Aiken was probably one of the best loved men of his day due to his high character and the good examples he set throughout his life.

Aiken was born in Fairfield District, South Carolina, on Aug. 8, 1830, as the son of William and Elizabeth (Stitt) Aiken.

William Aiken was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and came to the U.S. in 1820. The Stitt family also came from Ireland. The Aikens settled in Fairfield District. William Aiken reared four children, two of whom, Robert S. and William M., died from wounds while serving the Confederate army during the Civil War.

James Aiken was reared on a farm until that period a public-school education. In 1847, he was appointed a cadet at the South Carolina Military Academy and graduated from that institution in 1851. Aiken taught school for several years, and in 1854, he came to Randolph County, Alabama, where he taught school for two years.

Aiken read law while he taught school and was admitted to the bar in 1856. Aiken's services were in demand throughout northeast Alabama due to his ability and devotion to the interest of his clients.

In July of 1861, Aiken raised a company of volunteers for the Confederate army. Aiken led Company D of the Thirteenth Alabama Regiment in many hotly contested battles. He was seriously wounded at the battle of Seven Pines and did not rejoin his command until the following year. Aiken was also wounded at Chancellorsville and again at Bristow's Station. He was promoted to rank of major after Seven Pines and to lieutenant colonel after Chancellorsville.

While Aiken served in the war, the people of Randolph County elected him to the legislature and he came home long enough to serve one session. He moved Gadsden in 1869. In 1875, he was elected a delegate to the historical constitutional convention and in February of 1885 was appointed circuit judge by Governor O'Neal.

Aiken married Mrs. L.N. McClelland, daughter of Lindsey and Lucinda Weaver, of Calhoun County. The couple had four children: Robert Aiken, Mrs. Annie Faucett of Gadsden and Mrs. Lucy Conner of Enterprise. Another son died in 1897. Aiken died in June of 1908 and is buried at Forrest Cemetery in Gadsden.

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Trump or Harris - who wil be our next U.S. President?

America will elect its 47th president on Tuesday, Nov. 5. At least 99 percent of the votes will be cast by American citizens. With millions of illegal immigrants having poured through our country's southern border over the past four years, there will be some illegal ballots cast by non-citizens. The opening of the border by the Democratic administration was permitted to allow these illegal immigrants to vote Demo-

Fortunately, most of these illegal votes will be cast in California since Texas Republican Governor Greg Abbott had the foresight to steer the flow of illegal immigrants into his state to California or bus them to other liberal Democratic sanctuary cities. Thus, any illegal immigrant votes will not affect the bottom-line result, because these states are left-wing, blue Democratic states anyway. The illegal votes will merely run up the score in the national election total votes for the Democrats, which is

As you know, we do not elect our president by popular vote but by an electoral college system, whereby each state casts the same number of electoral votes as they have members of U.S. Congress. The magic number of electoral votes is 270. That's the number you should be watching for as you surmise the election results this Tues-

As late as six decades ago in the 1960

lican Richard Nixon and Democrat John F. not predetermined by party preference. People voted for the person and not the party. Therefore, Nixon and Kennedy had to campaign in all 40 states, and their appearance and campaigning made a difference. That is why John Kennedy selected presidential running mate in order to carry the State of Texas.

Today, the election is exactly and diametrically the opposite as 1960. In this Tuesday's U.S. Presidential Electoral College Election, there are only seven states in play that really matter. The hay is in the barn in 43 states. The country is divided along party lines like never before in its history. That's why the polling reveals a 48/48 split since the move by the Democrats to swap Joe Biden for Kamala Harris. If Mickey Mouse were the Republican nominee, he would carry Alabama and Kansas. By the same token, if Donald Duck were the Democratic nominee, he would carry California

Again, as you are watching the results come in on Tuesday night, ignore the national horse race numbers. A Democrat will as the polls close, the news channels will Kamala Harris. That is what has made this

U.S. Presidential election between Repub- color 43 states either red or blue, because the exit polls will tell them what everyone Kennedy 40 states were in play that were knows and that is that these states are in the bank or as we would say in red states, "the hay is in the barn." Most of the country, geographically, including most of the less populous states, will be covered in red. The blue will stick out on the left coast states of California, Washington and Oregon, one his enemy Lyndon Johnson to be his vice- blue state in the middle of the country in Illinois and the other end of the country in New York and New Jersey.

The battle for the White House will be waged in the seven pivotal swing battleground states where the partisan divide is especially divided and will decide the election: Georgia and North Carolina in the South, Arizona and Nevada in the West and the three rustbelt midwestern states of Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin.

The Democrats were going to lose the election with Joe Biden at the top of the ticket. Younger Democratic voters were not going to vote for a decrepit and senile old white man. They were not going to vote for Trump, either, and would have just stayed

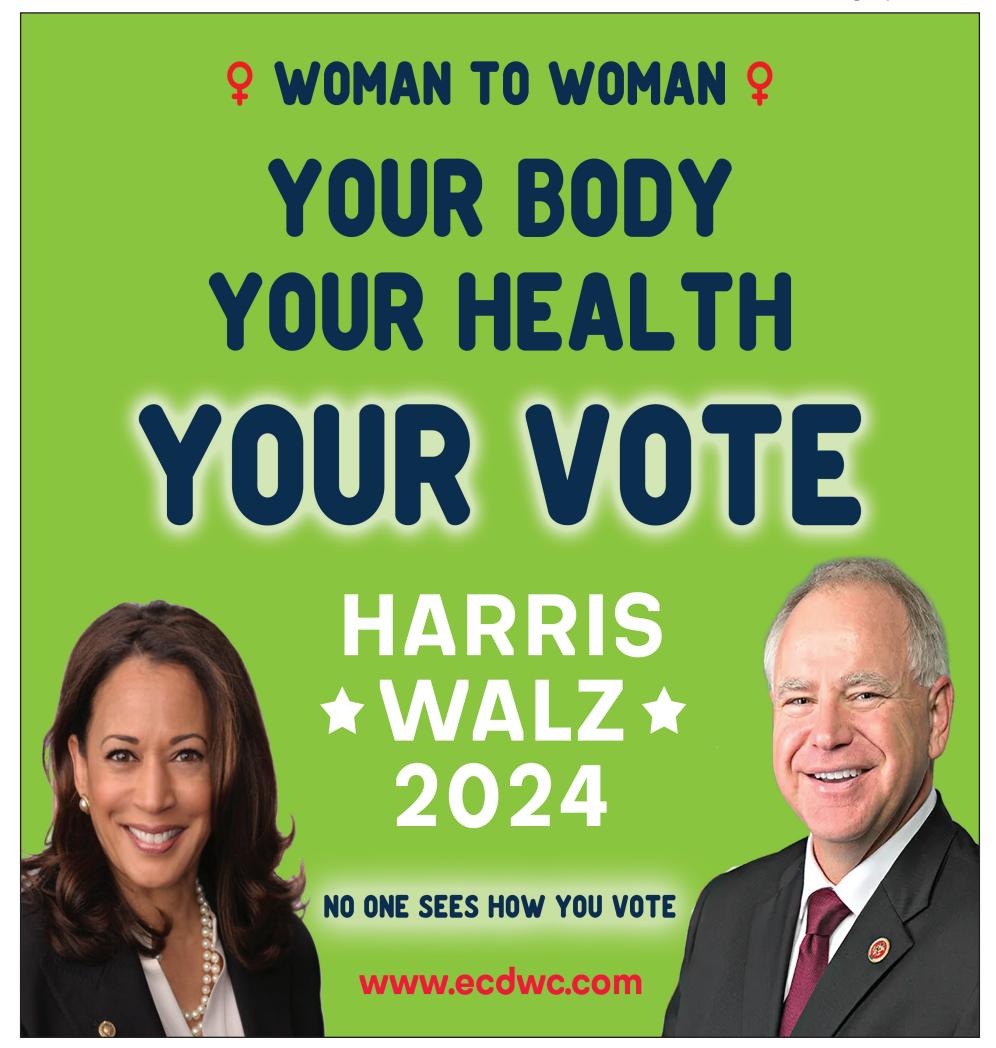
However, the orchestrated maneuver to replace Biden with Kamala Harris was a brilliant ploy. She, being a liberal Democrat get the most votes because there are more of mixed origin and of color, has brought voters in California and New York than the younger Democratic base Black voter there are in Alabama and Kansas. As soon into the fold that will turn out to vote for



a 48/48 percent horse race, which leaves the 4 percent undecided vote in these seven states - the golden circle of voters. Although Harris brings home the young Black Democratic voter, polling shows that this golden circle of undecided voters made up of white middleclass suburban women may not be solidly in her corner. These women probably from Michigan and/or Wisconsin will more than likely decide who the next president will be. However, turnout is the ultimate key to this race, as it is in any close

Is the Trump older and conservative Republican base more enthused and motivated, or does the liberal Democratic base get their voters to the polls for Harris? We will see next week.

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Halloween and Election Day

For Halloween, our family enjoys going to my father-in-law's house for chili, hot cocoa, candy and movies. My sister and brotherin-law bring over a trailer of hay for all the kids to ride around the neighborhood to trickor-treat, and it is just a lovely and pleasant time. Ever since my kids were babies, I've tended to go with simple, often homemade costumes. Between previous Halloween and theatre costumes, we usually have enough items to create fun looks that are low cost and low stress. This year, for example, my youngest wore a flowered dress and elf ears on Halloween morning and said she was a woodland elf. My middle daughter wore cat ears and all black, and her big sister did some cute cat makeup for her. My oldest loves the creativity of putting her own costumes together with her best friend, and she went as an SNL character. Jason and I usually go as ourselves, but with a few festive touches. This year, I wore a headband that looked like Maleficent horns from a distance but were actually little witch legs.

My students often dress up for Halloween. as well. I always bring candy because they may be young adults, but they still enjoy the treats and fun. We have low-key classes on Halloween, with fun music playing, while we work on a current writing assignment, comparing party plans and admiring one another's creativity. I have really grown to love Halloween in my middle age, much more than I ever thought I would. I think a big part of that is because of the enjoyment in seeing others express their own creativity, yes, but even more in seeing the joy it brings to all of us when we admire one another's get-ups.

There is a post circulating on social media that has really stuck in my mind this Halloween season. I couldn't find it to quote, of course, but a general paraphrase is something like how, on Halloween, we compliment others on their deformities, grotesque costumes, silliness and oddities - and invite them to laugh with us and share candy. The post then asks a simple question: Why can't we always treat others this way?

Halloween happens every year, but every four years, it happens right before a major election, and political tensions are often as scary or scarier than any Halloween fright.

Yet, just like Halloween, the season comes and goes, and we are all still family and friends, neighbors and community members. The unknown is scary, yes - it is why so many enjoy haunted houses and jump scares. But we know so much more than we don't about those around us. We know that most of us want to be happy, healthy and safe. We know who our family members, friends, neighbors and community members really are by how we have watched them act and treat others. We know that elected officials come and go, but communities stand together.

Halloween allows us all the freedom to express our creativity and have fun with the things that are scary. Our country allows us all the freedom to express our beliefs and ideals at the ballot box, and the unknown can be scary. But, this Halloween and election season, may we all remember that behind the costumes and makeup, behind the yard signs and t-shirt slogans, there are very real people like us who just want to be seen and appreciated, who just want to live happy, healthy and safe lives. May we all channel the acceptance we freely show others on Halloween all



throughout next week and beyond, remembering that we know enough about one another as fellow humans to treat those around us with decency, love, compassion, appreciation and tolerance.

As Dickens reminds us: "Do the wise thing and the kind thing too, and make the best of us and not the worst."

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THE MESSENGER'S PICK FOR EVENT OF THE WEEK

Adopt Your Boo at HSPRAC Find your fur-ever friend at this event

The Humane Society Pet Rescue and Adoption Center in Gadsden will host Adopt Your Boo, an adoption event from Nov. 1-2. The event will be held at the facility located at 4200 Brooke Avenue in Gadsden. Adoption fees are just \$31 during the event. For more information, call 256-442-1347.



Submit events by email to khoskins@gadsdenmessenger.com.

November 1 - 2

host Adopt Your Boo, an -25. Come see millions of adoption event from Nov. Christmas lights! Tickets at 4200 Brooke Avenue in Gadsden. Adoption fees are just \$31 during the event. For more informa-

tion, call 256-442-1347. **November 22 – 24** den City High School. The at 256-549-4643. Downtown Dance Artists Show times are Friday, coming to November 22 at 6 p.m., Saturday, November 23 at 1 p.m., Saturday, No-

November 23

Country Christmas Event will be walking around too. 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 The Humane Society p.m. and will run through Pet Rescue and Adoption Jan. 4. The exhibit will be Center in Gadsden will closed from December 24 1-2 at the facility located 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. Experience all the magic The ice rink returns on Noof the holiday classic with vember 29 from 8 a.m. to 6 original costume designs, p.m. The real ice rink near dazzling scenery and a Moragne Park will close host of characters as the for the season on Jan. 4. Downtown Dance Conser- For more information, call vatory presents "The Nut-cracker Princess" at Gads-4658 or Valerie Galbreath

November 29 – 30 Company perform along Plaid Friday and Small with a children's cast. Business Saturday are downtown Gadsden November 29 -30. Wear your plaid with pride and shop local. Visit vember 23 at 6 p.m. and downtown Gadsden for Sunday, November 24 at Plaid Friday and shop and 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale dine with our small businesses. Avoid the rush of Black Friday and spend an Smith Tomato will presenjoyable day with friends ent the 4th annual "A and family instead. Santa

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

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.





The Best Chocolate Brownie Ever, **Apple Cake and Oreo Delight**

Let's bake some goodies this week I want to begin with the best chocolate brownie recipe ever.

The Best Chocolate Brownie Ever

1 ½ cups self-rising flour 2 cups sugar 1 cup Crisco oil 4 eggs, beaten 8 tablespoons cocoa 1 tablespoon vanilla flavoring 1 cup chopped pecans

Sift flour, sugar and cocoa together. You will not have any holes or lumps in the batter if you sift. Add pecans. Then add the rest of the ingredients and mix well. Pour into a greased 9x13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Andy's Note: Be sure and set the timer. This is very important. They may not look done, but they are done. Cool and cut in squares, and if you want to be fancy, you can drizzle the top with white chocolate.

Apple Cake with Caramel Glaze

2 cups self-rising flour 2 cups sugar 2 eggs 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 cup Crisco oil 1 can apple pie filling 1 cup chopped pecans

Mix by hand all ingredients. Pour into a greased pan and bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until done.

> For the glaze: 1 cup light brown sugar stick margarine ½ cup milk 1 teaspoon vanilla

Southern Cooking Andy Bedwell

Mix brown sugar, milk, and vanilla in saucepan. Cook for three minutes stirring constantly. Pour over warm cake.

Andy's Note: I love anything that includes apples. This is easy and it is so good with a hot cup of coffee. This recipe reminds me so much of my Southern roots. When I was a child, I could remember that every relative that I visited had apple trees.

Oreo Delight

1 large pack of Oreos 1 stick butter, melted 1 large Cool Whip 2 large boxes of vanilla instant pudding 3 ½ cups cold milk 8 ounces cream cheese, softened

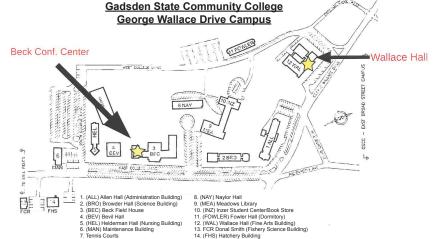
Crush Oreos. Set aside ½ cup of Oreos for topping. Mix remaining Oreos and butter. Press in a large dish. Mix puddings and milk. Add cream cheese and Cool Whip until smooth. Pour over Oreo crust. Top with remaining Oreos.

Andy's Note: Please, mothers and grandmothers, let your grandchildren make this recipe. Not only will they enjoy putting this together; they will want to eat it right away.

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

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.



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



DEVOTIONALS

His presence and His Voice



This past week, I visited Cloudland State Park in Georgia to camp with some friends, hike during the day and sit around the campfire at night and just be still in God's cre-

As I sat on the porch in the early hours of Thursday morning, I looked out to see the beautiful fall-colored leaves and listened to the clear sound of the wind coming across the mountains. I could not help but think about how awesome our God is and thanked Him for His beautiful creation. Two words that He brings came to mind: presence and voice. You see, one of the main reasons went to Cloudland was to unplug from my normal routine, be quiet and seek His presence and His voice for multiple situations currently taking place in our nation, in Israel, and in my own life. I believe the Lord wants me to dig deeper to understand not only the depth

His presence and voice in my life.

As I was reading the Gospel of John, chapter 10, I noticed that the word "voice" is found all throughout the chapter. Not only was I excited to find this word mentioned so often; I was also challenged once again by this single word. John 10: 2-5 says, "But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger; they will run from him, because they do not know his voice." As I read those verses, I began to ask myself the following

What does it mean to know my Shepherd's voice? In order to know someone's voice, I must first know the person. The way I know and come to learn about my Lord is to read His Word, the Bible. In the Bible, I learn the character, the passion and the heart of my Heavenly Father. I begin to learn what brings Him joy and what His desires are for me. Before I can ever know His voice, I must first know Him!

What hinders my ability to hear His of those two words as they relate to Jesus but voice in my life? It is so easy to let the things

to understand what it means to have more of of this world (i.e., social media, activity, television, my daily schedule) drown out the sound of His voice in my life. Weekly and even daily at times, I have to check those areas in my life to make sure their voice is not being heard over my Father's voice.

What are the strangers in my life I need to run from? These strangers might look different for each of us, but we all have them. Half of the battle is won when we are able to recognize these strangers in our lives. It is key to have an exit plan in place when faced with these strangers or temptations that keep us from hearing the voice of our

It is the Lord's desire to give us visions and dreams and to speak to each one of us. However, we must know Him first and then make sure our hearts and minds are open to hear from Him. John 10:10 in the Passion translation says it beautifully: "A thief has only one thing in mind - he wants to steal, slaughter and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect: life in its fullness until you overflow.'

May you begin to hear His voice more clearly in your life today. 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!

The turning of the tables

Who would be welcome at Jesus's table? Everyone, of course - absolutely anyone and everybody. The only ones chastised at Jesus' table are those who reject Him and those who refuse to repent and judge those who do. Jesus chastises those who demand to "go their own way" rather than "go and sin no more." Let's look at a table or two.

The Pharisee's Table (Luke 7:36-50). To the Pharisee's credit, He invited Jesus to his table. Culturally, this was an expression of honor and friendship. Just two verses before, Jesus complained about how He was called a "glutton and winebibber" because, unlike John the Baptist, He did not fast continually. But note in verse 34 that Jesus was rightly called a "friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

Thank God for that. But the Pharisee did not know Jesus very well, for the second after a public sinner walked into His house to see Jesus, the dinner party was ruined.

This precious woman had the desperate need to see Jesus. I say "desperate need" because if you are a Christian, you understand this moment.

To come to Christ and be converted, you must experience that horrible and wonderful moment when the Holy Spirit illuminates your sin and gives you the grace to confess and repent.

I remember my heart beating out of my chest during that moment, so desperately wanting to hide my sin but even more desperately wanting to be free from it. Do you remember that moment?

Oh, that sinner woman's desperation in Luke 7:36-50! To come into that home knowing she would be hated by the Pharisee and embarrassed in front of the Disciples. Would Jesus reject her also?

Bibllical scholars have suggested that

this woman was likely a prostitute. They speculate that she was possibly Mary, the sister of Lazarus, which is a beautiful thought when you re-examine the Lazarus story (John 11).

It is also speculated that the woman was a prostitute for the wealthy, as the "alabaster box of ointment" had a value of an entire year's salary. Lastly, it is speculated that the woman was a prostitute for the religious, much like the woman rescued by Jesus from stoning in John 8. That is possibly why the Pharisee recognized her.

To be blunt, it is often the religious and wealthy that do shameful sexual things that scandalize so many people. It was true of my childhood pastor who baptized is still true in my heart apart from Christ.

sion. I'm sorry to be so vulgar, but how to pray for me to the Lord our God." many men had she had done unspeakable those that could have rescued her finan-

fession with this story in mind.

hearts as we prepare to approach His Table gmail.com.



at Mass. Early in the Eucharistic celebration we pray The Confiteor and rightly "get put in our place" in hopes that by the end of the Mass, our Lord Jesus is in His proper place on the throne of our heart. We humbly pray:

"I confess to Almighty God, and to you me and it's been true of me in the past. It my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in But this precious woman knelt behind what I have done and in what I have failed Jesus and poured out her sins with tears to do; through my fault, through my fault, of repentance, and poured out her trea- through my most grievous fault; therefore I sure as a penance, just as we Catholics do ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels when we go to the Sacrament of Confes- and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters,

Brian Cook is a Cropwell native and things and being taken advantage of by a graduate of Pell City High School and Gadsden State Community College and cially and spiritually? And here, the only studied music and history at Jacksonville Righteous Judge welcomed this woman at State. He and his wife Hope have five chiltable. Again, this is an expression of honor and friendship.

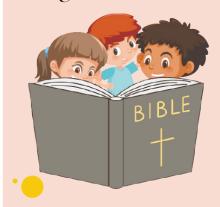
dren. A self-described "on-again, off-again bi-vocational part-time" Protestant min-The moment was so impactful that Je- ister for almost 20 years, Brian converted sus immediately crafted a parable explain- to Catholicism in April 2021. They attend ing why some Christians love God with a Saint James Catholic Church in Gadsden. passion that is hard to fathom and some With no formal training (Acts 4:13), Brian have to coax a flickering flame. May we is active in the Catechetical training of chilsinners always remember that we are wel- dren and adults. His book "The Devotion come at His table, but may we balance that to Christ" can be found on Amazon. He welcome with the command to "go and sin is available for speaking and teaching enno more" (John 8:11). May we go to Con- gagements in any parish, church, or group setting. He may be contacted at thedtc@ And may this Scripture ring in our protonmail.com or thedevotiontochrist@

Bible Verse of the Week



Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

- Psalms 37: 4-5 **King James Version**



Verse for Kids •

Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

- Isaiah 26:4 **King James Version**

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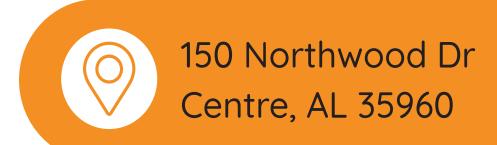




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SPORTS

Roundups & Rundowns

Football The Alabama High School Athletic Association announced earlier this week that Coosa Christian School's varsity football program has been fined and placed on probation for playing an ineligible player in violation of the Coaching Outside School Year Rule. As a result, Coosa Christian's program must forfeit all games won that the ineligible student participated in. Coosa Christian reported the student played in one varsity game versus Cleveland on Oct. 4, a game which the Conquerors won by a score of 43-0.

The AHSAA Rule II Section 15 states that "No administrator, coach or non-faculty coach from a school's staff may hold organized practice (except during allowable period) or competition for its school or its feeder school students (grades 7-12) outside the sports season during the school year. Members of a school coaching staff are allowed to coach girls or boys students from his/ her school teams during the off-season during the school year within the allowable period as described below. Any coach that coaches a student from another school in practice or competition renders that student or offending coach ineligible at the coach's school in the sport in which the violation occurred for the next school season."

The forfeit did not impact Coosa's place at No. 1 in Class 2A Region 7 standings. Both the Conquerors and Southeastern are now 5-1 in region play, with Coosa Christian holding the tiebreaker with a 42-7 win on Sept.

Pike Liberal Arts High School's varsity football program has been fined and placed on probation for playing an ineligible player in violation of the AHSAA Transfer Rule. As a result, the school must forfeit all games won that the ineligible student participated in which include three region wins and three non-region wins.

Volleyball

Gadsden State went 1-1 this past week to end its season at 7-22 overall and 1-11 in Alabama Community College Conference play.

On Oct. 21. The Lady Cardinals swept Andrew College, 25-19, 25-21, 17-25 at Beck Gymnasium. For Gadsden State, Ella Garmany had 19 kills, followed by Kaleigh Butler with 11, Makasia Crawford with seven and Savannah Hall with six.

Emma Earl distributed 28 assists, while Ellie Carden served up three aces. Allie Bryant came up with 17 digs, followed by Kinslee Gray with 10, Earl with nine, Hall with four, Carden with three and Garmany and Lacie Roer with two each.

On Oct. 23, the Lady Cardinals lost to Lawson State, 25-21, 26-28, 22-25, 18-25 at Beck Gymnasium. Butler had 21 kills, followed by Garmany with 14, Crawford with five and Hall with three.

New Coosa coach installing team-first mentality

By Chris McCarthy **Publisher**

Ball hogs and loafers are persona non grata for the 2024-25 Coosa Christian varsity boys basketball team.

"I'm trying to build a 'We vs. Me' mentality," said the Rocky Peek, the team's new head coach. "We want to build a unit that doesn't care so much about personal achievements but rather team accomplishments. We want to compete at a state championship level, and it's going to take a lot of work and definitely will be a different style and pace of basketball for our players to adjust to."

Peek possesses the chops to demand such unselfish play. From 2017-19 at Marshall Christian Academy in Albertville, he guided the Stallions to a 76-12 record, a state championship, two Final Four appearances and three region titles while competing in the Alabama Christian Athletics Association.

'My goals are always high in whatever I do," said Peek, a 1994 graduate of Ohatchee High School. "You have to aim for the top or you will stay at the bottom. We need everyone focus on the team and what they can achieve as the season progresses.'

For Conquerors fans who appreciate a face-paced style, Peek intends to press the gas pedal early and often this

'We're going to be very up tempo and we want to score a lot and play aggressive defense. Whether we're in full court or a match up halfcourt situation we're going to play at the same tempo."

Several athletes on the roster are members of the school's football and basketball teams, which reached the Class 1A state finals and semifinals, respectively, last seahelp the basketball program.



Courtesy of Average Joe's Sports Talk

son. Peek sees that success as an intangible that should Coosa Christian varsity boys basketball coach Rocky Peek (left) and team member Jaylen Jones participate in the Etowah County Basketball Media Day on Oct. New Coosa coach - page 3B 27 at Sparks Orthopedics and Sports Medicine in Rainbow City.



Chris McCarthy/Messenger

Academy's Jamarion White (55) during the Conquerors' 35-21 victory in high school football on Friday, Oct. 25 in Gadsden.



Photo courtesy of Alex Chaney

Coosa Christian's J'Alan Terry (1) attempts to elude Tuscaloosa Hokes Bluff's Anderson Morgan makes a catch in front of Oneonta's Santana Lofton during the Eagles' 42-7 win in high school football on Friday, Oct. 25 at Hokes Bluff.

AHSAA hits Coosa with penalties, fine, probation

been fined and placed on restrictive probation effective immediately and concluding at the end of the 2025 football championship series (December 5, 2025) for playing an ineligible player in violation of the Coaching Outside School Year Rule.

The original report from Coosa Christian stated the student in question participated in only one varsity game this season. Upon further investigation, it was confirmed by the AHSAA that the ineligible student played in five games. As a result, and in addition to restrictive probation, Coosa Christian's football program must forfeit all games won that the ineligible student participated in which now totals five (Cleveland, Southeastern, Falkville, Susan Moore and Cold Springs). The investigation is still ongoing, according to an AHSAA press release.

Coosa Christian School has been provided specific conditions to meet prior to the 2025 football season and as a result may appear before the AHSAA Central Board of Control at its July Board meeting for possible reinstatement into the 2025 championship season.

The AHSAA Rule II Section 15 states that "No administrator, coach or non-faculty coach from a school's staff may hold organized practice (except during allowable period) or competition for its school or its feeder school students (grades 7-12) outside the sports season during the school year. Members of a school coaching staff are allowed to coach girls or boys students from his/ her school teams during the off-season during the school year within the allowable period as described below. Any coach that coaches a student from another school in practice or competition renders that student or offending coach ineligible at the coach's school in the sport in which the violation occurred for the next school season.' The Class 2A Region 6 standings are as follows after being updated to reflect said forfeits:

1. Southeastern: 7-2 overall, 6-0 in region 2. Falkville: 6-3 overall, 5-1 in region

4. Cold Spring: 5-5 overall, 3-3 in region

5. Cleveland: 3-6 overall, 2-4 in region

Coosa Christian School's varsity football program has 3. Susan Moore: 4-5 overall, 4-2 in region 6. Coosa Christian: 5-5 overall, 1-5 in re-

7. West End: 1-9 overall, 0-6 in region





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vs. WKU	W. 63-0
vs. USF	W. 42-16
@ Wisconsin	W. 42-10
vs. Georgia	W. 41-34
@ Vanderbilt	L. 35-40
vs. S. Carolina	W. 27-25
@ Tennessee	L. 17-24
vs. Missouri	W. 0-34
@ LSU	Nov. 9
vs. Mercer	Nov. 16
@ Oklahoma	Nov. 23
vs. Auburn	Nov. 30



Nov. 2 vs. Vanderbilt at 11:45 a.m. on ESPN

vs. Ala. A&M	W. 73-3
vs. California	L. 14-21
vs. New Mexico	W. 45-19
vs. Arkansas	L. 24-14
vs. Oklahoma	L. 24-24
@ Georgia	L.13-31
@ Missouri	L. 17-21
@ Kentucky	W. 24-10
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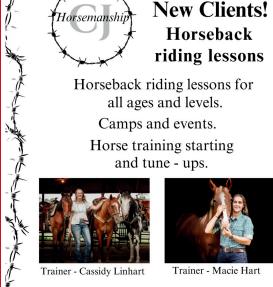
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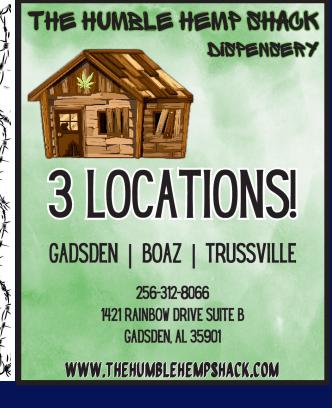
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Local Sports Schedule

High School Football

Friday, Nov. 1 Randolph County at Hokes Bluff Piedmont at Glencoe St. Clair County at Ashville Westbrook at Walter Wellborn Etowah at Lincoln Southside at Pell City Gaston at Ider

Flag Football

Monday, Nov. 4
First round state playoffs **Bowling**

All home matches played at The Alley at the Gadsden Mall Tuesday, Nov. 5 Southside at Vestavia Hills Wednesday, Nov. 6 Oxford at Gadsden City, Southside

College Men's Basketball

Nov. 1 - Nov. 7

Saturday, Nov. 2 Marion Military at Gadsden State Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 6-7 Gadsden State at **Snead State Classic**

Women's Basketball

Saturday, Nov. 2 Gadsden State at Chattanooga State Tuesday, Nov. 5 Motlow State at Gadsden State

Alabama rebounds in fine fashion against Missouri, Auburn finally takes care of business in SEC action



Week 10

Alabama Week 9 Review

The Crimson Tide responded to their second loss of the season with a resounding 34-0 homecoming victory over Missouri last week. While the first half was a bit sluggish, the Alabama defense intercepted Mizzou backup quarterback Drew Pyne late in the second quarter, setting up Jam Miller's 3-yard touchdown run to give the Tide a 13-0 halftime advantage. Pyne entered the game for an injured Brady Cook, and the Missouri offense was abysmal without Cook in the game. Led by Jalen Milroe's 215 yards through the air and 50 yards and a score on the ground, Alabama outgained Missouri 486-239. UA improved to 6-2 overall and 3-2 in the SEC and has an open week before traveling to Baton Rouge on Nov. 9 to take on LSU.

Auburn Week 9 Review

Auburn earned its first conference win of the season in a 24-10 road victory over Kentucky. It was a slow start for the Tigers as the Wildcats built an early 10-0 lead, but Hugh Freeze's team took control on the

ground in the second half behind a dominant performance from running back Jarquez Hunter, who rushed for a career-high 278 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries. Auburn outgained Kentucky 500 to 224. The Tigers, who improved to 3-5 and 1-4 in the SEC, return home on Saturday, Nov. 2 to face Vanderbilt.

SEC Week 10 Rankings

- 1. Georgia (6-1, 4-1) 2. Texas (7-1, 3-1)
- 3. Texas A&M (7-1, 5-0) 4. Tennessee (6-1, 3-1)
- 5. LSU (6-2, 3-1)
- 6. Ole Miss (6-2, 2-2) 7. Alabama (6-2, 3-2)
- 8. Vanderbilt (5-3, 2-2)
- 9. Arkansas (5-3, 3-2) 10. South Carolina (4-3, 2-3)
- 11. Missouri (6-2, 2-2)
- 12. Florida (4-3, 2-2)
- 13. Oklahoma (4-4, 1-4)
- 14. Auburn (3-5, 1-4) 15. Kentucky (3-5, 1-5)
- 16. Mississippi State (1-7, 0-5) **Week 10 Previews and Predictions**

Last week: 5-1; season: 65-22 Game of the Week Texas A&M at South Carolina

(+2). Only one team in the SEC remains unbeaten in conference play, and that team resides in College Station. Mike Elko has done a tremendous job in his inaugural season, and the comeback win over LSU last week has the Aggies in position to make the SEC title game for the first time since joining the league in 2012. Everything is shaping up for a monumental matchup against Texas in the

season finale, but the Aggies have two tricky road games before that rivalry game. The first is this Saturday in Columbia against a dangerous South Carolina team coming off a bye week. The Gamecocks nearly upset both Alabama and LSU earlier this year, and this is a great spot for Shane Beamer's team to get the job done and shake up the race for the SEC crown. Prediction: South Carolina 27, Texas A&M 24.

Ole Miss at Arkansas (+7). Lane Kiffin went all in on building a playoff team in 2024, and while Ole Miss still has an opportunity to accomplish that goal, there is no margin for error remaining for the Rebels. While the road loss at LSU is forgivable, the home loss to Kentucky will hamper Ole Miss down the stretch as the rebels have a matchup against Georgia next week and a tricky spot at Arkansas this Saturday. The Hogs upset Tennessee at home this year, and they're capable of pulling off another upset this week. Prediction: Ole Miss 31, Arkansas 24.

Vanderbilt at Auburn (-7). No quarterback has haunted Hugh Freeze quite like Diego Pavia. The Vandy signal caller upset Freeze's Tigers last year with New Mexico State and dominated Freeze's Liberty squad in 2022. Now, Pavia returns to Jordan-Hare Stadium with an opportunity to beat Freeze again as the Commodores search for one more win to reach a bowl game. Auburn might have turned a corner last week at Kentucky by finally closing out a game, but Saturday's test will be challenging with Pavia under center. Prediction: Auburn 28, Vanderbilt 24.

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ASWA high school football poll Released Oct. 30

C	1455 <i>I</i> A		
Team	Record	Points	
1. Auburn	9-0	216	
2. Hoover	8-2	157	
3. Mary Montgomery	9-1	133	
4. Central-Phenix Cit	y 7-2	115	
5. Thompson	7-3	94	
6. Austin	9-0	93	
7. Opelika	8-2	78	
8. Hewitt-Trussville	8-2	68	
9. Baker	7-2	35	
Carver-Mont.	6-3	22	
Others receiving	votes: Ente	rprise (6-3) 14	
Dapl	nne (7-3) 1.	. ,	
Class 6A			

1. Saraland 9-0 209 2. Parker 160 3. Oxford 9-0 148 4. Spain Park 129 5. Clay-Chalkville 108 8-1 6. Mountain Brook 66 63 7. Homewood 8. St. Paul's 44 9. Muscle Shoals 31 6-2

Record

Points

Team

10. Hartselle Others receiving votes: Spanish Fort (7-2) 22, Fort Payne (7-2) 14, Helena (6-3) 5, Russell County (7-2) 3, Southside (6-3) 1.

Class 5A					
Team	Record	Points			
 Catholic-Mont. 	9-0	207			
2. Central-Clay Co.	10-0	169			
3. Vigor	9-0	139			
Fairview	8-0	115			
5. Moody	7-2	110			
Guntersville	8-1	93			
7. Corner	8-1	52			
Williamson	9-1	46			
9. Leeds	8-2	44			
Russellville	7-2	22			

Others receiving votes: Scottsboro (7-2) 12, Demopolis (7-2) 8, Citronelle (8-2) 3, Boaz (7-2) 2, Ramsay (6-3) 2, Briarwood (4-5) 1, Wenonah (7-2) 1.

Class 4A				
Team	Record	Points		
1. Jackson	9-1	216		
Pleasant Grove	8-1	155		
3. Cherokee County	9-1	141		
4. West Morgan	9-0	131		
5. Good Hope	9-0	106		
6. St. Michael Cath.	8-1	97		
7. Dale County	8-2	63		
8. North Jackson	7-2	43		
9. Bibb County	7-3	24		
10. Opp	7-2	23		
Others receiving vot	tes: Tallasse	ee (6-2-1) 9. (

Grove (7-2) 7, Hokes Bluff (7-2) 6, Randolph (6-3) 3, Brooks (7-2) 1, Handley (7-3) 1.

Class 3A

Team	Record	Points
1. T.R. Miller	9-0	194
Mars Hill Bible	9-0	171
Piedmont	9-0	144
4. Thomasville	9-0	120
5. Fyffe	7-2	110
6. Gordo	9-1	88
7. Glenwood	8-0	78
8. Winfield	9-1	52
Montgomery Aca.	9-1	29
Houston Aca.	8-1	17
Others receiving vo	tes: Gerald	ine (7-2) 9, Tri

(7-3) 7, Sylvania (7-2) 6, Southside-Selma (7-2) 1. Class 2A

•		
Team	Record	Points
1. Pisgah	9-0	205
2. Highland Home	10-0	160
3. Coosa Christian*	8-2	150
4. Cottonwood	10-0	120
Reeltown	8-1	106
Winston County	9-0	86
7. Clarke County	7-2	62
8. Tuscaloosa Aca.	7-2	49
Providence Chr.	8-1	41
10. Decatur Heritage	6-2	21
Others receiving veto	c. Cachan	(6.2) 10 Plan

Others receiving votes: Goshen (6-2) 10, Pleasant Valley (8-2) 8, Vincent (7-2) 7, J.U. Blacksher (7-2) 1 *Record includes one forfeit loss

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Class 1A				
Team	Record	Points		
1. Wadley	8-0	206		
2. Leroy	9-1	167		
Hackleburg	9-0	141		
4. Spring Garden	9-0	122		
5. Elba	8-2	105		
Sweet Water	7-2	88		
7. Maplesville	8-1	75		
8. Lynn	9-1	53		
9. McKenzie	9-1	35		
10. Autauga Aca.	8-1	20		
~ · ·		(7.0) 40		

Berry (8-1) 3, Brantley (5-4) 1.

Others receiving votes: Linden (7-2) 10,



Courtesy of Average Joe's Sports Talk

Southside's Brayden Bowers (0), Logan Whittemore (2), Micah Hill (80) and McCade Wright (99) get set for the snap during the Panthers' 39-14 victory over Hazel Green on Oct. 25 at Barney Hood Stadium.

New Coosa basketball coach - from 1B

competitive and disciplined plays to a coach's advantage," he said. The hardest thing will be young Christian men and be the transition from football to basketball. If all goes well for football like we hope it does, then we'll have one practice as a team before our first game!"

The Conquerors share Class 1A Area 11 with Appalachian, Jefferson Christian, Victory Christian and Ragland.

"There's some good completion in the area," said Peek. "Appalachian went to (the Northeast Regional Tournament at) JSU to compete last season. I'm confident that we can be successful at all levels of competition once we get in the gym and start training. We had a good summer in going 10-2 overall, and that was with only half of the varsity roster and our JV guys playing up, so we're pretty excited about the season.

The Conquerors open the season on Thursday, Nov 12

"I think those players being against Pleasant Valley.

"This school is awesome for raising all students up to women, and [its] academics

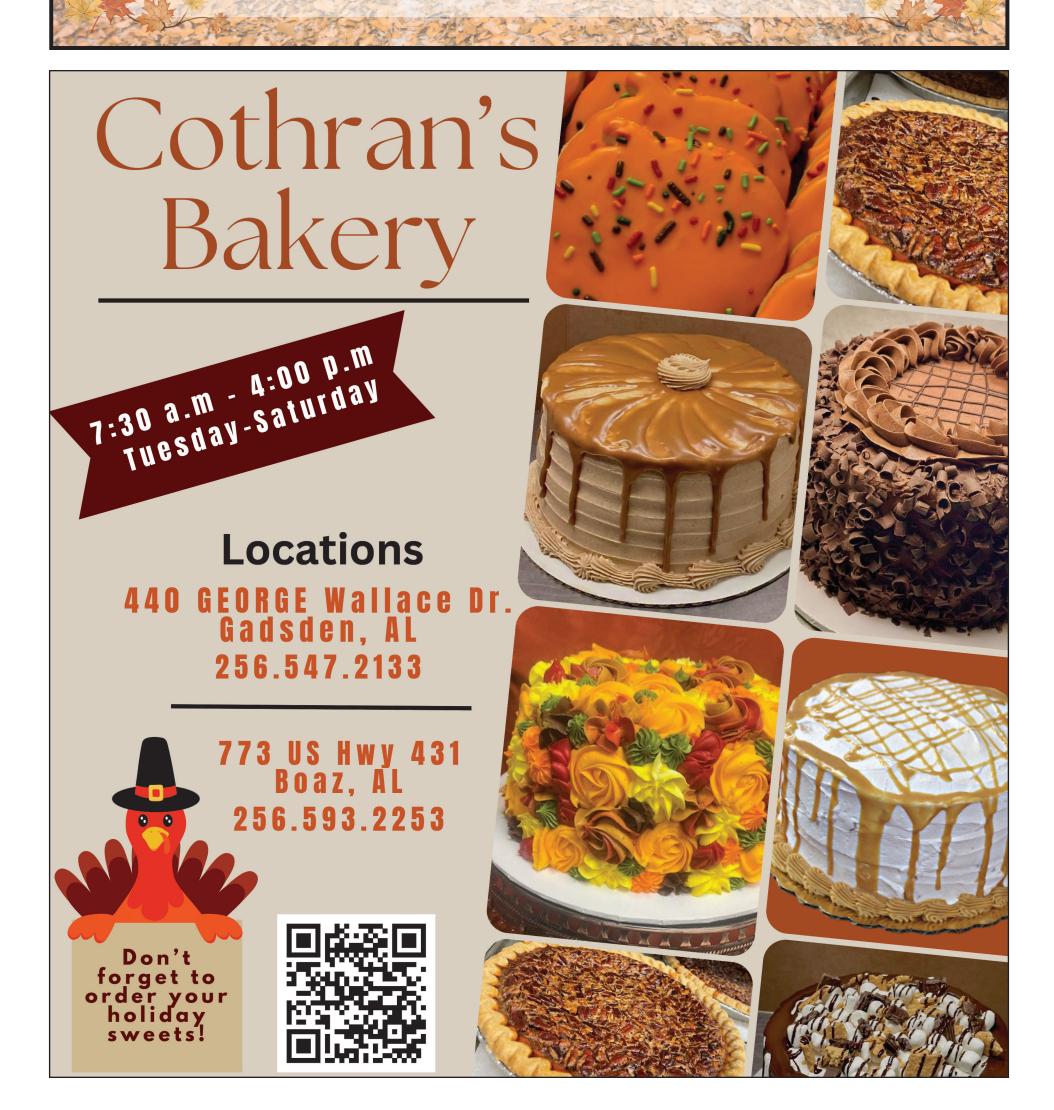
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are top notch," said Peek. "This basketball program needed help, and I believe it's a good fit for me and my fam-









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Area high school football standings Through Week 9

Class	6A, Regio	n 0
Class		
	Overall	Region
Fort Payne	7-2	6-0
Southside	6-3	5-1
Gadsden City	6-3	4-2
Buckhorn	5-4	3-3
Mae Jemison	3-7	2-4
Hazel Green	2-7	1-5
Lee-Huntsville	0-9	0-6
Class	5A, Regio	
	Overall	Region
Scottsboro	7-2	5-1
Boaz	7-2	5-1
Guntersville	8-1	5-1
Arab	5-4	3-3
Sardis	3-7	2-4
Douglas	4-5	1-5
Brewer	1-8	0-6
Class	4A, Regio	n 6
1	Overall	Region
Charakaa Caunty	9-1	7-0
Cherokee County	0 1	. •
Hokes Bluff	7-2	5-2
Anniston	5-4	5-2
Alexandria	6-3	5-2
Etowah	3-6	3-4
White Plains	3-6	1-6
Oneonta	2-7	1-6
Ashville	1-8	1-6
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Class	3A, Regio	n 6
	Overall R	Region
Piedmont	9-0	7-0
Locust Fork	7-2	5-2
J.B. Pennington	6-3	4-3
Walter Wellborn	5-3	4-3
Westbrook Christian	5-4	3-4
Ohatchee	6-4	4-4
Weaver	3-6	3-4
Glencoe	2-7	1-6
Saks	2-7	1-6
Class	2A, Regio	n 6
	Overall	Region
Coosa Christian		
	9-1	6-0
Southeastern	6-3	5-1
Falkville	5-4	4-2
Susan Moore	3-6	3-3
Cold Springs	4-6	2-4
Cleveland	2-7	1-5
West End	1-9	0-6
l	2A, Regio	
	Overall	Region
Pisgah	9-0	6-0
Pleasant Valley	8-2	5-1
North Sand Mountain	5-4	3-24
Cedar Bluff	3-6	3-3
Sand Rock	4-5	3-3
_	2-7	1-5
Gaston		
Section	1-8	0-6



Photo courtesy of Grant Campbell

Westbrook Christian's Bo Kilgo awaits the snap during the Warriors' 37-34 loss to Weaver in high school football on Friday, Oct. 25 in Rainbow City.

Local high school football statistics

Reporting this week:

Coosa Christian, Gaston, Etowah, Gadsden City, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff, Sardis, Southside, West End, Westbrook

Rusning				
Name	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Whitaker, Hokes Bluff	120	1,329	11.1	18
Blevins, Westbrook	189	1,282	6.8	23
Worthy, Gadsden City	112	892	8.0	14
Scissum, Etowah	99	818	8.3	10
K. Garrett, Southside	100	784	7.8	0
Terry, Coosa Chr.	60	763	12.7	8
Barron, Hokes Bluff	110	686	6.2	9
Hale, Hokes Bluff	64	591	9.2	9
McMurray, Glencoe	91	586	6.4	2
Boggs, Glencoe	94	535	5.7	6
Boyd, Southside	74	518	7.0	3
Martin, Sardis	68	469	7.0	7
Wilson, Coosa Chr.	97	444	4.6	10
Chapman, Sardis	75	422	5.6	5
Hudson, Glencoe	64	404	6.3	4
Skaggs, Gaston	44	379	8.6	5
Wood, Westbrook	67	306	4.6	3
Strong, Southside	32	303	9.5	4
Carter, Hokes Bluff	50	281	5.6	3
Hamby, West End	66	234	3.5	3

Passing					
Name	Att.	Comp.	Yards	TD	
Franklin, Gadsden City	202	129	1,879	20	
Scissum, Etowah	189	121	1,740	15	
Potter, Ashville	144	87	1,274	11	
Justus, Coosa Chr.	147	87	1,183	16	
Chapman, Sardis	147	92	1,123	6	
Blevins, Westbrook	116	64	986	9	
Hamby, West End	123	62	928	9	
Sarratt, Southside	70	49	718	3	
Clay, Gaston	107	45	648	2	
Whitaker, Hokes Bluff	68	35	464	3	
Sollie, Westbrook	34	25	378	5	
Johnson, Glencoe	55	24	351	7	
Bryan, Southside	32	19	339	4	

Receiving				
Name	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Mayo, West End	37	569	15.4	6
Johnson, Westbrook	32	444	13.9	2
Knight, Etowah	31	423	13.6	1
Worthy, Gadsden City	28	571	20.3	9
Sparks, Gadsden City	28	284	10.1	3
Kilgo, Westbrook	26	426	16.4	6
Swafford, Gadsden Cit		396	15.8	4
Curry, Gadsden City	22	251	11.4	0
Reeves, Etowah	21	395	18.8	1
Morgan, Hokes Bluff	21	316	15.0	1
Richardson, Etowah	21	368	17.5	4
Yow, Gadsden City	19	297	15.6	2
Peoples, Southside	19	285	20.3	3
Williams, West End	17	362	21.3	4
Huckbay, Ashville	15	323	21.5	1
Johnson, Coosa Chr.	14	275	19.6	5
Green, Gaston	14	295	21.1	1
Whidden, Sardis	13	241	18.5	2
Hammontree, West.	12	177	14.8	2
Mostella, Coosa Chr.	12	162	13.5	3

Tackles		
Name	No.	
O'Bryant, Coosa Chr.	104	
T. Jones, Westbrook	91	
Wright, Westbrook	72	
Mickler, Coosa Chr.	68	
Legg, Westbrook	67	
Whiteside, Westbrook	63	
Franklin, Coosa Chr.	52	
Skaggs, Westbrook	50	
Ramsey, Westbrook	50	
Mays, Čoosa Chr.	46	
Marotz, Westbrook	46	
Palmer, Coosa Chr.	45	
Motes, Coosa Chr.	45	
Cox, Hokes Bluff	42	
Haney, Westbrook	42	
Johnson, Coosa Chr.	42	
McCarver, Hokes Bluff	41	
Pearce, Coosa Chr.	38	
Thomas, Ashville	34	
Malone, Coosa Chr.	34	
Shields, Hokes Bluff	34	
Mackey, Coosa Chr.	34	
Bowers, Southside	33	
Edwards, Coosa Chr.	29	

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Sacks	
Name	No.
Wright, Westbrook	6
Shields, Hokes Bluff	5
Mays, Coosa Chr.	4
Whittemore, Southside	4
Jones, Westbrook	4
Palmer, Coosa Chr.	4
T. Jones, Westbrook	3
Mackey, Coosa Chr.	3
Skaggs, Westbrook	3

Interceptions		
Name Johnson, Coosa Chr. Edwards, Coosa Chr. Bogle, Gaston McCarver, Hokes Bluff Huckbay, Ashville	No. 7 4 3 3 3	



Chris McCarthy/Messenger

Coosa Christian's John David Justus dives for a first down as teammates Dylan East (70) and Clete O'Bryant (33) looks on during the Conquerors' 35-21 victory over Tuscaloosa Academy on Oct. 25 in Gadsden.

Around SEC football - from 3B

Brent Venables, and his team 20. is in jeopardy of missing the 51, Maine 7.

(-18.5). The last time we Saturday's home tilt against Prediction: Tennessee 38, saw Georgia, the Bulldogs Kentucky. The Wildcats are Kentucky 10. submitted their best performance of the year in an impressive road victory at Texas. Kirby Smart's team had an open week to continue to get healthy, and now Georgia takes on a Florida squad that is hanging on by a thread under embattled head coach Billy Napier. It still seems it's a matter of when, not if, Napier will be fired, and perhaps the only thing he can do to save his job is if the Gators can get hot and string together several wins down the stretch. Prediction: Georgia 41, Florida 13.

UMass at Mississippi State (-18). The 2024 season might as well be considered a Year 0 for Jeff Lebby. The Bulldogs are by far the worst team in the SEC with only one victory thus far as they welcome UMass to Starkville on Saturday. This is likely the last chance for

Maine at Oklahoma. The Mississippi State to earn a Sooners' transition to the win this year. Prediction: SEC has been disastrous for Mississippi State 48, UMass

Kentucky at Tennessee postseason altogether. This (-16.5). Based on upcom-Saturday's matchup against ing schedule and the qual-Maine might be the last time ity of the team, no squad in Oklahoma is favored to win the SEC has a better path the rest of the season. A 5-7 to a playoff berth than Tencampaign would put Ven- nessee. The Volunteers will ables on the hot seat entering be underdogs in a couple of spiraling while the Vols are 2025. Prediction: Oklahoma weeks at Georgia but will coming off an open week, Florida vs. Georgia remaining games, including Knoxville pretty quickly.

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Halliday, Watkins & Mann, 244 Inverness Center Drive Birmingham, AL 35242

Phone: (801) 355-2886 October 18, 25, and November 1, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by DEBORAH JEN-KINS, a single woman, on the 26th day of November 2005, to VANDER-BILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as recorded in Doc. #: M-2005-5264 in the office of the Probate Judge of Etowah County, Alabama; VANDERBILT MORT-GAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given, that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, VANDERBILT MORT-GAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Gads-Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on November 14, 2024, the following described real and personal property situated in

Commence at an existing 5/8" rod at the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama, and run Easterly, along the South line thereof, 460.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of the property described herein; thence continue Easterly along said South line 210.00 feet to a point; thence deflect 90°00'00" left leaving said South line and run Northerly 210.00 feet to a point; thence deflect 90°00'00" left and run Westerly 210.00 feet to a point; thence deflect 90°00'00" left and run Southerly 210.00 feet to the point of beginning, said property being a portion of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 6 East, Etowah County, Alabama. There is a 10.00-ft. access easement being more particularly described as

Etowah County, Alabama,

follows: Begin at the Point of Beginning of the above described parcel and run Westerly along the South line of said quarter 460.00 feet to the Southwest corner thereof; thence deflect 90°00'00" right and run Northerly 10.00 feet to a point; thence deflect 90°00'00" right and run Easterly 460.00 feet to a point; thence deflect 90°00'00" right and run Southerly 10.00 feet to the point of beginning.

INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2004 Clayton manufactured home, Serial No. CLA052990TN:

together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein

described This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easeencumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the abovedescribed property is situ-This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all par-

ties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and

programs as a part of the foreclosure process. Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale.

Lori C. Baird Attorney for Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, **ROSEN** HARWOOD, 2200 Jack Warner Pkwy Ste 20

P.O. Box 2727

(205) 344-5000

October 25, November 1, 8, and 2024

Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Martha Handy F/K/A Martha K Williams to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns dated April 13, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on April 18, 2023, as Instrument No. 3556400 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC in Instrument 3578626 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, ALABAMA

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 9th day of December, 2024 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: LOT NUMBER SIX (6). DRUID PARK 1ST AD-DITION TO RAINBOW CITY, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "H" PAGE 87, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY. ALABAMA AND LYING AND BEING IN RAINBOW CITY, ALA-BAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 412 Waldrop Rd, Rainbow City, AL 35906.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal descrip-

tion will control. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, ments, rights-of-way, ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning

of sale. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

ROCKET MORTGAGE LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC as holder of said mort-McCalla Raymer Leibert

Pierce, LLC 505 20th Street North, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 24-06399AL www.foreclosurehotline.

November 1, 8, and 15, 2024

MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Brittany D Spivey an unmarried woman, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Renasant Bank, its successors and assigns, on September 2, 2022, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3546173; the undersigned Renasant Bank, as Mortgagee/ Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on January 3, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot 40 in Parcel 2, as shown by the plat of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, in Plat Book "F", Pages 51-65, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 803 N 32nd Street Gadsden, AL 35904. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EX-PRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/ OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUB-JECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED

erty the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you

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have an interest in prop-

understand these rights

and programs as a part of

the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the

sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortga-gee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its pur-chase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

bid at the time and place Renasant Bank, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www. tblaw.com TB File Number: 11/01/2024, 11/08/2024, 11/15/2024

November 1, 8, and 15,

FILE CLAIMS

Rebecca Carol Giles Shaneyfelt was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/16/2024 to the Estate of Norman Giles A/K/A Norwan Giles, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Carol Hill was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/10/2024 to the Estate of Harold David Smith, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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November 1, 2024 **FILE CLAIMS**

Rhonda Gaston was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/23/2024 to the Estate of Catherine M. Herron, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Eric Franklin Duke was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 07/22/2024 to the Estate of Milton Franklin Duke, Jr., deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Patricia Jo Neely was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/16/2024 to the Estate of Willie Jo Copeland, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred. Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Paige Popejoy and Teryn Perkins Gaynor was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/09/2024 to the Estate of Brenda Joyce Windham, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Gregory Kyi Chumley was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/19/2024 to the Estate of Gregory Lee Chumley, deceased. Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Joshua Andrew Johnson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/23/2024 to the Estate of James Ray (Jim) Johnson, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell

Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Sharon A. Wappelhorst was/were appointed Per-Representative(s) on 08/30/2024 to the Estate of Richard L. Wappelhorst, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

October 25, November 1

and 8, 2024

FILE CLAIMS

Huey Bennett Bishop was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/30/2024 to the Estate of Willie James Vines Bishop, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Jessica Nicole Howell was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/30/2024 to the Estate of Mark Joseph Howell, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Kelli L. Taylor was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/05/2024 to the Estate of Martha H. Peacock, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Judy Gail Dixon was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/09/2024 to the Estate of Larry Floyd Hulsey, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Kelly D'Eath was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/09/2024 to the Estate of Jerry Wayne Morgan, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

Jennifer

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FILE CLAIMS

Alford was/

were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/11/2024 to the Estate of James Alford, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Paula Renee Sosebee Wagnon was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/11/2024 to the Estate of Darrell Todd Wagnon, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate October 25, November 1 and 8, 2024

FILE CLAIMS

Leslie Ann Hill was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/13/2024 to the Estate of Helen Anita Hill, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Amber Tipton Swindall was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/16/2024 to the Estate of Elizabeth Ann Miller, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Joshua Andrew Johnson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/16/2024 to the Estate of Dianne C. Johnson, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Ngoc Tran was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/17/2024 to the Estate of Kim Loan Thi Vo, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six

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months will be barred.

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FILE CLAIMS

Charles Anthony Denson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/17/2024 to the Estate of Elizabeth Ann Denson, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Tommy Cox was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 10/03/2024 to the Estate of Geraldine Cox, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Sandra Sprayberry was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/05/2024 to the Estate of Arline W. Sprayberry, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Jacob Millican was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 10/04/2024 over the Estate of Sharon Elaine Ballish, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

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FILE CLAIMS

Wanda Steward was were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/24/2024 over the Estate of Terry Lynn McClendon, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Amy Janel Morris Dillard was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/24/2024 to the Estate of Patricia Jean McEwen Morris, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 1, 8, and 15,

FILE CLAIMS

Phyllis Laveta Denson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/27/2024 to the Estate of James Harold Rogers, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 1, 8, and 15,

FILE CLAIMS

Elsie Dean Spence was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/17/2024 over the Estate of Steven Robert Adams, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 1, 8, and 15,

FILE CLAIMS

Nicole Teal Morris was/ appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/16/2024 over the Estate of Cheryl Ann Meroney, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 1, 8, and 15,

FILE CLAIMS

John Gerald Hill was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 09/20/2024 to the Estate of Mary Ann Hill, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 1, 8, and 15,

NOTICE OF HEARING

ESTATE OF ANNIE JEAN

GUYTON deceased

CASE NO.: 2024-00106

NOTICE TO: Krystianna Freeman, devisees and beneficiaries under the Last Will and Testament of Annie Jean Guyton, deceased, heirs-at-law and next of kin of Annie Jean Guyton

The Personal Representative's Petition For Order of Final Settlement and Decree Discharging Personal Representative shall be heard by undersigned at the Etowah County Courthouse, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901 on 4th day of December 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

Richard A. Rhea THE RHEA FIRM 930 Forrest Avenue Gadsden, AL. 35901 Phone (256)547-6801 Fax (256-549-0271

October 11, 18, 25 and November 1, 2024

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

DIXIE KEEVER, ALLEGED **INCAPACITATED**

Case #: 2024-664

TO: Any unknown

family

a PETITION FOR LET-TERS OF GUARDIAN-& CONSERVA-TORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 3RD day of DECEMBER 2024 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Peti-

Please take notice that

DONE THIS THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

tion, if you so choose.

Scott Hassell

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PROBATE JUDGE

NOTICE OF HEARING

PROBATE THE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: RA-PHAEL DARY, ALLEGED

INCAPACITATED Case #: 2024-665

TO: Any unknown

a PETITION FOR LET-TERS OF GUARDIAN-CONSERVA-TORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 3RD day of DECEMBER 2024 at 2:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

Please take notice that

DONE THIS THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

Scott Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

October 18, 25, and November 1, 2024

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE PROBATE COURT FOR ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 2024-00581

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROBERT DOWNS, DECEASED.

TO: Vickie Goldrup and Billy Morrell WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a Petition to Probate Will was filed in the Office of the Judge of

Probate, Etowah County, Alabama and further, that the 11th day of DECEM-BER, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 18th DAY OF October, 2024.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

October 25, November 1 and 8, 2024

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE PROBATE COURT FOR ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EDDIE JAMES MOR-GAN, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2024-00152

TO: Rhonda Morgan and Juliet Morgan WHERE-ABOUTS UNKNOWN

Please take notice that

a Petition to Probate Will was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama and further, that the 17th day of DECEM-BER, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at

which time you may appear and support and/ or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 22nd DAY OF DAY OF October

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 1, 8, and 15, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LETTERS OF **GUARDIANSHIP AND** PETITION FOR **LETTERS OF** CONSERVATORSHIP

whereabouts are unknown

Jeffery Sheets, whose whereabouts are unknown

Kenneth Sheets, whose whereabouts are un-

known

Christopher Sheets, whose whereabouts are unknown

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Regina Sheets and a Petition for

Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Regina Sheets was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 28th day of OCTOBER 2024.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Let-Conservatorship is set on

the 16th day of DECEM-BER 2024, at 2:30 p.m. in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL. 35901.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 1, 8, and 15,

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LETTERS OF **GUARDIANSHIP AND PETITION FOR LETTERS OF** CONSERVATORSHIP

Notice to: Charles Maier, whose whereabouts are unknown

Donna Seabolt, whose whereabouts are un-

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Lillian K. Maier and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Lillian K. Maier was filed by Riverview Regional Medi-

cal Center on the 28th day

of OCTOBER, 2024.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 17th day of DECEMBER 2024, 1:30 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 1, 8, and 15,

2024

NOTICE THE **PROBATE** COURT, **ETOWAH**

PUBLICATION

COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIE FAYE CAMPBELL, **DECEASED**

CASE NO: 2024-00656

TO: Anthony Duwayne McCray,

Whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NO-TIFIED that there has been filed in this Court an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Willie Faye Campbell, deceased, and a petition in writing and under oath praying for the admission to probate and record in this Court of said instrument as the true Last Will and Testament

of said decedent. You are FURTHER NO-TIFIED to be and appear before this Court on the 10th day of December, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Willie Faye Campbell, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

This the 17th day of October 2024.

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

October 25, November 1 and 8, 2024

TERMINATION OF PA-RENTAL 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 Complaint within 14 days of perfection of service by publication. Your answer

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, 2100 Club Dr., Ste. 150 Gadsden, AL 35901 (256) 442-0201.

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COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

In the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama

JUANA VASQUEZ SAN-CHEZ 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 Ávenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The Attorney for Juana Vasquez Sanchez is Kenneth P. Robertson, 926 Third Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama

Kenneth P. Robertson Attorney at Law 926 Third Avenue Gadsden, AL. 35901 (256) 547-8990 telephone (256) 547-8341 facsimile

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

NOTICE OF **COMPLAINT**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CARLOS MOSTELLA, PLAINTIFFS

CV-2024-900454

M&M REAL ESTATE EQ-UITIES, LLC; JOHNNY E. POTTS and DON-

G. POTTS, and those fictitious defendants whose identities and whereabouts are unknown, and all other persons claiming any present, future, con-

tingent, remainder, rever-

sion, or other interest in

the lands described here-**DEFENDANTS**

ing property:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint to Foreclose the Right to Redeem and Quiet Title as to the follow-

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 ofLot-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 I 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,

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 Plaintiff's 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.

and lying and being in

Etowah County, Alabama.

of Etowah County

Joshua B. Sullivan Knowles & Sullivan, LLC 413 Broad Street Gadsden, Alabama 35901

T: 256-547-7200

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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;

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 suc-cessive 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 pro-posed 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 lo-cal law provide that a trial tax or charge on litigation of not more than . lars (...) 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. 191, H. 596, which became effective August 1, 1955 (Acts of Alabama 1955, page 485), including the payment of the salaries of the personnel needed to operate such

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 Tues-day, November 5, 2024, in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in

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 confor-

mity 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

bama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

<u>AMENDMENT</u> PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2024-301

ΑII sixteenth 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.

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. 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. 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

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.

be held in trust, and any

proceeds and interest de-

rived from those transac-

tions shall be paid to the

IN TESTIMONY WHERE-OF, 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 library County and pro-Wes Allen vide for their distribution. Secretary of State

> October 11, 18, 25, and November 1, 2024 NOTICE TO **CONTRACTORS FEDERAL AID**

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 Etowah County, Alabama. opened for constructing the Micro- Milling, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-291 from the junction of SR-759 to the inter-

PROJECT NO.

STPAA-0291(501)

ETOWAH COUNTY,

ALABAMA

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

section of SR-1(US-431)

in Gadsden. Length 0.890

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Fortyfive (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.

this project have been

Minimum wage rates for

Safety Standards Act and its implementing regula-

tions 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 con-

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

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to pregualified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening

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 federallyassisted 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 consider-

ation for an award. The right to reject any or

JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director

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all bids is reserved.

ORDINANCE NO. O-49-24 Amending Fiscal Year

2025 Budget WHEREAS, the City of Gadsden applied for and accepted a grant from The Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) in the amount of \$32,397.00 for 27 replacement bulletproof vests and 6 new

hire vests within a twoyear period. Therefore, BE IT OR-DAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA, that the General Fund Budget adopted by Ordinance No. O-44-24 (Fiscal Year 2025 Budget), is amended by increasing the following ac-

counts: #190-8550-422.30-40 in the amount of \$32,397.00; account #190-8550-331.05-00 in the amount of \$16,198.19; account #190-8550-391.10-00 in the amount of \$16,198.19; and account # 001-9520-491.90-29 in the amount of \$16,198.19; and by decreasing account #001-8500-422.30-40 in

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 22, 2024.

the amount of \$16,198.19

Iva Nelson, City Clerk November 1, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR **COMPLETION**

River Bank Repair & Con-

crete Sidewalk Replace-

ment At the Twin Bridges

Golf Course

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, Bob Smith Construction, Inc. hereby

gives written notice of the

10/31/24 12:30 PM

of birth is 11/15/22. You Done the 10th day of Ocof the State of Alabama, predetermined by the completion of a contract do hereby give notice, Secretary of Labor and with the City of Gadsden, must file an answer to the tober 2024 Alabama, for the River direct, and proclaim that are set forth in the adver-CASSANDRA JOHNon Tuesday, November 5, tised specifications. This Bank Repair & Concrete Sidewalk Replacement project is subject to the Notice to: 2024, an election will be IN THE MATTER OF: Gerald Sheets, Jr., whose Clerk of the Circuit Court held in the State of Alacontract work hours and At the Twin Bridges Golf is to be filed in the Circuit

Course, project no. 3564, and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. This notice is to appear for four consecutive weeks, beginning November 1, 2024 and ending on November 22, 2024. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Heath Williamson, Architect for City of Gadsden, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902-0267 during

Bob Smith Construction,

8076 US Highway 11 Springville, AL. 35146 (205) 655-9006

November 1, 8, 15, and 22, 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 George Gadsden, AL. 35903

October 25 and November 1, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be disposed/auctioned by Rainbow Self Storage on November 9, 2024 at 209 A. East Grand Avenue, Rainbow City, AL. 35906.

Shunavon Butler Unit 8

Rainbow Self Storage

209 A. East Grand Av-

Rainbow City, AL. November 1, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE

following storage build-

ings will be disposed/auc-

tioned by Lock Tite, LLC

on November 9, 2024 at

104 Green Valley Road,

Glencoe, AL. 35905

104 Green Valley Road

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage un-

ties will be auctioned on

11/13/2024 beginning at

10:00 a.m. on the busi-

ness premises of South-

towne Mini Warehouses.

Southtowne is located at

199 Woodland Drive, off

of Steele Station Road in

Rainbow City,

Rachael Smith

Kenneth Malbie, Jr.

Holly Troup - Unit 38-11

Chris Smith - Unit 715

Jason Wood

James Phillips

Jason Jelks

Daniel Mead

Melissa Williams

Taylor Pattollo

Unit 619

Unit 523

Unit RV15

Unit 401

Unit 1-17

Glencoe, AL. 35905

November 1, 2024

Pamela White

Lock Tite, LLC.

Unit 115

Southtowne Mini Warehouses 199 Woodland Drive Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the Rainbow City, AL. 35906

Unit 535

Kristie Bell

Unit 585

November 1 and 8, 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 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive,

Evett Rembert Unit 67

Gadsden, AL. 35903.

Off Campus Storage George Wallace

Gadsden, AL. 35903 November 1 and 8, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

The following units will be auctioned or otherwise disposed of on November 9, 2024, beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the premises of 77 Storage located at 2800 Forestdale Road, Southside, Al. 35907.

Allison Phillips Unit G13

77 Storage 2800 Forestdale Road Southside, AL 35907

November 1 and 8, 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 P53U85A300930

2012 Chrysler 200 CBBB8CN176210

2005 Ford Explorer Sport 1FMZU-67K95UA18112

1997 Dodge Ram 1500 1B7HC16X-

6VS300044

Thacker Towing & Recov-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 follow-ing described abandoned vehicle(s) on November 29, 2024.

2013 Honda Accord

1993 Mercury

1HGCR2F37DA265774

M53 1MELM534XPA642323

2010 GMC Sierra

3GTRKV E31AG250619 2014 Nissan

Pathfinder 5N1AR2MN2EC650543

2012 Dodge Challenger 2C3CDYAGXCH293714

1988 Chevrolet G20 Van

1FAFP4043XF116919

vin# 5NPEC4ACX-DH581710 1GBEG25K2J7151023 2012 Hyundai Sonata B4AC6CH331690 1999 Ford Mustang

> 2016 Hyundai Sonata KMHE34L-

12GA017553

2008 Land Rover Range

SALME15468A270563

1B7MC33561J216335

1B4GP74L9XB633194

1B4HR28N41F632385

1999 Dodge Grand

Caravan

2001 Dodge

Durango

ER Towing

1733 Forrest Ave

(256)547-1549

October 25 and

November 1, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

AUCTION OF

ABANDONED

VEHICLES

In accordance with the

Alabama Abandoned Mo-

tor Vehicle Act, Alabama

Code Sections 32-13-1

through 32-13-8 notice is

hereby given to the own-

ers, lienholders, and other

interested par-ties. The

following motor vehicles

will be sold at public auc-

tion to the highest bidder

at 9:00 am, December 6,

2024 at Team One Hyun-

dai of Gadsden, Rainbow

City, Alabama. Seller re-

serves the right to reject

any bid and the right to

2011 Hyundai Sonata

B4AC3BH080772

Gadsden, AL 35901

2001 Dodge Ram

Rover

2013 Hyundai Accent KMHCT5AE-8DU090052

November 1 and 8, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED

VEHICLES take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following

abandoned motor vehicle 1975 Fiat 124c Spider VIN#124CS10100142 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 11/29/2024. The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the

November 1 and 8, 2024

public auction.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2008 Mercury Milan VIN#3MEHM0 888638159 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 12/8/2024. The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auc-

November 1 and 8, 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 28, 2024.

2018 Ford Escape 1FMCU0GD0G-D85UAT5190

M&D Auto Sale LLC 201 N 22nd Street Gadsden, AL. 35904

November 1 and 8, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that the Kelton Wrecker LLC will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor

2008 BUICK ENCLAVE 5GAER23788J130373

2002 LEXUS ES JTHB-

F30G20058315 2005 CHEVROLET

1GNEK-

13T85R219780 The public auction will be held at Kelton Wrecker LLC located at 1625 Forrest Ave Gadsden AL 35901 at 8:00 AM on 12/07/2024. The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreason-

ably low and may postpone the public auction until another time and place. In addition, the seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

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