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Evan Christopher is the Runner of the Year for the 2024 All-Messenger boys cross country team.

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Eric Roden is getting the Coosa Christian wrestling program up and running.

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Lydia Kay is the Runner of the Year for the 2024 All-Messenger girls cross country team.

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Gadsden swears in 10 new police officers

By Kaitlin Hoskins **News Editor**

The City of Gadsden swore in 10 new officers to its police department on Monday, Dec. 2 at City Hall.

Mayor Craig Ford took part in the ceremony.

"What a great day for the Gadsden Police Department," Ford said. "It is a top priority of mine to make the City of Gadsden a safe place for all its residents, and by investing in our first responders we do just that.'

The 10 new officers now brings the total number of new officers for the past year to 23. Recruiting has been a fire department had reached 100 per-

focus for the department, and overall, 2024 has been the largest graduating class for the Gadsden Police Department in more than a decade.

After the swearing-in on Monday, there was a small reception for the officers and their families.

"To all our first responders, thank you for your service," Ford said. "And to the family members of our first responders I want to say 'thank you.' Being the family of a first responder can be tough, but I appreciate your support and your sacrifice to keep our city safe."

The city announced in July that its

cent staffing for the first time in several years. According to Ford, it was a goal to get both departments fully staffed.

"This is a proud day for our Gadsden Police Department," Ford said. "Recruiting new officers is always a challenge for cities. But we have taken steps to make our police department a great place to work and made sure it was an appealing position. Between recruiting for our fire department and the police department and dispatchers... our chiefs have been busy. Their leadership is what makes good work!"



Courtesy of City of Gadsden

this work. To them I say, 'keep up the Gadsden police officers sit in city council chambers during swearing in ceremony on Monday, Dec. 2.

Challenger Center secures funds, names director

By Kaitlin Hoskins **News Editor**

Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama announced on November 25 that it has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Alabama Power Foundation to enhance science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education for students in northeast Alabama. Then, on Dec. 5, the center announced Dr. Farrah Hayes as its executive director.

Hayes will assume the role on January 1, 2025. According to a press release from the Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama, Hayes brings 20 years combined experience in the K12 classroom and higher education.

"She will play a key role in furthering Challenger's mission to provide experiential STEM education programs to Northeast Alabama," the release read. "Additionally, she will work closely with the advisory council to continue their mission to secure funding for the project and educate the public about the center's mission and programs.'

Before joining Challenger Learning Center, Hayes served as the Dean of Academic Programs and Services at Gadsden State Community College. Hayes has been employed at Gadsden State since 2015, when she accepted a position as an English instructor. She later accepted the director position of Cardinal Tutoring Centers and was promoted to Division Chair of Languages and Humanities in 2019. Before transitioning to higher education, Hayes taught English and Spanish for Etowah County and Piedmont City Schools.

Hayes holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish and a Master of Science in Education of English Language Arts from Jacksonville State University. In 2010, she earned an educational specialist designation from JSU. In 2021, she completed her doctoral degree in Developmental Education Administration from Sam Houston State Univer-

sity. She and her husband Justin Hayes reside in Gadsden. With its first director named and more funding received, the center is poised to become an asset for the county and surrounding areas.

"The local support of this unique STEM education facility and its mission makes Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama an ideal partner for the Alabama Power Foundation," said Terry Smiley, Vice President, Eastern Division, Alabama Power. "We are committed to assisting with developing a highly qualified workforce that will be the foundation of the economic development efforts throughout this area. This center will serve as a regional STEM resource for all students in northeast Alabama."

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Looking a lot like Christmas

Local municipalities host holiday celebrations

TOP PHOTO: Participants dressed as elves wave from their float at the Gadsden Christmas Parade down Broad Street on Dec. 3. TREE PHOTO: A large Christmas tree stands fully lit inside Rainbow City Hall after their tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 2. BOTTOM PHOTO: Southside Mayor Dana Snyder prepares to hand out candy during the Southside Christmas Parade on Dec. 2.







OBITUARIES



Lila Joan Mordecai

GLENCOE - Lila Joan Mordecai passed away on November 29 at the age of 84. Funeral services will be at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery on December 7 with visitation from 10 - 11 a.m. with service following.

Joan was born in Hokes Bluff to Ida Susan and Eugene Gordon Marbut. She graduated from Hokes Bluff High School and later married George Wayne Mordecai. They raised their two children in Glencoe. She was an X-ray technician and worked for many years at East Gadsden Clinic and Goodyear Medical Center. She was an active member of Glencoe Church of Christ where she and her twin sister Jean taught the young children in Sunday School. Her hobbies were reading, gardening, and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, and her siblings Polly, Jean, Easel, Harold, Mutt, and Wayne. Surviving are her two children Davis Eugene Mordecai (Lisa) and Stacy Elaine Merkle (Jonathan), 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Davis Mordecai, John Mordecai, Jonathan Merkle, Evan Merkle, Zach Merkle, and Wayburn Burttram.

Special thanks to Regency Pointe, Gadsden Health and Rehab, Enhabit Hospice, and Dr. Debora Reiland.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Alzheimers Disease Research.

Karen King

ALTOONA - Karen M. King, age 65, of Altoona, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2024. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday December 6, 2024 at Crestwood Cemetery to honor her life and legacy.

Born on September 6, 1959, to the late Thomas Earl Mitchell and Geraldine Mitchell, Karen was a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grand-mother. She was the beloved wife of Thomas Edgar King.

Known for her warmth and generosity, Karen opened her heart and home to everyone around her, leaving an indelible mark on the lives she the Holiday Club. His fatouched. She will be remem- vorite activity was attending bered for her loving spirit and Supper Club which began in steadfast devotion to her fam- 1976 with wonderful friends ilv and friends.

her daughter, Contessa King, United Methodist church of whose memory will always Gadsden. be cherished.

Karen is survived by her listening to all kinds of music. daughters: Melina King, His favorite place on earth Francesca Tozzi, and Angeleia King (Moises Juan); her in Mentone, AL which has treasured grandchildren: Da- been in the family since bemian King, Mindi Stancil, fore his birth. He loved all an-Kaci Ball, Nadia King, Alissa imals, especially his dogs. He King, Zen Stocks, William served on the Advisory Board Humphrey, Lillian Hum- of the Humane Society. phrey, Rafael King, Rogelio King, Maya King, and Joses King; and her great-grandchildren: Kole King and Kye King. She is also survived by Charles Holley Midgley Jr. her siblings, Susan (Mack) Gilbreath and Thomas F. Mitchell.

Pallbearers will include Midgley, nephew Chas Midg-Rafael King, Damian King, Moises Juan, and Frankie Mitchell.

Karen Mitchell King's legacy of love and kindness will His fur baby Eleanor Rigby forever be cherished by her misses him terribly. family, friends, and all who

were blessed to know her.

Charles "Shep"

Shepard Midgley

GADSDEN - Charles

'Shep" Shepard Midgley,

age 74, of Gadsden, Alabama

passed away on Saturday,

Shep was born in Gadsden

on April 22, 1950 to Jeanne

Carleton Shepard and Charles

Holley Midgley. The family

moved to Auburndale, Mas-

sachusetts when Shep was

four years old and returned

to Gadsden when he entered

Disque Junior High School.

He graduated from Gadsden

High School in 1968 and

from the University of Ala-

bama in 1973, where he was

an officer in the Kappa Alpha

Shep played in rock bands

from junior high through

college touring the South.

He was a talented guitarist.

He was retired from Philip

Morris, Inc. Shep enjoyed

his experiences in the Gads-

den Quarterback Club and

the Red Elephant Club. Roll

November 30, 2024.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Quoting a friend of Shep's

charity

Shep enjoyed playing and

was his cabin at Moon Lake

by his parents, step mother

Sue Midgley, step father, Dr.

He is survived by his wife

of 50 years, Cheryl Rutledge

ley, great niece Carter Midg-

ley and brother in law Randall

Rutledge, and a host of cous-

ins and many dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, Dona-

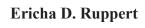
tions may be made to the lo-

cal animal rescues, animal

shelters, or your favorite

who was his best friend.

"He was a gentleman and a gentle man.'



GADSDEN - Ericha Dawn Ruppert, age 53, of Gadsden, Alabama passed away on Saturday, November 23, 2024.



Gail Reynolds Heath

GADSDEN - Gail Reynolds Heath passed away peacefully on November 30th, 2024, at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Edward Lee Heath; and parents, Robert and Maudelle Reyn-

She is survived by her children, Karen (Todd) Entrekin and Shane (Kim) Heath; grandchildren, Colee (Ryan) Hill, Jacob (Hannah) Entrekin, Mallori (Justin) Aus-Tide! He was a member of tin, Josh Heath, Jarett Heath; and great grandchildren, Ava-

Asher Entrekin.

Gail was born to Robert and Maudelle Reynolds on and continues to this day. the love of her life "Buddy" Heath in 1960. She then re-Hokes Bluff, Alabama.

She graduated from Hokes Bluff High School in 1956, where she was Class Beauty, Class Favorite many times, a member of Beta Club, Class Officer, a cheerleader and in numerous other clubs. She Shep was preceded in death attended Gadsden Business School and worked for the Department of Industrial rela-Scott Vance and his brother retirement after 37 years. Gail music. was a member of Hokes Bluff First Methodist Church.

Gail had a great personality and was fun loving even law Carolyn Battles. during our childish pranks, but her greatest achievement ments of her family and her children. She was a wonderthe strongest women that we have known, providing Kantrell Smith. strength and knowledge in mothers love for the rest of Fund. our lives.

A funeral service was held at Collier-Butler Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Burial followed at Young's Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Joshua Heath, Jarett Heath, Justin Austin, Jacob Entrekin, Leonard Kiser, Ryan Hill, Jim Wood and Burt Lavender.

Honorary Pallbearers, Joe Sweat, Greg Clonts, Steve Rogers.

The family would like to thank Dr. Martha Lavender for her continued kindness and support that she provided to Gail during this past year as Gail mourned the loss of our friend to Gail and our family.

In Lieu of flowers, the fam-Glaucoma Research Founda-

Craig E. Cantrell

ATTALLA - Craig Edward Cantrell, born on May 3, 1961, died unexpectedly at his home on November 29, 2024, at the age of 63. He was born in Gadsden and resided in Attalla.

Craig was a loving husband, father, "PawPaw", brother, and son. He loved his

and was passionate about his testimony. Craig's humble heart was made evident upon April 17, 1938, and raised on hearing him pray. He was and himself last. Craig was a member of Siberton Baptist

hobbies included fishing, dirt

track racing, and most of all,

Alabama Football.

The Celebration of Life for Craig Cantrell will be Friday. December 6 at Siberton Baptist Church. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. with services by the family at a later date. to follow at 12 p.m. Brother Sammy O'Dell to officiate tions as a supervisor until her and Bart Gunter with special

> Craig is preceded in death by parents Charles and Glennis Cantrell and mother-in-

He is survived by wife Becky Cantrell, son Josh was her success in her career Cantrell (Sarah), daughter but most of all the achieve- Heather Johnson (Jonathan), daughter Carley Smith (Kendall), son Cale Wissler, sister ful wife and mother, and a Sandra Payne, father-in-law role model for all of us in all Gene Ed Battles, sister-inareas of life. She was one of law Karen Harris (Jimmy), grandchildren; Kairi, KJ, and

In lieu of flowers, memothe toughest times in life. We rials may be made to Siberwill miss that guidance, and ton Baptist Church Building

Special thanks given to: City of Attalla, Attalla EMS, and Riverview ER staff.



Michael Anthony Lang

Michael Anthony Lang dad. Special thanks to Martha Big Mike age 4/, passed vived by special friends Jenny Starr for being that lifelong away peacefully on November 25, 2024. Michael was born on Janu-

ily asked that you consider ary 31, 1977, in Denver, Cola donation to the American orado. He spent his childhood Cancer Society or National in Portland, Oregon before moving to Tacoma, Washington as a teen. There he became a Bladesmith and built his business, Lang's Custom Knives. In 2021, he moved to Alabama to be close to his extended family, Joe Karneke, Geoffrey Jones (Jessica) and Dave Newland (Brenda). He spent the last 2 years hauling Hotshots seeing the world with his wife.

Preceded in death by his mother, Sandra "Sandy" Charlene Lanphear; his fa-

lyn Hill, Alethea Entrekin and Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, ther, Raymond Eugene Lang; and best friend, Dave Ellis.

Michael is survived by his wife, Bridgett Bittles Lang; brother, Allen Ballard (Sa-She was predeceased by Shep was a member of First a dairy farm in the Ballplay a family man with God be-vannah); stepdaughters, Cath-Community until she married ing first, his family second, erine Harris (Tyler) and Shaylee Bittles; stepson, Damien Bittles (Shelby); cousins, sided the rest of her life in Church. He retired from At- Lisa Lanphear, Trevor Brewtalla City Public Works. His er (Rachel); grandchildren, Ryan Harris, Kinsley Harris, Oaklynn Harris and three grandchildren on the way, Waylon and Zayden Harris, and Josie Bittles.

A Celebration of Life for Big Mike will be announced



Wanda Jean Hall

GADSDEN - Wanda Gray Hall, age 63, died December 4, 2024 in Gadsden, Alabama. She was born on April 10, 1961 in Dallas, Texas to Mavis Tucker Gray and Harvey E. Gray.

Wanda graduated from Etowah High School and from the University of Montevallo where she earned her bachelor's degree in psychol-

Wanda was preceded in death by her mother, Mavis Tucker Smith, her brother, Rodney Dean Gray, and her grandparents, Maude L. Tucker, Hazel Gray and George

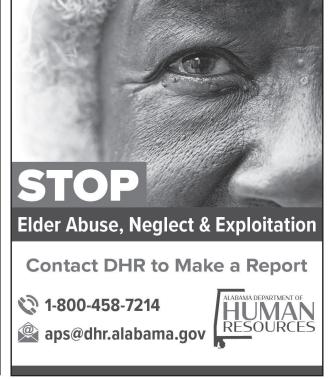
She is survived by her beloved husband of 35 years, Donald "Don" Hall, daughter, Lacey Hall, sister, Rochelle Gray Keener (Donnie), brother, Charles Dewayne Smith (Leah) and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also surand Sam Parker.

To know Wanda was to love her. She was quiet, generous, unassuming and loving. Wanda especially loved teaching children. More importantly, Wanda was a faithful Christian.

There will be a memorial service on Friday, December 6, 2024 at the Betta-View Hills Church of Christ in Oxford, Alabama with visitation beginning a 1:00 P.M and the service beginning at 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, the fam-

ily is requesting that donations be made to an Education Fund at Noble Bank and Trust or donate to the Betta-View Hills Church of Christ.









NEWS

Local banker joins River Bank & Trust



Photo courtesy of River Bank & Trust Local banker Sarah Kathryn Haller has joined River Bank & Trust as Senior Vice President and Relationship Manager.

recently announced that local banker Sarah Kathryn Haller & Trust has grown to be one of the largest state-chartered President and Relationship Manager at the Gadsden office. twenty-four locations throughout the state.

With over 16 years of banking experience, Haller will help neighbors and businesses achieve their financial goals.

"Sarah Kathryn worked with us previously, and we are thrilled to welcome her back," Allen said. "She's a favorite among our customers and will do an excellent job meeting their financial needs."

Haller graduated from Gadsden High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Auburn University. She also completed the Alabama Banking School.

Haller serves on the boards of the Darden Rehabilitation Foundation, United Way of Etowah County, Etowah C.A.R.E.S., Gadsden Beautification Board and Eura Brown Elementary PTA. She attends First Baptist Church of Gadsden with her husband Mark and daughters Julia Ann and

"I am excited to rejoin this team and work alongside some of the best bankers in Alabama," Haller said. "I look forward to building strong relationships with clients and providing the hospitality, personal attention, and local banking expertise that River Bank & Trust is known for.'

In 2006, River Bank & Trust opened with two main goals: establish a community-focused financial institution that would support local decision-making and re-circulate money River Bank & Trust's Etowah County President Jeff Allen back into the communities it serves. Since then, River Bank has joined River Bank & Trust. She will serve as Senior Vice banks in Alabama, with current assets of \$3.5 billion and

GSCC faculty and staff win ACCC awards

Winners of the 2024 Chancellor's Awards from Gadsden State Community College were recognized during the Alabama Community College Association Conference November 24 in Montgomery.

"These individuals exemplify the very best of what it means to go above and beyond in service for our students and to each other," said Gadsden State Executive Vice President Dr. Tera Simmons. "Their dedication, selflessness and unwavering commitment to excellence enrich our college community and inspire us all to do our best. We are truly fortunate to have such outstanding individuals among us.

Winners were recognized locally in September at the Spring Convocation held at Gadsden State-Cherokee. Two members of the faculty were selected for the award - Patricia Wilborn and Hollie Bonds. The support staff award went to Wes Wood, and the administrator award winner was Andy Robertson.

Wilborn is the 2024 Chancellor's Award winner for academic faculty. She is currently the division chair for Languages and Humanities and serves as the director of the Alabama Language Institute, the oldest English language institution in the southeast. She began her career at Gadsden State in 1999 as an ALI instructor and went on to teach courses in English Composition, developmental reading and writing, humanities and German.

Wilborn earned a Bachelor of Arts in German in 1994 from the University of South Alabama. Two years later, she completed a Master of Arts in German at the University of South Carolina. In 1998, Wilborn maintained a 4.0 GPA in her pursuit of a Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from the University of Alabama.

Wilborn presented at the 2024 National Organization of Student Success Conference in Las Vegas and has served as a member of the national search committee for the Fulbright Fellowship Program. She was awarded the 2015 Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year of the Alabama Association for Developmental Education.

Bonds is Gadsden State's Chancellor's Award winner in the technical faculty division. She is the Mechanical Design Technology instructor on the Ayers Campus in Annisdoubling the number of Hollie Bonds and Wes Wood. students in her program. Technology Program curfrom the spring semester 2023.

A Magna Cum Laude Gadsden State in 2013. graduate of Gadsden State,

ulty Member of the Year. of Facility Maintenance, Campus. is the 2024 Chancellor's Award winner among staff strumental in the developmembers. Wood served as ment and success of two the building maintenance apprenticeship-style prosupervisor at the Ayers grams at Gadsden State



Photo courtesy of Gadsden State

ton. At Gadsden State, she Pictured from left are Gadsden State Chancellor's has been instrumental in Award recipients Andy Robertson, Patricia Wilborn,

The Mechanical Design campus since 2021. Prior - the Federation for Adto working at Gadsden rently has the highest en- State, Wood worked as an rollment among technical electrician for St. Vincent's programs. An advocate for Health System and three females enrolling in STEM other electric companies. programs, Bonds has seen At Gadsden State, Wood female enrollment increase is responsible for overseein her program by 30 per- ing a team of maintenance cent. In addition, the num- and custodial technicians, ber of Machine Design dual managing repair schedules enrollment students has and implementing prevenincreased by 833 percent tive maintenance programs. Wood earned an Associate 2022 to the fall semester of Science in Industrial Automation Technology from

Robertson, who started Bonds spent a decade work- his Gadsden State career ing in industry as a CAD in 2015 as an instructor designer, machine shop su- of Electronic Engineering pervisor, manufacturing en- Technology at the Ayers gineer and advanced PC&L Campus, is the Chancelanalyst before becoming a lor's Award for Adminiscollege instructor in 2022. tration winner. In 2020, Bonds was honored in he was named workforce 2023 by the Gadsden State development coordinator Alumni Association as the for the college and serves Outstanding Technical Fac- as the division chair of Applied and Engineering Wood, the Supervisor Technologies on the Ayers

Robertson has been in-

vanced Manufacturing Education and the Consortium of Machining Education Training. Through FAME and CoMeT, students receive valuable hands-on experience with world-class industry partners while receiving education and training at the college. Robertson also added several short-term certificates to Gadsden State's available credentials, including Additive Manufacturing and Mechatronics Advanced

Automation. Robertson earned an Associate in Applied Science in Electronic Engineering Technology from Gadsden State in 2003 before transferring to Jacksonville State University, where he received two Bachelors of Science degrees - one in secondary education and another in math. He is a graduate of the Faculty Development Institute, the Gadsden State Leadership Academy and Leadership Calhoun County. He also won the Eugene Prater Exceptional Achievement in

Pet of the Week



Malik

Meet Malik, a 3-year-old, very well-behaved mixedbreed male. He has been at the shelter for over a month now and is eagerly awaiting his forever home. Malik is a fun friend to have. For more information on Malik or other animals available for adoption at Gadsden's Humane Society and Pet Rescue Center, call 256-442-1347.

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Salvation Army seeks donors for annual Angel Tree program

As the Christmas holiday approaches, the local chapter of the Salvation Army is urging residents to make a difference in the lives of forgotten angels - children and seniors in need - by participating in its annual Angel Tree program, which has long provided an opportunity for individuals, families, and groups to spread holiday joy to those who might otherwise go without gifts. However, each year, some of these angels remain without sponsors, highlighting the need for the community's renewed commitment.

"The spirit of Christmas is about giving, and through the Angel Tree program, we ensure that even the most vulnerable members of our community - our children and seniors - can feel the love and warmth of the season," said Major Jim Edmonds of The Salvation Army. "Our goal is to have no angel left behind this year. We invite everyone to open their hearts and adopt an angel, making their holiday truly special."

At certain locations, participants can select an angel from local Angel Trees that contain details about a child's or senior's specific wish list and needs. Donors are then asked to shop for gifts based on the provided information and return them to the designated drop-off point.

Despite the outpouring of generosity in past years, some angels have gone unadopted, especially seniors who may be without family support. This year, The Salvation Army is calling for a unified effort to ensure that no one is forgotten.

"It is heartbreaking to see names left on the Angel Tree as Christmas approaches,' said Edmonds. "Sponsoring an angel is more than just giving a gift; it's about giving hope, connection and a sense of belonging to someone who needs it most.'

For more information on how to participate in The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program or to donate, please call 256-546-

Call 256-546-4673 for more information or to donate to Salvation Army's Angel Tree.



TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED FOR \$20 AT THESE LOCATIONS: JOHNSON'S GIANT FOOD IN ATTALLA, GADSDEN AND EAST GADSDEN; FAMILY SAVINGS CREDIT UNION IN RAINBOW CITY AND EAST GADSDEN; THE ALABAMA GIFT COMPANY ON BROAD STREET; AND THE WILLOW TREE ON RAINBOW DRIVE.

*Tickets may also be purchased day of event, at The Woman's Club or any Tour Home.

GRMC: Stroke risk increased around holidays

In the midst of all the gifts and good times, the holidays also come with a higher risk for medical emergencies, including stroke.

Celebrations often include rich foods and alcohol and busier social calendars can leave less time for exercise and sleep. Added stress from holiday preparations, shopping for gifts, increased expenses or traveling, along with millions of other holiday activities can affect the body. Cold weather can, too. When mixed together, these elements can increase blood pressure or development of heart arrhythmias and blood clotting disorders – all of which could trigger a stroke.

"During this busy time of year, it's important to give yourself time to sleep and relax and to be mindful when eating and drinking to reduce your risk of an unexpected visit to the ER," said Dr. Tapan Abrol, Neurologist with Gadsden Physician Clinics.

'Balance the indulgent treats with healthy choices, make time for physical activity, connect with friends and family, and make sure you know the signs and symptoms of stroke."

Stroke risk increases with age, but strokes can happen at any age. The most important thing to do is recognize the symptoms and get help without delay. Stroke symptoms can be remembered with "F. A. S. T."

- Face drooping Arm weakness on one side
- Speech difficulty/slurring
- Time to call 9-1-1

"If you or someone you love experiences these symptoms - take action to get help quickly," Dr. Abrol said. "Even if you're not certain, get to the emergency room for evaluation by a medical professional. Stroke is a time-sensitive medical crisis and timely diagnosis helps to save your brain and life."

Every second makes a difference, according to Dr. Abrol. He also stresses the importance of calling 9-1-1 rather than driving to the emergency room yourself. The paramedics and emergency medicine technicians can begin assessment and treatment and communicate with the emergency room staff while on their way.

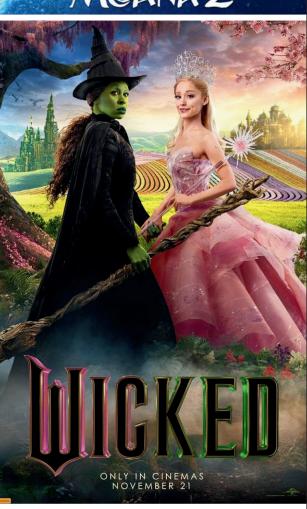
Stroke remains the fifth leading cause of death and the leading cause of long-term disability in the U.S. Early detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability and accelerating recovery. Submitted by Will Mackey, Gads-

den Regional Medical Center

GADSDEN-PREMIERE A Drummer Boy Christmas Live Moana 2 Wicked Gladiator II







Give the gift of entertainment





Rainbow Middle students perform at Disney



ainbow Middle School students Anzleigh Minton, Ella Lovd, Reese Beebe and MeiLeigh Mintz (pictured, from left) recently performed with the Varsity Spirit All-Americans at the 2024 Thanksgiving Tour at the Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida. Individuals invited to perform are part of a select group of cheerleaders chosen as All-Americans during Varsity Spirit summer camps across the U.S. All-Americans are selected by way of a tryout based on superior cheerleading skills at camps operated by Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA). Only the top 15 percent of the cheerleaders from Varsity Spirit camps earn the chance to perform in a holiday parade of this caliber. Submitted photo.

GSCC launches '12 Days of Giving' campaign

The Cardinal Foundation has launched its annual 12 Days of Giving fundraising campaign. The support organization of Gadsden State Community College is providing an opportunity for donors to make a meaningful, tax-deductible contribution to the college during the holiday

The 12 Days of Giving campaign encourages year-end donations to support specific campuses, departments and programs that directly benefit students and employees at Gadsden State. Contributions will be accepted via check or online donation throughout the month of December.

"Donors have the unique opportunity to direct their gifts to areas they are most passionate about," said Hillary Folsom, Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations. "The Days of Giving campaign is a chance to come together as a community and support Gadsden State's mission of providing quality, affordable and accessible education.

Along with Gadsden State's five campuses, eight other programs and departments can be supported during the 2024 fundraising initiative. They include:

- Academic Division Athletics

- Ayers Campus in Anniston
- Gadsden State Cherokee in Cen-
- Wallace Drive and East Broad Campuses in Gadsden
- Valley Street Campus in Gadsden
- Community Outreach
- Fine Arts Division
- Health Science Division
- Student Emergency Fund • Student Engagement and Activi-

• Workforce Development Division

"Contributions to the Cardinal Foundation can help create new opportunities and experiences for our students, improve facilities and support cutting-edge programs that prepare them for success in their careers," Folsom said. "Whether it's helping a student complete their nursing degree or funding technology upgrades in our classrooms, your support directly impacts the lives of those who walk through the doors at Gadsden State."

Tommie Goggans III, president of the Cardinal Foundation Board of Directors, said Gadsden State is a catalyst for workforce development that provides essential educational opportunities to students from all walks of life.

"Contributions to the Cardinal Foundation make a significant differ-

ence in the college's ability to maintain and enhance its programs, offer scholarships and ensure students continue to receive the highest quality education," he said. "Every donation - large or small - makes an immediate and lasting impact on the lives of Gadsden State students.

Folsom said supporting Gadsden State is an investment in the future of the communities it serves: Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Etowah and St. Clair counties.

"As a community college, we provide students with the skills and education they need to succeed in a wide range of careers," she said. "By giving to the Cardinal Foundation, donors are helping shape the future of our workforce and enhance the quality of life in our region.'

Donors can choose the area they wish to support, ensuring that their contribution is directed toward the cause they care about most. Donations are fully tax-deductible. Checks should be made to the Cardinal Foundation and sent to P.O. Box 227, Gadsden, AL 35902. Online donations are accepted at www.gadsdenstate.edu/CardinalFoundation.

For more information, contact Folsom at hfolsom@gadsdenstate.edu or 256-549-8377.

Dr. Murphy honored with prestigious recognition

Dr. Kathy Murphy, president of Gadsden State Community College, recently earned selection into the highly respected Leadership Alabama program.

As one of 77 leaders across the state, Murphy joins an elite group in the Leadership Alabama Class of 2024-25. Leadership Alabama offers established leaders unique insights into the broader landscape of the state, fostering a collaborative environment of understanding Alabama's most pressing challenges and priorities.

"Leadership Alabama encourages its members to act, individually and in concert, to move Alabama forward to help our state reach its full potential," said Ashley Kaplan, executive director. "It's a pleasure to have Dr. Murphy as a

member of the current class. She is truly an asset.' Murphy said she is grateful to participate in Leadership Alabama, noting the importance of collaboration in her

"To be a part of Leadership Alabama is an incredible opportunity to learn, connect and contribute toward a brighter future for our state," she said.

Murphy began her career in public education in 1984 at Auburn Junior High School. During her four-decade career, she has served as a teacher, principal and superintendent at multiple school systems. She was named Gadsden State's president in January 2021.

Murphy holds a bachelor's degree from Troy University, a master's in education from Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) and a doctorate in education from Auburn University. She also holds a master's degree in educational leadership and an educational specialist degree from AUM.

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This funding will allow the center to expand its innovative STEM programs and hands-on learning opportunities for middle-school students from the 12-county service area. Working with the school systems to address learning gaps, Challenger

Learning Center experiences that goal." ignite students' interest in STEM learning and encour- Learning Center will be loage the pursuit of STEM ca- cated in Rainbow City and reers. With the support of the will join a network of more Alabama Power Foundation, than 30 Challenger Learn-Challenger Learning Center ing Centers across 24 states of Northeast Alabama aims that has reached more than to create engaging and in- six million students worldteractive educational oppor- wide. Challenger Learning tunities that will inspire the Centers offer a variety of next generation of scientists, hands-on STEM programs, engineers, inventors and leaders.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Alabama Power Foundation for their support," said Tony Smith, Chair of the Advisory Council for Challenger Learning Center. "This grant will enable us to further our goal of making STEM education accessible and exciting for all students. We are committed to fostering curiosity and a love for learning, and this

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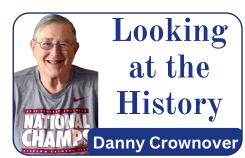
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Steamboat excursions were all the rage in late 1890s Gadsden



In the 1890s, Gadsden residents enjoyed more excursions than any other town in the state because of the numerous steamboats on the Coosa River. In 1897, four railroad excursion lines operated into Gadsden each week during the summer season.

Several incorporated companies ran the excursions. The usual round-trip price to Chattanooga was \$1.50 to Atlanta. The same rates applied from Atlanta and Chattanooga to Gadsden. From Birmingham to Gadsden the usual fare was \$1.

The advertised magnet was the Noccalula Falls. Sunday schools and other organizations in Rome, Anniston, Talladega and Birmingham came here for their annual

The Alabama Club, a popular social organization out of Birmingham, made a trip to the Falls an annual event, as did that city's Amalgamated Association of Iron

and Steel workers. The latter organization always brought a trainload of visitors.

There were times when two trains were necessary. The old dummy line with tracks running from Alabama City to the Falls along the Black Creek gorge was used to get the crowds to the mountain and usually did a very good job of it. The line included a large number of open cars with the seats cross-wise in order to carry quite a number of people on each trip. A large pavilion for dancing stood on the mountain near the

Gadsden residents caught the excursion fever each summer during this time. The firemen, the Knights of Pythias, the Sunday schools and individuals annually chartered boats for trips up and down the Coosa River.

All but one of the excursion boats were equipped to provide a barge for dancing for overflow crowds. The Magnolia had a sharp prow and could not be use as a barge, although that boat was big enough to accommodate quite a number of people. One of the special attractions on the river was the trip through the locks at Greensport. Springs were located up and down the river that were also used for picnics and the like. Moonlight excursions on the Coosa River were also very popular.

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Of fairy tales, gumball rings and enduring love



November 27 was my momma and daddy's wedding anniversary. It was just 27 days after she went to Heaven. It would have been my parent's 54th anniversary.

Normally, about three weeks before this day arrived, I would have received a phone call, and a plot would have ensued. You see, Momma was an elaborate schemer; she would always make sure that her honey had something to open on their anniversary. I was always her accomplice so that she could keep the gift a surprise for my dad.

This year, however, I did not get that phone call. So, without "the plan," I had to go off-script a little bit. But, with Momma's complete approval, I will tell you how their love story began (cue fairytale music).

Once upon a time in the southeastern city of Columbus, Georgia, there lived a fair maid happily engaged to a handsome soldier. This unnamed soldier (to protect the innocent) had a best friend named Rickey. The soldier was getting ready to deploy, so he enlisted the help of his good friend to watch over his pretty maid in his absence.

Rickey, a confirmed bachelor who, ac-

cording to the fair maid, had "all the girls," was all too willing to embark upon this blessed assignment. He diligently honored his friend by checking on the pretty maid. Rickey knew that this brown-eyed beauty was very special, and he soon felt something stir in his heart. Still, Rickey wanted to perform his responsibility dutifully for the unnamed soldier. So, when he heard that the fair maid was hospitalized on her birthday, what else could he do but take her flowers? However, he did not take his signature black orchid to this extraordinary girl. Instead, he took 24 long-stem, yellow roses.

The young beauty was perplexed. She had never been given roses by any man, not even her betrothed. It was at this moment that the bachelor's heart knew what he must do. So, like any good friend would do, he kissed the girl.

A few days later, the two would find themselves at a car dealership looking for a new car for the sporty bachelor. The salesman gave his final price. Excitedly the young man was just about to shake on the deal when the fair maiden grabbed his hand, stood and told the salesman, "No thank you. I am sure we can get it cheaper down the road."

Confused, Rickey went along with the girl, and just as the they turned to walk out the door, the salesman relented and came off of his "lowest price" by another \$1,000. The bachelor was beside himself! This woman was not only gorgeous but savvy with money. His heart could no lon-

They had just gotten in the new car to drive home, when, without warning, Rickey asked the girl to marry him. Speechless, she sat staring at him. "Is he joking?" she wondered.

They were stopped at a red light, so he said, "I'm not moving this car until you an-

As the light turned green and the cars behind them began to honk, the woman of Rickey's dreams said, "Yes!"

Legend has it that Rickey stopped at the first drugstore they passed to get his nowfiance a ring from a gumball machine until he could buy a suitable one the next day.

The rest, as they say, is history. However, if you asked either of my parents the secret to an almost 54 year-long marriage, their unwavering response would be: "Put God first and each other second.'

My mom and dad's enduring love is a testimony to those practices lived out every single day. Not perfectly, but intentionally. They could not have known in 1970 all that their life together would hold, but they held on to Jesus, and He held on to them.

What became of the soldier? It is unknown. He probably went on to marry and live happily ever after.

The once-confirmed bachelor in this story will tell you to this day that he carried out his assignment to fidelity and loved his fair maiden all the days of her beautiful

I would agree.

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with a project that has been going on for years and years at my church: making cheeseballs to sell. Each year, a group of men and women gather in the church kitchen with enormous amounts of cream cheese, spices and various mix-ins to create some beautiful and tasty cheese balls that are sold as an annual fundraiser to make other volunteer and community support projects possible throughout the year. This was the first time I have participated in this experience, and it is one I look forward to repeating.

When I walked into the parish hall to help, I noticed how festive and full the mitten tree is. This is another project where members bring winter items like mittens, gloves, warm socks and scarves and cover a Christmas tree with them. The items are then gathered off the tree and volunteers deliver them to their new owners. Another program our church facilitates is a monthly food pantry called Rice and Beans. Programs like these and the volunteers that make them possible are a bright spot in a world full of division.

Charles Dickens reminded us, "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." Volunteers truly do lighten

This week, I had the opportunity to help burdens every day, even with small everyday

Volunteers and volunteering is nothing new. There have always been "helpers," and documentation of the concept of volunteering actually dates back to medieval England when many monasteries and other religious organizations were counted on to help the sick, the poor and those without any support

Often the motivation was religious in na-— after all, the Bible tells us that faith without works is dead, and that helping others is helping God — but even though it was considered an important part of faith and life, there was no term for this type of help.

The verb "volunteer" came along much later, first when the American Revolution began recruiting "volunteers" to help fight. A little later, the word entered the lexicon in the mid 1700s when Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer firefighters. Originally, the term specifically referred to military service, then firefighter service. It was not the more common definition now that encapsulates generally helping those in need in the community. So, how did we end up with the "armies" of community service volunteers

we have today?

I was surprised at how relatively young this term is, and it looks like it began to morph into the definition we use today in the midto-late 1800s with the establishment of the first YMCA and the Red Cross - although the Red Cross was still firmly related (at least in the imaginations of citizens) to the armed services. In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson created Volunteers in Service to America, or VISTA, as a program to combat poverty. Then, an annual National Family Volunteer Day was established on the Saturday before Thanksgiving in 1991. Suddenly, we had troops of volunteers.

I'm sure there are many theories and studies and scientific reasons why we have those who are willing to help — but I think most people who volunteer have themselves experienced times when they needed help, or have known a loved one who has, and many of us instinctively know to be true what Rumi said: "You need more help than you know."

I've often heard people slip phrases like "but by the grace of God" into conversations, and I think on some level we know that at any moment life can throw us a curve ball. Volunteering and helping others gives us hope that



when we need it someone will be there for us,

I remind my children that giving is even better than receiving a lot this time of year, with all the birthday and Christmas all bundled together in our family. We take them to shop for siblings, and try to find new ways to volunteer time, or crafts or labor each year. They have opportunities for service at school and church and have made many memories.

If you'd like to find out about local volunteering opportunities this holiday season. I encourage you to get in touch with The United Way, or a local church, school, assisted living facility or hospital and ask how you can help. Above all, never assume that it's too late to get involved.

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Santa's Whiskers, Chocolate Rice Krispies Balls, Christmas Coffee Cake

Baking in my kitchen has always been such a significant part of my holiday season. I love the smell of fresh cookies cooling on a rack or seeing the steam escape from a pie just out of the oven. But most of all, I love discussing recipes, which somehow always brings people together. That's what the holidays are really all about.

Santa's Whiskers

1 cup real butter (salted) 1 cup sugar 2 tablespoons milk 1 teaspoon vanilla 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour ¾ cup red and green candied cherries, chopped ½ cup pecans, chopped 3/4 cup coconut

Cream butter with sugar until fluffy (use a mixer). Add milk and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Stir in the rest of ingredients except coconut. Shape into two logs and roll each in on Christmas morning. It can be baked now coconut. Cover and chill for one to two hours. Slice and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until slightly brown around the edges. Coconut needs to be a little brown. Do not over bake. Bake these on parchment paper.

Andy's Note: This is a wonderful cookie to carry to a Cookie Swap. This cookie tastes like Christmas to me. It is delicious and so pretty on a tray. I usually put the dough together one day and bake the following day.

Christmas Morning Coffee Cake

1 yellow cake mix 3/4 cup Crisco oil 1 (3-ounce) package of instant vanilla pudding 3/4 cup water 1 teaspoon vanilla 4 eggs

Sugar Filling:

- 1/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans 2 ½ teaspoon cinnamon

Glaze: 1 cup powdered sugar



1 teaspoon vanilla 2 teaspoon milk

Combine cake ingredients and beat with mixer for two minutes. Pour 1/3 of cake batter into greased tube pan. Sprinkle ½ of sugar filling over batter. Pour 1/3 more of cake batter into tube pan. Top with remaining sugar filling. Pour remaining cake batter over it. Bake at 325 degrees for 45-50 minutes.

Andy's Note: This cake is so good to serve and put into the freezer.

Chocolate Rice Krispies Balls

½ cup peanut butter 3 tablespoons soft butter 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 cup Rice Krispies ½ cup chopped pecans 1 cup shredded coconut

Mix together, refrigerate for ½ hour or longer and then form into balls. Return to fridge and let chill at least an hour. Melt chocolate almond bark and a touch of paraffin wax together in a double boiler. You can also add some semisweet chocolate chips.

Drop balls into chocolate mixture one at a time using a fork to roll them so that the chocolate covers the entire ball. Place on a waxed cookie sheet and chill.

Happy holiday baking to you all!

"Southern Cooking with Andy Bedwell" can be purchased at the Messenger on Rain-

THE MESSENGER'S PICK FOR EVENT OF THE WEEK

Miracle on 34th Street hosted by TOG

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



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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 2024 Coosa Christmas Boat Parades will be held on Friday, Dec. 6 in Gadsden and Sunday, Dec. 8 in Rainbow City/Southside. Both parades start at 6 p.m. To participate, call Randy at 256-490-5959 or visit NeelyHenryLake.

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December 6 – Jan. 4

Christmas at The Falls will run through Jan. 4. The exhibit will be closed from December 24 -25. Come see millions of Christmas lights! Tickets are on sale now. Call 256-549-4663 or visit NoccalulaFallsPark.com

Get ready for the 2nd Annual Christmas on the Coosa ice-skating experience. The ice rink returns on November 29 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The real ice rink near Moragne Park will close for the season on Jan. 4. For more information, call Janet Tarrance at 256-549 4658 or Valerie Galbreath at 256-549-

December 6 - 30Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday are coming to downtown Gadsden November 29 -30. Wear your plaid with pride and shop local. Visit downtown Gadsden for Plaid Friday and shop and dine with our small businesses. Avoid the rush of Black Friday and spend an enjoyable day with friends and family instead. Santa

December 7

will be walking around

The third annual Christmas in Keener is bigger than ever before. Make plans to join at the Vintage Christmas Market featuring 40 plus shopping vendors, food trucks, kids zone, classic cars, live music and so much more. The event will be held between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 2817 Little Wills Valley Road in Attalla.

The Etowah County Fairgrounds and American Legion Post 71 will sponsor a Day with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Etowah County Fairgrounds located at 201 Griffith Street in Attalla. There will be free food. Bring your camera and take pictures with Santa!

For more information, call 256-490-5432.

Santa is coming to Smokeneck Farm in Southside. Visit with Santa from 12 – 3 p.m. Grab photos with Santa before he heads back to the North Pole. The event is free. Smokeneck Farm & Garden is located at 2191 Hwy. 77 in Southside.

December 10

Enjoy a free concert by Kings of Swing Orchestra from 6 - 9 p.m. at Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts located at 501 Broad Street in Gadsden.

December 14

Join the City of Southside for the Southside Christmas Village from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place at Southside City Hall. The event is free to attend. There will be food trucks and arts and crafts vendors. If you would like to be an arts and craft vendor, register at cityofsouthside.recdesk.

Join Imagination Place for the annual Snacks with Santa event from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The free event will be held at 501 Broad Street in Gadsden. Children can visit with Santa while enjoying free snacks provided by Downtown Gadsden, Inc. Parents are welcome to take pictures. Visiting with Santa and the snacks are free thanks to Downtown Gadsden, Inc. All Hardin Center members and those purchasing regular admission may stay and enjoy Let it Snow and Imagination Place.



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DEVOTIONALS

What would our response be?



While reading in the Book of John this past week, the Lord took me on a little jouring and praying over. I would like to share a bit of that journey with you.

In the first chapter of the Gospel of John, out to all those around him, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the One about whom I told you, 'He who comes after me is above me, because He was before me" (John 1:29-30). To provide context, John the Baptist had many followers and several committed disciples who assisted him as he traveled and preached about the coming Messiah. As I continued reading, I was intrigued by how John the Baptist managed his disciples and off. This reflection prompted me to consider my own heart and actions.

How quick am I to follow Yeshua/Jesaid, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!' The two Him." As I follow Jesus, what am I looking

disciples heard him say this, and they followed Yeshua." These men had obviously heard about this "Messiah that was to come" for many years. Now that Jesus was passing right in front of them, Scripture tells us that they immediately followed Him. I had to ask myself these questions: am I as excited about following this same Messiah as the two disciples were? Am I as quick to obey Jesus and trust Him daily? How excited am I to follow the Messiah and to even share Him with others?

What is my demeanor? In verse 37, we ney of which I am still processing, meditat- read that when John the Baptist announced that Jesus was passing by, two of John's disciples immediately left John and followed Jesus. It made me start thinking about Je-John the Baptist recognizes Jesus and calls sus and His demeanor. When we read about Jesus in the Gospels, we don't see Him as being angry, unapproachable or always causing fights. Instead, we read that many people were drawn to Him; even little children wanted to come and sit on His lap. This raises a few questions for me: what is my demeanor? Am I approachable? Do I walk humbly and demonstrate gentleness in my actions and speech? How would others describe my demeanor?

What am I looking for in Jesus? John how Yeshua/Jesus picked up where John left 1:38-39 says, "Yeshua turned around and saw them following. He said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to Him, 'Rabbi' (which is translated Teacher), where sus? John 1:35-37 says, "Again the next are you staying?" 'Come and see, Yeshua day, John was standing with two of his dis-tells them. So, they came and saw where He ciples and watched Yeshua walking by. He was staying, and they spent that day with for? Do I follow Him for selfish motives, or do I follow Him out of "I have to" attitude versus a "I want to" attitude? Jesus gave a simple reply, which was to "come and see." This is the same reply He gives to each of us today. Come and see for yourselves who I am, what I do and if I am who I say I am.

Am I a skeptic or an "all-in" type when it comes to following Jesus? In John 1: 43-51, Philip finds Nathanael and excitedly tells him that they have found the one Moses and all the prophets spoke of - Yeshua of Nazareth. Nathanael responds, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Soon after, Yeshua approaches and begins to speak with Nathanael, who is astonished by how much Jesus knows about him and starts to realize that He must truly be the Messiah his friends have mentioned. Jesus tells Nathanael that he will see even greater things if he chooses to believe in and follow Him. This raises a personal question: When it comes to following Yeshua, am I hesitant or do I quickly obey because I truly believe and trust Him wholeheartedly? When it comes to His Word, do I question or hesitate while wondering if it is really true, or do I accept His Word as it is written?

Lord, today we thank You for Your Word and how You have challenged us to look within at our own hearts. I ask You to purify our hearts and make us more and more like You. Thank You for Your grace and mercy towards us in this process.

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

Bible Verse of the Week



66

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

- Philippians 4:8 **King James Version**



Verse for Kids

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

- Genesis 1-2 King James Version

Even amidst the wreckage, God is with us

I once was an angry young man, and with good reason.

My brothers and I exited the school bus one fateful afternoon while not realizing our lives had forever changed, a fact in

which we were the last to know. Our home was located at the end of a long and bumpy dirt road driveway out on a 70-acre farm. The school bus let us off at our neighbor's house and we would walk home. My mom's best friend was waiting for us at our neighbor's mailbox.

"Boys, I need you to come inside with me, please," she said.

My mom's best friend lived all the way across town, so why was she here? I also noticed that she'd been crying.

We walked into our neighbor's farmhouse to the shocking sight of my mother sitting rather oddly in a chair. Her head was swollen to twice its normal size, both eyes were black and swollen shut, whole plugs of hair were ripped from her head. her arm was in a splint, several broken fingers were in braces, busted lips were cracked and swollen and her neck was in a brace. Keep in mind that I'd never seen my mother injured before.

Needless to say, the earth stood still for

I assumed that my mom had been caught in some kind of stampede or injured in a car crash. Nothing else made sense to my sixth grade mind. Never in a million years did I expect to hear her say these words:

"Boys, your father hit me." My mind cracked. There is no way that my hero and friend (which is truly what my dad was to me) had become the enemy. To quote the apocalyptic language of Joel 2:31, Matthew 24:29 and Revelation 6:12, "the stars fell from the sky, the sun grew dark and refused to give its light and the moon turned to blood." I became "very angry and my countenance fell" like Cain in Genesis 4:5. A rage rushed in, mixed with fear, dystopia, a deep anxiety that everything good could be lost in an instant and pain that allowed me to hurt myself and others in my search for peace.

Author's note: before I continue and to honor both God and my dad, there has been a miraculous and full spiritual and relational restoration of my father. But that's another story for another time.

This particular story has a purpose. I 'got saved" when I was eight, and since that day, I had taken my faith seriously and enjoyed church very much But this horrible day had allowed evil a stronghold into my young heart. Cute little Bible stories no longer carried weight for me. I was angry and wounded, and needed a religion that could meet and beat the horrible side of life.

I could no longer smile and sing and say my prayers like a good little boy. Instead, I needed a visceral faith that could handle the times when I hurt like you-know-what.

I desperately needed the great story about Jesus cleansing the Temple, which rang in my ears and lifted my head back up to Him. I needed to know the Jesus that exploded with rage in John 2:13-16, screaming, threatening, menacing, and as I like to say, "slinging spit and throwing stuff." I needed to see this Jesus in "His Father's house," driving out pretentious liars and thieves while He "cast down their idols." I needed the God with a whip in His hand



and lightening in His eves daring trained Temple guards with swords to challenge Him. Yes, I sought the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah" who was so fierce with holy rage and righteous indignation that those armed men cowered in fear. In effect, I needed to know there was a place for anger in a reli-

I needed the One who looked kings dead in the eye and said, "No one takes my life from Me; I lay it down willingly.' I needed a hard Man and a holy Man, not a "nice" Man. I needed an "Angry Young Man" who was strong enough to save the world. And I needed to remember that the God who was beaten more severely than even my mother, who bore more pain than I ever could, still loved me amid the chaos. I needed to hear "peace, be still."

Beloved, He is with us, even in the wreckage.

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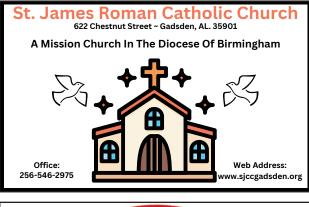
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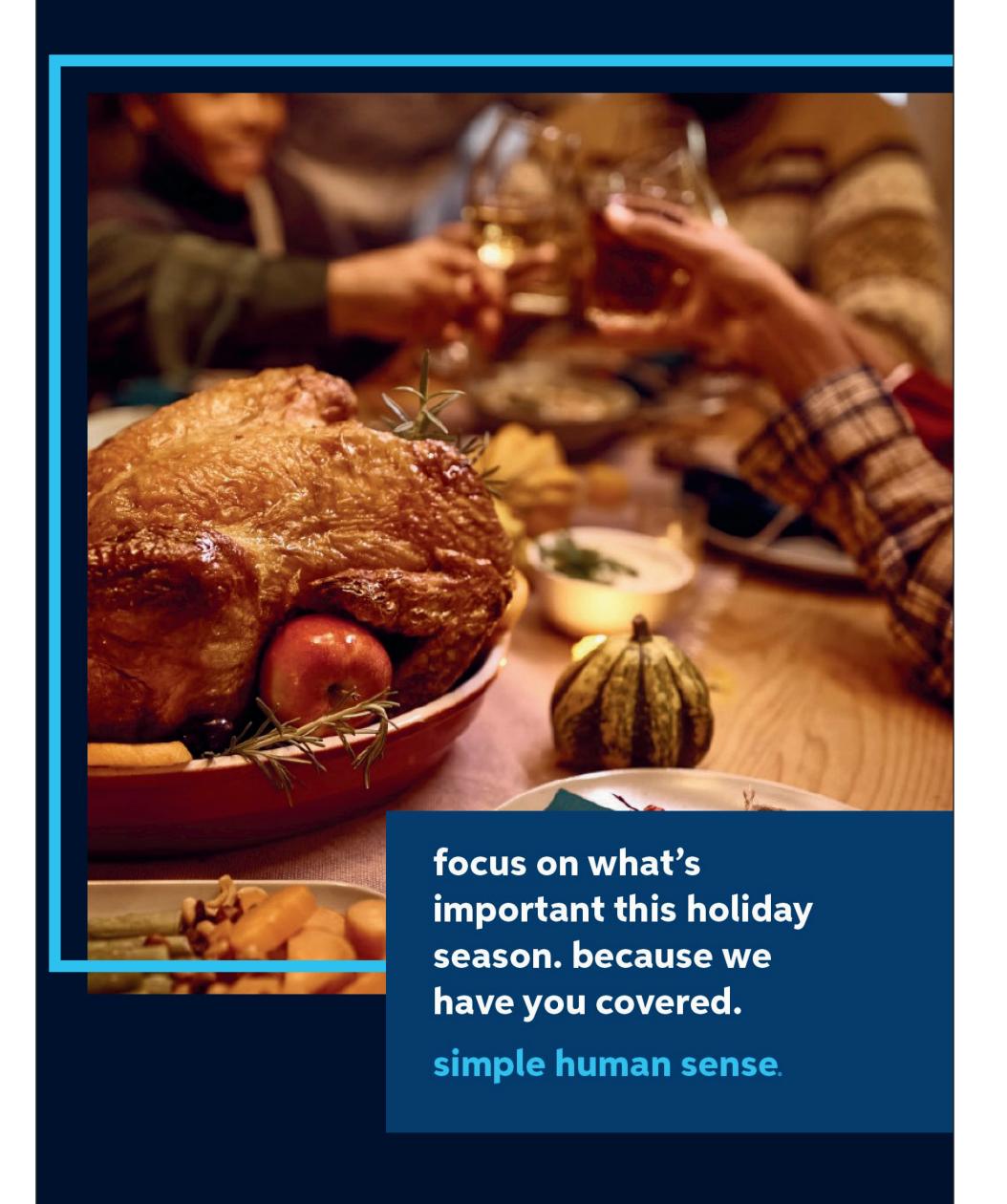






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Kylen Johnson scored 24 points to help Coosa Christian post a a 79-54 victory over West End on Tuesday, Dec. 3 in Walnut Grove. The Conquerors (2-0) jumped out to a 28-6 first quarter lead and finished the fourth quarter with a 30-13 run. Jaxon Peek added 17 points for Coosa, while Jaylen Jones chipped in 14.

Four players scored in double figures in Westbrook Christian's 62-50 win over Gaston on Tuesday, Dec. 3. For the Warriors (3-1), Brady Carden had 13 points and eight rebounds; Gavin Slocum had 12 points and three rebounds; Titus Jones had 11 points, seven assists, four rebounds and three steals; Bo Kilgo had 10 points, four assists and three rebounds; and Case Burton had five points and six rebounds.

Grant Smith and Davis Honeycutt scored 25 and 24 points, respectively, in Glencoe's 70-54 victory over Ohatchee on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Wade Segrest added 14 points for the Yellow Jackets.

Hokes Bluff improved to 6-1 on the season with a 66-42 win over Saks on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Five players scored in double figures for the Eagles, led by Anthony Gooch and Ronan McFadden with 14 each. Bryce Whitaker added 11 points, followed by Logan Carr and Drew McCarver with 10 each. McCarver grabbed nine rebounds, followed by McFadden with seven and Whitaker and Anderson Morgan with four each. Morgan also distributed eight assists, while McCarver had five and McFadden four. Gooch had four deflections.

Mason Stephens' double-double of 19 points and 12 rebounds helped Southside post a 45-33 victory over Etowah on Monday, Dec. 2 in Attalla. Drew Clark finished with 12 points and six rebounds for the Panthers (6-2), while Cayden Reason contributed 11 Points and nine boards.

Drew Whitaker scored a game-high 26 points to lead Hokes Bluff to a 63-29 win over Gaston on Monday, Dec. 2. Also for the Eagles, Anderson Morgan finished with 16 points along with six rebounds and three assists. Noah Johnson collected 12 points, five rebounds, four steals, three assists and three deflections. For the Bulldogs, Devon Green had 18 points, six rebounds and two blocks; Mica Merriman had 13 points, seven assists and six rebounds; and Kodie Bogle scored 10 points.

Womens basketball

Gadsden State improved to 5-4 on the season with an 84-51 victory over Faulkner on Tuesday, Dec. 3 in Montgomery. For the Lady Cardinals, Ciniya Mullens had 16 points and four assists; Khaleyah Jones had 14 points, five steals and four rebounds; and Jaedyn Speights scored nine points.

Roundups | Southside runners top all-area cross country





Lydia Kay, Evan Christopher named runners of the year

By Chris McCarthy Publisher

Lydia Kay accomplished quite a bit during her first year of competitive long distance running.

In nine cross country meets this past season, the Southside High seventh grader finished in the top 10 five times, including first at the Etowah County Schools 5K in October and runner-up the Vinemont Invitational. The Lady Panthers' 2024 Etowah County Schools championship was the program's sixth out of the last seven seasons.

Kay came in fourth out of 49 runners to help the Lady Panthers win firstever sectional title and placed 33rd out of 254 competitors at the AHSAA state meet at Oakville. Her season PR of 20:06.84 was almost 25 seconds faster than the next closest local runner, teammate Marlee Tucker, making Kay the runner of the Year for the All-Messenger girls cross country team.

"Lydia is a very talented young athlete," said Southside cross country coach Kim Nails. "She has a lot of natural ability and is very competitive. Although she is young, she doesn't mind working on her own and made tremendous progress throughout the season. Before Lydia was in seventh grade, she would come and run while her brother was practicing, so we knew early on that she had the potential to become a very good distance runner. Our upperclassmen demonstrated a love for the sport and provided tremendous leadership for Lydia, and their character and work ethic were good examples for her to emmulate. We're looking forward to see the results of her continual commitment, hard work and self-discipline."

Editor's note: Selections to the All-Messenger cross country team were based on season PRs. Not all schools in The Messenger's coverage area had runners who qualified.

By Chris McCarthy
Publisher

Evan Christopher isn't used to running from behind.

Out of 10 meets this year, the Southside High senior finished in the top 10 eight times, including three first-place showings. The two races in which he failed to break into the top 10 were the Southern Showcase and Jesse Owens Classic. Christopher came $11^{\rm th}$ out of 271 runners at the latter competition and $20^{\rm th}$ out of 275 runners at the former race.

He won his third straight Etowah County Schools championship in October before finishing first at the Class 5A Section 3 Meet and placing sixth out of 250 runners at the Class 6A state meet. He currently holds the school 5K record with a time of 15:29 and is a three-time AHSAA All-State selection

Christopher's production was rewarded with his third straight selection as Runner of the Year for the All-Messenger boys cross country team.

"Evan has been a tremendous runner for us for several years," said Southside cross country coach Kim Nails. "For many years, we have been blessed to have had some pretty strong cross country runners, but Evan has set the bar. His passion for the sport and his work ethic are contagious, and his hard work, commitment and determination have given him the opportunity to reach so many milestones during his high school career. Evan has truly been a leader, and to say we will miss him is an understatement. What he has brought to the team is hard to replace. We can't wait to see what he does on the next level with the opportunities he has been presented."

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2024 All-Messenger cross country team Boys Girls

Runner of the Year: Evan Christopher, Southside Coach of the Year: Kim Nails, Southside

First team

Evan Christopher, senior, Southside: 15:34.30 Ethan Patterson, senior, Hokes Bluff: 16:55.94 Tanner Griggs, junior, Southside: 17:10.10 Dakota Ensminger, sophomore, Glencoe: 17:45.60 Levi Kay, freshman, Southside: 17:59.03

shman, Souths Second team

Jackson Brown, senior, Southside: 18:13.90 Luke Pilotte, junior, Westbrook: 18:26.36 Coby Caswell, junior, Ashville: 18:29.78 Braxton Jones, sophomore, Sardis: 18:37.71 Aidan Pierce, junior, Sardis: 18:43.71

Boys third team

Adam Ghomin, junior, Gadsden City: 18:51.02 Joseph Minkin, sophomore, Westbrook: 18:51.17 Jonathan Russell, senior, Southside: 18:54.20 Keaton Yingling, junior, Southside: 19:01.64 Pranjal Sharma, senior, Southside: 19:20.00

Honorable Mention

Owen Beason, sophomore, Glencoe: 19:22.00 Drew Gargone, freshman, Ashville: 19:26.36 Fredy Hernandez-Perez, junior, Gadsden City: 19:32.74 Justin Smith, sophomore, West End: 19:34.62 Mason Borgersrode, eighth grade, Southside: 19:40.01 Runner of the Year: Lydia Kay, Southside Coach of the Year: Kim Nails, Southside

First team

Lydia Kay, seventh grade, Southside: 20:06.84 Marlee Tucker, freshman, Southside: 20:31.30 Allie Cone, freshman, Ashville: 21:03.26 Payton Ridley, senior, Southside: 21:07.52 Taylor Dortch, senior, Southside: 21:16.08 Second team

Sarah Ponder, sophomore, Glencoe: 21:21.81 Emma Godfrey, freshman, Hokes Bluff: 21:45.16 Karlee Tarpley, junior, West End: 21:57.94 Luci Valentine, eighth grade, Southside: 22:06.72 Kennedi Nix, eighth grade, West End: 22:34.94 Third team

Mallory Tucker, junior, Southside: 22:50.54 Adalyn Phillips, senior, Southside: 22:57.66 Emma Franklin, eighth grade, West End: 23:08.27 Riley Hulsey, freshman, Southside: 23:15.36 Madelyn Chandler, sophomore, Southside: 23:16.97

Honorable mention

Jada Wright, junior, West End: 23:20.52 Kenzli Nix, seventh grade, West End: 23:54.83 Tensley Young, eighth grade, West End: 24:00.36 Carolina Rainey, eighth grade, West End: 24:08.76 Avery Whiteman, seventh grade, Ashville: 24:15.11



Coosa Christian wrestling sets priorities for first season

By Chris McCarthy **Publisher**

Coosa Christian wrestling coach Eric Rhoden is not too concerned about results on the scoreboard during the program's first season.

Rather, he will measure progress on how hard his players compete and how well they represent the school over the next few months.

"God never wants anyone to be lazy, and I promise you that we're not going to be lazy," he said. "Wrestling is by far hardest to compete in than any other sport. It's close-up combat with another man, and we're going to wrestle hard and we're going to wrestle tough. We might not be the best ones out there, but we're going to give nothing less than 100 percent every time we go out there.

The Conqueror roster consists of just five players, nine short of what is required for a match - 8th grader Lucas Crane at 145 pounds, sophomore Halen Palmer at 157 pounds, sophomore Logan Burnette at 165 pounds and juniors Zayden Franklin and Chase Bynum at heavyweight. Jackson Dupree is the team manager. Due to lack of numbers, Coosa must forfeit several weight classes at each match this season.

"We have only one kid who has wrestled before, and that was in a youth league so it's a building year, for sure," said Roden, a 2024 graduate of Coosa Christian. "A first-year program is not supposed to win a whole lot, but we expect to beat whoever we can. We play up, just like our football team does. We're going against some great competition in Southside, Weaver and [Walter] Wellborn, which will only make us better. We're not going to go out and win every match, because the other teams will have 14 kids and we have just five. But if we win the matches we're competing in and get more points, I'm going to call it a win for us."

Roden promised that his wrestlers be in superior shape once the season gets rolling.

"Being in football condition and being in wrestling condition are two totally different things, and our kids are finding that out. Football is running springs and having five-second plays, while wrestling is going all-out for three minutes straight three times in a row. Tournaments are where are bread and butter will be at, because that's where we're going to get the most work in and get most of our wins."

Roden who is the offensive line coach for the Coosa Christian football team, did not have to do much in the way

"They're all football players," he said. "I'm fortunate that they decided to come out and wrestles for me.'

Roden wrestled at Southside High for four years before transferring to Coosa prior to his junior year. He qualified for the AHSAA state tournament in the 195-pound weight class both his freshman and sophomore seasons.

Roden credits SHS coach Wynn Knight for teaching him the finer points of the sport.

"He's a great coach and a great person," said Roden. "He taught me everything I know about wrestling, and I ow a lot to him for the position that I'm in."

The Conquerors will compete in Class 1A-4A North Section, which also includes Etowah, West End, Ashville, Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering, Alexandria, Brooks, Central-Florence, Cherokee County, Curry, Deshler, Hamilton, J.B. Pennington, Lauderdale County, Madison County, New Hope, North Sand Mountain, Ohatchee, Piedmont, Pleasant Valley, Randolph, Shoals Christian, Southeastern, St. John Paul II Catholic, Susan Moore, Vinemont, Weaver, West Limestone, Westminster, White Plains and Wilson.

Roden shared that he and his wrestlers intend to give thanks to God before and after every match.

"It's important to do that, because He is the one who does it all for us. We want to fight every day for His word/ That's why the school's name is Coosa Christian, not Coo-



Chris McCarthy/Messenger

Coosa Christian's Halen Palmer (right) faces off against Southside's Peyton Adams in the 157-pound weight class in high school wrestling on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Southside.



Southside's Julian Salazar (pictured standing) attempts a move against Coosa Christian's Logan Burnette in the 165-pound weight class in high school wrestling on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Southside.

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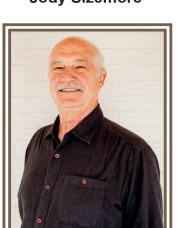
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Local Sports Schedule

High School Basketball Friday, Dec. 6

Hokes Bluff at Glencoe Douglas at Sardis Jacksonville at Ashville Wesrbrook at Oneonta **Etowah at Piedmont** West End at Susan Moore Saturday, Dec. 7 Monday, Dec. 9

Hazel Green at Gadsden City Southside at Glencoe Asbury at Sardis Huffman at Gadsden City Tuesday, Dec. 10 Etowah at Southside Hokes Bluff at Gaston Alexandria at Glencoe Cullman Chr. at Coosa Christian West End at Southeastern Westbrook at Ohatchee Sardis at Crossville

Gadsden City at Pell City Thursday, Dec. 12 Ashville at Hokes Bluff Pleasant Valley at Coosa Christian St. Clair County at Etowah

Wrestling Saturday, Dec. 7

Gadsden City at Lincoln Tournament Southside at Hewitt-Trussville duals Tuesday, Dec. 10

Gadsden City at Cherokee County Southside at Gardendale West End at Ashville duals

Thursday, Dec. 12 Pleasant Valley at Gadsden City Southside, Hartselle at Pell City West End at Susan Moore duals

Bowling

All home matches played at The Alley at the Gadsden Mall Friday, Dec. 6 West Point at Gadsden City

Dec. 6 - Dec. 12

Tuesday, Dec. 10 Southside at Oxford Gadsden City at Clay-Chalkville Coosa Chr., Etowah at Center Point Wednesday, Dec. 11
Lincoln at Etowah
Clay-Chalkville at Gadsden City

Southside at Hewitt-Trussville Thursday, Dec. 12 Coosa Chr., Center Point at Etowah

College Womens Basketball

Monday, Dec. 9 Gadsden State at Wallace-Selma Wednesday, Dec. 11 Chattanooga State at Gadsden State

Mens Basketball

Monday, Dec. 9 Gadsden State at Wallace-Selma Wednesday, Dec. 11 Enterprise State at Gadsden State

est-ranked Group of 5 champion is

guaranteed a playoff spot, but not a



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Lady Lions at 7-2 so far this season

By Chris McCarthy **Publisher**

Sardis improved to 7-2 with three victories and one loss

over the past week. On Friday, Nov. 22, Jacee Holcomb finished with 17 points and eight rebounds and Mya Glass and Vada Willmore each scored 11 points as the Lady Lions beat Geraldine, 61-38. Sardis led 18-14 after one period, 33-28 at halftime and 44-34 after three quarters.

On Monday, Nov. 25, Sardis built a 43-14 halftime lead on the way to a 73-26 win over Ashville. Lynlee Wright had 18 points and nine rebounds for the Lady Lions, while Mollie Brock contributed 10 points and nine assists. Delaney Lee added 10 points, followed by Willmore with nine and Jordyn Knight (pictured above) with eight.

Despite Knight's double-double of 19 points and 10 rebounds, Sardis lost to Moody, 74-69, on Nov. 26.

We just turned the ball over way too much in the first half to give a chance for a road win against a very good team," said Sardis head coach Heath Cullom. "[Moody has] two guards that are as good as we will play against all year, and they gave us problems all night. Jordyn had a huge game and gave us a chance late with her shooting and defensive pressure. We outscored [Moody] 32-17 in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to overcome a terrible first half.'

Brock added 14 points for the Lady Lions, followed by Willmore with 13 and Wright and Shelby Abernathy with eight each.

Sardis rebounded with a 56-40 victory over Susan Moore on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Willmore paced the Lady Lions with 11 points along with eight rebounds, while Wright added 10 points and seven boards. Emily Zavalas chipped in eight points, followed by Holcomb and Knight with six each.

"We had some dead legs and just didn't shoot the ball well, but we scored 40 points in the paint, so all of my bigs played very well," said Cullom. "Knight, Glass, and Lee had huge defensive games for us and did a great job guarding Susan Moore's best players.



Playoff preview

Iron Bowl Recap

Alabama kept its playoff hopes alive with a 28-14 home victory over Auburn in the 89th Iron Bowl. Despite losing the turnover battle 4-2, the Crimson Tide never trailed and outgained the Tigers by a 457 to 399 margin. Alabama rushed for 201 yards, including 104 yards and three touchdowns from quarterback Jalen Milroe. Germie Bernard caught seven passes for 111 yards for Alabama, while KeAndre Lambert-Smith had eight receptions for 116 yards for Auburn. Cam Coleman, who caught Auburn's lone touchdown from quarterback Payton Thorne, finished with seven catches for 78 yards as Auburn's season ended with a 5-7 record. Head coach Kalen DeBoer's first regular season ends with a 9-3 record, and Alabama is in decent position to receive the final at-large bid to the inaugural 12-team playoff. UA checked in at No. 11 in this week's rankings, and while they can't improve their position this weekend, they also can't hurt themselves.

SEC Championship Game Preview and Prediction Last week: 8-2; season: 97-31

Texas vs. Georgia (+2.5). The Longhorns, who made the SEC title game in their inaugural season in the conference, will depend on their ranking comget a rematch with the only team to pared to the champions of the Big Texas, 31-15, in Austin in October, and the game was never really close. Steve Conference championship between Sarkisian's team had the benefit of a rel- Boise State and UNLV. The high-

atively light schedule by SEC standards, but the Longhorns took care of business and locked up a playoff spot with a rivalry win at Texas A&M last week. Both Texas and Georgia are in the playoff field, and Saturday's winner receives a firstround bye. The loser will almost certainly host a first-round game, and since both teams are capable of winning a national title, there is a decent chance they will meet for a third time in the playoffs. Predic-

tion: Texas 27, Georgia 24. **College Football Playoff Preview**

The College Football Playoff picture is much clearer now, and the 12-team field will be finalized on Sunday, Dec. 8. The top four conference champions will receive a first-round bye in the playoffs. The next conference champion in the rankings is guaranteed a spot in the field but will likely play on the road in round one.

Texas and Georgia square off in the SEC title game, and the winner will earn a first-round bye. The loser is going to make the playoffs as an at-large, and they will likely host in the first round. Oregon and Penn State are meeting for the Big 10 championship, and the loser will also likely earn a home game round

other three conference championship games are far less cut-and-dry. Clemson and Southern Methodist University meet for the Atlantic Coast Conference title game. If SMU wins, the Mustangs will be the No. 3 seed and Clemson misses the playoffs. If Clemson wins, the Tigers are guaranteed a spot but not a first-round bye. That

bye. However, if Boise State wins, the Broncos are currently ranked No. 10 and will likely be ahead of Clemson if they beat SMU, which would grant Boise State a firstround bye. If SMU loses to Clemson, it's po-

ssible the 11-1 Mustangs drop out of the playoff field altogether. SMU is currently ranked No. 8, and the committee would evaluate the resumes of 11-2 SMU and 9-3 Alabama. One team would get in, while the other would not. Playoff committee director Warde Manuel said it's possible that SMU does not make it if they lose, leaving the door open for Alabama to be the final at-large team in the playoff field.

> **Playoff Predictions** First round byes

Oregon (13-0), Texas (12-1), Clemson (10-3), Arizona State (11-

First Round

Notre Dame (11-1) vs. No. 12. UNLV (11-2) Ohio State (10-2) vs. No. 11. Ala-

bama (9-3) Penn State (11-2) vs. 10. Indiana (11-1)Georgia (10-3) vs. 9. Tennessee

(10-2)Quarterfinals

No. 8 Georgia over No. 1. Oregon No. 5. Notre Dame over No. 4. Arizona State

No. 6. Ohio State over No. 3. Clemson

No. 2. Texas over No. 7. Penn State **Semifinals**

No. 8. Georgia over No. 5. Notre

No. 6. Ohio State over No. 2 Tex-**Championship Game**

No. 8. Georgia over No. 6. Ohio



ACCC adding women's flag football

lege Conference (ACCC) recently announced the addition of women's flag football to its athletics offer-

"This is up there with one of the most exciting program additions we've had over the past decade," said ACCC Commissioner Dean Myrick. "It a good day when we create more opportunities for our female student-athletes. Flag football has exploded across the state at the high school level, and we want to capitalize on that. It's a discussion we've had for a few years, and

I'm proud it's come to fruition." Women's flag football is among the newest athletics offerings sanctioned by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). The ACCC will offer the sport to female student-athletes, beginning

with the 2025-2026 academic year. NFL FLAG Executive Director

The Alabama Community Col- Izell Reese, who has served as National Football League referee for the past seven years, commended the ACCC for creating an extra avenue for female athletes to poten-

tially advance in the sport. "Women's flag football is the fastest growing sport in the United States and arguably ever. It is skyrocketing. At one time, females did not have a path to continue to play flag football beyond high school. It's phenomenal to now hear of the opportunities that are going to come at the community college level. I can tell you the four-year colleges are thrilled about the opportunity

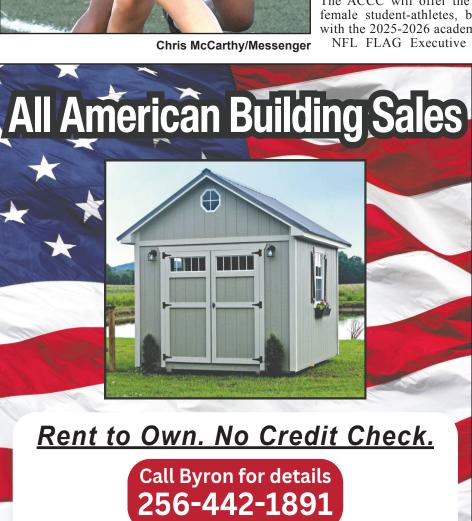
you'll provide." Northwest Shoals President Dr. Jeff Goodwin was instrumental in implementing girls flag football in 2021 at Oxford High School and is now excited about the opportunity

for his college and the conference. "It's certainly something we have been looking forward to at the community college level, and we're committed to it," he said. "Alabama Community College System Chancellor Jimmy Baker and the Board of Trustees do their best to support and provide the best opportunities for our students, including with extracurricular activities.'

RC&D, an ACCS partner, is donating \$50,000 to assist with the flag football launch.

This initiative promotes inclusion, empowers women in sports and creates new opportunities for community college student-athletes," said RC&D Executive Director Katie Conner. "We are so proud we can be a part of something new and exciting for our state.'

Once competition begins, the Alabama Community College Conference will feature the largest flag football conference in the NJCAA.



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4.25 acres more or less in Lot F, Section 25, Township 12 South, Range 7 East; more particularly described as: Commence at the SE corner of said Lot F; thence North 68°02' West, 347.8 feet to a point on the East right of way of a county toad; thence North 20°25' West along said road, 143.28 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 43°57 West along said road chord line 175.94 feet to a point; thence North 06°19' East, 210 feet to a point; thence North 88°53' West, 90.52 feet to a point; thence South 76°58' West, 103.56 feet to a point; thence North 05°52' East, 381.58 feet to a point; thence South 83°33' East, 387.68 feet to a point; thence South 06°19' West, 535.16 feet to a point; thence North 83°41' West, 30 feet to a point; thence South 60°19' West, 88.86 feet to a point; thence South 47°03' West, 48.31 feet to the point of beginning. Said sale is made for the purpose of foreclosing

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/s/ Jason Knowles Jason Knowles Attorney for Mortgagee, Jeff Chamblee, Inc. Knowles & Sullivan, LLC 413 Broad Street Alabama Gadsden, (256) 547-7200

November 22, 29, and December 6, 2024

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ty, Alabama, to-wit:

1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 36, T-12-S, R-6-East of Huntsville Meridian and run N 89 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East along the South line thereof, 1324.20 feet to a point in the South line of Canterberry Estates, as recorded in Plat Book "H", Page 136, Etowah County Probate Office; thence run N 01 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West, leaving said South line and parallel with the West line of said subdivision, 480.00 feet to a point; thence run North 89 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East 369.89 feet to an existing 3/8 inch rebar; thence run North 16 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds West 81.53 feet to the point of beginning of the property described herein; thence run North 16 degrees 50 minutes 16 seconds West 101.52 feet to a point; thence run North 78 degrees 18 minutes 02 seconds East 212.62 feet to the West R/W line of Meadowood Road (40' R/W); thence run South 17 degrees 39 minutes 59 seconds East along said R/W, 123.38 feet to a point: thence run South 84 degrees 00 minutes 07 seconds West, leaving said R/W 217.43 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a portion of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 36, T-12-S, R-6-E Etowah County, Alabama and contains 0.55 acre

More commonly known as: 428 Meadowood Rd, a/k/a 428 Meadow Wood Road. Gadsden, AL

(more or less).

This Property will be sold on as "as is, where is" basis, 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 parties 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 part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/ Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason,

the purchaser at the sale

shall be only entitled to a

return of the deposit and

bid amount, if paid. The

Mortgagee/Transferee

reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit is purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Through Certificates Series 2006-RP1 ("Transferee")

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

Phone: (801) 355-2886 December 6, 13, and 20,

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 CHRIS MARCUS ADAMS and STEPHANIE ADAMS, a married couple, on the 28th day of October 2013, to 21ST MORT-GAGE CORPORATION, as recorded in Instrument Number 3395531 in the office of the Probate Judge of Etowah County, Alabama; 21ST MORTGAGE CORPO-RATION, 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, 21ST MORTGAGE CORPO-RATION, as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 8, 2025, the following described real and personal property situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

To reach the point of beginning: Commence at the NW corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 11 South, Range 8 East and thence run South along the West boundary line of said forty a distance of 510.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence from said point of beginning deflect left 90 deg. 23 min. and run a distance of 593.24 feet to a point; thence deflect 90 deg. 00 min. right and run South a distance of 483.23 feet to a point; thence deflect right 90 deg. 00 min. and run West a distance of 596.61 feet to a point in the centerline of Croft Ferry Road; thence deflect right 63 deg. 21 min. and run in a direct line along the centerline of Croft Ferry Road a distance of 544.25 feet to a point; thence deflect right so as to form an interior angle of 63 deg. 21 min. and run East a distance of 247.92 feet to the point of beginning, said tract embracing a portion of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 18 and the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 17, all in Township 11 South, Range 8 East of the Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama, containing 7.65 acres more or less.

INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2012 River Birch manufactured home, Serial No. RB11AL16719AB;

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 easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the re-

cords of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the abovedescribed property is situated. 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 parties 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 abovedescribed 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.

Kristofor D. Sodergren Attorney for 21st Mortgage Corporation HARWOOD. ROSEN 2200 Jack Warner Pkwy

Ste 200 P.O. Box 2727 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403 (205) 344-5000

December 6, 13, and 20, 2024

MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been

made in the payment

of the indebtedness se-

cured by that certain

mortgage executed by

Brianna Ashley Heard,

an unmarried woman and Justin Lee Saxon, an unmarried man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, on April 11, 2023, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number: 3556113 with Scrivener's Affidavit 11/21/2024 recorded in Instrument Number 3583884; the undersigned Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, 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 February 12, 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 Number Four (4) in Block Number One (1) of the Foxwood Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "F", Page 3, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 3616 W Meighan Blvd , Gadsden, ĂL 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 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

the foreclosure process.

debtedness secured by

as the expenses of fore-

closure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit 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 Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.

December 6, 13, and 20,

12/20/2024

tblaw.com TB File Num-

12/06/2024, 12/13/2024,

24-09075-MT-AL

FILE CLAIMS

Paula Moats Haynes

was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/24/2024 to the Estate of Betty Jean Moats, 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 22, 29, and

December 6, 2024

FILE CLAIMS

Charlie Edmondson was/ appointed Perwere sonal Representative(s) on 09/18/2024 over the Estate of Amy Lowe McAfee, 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 29, December 6, and 13, 2024

FILE CLAIMS

Rachael Gilliland was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 10/30/2024 to the Estate of Sunny Eliza Waller, 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 29, December 6, and 13, 2024

FILE CLAIMS

Larry Wayne Thomas was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/30/2024 to the Estate of Murdies Thomas, 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 29, December 6, and 13, 2024

FILE CLAIMS

Timothy Wayne Freeman was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/04/2024 to the Estate of Sherrie Bradford Freeman, 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 29, December 6, and 13,

FILE CLAIMS

understand these rights Joan Marie Lonnerand programs as a part of Cook gan was/were appointed Personal This sale is made for the Representative(s) 08/29/2024 to the Estate purpose of paying the inof Amelia T. Lonnergan, said mortgage, as well 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 29. December 6, and 13, 2024

FILE CLAIMS

Bobby Joe Lance was/ appointed Perwere sonal Representative(s) on 10/24/2024 over the Estate of Alice Rosella Lance, 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 29. December 6, and 13,

FILE CLAIMS

Terry Dean Tumlin was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 10/22/2024 to the Estate of Martha Lee Tumlin, 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 29. December 6, and 13,

FILE CLAIMS

Sabrena Williams was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 10/10/2024 to the Estate of George A. Williams, 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

November 29. December 6, and 13,

FILE CLAIMS

James O'Conner was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 10/24/2024 to the Estate of Myra K. Crockett, 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 29. December 6, and 13, 2024

FILE CLAIMS

Jimmy Burgess, Jr. was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) 11/13/2024 to the Estate of Barbara H. Burgess, 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 29. December 6, and 13,

FILE CLAIMS

Robert Allen Johnson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/25/2024 to the Estate of Robert Willis 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

November 29,

December 6, and 13, 2024

NOTICE OF **HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: CHRISTINA SCOTT, **ALLEGED INCAPACITATED**

Case #: 2024-688

TO: La'Shala Lipscomb, Robert Scott, Brenda Scott and any unknown

a PETITION FOR LET-TERS OF GUARDIAN-SHIP & CONSERVA-TORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated

12/5/24 11:49 AM

Please take notice that

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individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 17 day of DE-CEMBER 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.

DONE THIS THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 22, 29, and December 6, 2024

NOTICE OF **HEARING**

THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: JEAN YONKERS, INCA-**PACITATED**

TO: Any interested party

Case #: S-10325

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROP-ERTY belonging to the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 8th day of JANUARY 2025 at 2:30 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 Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER

Scott Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

December 6, 13, and 20,

LEGAL NOTICE In the Probate Court of

Etowah County

In the matter of the Estate of EUNICE CHRISTINE

Case No.: 2024-00720

TO: Knickilous O'Dell, Hayden Perry and Stanley Lewis Address Unknown

You are hereby notified that a Petition for the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of EUNICE CHRISTINE CLICK has been filed by Tammy Gaines and that the same is hereby set for hearing on the 22 day of January, 2025 at 10:00 AM. You have the right to be present and contest the same if you deem proper.

DONE this 19 day of November, 2024.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 22, 29, and December 6, 2024

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

Notice to: Any unknown family members, whose whereabouts are unknown

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the per-

son of Diane T. Gladden and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Diane T. Gladden was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 21ST day of NOVEM-

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of

BER 2024.

Conservatorship is set on the 14th day of JANUARY 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 29, December 6 and 13,

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

Notice to: Any unknown family members, whose whereabouts are unknown

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Mary Nolan and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship the estate of Mary Nolan was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 21ST day of NOVEM-

BER 2024.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 14th day of JANUARY 2025, at 2:00 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 29, December 6, and 13,

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

Notice to: Kerry Gazaway, whose whereabouts are unknown Any unknown family members, whose whereabouts are unknown

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Judy

Gazaway and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Judy Gazaway was filed Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 22 day of NOVEMBER 2024.

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

the 14 day of JANUARY 2025, at 2:30 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

December 6, 13, and 20,

PUBLICATION NOTICE **NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION**

TO: Kendall Faith Moody. last known address: 4546 Pine Mountain Road, Remlap, AL 35133.

YOU WILL HEREBY TAKE NOTICE THAT, on the 27th day of February, 2024

came Plaintiff, Dustin Alan Goforth and filed his

YOU WILL HEREBY TAKE FURTHER NO-Kendall Faith Moody, whose last known address is 4546 Pine Mountain Road, Remlap, AL 35133 is required to answer Dustin Alan Goforth's Pe-

tition within fourteen (14) days after the last publication of this notice or thereafter a judgment by default may

be rendered against you in Case No: . CS- 20024-900023 District Court of Etowah County.

Stephanie Gillilan Attorney at Law 834 Chestnut Street Gadsden, AL 35901

November 15, 22, 29, and December 6, 2024

NOTICE OF **ADOPTION HEARING**

THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH

COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO:-2024-00608

IN RE: THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JIMMY HORTON AND LAURA

To: UNKNOWN FATHER WHEREABOUTS UN-

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption of a minor child born SONYA DELORIS HORTON on MARCH 29, 2019, was filed on SEP-TEMBER 9, 2024. Please be advised that if you intend to contest the same you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication with the Attorney for Petitioners whose name and address is listed below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902.

Attorney for Petitioner(s): John Floyd, Esq. 808 Chestnut Street Gadsden, AL 35901

Done this the 15th day of November, 2024.

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

November 22, 29, December 6 and 13,

NOTICE OF **HEARING**

THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

In The Matter of the Adoption Petition of LETI-TIA KING LUCAS CASE NO.: 2024-00573 CASE NO.: 2024-00574

Please take notice that

TO: UNKNOWN **FATHER** Address unknown.

a petition for adoption of children born to Mitonese Monique Lucas has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above. The minor children's date of births are December 14, 2007 and October 27, 2006. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is

> Attorney for Petitioner: Gerald Maxwell, Esquire 821 Tuscaloosa Avenue Gadsden, AL 35901

sidered terminated.

approved, your parental

rights, if any, will be con-

Given under my hand this the 22 day of November

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

November 29, December 6, 13, and 20,

NOTICE OF **ADOPTION HEARING**

THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO:-2024-00609

IN RE: THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JIMMY HORTON AND LAURA

To: UNKNOWN FATHER WHEREABOUTS UN-

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption of a minor child born SONYA DELORIS HORTON on MARCH 23, 2018, was filed on SEP-TEMBER 9, 2024. Please be advised that if you intend to contest the same you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication with the Attorney for Petitioners whose name and address is listed below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902.

Attorney for Petitioner(s): John Floyd, Esq. 808 Chestnut Street

Gadsden, AL 35901

Done this the 15th day of November, 2024.

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

November 22, 29, December 6 and 13,

NOTICE OF **HEARING**

THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO:-2024-00330

IN RE: MINOR NAME CHANGE

To: DEANGELO MAR BURY OR UNKNOWN **FATHER**

ABOUTS UNKNOWN

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Name Change of a minor child born to SHANIYIA RIGS-BY on NOVEMBER 9, 2020, was filed on MAY 30, 2024. Please be advised that if you intend to contest the same you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication with the Attorney for Petitioners whose name and address is listed below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama P.O. Box 187,

Attorney for Petitioner(s): Jennifer Tombrello, Esq. 2169 Clearbrook Road Hoover, AL 35226

Gadsden, AL 35902.

Done this the 14th day of November, 2024.

Scott W. Hassell

JUDGE OF PROBATE

November 22, 29, December 6 and 13,

NOTICE OF **PUBLICATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, **ALABAMA**

Civil Action No.: 31-CV-2023-900504

KENNETH GOLDWIRE, MARCHE GOLDWIRE, and NAMON MARTIN. Plaintiffs.

CHARLES

RICK, LESLIE DAR-LEROY LENE. WARDS, and DEBRA SATTIEWHITE. Defendants. TO: LEROY EDWARDS

KIRKPAT-

or his heirs or devisees, if deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown, and which cannot be ascertained after the exercise of reasonable diligence. You are hereby noti-

fied that on the 7th day

of December 2023, a

complaint for Ejectment was filed in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, and the following are the names of all parties to the action: KENNETH GOLDWIRE, MARCHE GOLDWIRE, NAMON MARTIN, KIRKPAT-CHARLES RICK, or his heirs or assigns if deceased, and

Estates of, unknown heirs

devisees, LESLIE DAR-

LENE, or her heirs or assigns if deceased, and Estates of, unknown heirs or devisees, LEROY ED-WARDS, or his heirs or assigns if deceased, and Estates of, unknown heirs

or devisees, DEBRA SATTIEWHITE, or her heirs or assigns if deceased, and Estates of: unknown heirs or devisees, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN, who are believed to have some right, title, interest in or claim to the real property which is the subject of this litigation as described in EXHIBIT A,

as if set out in full.

All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or any encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before December 6, 2024 else at the expiration of 30 days after last publication suffer judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall ht. used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Done on this 13th day of November 2024

/s/ William B. Ogletree Circuit Judge

Cassandra Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court Etowah County; Alabama

Attorney for the Plaintiff Alexander V. Davies, III. 201 20th Street South Irondale, AL 35210

EXHIBIT A Lot 4, in Block 8, in Glendale Subdivision to East Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book "E' page 53, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama.

Parcel ID: 15 06 13 2 000 051.000 Commonly known as: 1036 Glendale Avenue,

Gadsden, AL 35901 November 15, 22, 29,

and December 6, 2024 NOTICE OF FINAL **HEARING BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, **ALABAMA**

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY. a Public Corporation, Plaintiff.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0126

MADHAV

CORPORATION; ING **ETOWAH** COUNTY, CITY OF ALABAMA; GADSDEN; THE BANK; CADENCE BANK; that parcel of real property located at 3103 East Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35903 and having a legal description of: Lots Numbers Thirtyseven (37), Thirty-eight (38),Thirty-nine (39), (40), Forty-One Forty (41), Forty-two (42), Forty-three (43) and Fortyfour (44), in Block "C", in the Thompson Addition

to the City of Gadsden, Alabama, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 114 and 115, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID No. 14-04-19-0-001-027.000, PPIN: 26496; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or

interested parties claim-

ing any right, title, estate,

lien, or interest in the real

estate described herein,

Defendants.

MADHAV LODG-CORPORATION; THE BANK; CADENCE BANK, ETOWAH COUN-TY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, TAKE NOTICE that on

November 14, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the abovestyled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property

Lots Numbers Thirtyseven (37), Thirty-eight Thirty-nine (39), (40), Forty-One Forty (41), Forty-two (42), Forty-three (43) and Fortyfour (44), in Block "C", in the Thompson Addition to the City of Gadsden, Alabama, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 114 and 115, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon

Property Address: 3103

East Broad Street, Gads-

den, Alabama 35903

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROP-ERTY IS HEREBY NOTI-FIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REF-**ERENCED QUIET TITLE** which is attached hereto AND FORECLOSURE and incorporated herein ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for January 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Judge William Ogletree Judge Brynn Crain's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seg. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITH-IN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF RE-

DEMPTION. The address of the Gadsden Land Bank Authority is City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The Gadsden Land Bank Authority may be contacted care of Érin Patterson, City of Gadsden, at (256) 549-

IT IS THEREFORE OR-DERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the abovedescribed land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

> Dated this the 19th day of November, 2024. Cassandra Johnson, Cir-

cuit Clerk J. Lance Smith

Frederick & Smith, P.C. 200 Chestnut Street, Suite A Gadsden, AL 35901 Phone: (256) 543-3664

Turnbach, Warren, Rice,

Facsimile: (256) 543-LSmith@twlegal.us

December 6, 2024

November 22, 29, and

NOTICE OF FINAL **HEARING BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff.

BLAKE INVESTMENTS,

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0128

LLC; STEPHAN BLAKE SKELTON; REGIONS JOHN THRASHER ETOWAH ALABAMA; COUNTY. CITY OF GADSDEN; that parcel of real property located at 33 West Tuscaloosa Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35904 and having a legal description of: Lot Number Thirty-two (32) Parcel No. 1, as shown on map of property of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, recorded in Plat Book "G", Pages 51-65, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and subject to the easements and conditions contained in that deed from Cone Mills Corporation to J. T. Hollingsworth and wife, Sarah Maddux Hollingsworth, dated August 18, 1955, and recorded in Book 605, Page 91, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID 10-09-31-3-000-163.000; PPIN: 18579; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate,

TO BLAKE INVEST-MENTS, LLC; STEPHAN BLAKE SKELTON: RE-GIONS BANK; JOHN R. THRASHER; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA: CITY OF GADSDEN; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, TAKE NOTICE that on November 14, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the abovestyled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property:

lien, or interest in the real

estate described herein,

Defendants.

Number Thirty-two Lot (32) Parcel No. 1, as shown on map of property of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, recorded in Plat Book "G", Pages 51-65, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and subject to the easements and conditions contained in that deed from Cone Mills Corporation to J. T. Hollingsworth and wife, Sarah Maddux Hollingsworth, dated August 18, 1955, and recorded in Book 605, Page 91, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Property Address:

West Tuscaloosa Ave-

nue, Gadsden, AL 35904 ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROP-**ERTY IS HEREBY NOTI-**FIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REF-**ERENCED QUIET TITLE** FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for February 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Judge George Day's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITH-IN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF RE-DEMPTION.

The address of the Gadsden Land Bank Authority is City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The Gadsden Land Bank Authority may be contacted care of Érin Patterson, City of Gadsden, at (256) 549-

IT IS THEREFORE OR-DERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the abovedescribed land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Dated this the 19th day of November, 2024.

Cassandra "Sam" Johnson, Circuit Clerk

J. Lance Smith Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C. 200 Chestnut Street, Suite A Gadsden, AL 35901 Phone: (256) 543-3664

LSmith@twlegal.us November 22, 29, and

Facsimile: (256) 543-

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

December 6, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0129

REBAJ. HALL; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; that parcel of real property located at 329 Howell Circle, Gadsden, Alabama 35904 and having a legal description of: Lot Three (3), Block Three (3), in Woodland Park, as shown by map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book "E", page 105, in the Office of the Judge of Probate and lying and being in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID No. 16-01-01-3-000-324.000; 50059; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

REBA COUNTY, ETOWAH ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein,

TAKE NOTICE that on November 14, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the abovestyled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property

Lot Three (3), Block Three (3), in Woodland Park, as shown by map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book "E", page 105, in the Office of the Judge of Probate and lying and being in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Property Address: 329

Howell Circle, Gadsden, Alabama 35903 ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROP-**ERTY IS HEREBY NOTI-**FIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REF-**ERENCED QUIET TITLE** AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for January 29, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Judge Cody Robinson's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. judgment of the The Court may result in title

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to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITH-IN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF RE-DEMPTION.

The address of the Gadsden Land Bank Authority is City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The Gadsden Land Bank Authority may be contacted care of Erin Patterson, City of Gadsden, at (256) 549-4553.

IT IS THEREFORE OR-DERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the abovedescribed land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Dated this the 19th day of November, 2024.

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk

J. Lance Smith Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C. 200 Chestnut Street, Suite A Gadsden, AL 35901 Phone: (256) 543-3664

Facsimile: (256) 543-LSmith@twlegal.us

November 22, 29, and December 6, 2024

NOTICE OF FINAL **HEARING BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, **ALABAMA**

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0131

LEONARD FORTNEY: T.R. ROBERTS; JONA-THAN KING, PATH-FINDER BANK, DENNIS E. TWIGG; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA: CITY OF GADSDEN: that parcel of real property located at 1218 Belle Street. Gadsden. AL 35904 and having a legal description of: Lots 11 & 12 in Block 2 in W. A. Bell's Resurvey of Lot 12 of Clayton Plat #1 to Alabama City, according to the map or plat recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 196, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID 10-09-31-2-000-113.000: PPIN: 18339; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein. Defendants.

TO LEONARD FORT-NEY: T.R. ROBERTS: **JONATHAN** KING: PATHFINDER BANK: DENNIS E. TWIGG: **ETOWAH** COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein. TAKE NOTICE that on

November 14, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the abovestyled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real prop-

in W. A. Bell's Resurvey of Lot 12 of Clayton Plat #1 to Alabama City, ac-

Lots 11 & 12 in Block 2

cording to the map or plat recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 196, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Property Address: 1218 Belle Street, Gadsden, AL 35904 ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROP-ERTY IS HEREBY NOTI-FIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REF-**ERENCED QUIET TITLE** AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for January 29, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in Judge William Ogletree Judge Brynn Crain's Etowah Courtroom, County Courthouse, 801

Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITH-

The address of the Gadsden Land Bank Authority is City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The Gadsden Land Bank Authority may be contacted care of Erin Patterson, City of Gadsden, at (256) 549-4553.

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DEMPTION.

IT IS THEREFORE OR-DERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the abovedescribed land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Dated this the 19th day of November, 2024.

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk

J. Lance Smith Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C. 200 Chestnut Street, Suite A Gadsden, AL 35901 Phone: (256) 543-3664 Facsimile: (256) 543-

November 22, 29, and December 6, 2024

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NOTICE OF FINAL **HEARING BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY. **ALABAMA**

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY. a Public Corporation, Plaintiff.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0127

KEITH PETERS, deceased, his unknown heirs and successors; GI FNN PETERS: **HEATHER** PE-TERS; JUDY MOYER; SIG-NA ADCOCK; ALMA LEE LYLES; JACLYN SPRAYBERRY; ELIJAH SPRAY-BERRY CAROL HUCKABY; FTOWAH COUNTY, CITY OF AI ABAMA: GADSDEN: that parcel of real property located at 1 Perkins Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35904 and having a legal description of: Lot 139, Parcel #4 Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, according to map or plat thereof as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Plat Book "F", Pages 51-65, lying and being in Gadsden, (Formerly Alabama City) Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID No. 10-09-31-PPIN: 4-000-188.000:

other unknown heirs claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

TO KEITH PETERS. deceased, his unknown heirs and successors; GI FNN PETERS: HEATHER PE-TERS; JUDY MOYER; SIGNA ADCOCK; ALMA LEE LYLES; ELIJAH SPRAY-BERRY CAROL HUCK-ABY, ETOWAH COUN-TY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein.

TAKE NOTICE that on November 14, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the abovestyled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real prop-

Lot 139. Parcel #4 Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, according to map or plat thereof as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Plat Book "F" Pages 51-65, lying and being in Gadsden, (Formerly Alabama City) Etowah County, Ala-

Property Address: 1Perkins Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35904

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROP-**ERTY IS HEREBY NOTI-**FIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST. IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REF ERENCED QUIET TITLE **FORECLOSURE** ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for February 3, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in Judge Sonny Steen's Etowah Courtroom, County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITH-IN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF RE-

The address of the Gadsden Land Bank Authority is City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The Gadsden Land Bank Authority may be contacted care of Erin Patterson, City of Gadsden, at (256) 549-4553.

DEMPTION.

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Dated this the 3rd day of December, 2024

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk

J. Lance Smith Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C. 200 Chestnut Street Suite A Gadsden, AL 35901

Phone: (256) 543-3664 Facsimile: (256) 543-LSmith@twlegal.us

December 6, 13, and 20, 2024

NOTICE OF FINAL **HEARING BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, Complaint. ALABAMA

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation,

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0130

JOHN LARRY WILLIS;

COUNTY, **ETOWAH** CITY OF ALABAMA: GADSDEN; that parcel of real property located at 1012 7TH Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901 and having a legal description of: The East 30 feet of Lot 13, and the West 10 feet of Lot 15, in Block Number 18, of the Gadsden Land and Improvement Companies Kyle Addition to the City of Gadsden, as recorded in Book "A", Page 74 and 75, Probate office. Etowah County. Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID 15-03-05-04-000-178.000: PPIN: 37196: and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein.

TO JOHN LARRY WIL-LIS; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein. TAKE NOTICE that on

Defendants.

November 14, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the abovestyled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real prop-

erty The East 30 feet of Lot 13, and the West 10 feet of Lot 15, in Block Number 18, of the Gadsden Land and Improvement Companies Kyle Addition to the City of Gadsden. as recorded in Book "A". Page 74 and 75, Probate office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Property Address: 1012 7th Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901 ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST

AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for February 3, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in Judge Sonny Steen's Courtroom, County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. den, The Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITH-IN THE 5-DAY PERIOD

The address of the Gadsden Land Bank Authority is City Hall, 90 Broad Street. Gadsden. Alabama 35901. The Gadsden Land Bank Authority may be contacted care of Erin Patterson, City of Gadsden, at (256) 549-4553

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served with a copy of the

December, 2024.

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk

J. Lance Smith Turnbach, Warren, Rice,

Suite A Gadsden, AL 35901 Phone: (256) 543-3664 Facsimile: (256) 543-

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2024 ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PRO-POSED MODIFICATION OF THE OPERATING PERMIT UNDER THE ALABAMA HAZARDOUS MANAGE-WASTES MENT AND MINIMIZA-TION ACT (AHWMMA) AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS PUBLIC NOTICE - 421

Giant Resource Recovpermit in accordance with State regulations.

operator of a hazardous waste fuel blender and recycler facility. The facility receives hazardous waste from offsite generators in drums and bulk storage containers. Certain wastes are blended into a fuel which is then transferred to offsite facilities, such as lime and cement kilns, to be burned as supplemental fuels. Other wastes are repackaged and transferred to other facilities for further treatment, storage, or disposal. The purpose of this modification is to include the addition of Kruncher Warehouse #1, the incorporation of Internal Transfer Trailer protocols for moving containers between Kruncher Warehouse #1 and #2. an updated Construction Compliance Schedule, a change to the RCRA permitted boundary, and the inclusion of the Container Storage Processing Expansion, Storage P-1, and Kruncher Tank 10 as

Copies of the fact sheet, permit modification application and draft AH-WMMA permit are available for public inspection electronically via http:// adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/publicNotices. cnt and at the following location Monday – Friday (except legal holidays) during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A nominal fee for copying and/or mailing may be charged. Arrangements for copying should be made in advance.

Russell A. Kelly, Chief vision

Environmental Management Coliseum Blvd., 1400 Alabama Montgomery, 36110-2400 [Mailing address: P.O.

Persons wishing to comment may do so in writing or by email to the Department's named contact above within 45 days following the publication date of this notice. In order to affect final decisions, comments must offer technically substantial information that is applicable to the proposed permit.

A written request for a public hearing may also be filed within that 45-day period and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The Director shall hold a public hearing upon receipt of a significant number of techni-

After consideration of all written comments, review of any public hearing record, and consideration of the requirements of the AHWMMA, the Federal Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and applicable

regulations, the Department will make a final determination. The Department will develop a response to comments, which will become part of the public record and will be available to persons upon request. Notice will be sent to any person requesting notice of the

final action.

The Department maintains a list of interested individuals who are mailed legal notices regarding proposed permits. you wish to receive such notices, contact the Permits & Services Division via telephone (334-271-7714), e-mail (permitsmail@adem.alabama. gov), or postal service (P.O. Box 301463, Mont-

Notice is hereby given on this 9th day of December, 2024, by authorization of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

gomery, AL 36130-1463).

Lance R. LeFleur Director

Nondiscrimination Statement: The Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in the administration of its

ORDINANCE NO. O-53-24

Amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADS-DEN, ALABAMA, that Ordinance No. O-44-24 (Fiscal Year 2025 Budget) is further amended by transferring \$10,000 from account #001-9510-419.61.39 (Gadsden Arts Council) into account #001-6200-456.60.39 (Gadsden Arts Council).

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on November 26, 2024.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk December 6, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Civil Contractors, LLC P. O. Box 1210 Pinson, Alabama 35126. has completed the water line installation for The Reece City Water Department. also known as DWSRF PROJECT NO. FS010480-02 Contract no.1

CONTRACT NO. RC24 123. If anyone has any claims or concerns pertaining to this project should contact Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC at 130 Southwest Drive Suite 100 Homewood, Alabama 35209 or 205-951-3838. This notice will run 3 consecutive weeks.

SEWER WATER DRAIN-AGE CIVIL CONTRAC-TORS, LLC P.O. Box 1210 Pinson, AL 35126 205-617-2692

December 6, 13, and 20, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage unties will be auctioned on 12/11/2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the business premises of Southtowne Mini Warehouses. Southtowne is located at 199 Woodland Drive, off of Steele Station Road in Rainbow City, Alabama.

Ricky Hooks Unit 239

Janis Poleate Unit 407

Sahane Smith Unit 419

Belinda Edwards Unit 473

Wesley Williams

James/Melanie Kennedy

Unit 493

Unit 573 Meagan Garrard

Unit 614 Pinky Prewitt

Danielle Mead Unit 619

Unit 618

Austin Harden Unit 623

Lauri Price Unit 28-1B

Donnie Michelle

Unit 750 Lisa Rvdel Unit 5A-8 and 5A-9

Matt Belvins Unit 68-5 and 68-14

Southtowne Mini Warehouses 199 Woodland Drive Rainbow City, AL. 35906

November 29 and December 6, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

The following units will be auctioned or otherwise disposed of on December 13, 2024, on the premises of Attalla Self Storage located at Attalla Self Storage 704 Jones St SE, Attalla, AL 35954

Jennifer Parham Unit D10

Attalla Self Storage 704 Jones St SE

December 6 and 13,

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be disposed/auctioned by Lock Tite, LLC on December 13, 2024 at 11:00 am at 104 Green

Kellie Martin - Unit 80

Lock Tite. LLC. 104 Green Valley Road Glencoe, AL. 35905

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on January 17,

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UNI AUTOMOTIVE GROUP 2075 HWY 77

November 29 and December 6, 2024

POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on January 11, 2025

Silver

2007 Chevrolet Colorado

2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser

WAUDF48H38K013257

2003 Nissan Frontier Red

ER Towing 1733 Forrest Ave

November 29 and

NOTICE OF VEHICLE **POSSESSION**

abandoned

2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1GCEK19B65Z245141

AUTOMOTIVE UNI **GROUP** 2075 HWY 77 ATTALLA AL 35954 256-538-6600

December 6 and 13, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on January 17, 2025.

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IN THE ABOVE PROP-ERTY IS HEREBY NOTI-FIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REF-**ERENCED QUIET TITLE**

Etowah judgment of the

OF THE RIGHT OF RE-DEMPTION.

shall be used to perfect

Dated this the 3rd day of

Frederick & Smith, P.C. 200 Chestnut Street,

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December 6, 13, and 20,

NOTICE OF

Etowah County

ery – Attalla, Inc. (GRR) of Attalla, Alabama submitted to ADEM an application for modification of its operating permit for the storage containers and storage and treatment tanks which are used to manage hazardous waste at its facility (EPA I.D. Number ALD 070 513 767) located at 1229 Valley Drive, Attalla, Alabama. The Department has determined the facility's modification application to be complete and has prepared a draft

GRR is the owner and

being constructed.

Permits and Services Di-Alabama Department of

Box 301463; Zip 36130-14631 (334) 271-7714 permitsmail@adem.alabama.gov

cal requests.

NOTICE OF SALE

Valley Road, Glencoe, AL. 35905

December 6, 2024

2025.

ATTALLA AL 35954 256-538-6600

NOTICE OF VEHICLE

VIN: KMHDH4AE1BU083439

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VIN: 3C4FY4BB11T616884

2018 Ford Explorer

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2025. VIN#

POSSESSION

2023 Toyota Camry

Recovery 927 5th Ávenue NE Attalla, AL 35954 (256) 546-9994

December 6 and 13. 2024

service against all parties

who cannot be personally

MAY RESULT IN A LOSS

programs. December 6, 2024

2011 Hyundai Elantra

Maroon VIN:

2008 Audi A4 Blue

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Gadsden, AL 35901 (256)547-1549

December 6, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described vehicle(s) on January 17,

19051; and any and all

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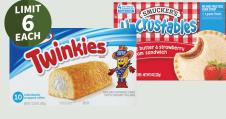




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