



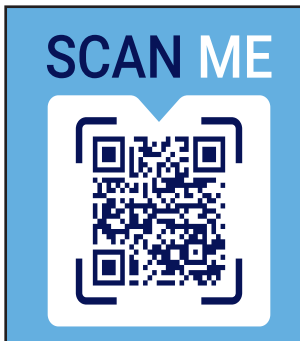
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Coosa Christian senior Cleto O'Bryant is a finalist for the Alabama Sports Writers Association's Lineman of the Year award.

Photo by Chris McCarthy



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Gadsden City senior T.J. Worthy was among several local high school football players who made the Alabama Sports Writers Association's 2024 All-State football team.

Photo by Chris McCarthy



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Charles Kelly was recently named Jacksonville State University head football coach.

Courtesy of AU Athletics

Boys and Girls Club looking forward to new year



Submitted photo

Volunteers at the Gadsden chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of America wrap presents for children at their Christmas party on Dec. 19.

By Lindsey Frazier
Staff Writer

The Gadsden chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of America recently hosted a Christmas party for club members providing some children their first ever wrapped present.

About 50 children were in attendance at the Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 19. Each child was able to pick a toy and have it gift wrapped by a member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Children were also given a choice of toboggan and book to go along with their Christmas present.

Brandon Hall, a staff member of the Gadsden chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of America (BGCA), DJ'd for the children. According to the Gadsden chapter's director Steven Williams, the children had a great time dancing, eating and picking out their presents.

Williams was born and raised in East Gadsden, his involvement with BGCA began at an early age. He was eight when his father passed away and that is when his mom signed him up for the club. Williams' concern is that the children are well prepared for success in life as adults.

"I'm a product of a single parent, so I can relate to a lot of the kids here," Williams said. "I have the opportunity to give back to the kids and I want to make sure the children here are well informed on different aspects of life here in Gadsden as well as taking them outside of Gadsden."

Throughout his life Williams volunteered or worked at BGCA, but when his son was born, he sought a steadier position at FedEx in Guntersville. His demanding schedule made childcare difficult, and Williams depended on the club for his son. He knew the club was a safe, positive environment for

his child.

He came back in the summer as a volunteer and found out the director position was open.

"It was God's timing," Williams said. "I was in the right place at the right time."

When he first started in October, Williams said a lot of kids were quiet and shy around him. He said he didn't know that some of them had the ability to talk because they were so quiet, but he says now he can't get them to be quiet.

"Now it's just amazing," Williams said. "I'm seeing a whole different side of them. A lot of it is the comfort and security [and knowing] that 'I can talk to Mr. Williams' so they can come and talk to me when they are having a bad day, or just when they have a problem and need to see a different side."

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Courtesy of City of Gadsden

The Gadsden Civil Service Board has named Vance Brown (pictured above) as the new Fire Chief for the City of Gadsden.

Vance Brown is Gadsden's new Fire Chief

The Gadsden Civil Service Board has named Vance Brown as the new Fire Chief for the City of Gadsden.

The hiring was announced at a recent Civil Service Board meeting, and Brown will officially take over the position at the end of this month.

"This is a critical position for the city, and I know Chief Brown will do a wonderful job leading the fire department," said Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford. "I want to thank the Civil Service Board for their diligence in interviewing and selecting our new chief, as well as all the candidates who stepped up and applied for this job. I also want to thank Interim Fire Chief Derrick Sherrell for his leadership during this transition and all the firefighters for their continued hard work and service to our citizens."

Brown is a 23-year veteran of the Gadsden Fire Department, having served as a firefighter, driver and most recently as commander.

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RaceWay in Attalla now open



Lindsey Frazier/Messenger

The RaceWay in Attalla officially opened on Thursday, Dec. 19 with a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration. The convenience store and fuel station offers diesel fuel, gasoline, fountain drinks, snacks, drinks, hot food and more. It is located at 309 3rd Ave NW. The location is perfect for attracting drivers travelling along 3rd Ave. NW, one of the main thoroughfares through Attalla. The store is situated on the stretch of road where Highway 11, Highway 431 and 3rd Ave, NW combine briefly. It is also the nearest fuel station with full-sized diesel fuel lanes with high flow diesel to downtown Attalla. The store is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration was attended by leaders with the City of Attalla, store staff members and members of the public. There was a celebratory cake and light refreshments offered. Attendees were also allowed inside to witness the brand new facility and inventory.



OBITUARIES



Charles Atchley

GADSDEN - Charles Atchley, age 80, passed away on December 20th, 2024. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 27th, 2024 at 1 p.m. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chris Gallagher will officiate the service.

Charles was a 1963 Graduate of Emma Sansom High School, Member of the Gadsden Church of Christ, Board of Directors Win-south Credit Union, Treasurer of Sar, President of North Alabama Genealogical Society and member of the Alabama Ham Radio.

Preceded in death by Glenda Atchley (Spouse) Onzell and Eddie Atchley Basal and Mary Baker, Donald Atchley, Ed Atchley and Sonni Atchley

Survived by Children Eddie Atchley, Angie Bryant, Jon Atchley, Sister in law's Janice Atchley and Carolyn Baker, Betty Atchley, Grandchildren, Colette, Hannah, Hunter, Spencer, London, Lydee, Braden, Reese, Haley, Tyler and 15 great grand children.

Special Thanks to Amedis Hospice and Church Family and Friends

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to Gadsden Church of Christ or flowers will be accepted.



Phillip Jon Crain

GADSDEN - Phillip Jon Crain, age 82, of Gadsden, Alabama passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2024.

A memorial visitation for Phillip will be held Friday, December 27, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Rainbow Presbyterian Church, 3220 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM.

Phillip Jon Crain, a life-long resident of Gadsden, Alabama, passed away peacefully at home on December 22, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born on December 26, 1941, Phillip graduated from Gadsden High School in 1959, where he met and married the love of his life, Judy Dawson Crain. Together, they shared 66 years of devotion and partnership.

Phillip's career began as a young boy working alongside his father, delivering tractors and farming equipment across the Southeast. He later joined Pioneer Life as an insurance salesman and transitioned to Republic Steel as a mail deliverer. Through determination and hard work, he rose to the accounting department. After 17 years of service, Phillip pursued a new path in the roofing industry, founding Federal Roofing Company. He successfully ran the business until his retirement.

A devoted member of Rainbow Presbyterian Church, Phillip served as a deacon and found joy in his faith and community. He cherished spending time outdoors—whether on the beach, boating on the river, or playing golf and cards with friends at the Gadsden Country Club.

Phillip was preceded in death by his parents, his son Jeff Crain; his brother Ray Crain; and his sister, Carol Crain. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judy; his children, Jon (Pam) Crain, James Crain, Thomas (Tiffany) Crain, and Jenny Crain (Brent) Means; his grandchildren, Brynn (Mary Catherine), Jake, Ben (Olivia), Gabriel (Payton), Romie, Ellis, Carter, and Harper; and great-grandchildren, McCartney, Beau, Cayson, Eloise, and twins expected in the spring. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to ACG Hospice, especially Misty Patterson, Candy White, Sharon Mabrey, and Slayde Mizelle, for their compassionate care.

Phillip's legacy of love, kindness, and hard work will forever live in the hearts of those who knew him.

Peggy June Price

Peggy June Price, 84, of Southside, AL, passed away peacefully on December 17, 2024. She was born in Mt. Olive, Mississippi, on June 5, 1940.

She is survived by her

daughter, Janice (Alex) Patton; grandsons, Beau (Brittney) Patton and Casey (Casey) Patton; great grandchildren, Rylan, Rose and Kat; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service for Peggy will be announced at a later date.

May she rest in peace.



Teresa Green Kitchens

GADSDEN - Teresa Green Kitchens, age 63, of Gadsden, AL, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 22, 2024. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, December 27, 2024, at Collier-Butler Funeral Home. Bro. Van Lockridge will officiate. Burial will follow at Rainbow Memorial Gardens. Collier-Butler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Teresa was a 1979 graduate of Gadsden High School and a graduate of Jacksonville State University with a master's degree in education. She worked in the Attalla School System for 27 years. She attended church at Edgewood Baptist Church and later attended Parkway Baptist Church. Teresa was a free spirit. She loved to spend her time at the knit shop with a special group of ladies. She liked to travel, read, and watch classic movies. She loved music and enjoyed going to concerts. Above all Teresa loved her family, especially her grandson who affectionally called her Yaya.

Teresa was preceded in death by her dad, Harold Lee Green; and special fur baby, Maggie.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years Mack Kitchens; daughter, Cassie (Mark) Scruggs; grandson, Carter Scruggs; mother, Gracie Green; sister, Donna (Tim) Dail; nieces, Mylee (Bryce) Anderson and Mollie Dail; chosen grandson, Colby Hopper; special cousin, Diane Casey; and a host of extended family.

Pallbearers will be family. The family wishes to ex-

press a special thanks to Dr. Kinner Patel and Supriya Maheshwari at UAB; the staff at MCCU at UAB; Dr. James Robinson; and Dr. Josh Gautney at St. Vincent's East.

The family will accept friends from 12:00 pm until the hour of the service at Collier Butler Funeral Home on Friday.

Patricia Ann Burger Stanfield

GADSDEN - Patricia Ann Burger Stanfield, age 86, of Gadsden, Alabama passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2024.



Terry Daniel Dennison

FYFFE - It is with great sorrow that we announce the unexpected and sudden passing of beloved brother, Terry Daniel Dennison, 62, of Fyffe Alabama on December 17, 2024.

Terry was born on December 10, 1962, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Terry lived the last 25 years of his life in northeast Alabama. He retired from Goodwill Industries in Gadsden, Alabama in 2016. To those who knew and loved him, he was a hard worker, dependable, and very likable.

Terry is preceded in death by his father, Terry Neal Dennison; and mother, Frances Carolyn Dennison.

Terry is survived by his brother, Tony Dennison and wife, Liza, of Altoona, Alabama; sister, Kim Dennison, of Atlanta, Georgia; brothers, Cory Dennison and wife, Angie, of Decatur, Illinois; Benny Dennison and wife, Peggy, of Brodhead, Kentucky; and Jeff Dennison and wife Terri, of Glen-coe, Alabama; and former wife, Tracie Beavers.

Funeral services will be held at Morgan Funeral Chapel on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. The family will receive visitors in the Chapel from 12 p.m. until the time of service. Burial will fol-

low at Oak Hill Cemetery in Attalla, AL. Pastor Harvey Beck, of Oneonta, Alabama, will officiate

Serving as pallbearers will be Tony Dennison, Cory Dennison, Benny Dennison, Jeff Dennison, and John Dennison. The honorary pallbearer will be Myron Bohanon Jr.

Special thanks are given to Mona Allen, Director of Haymon Homes and staff. Caregiver Jenette Hodges.



Mary Helen Allred

RAINBOW CITY - Mary Helen Allred, age 75, of Rainbow City, Alabama passed away on Monday, December 23, 2024, in Gadsden, Alabama where she has lived the majority of her life.

Funeral services will be held on 28th of December at 12 noon at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2001 Noccacala Road, Gadsden. Visitation will be immediately preceding the services. Morgan Funeral Chapel and Crematory directing.

Ms. Allred was born on May 31, 1949, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. She is preceded in death by her Father Ralph Howard Allred and Mother Frances Louise Allred.

She is survived by her son, Jackie (Helen) Allred; five grandchildren, Rion, Taylor, Ethan, Jackson, and Isaac; her six siblings, Camille (Danny) Browning, Karen (Marc) Carswell, Myra (JR) Vance, Jean (Charlie) Eubanks, Annette Pendencygraft, and David (Paula) Allred; dearest friends, Kim Battles and Sheree Espera.

She has served others her entire life. Her greatest joy was her five beautiful grandchildren. She loved to travel with her family. She also served in many callings in the church - Relief Society Presidency, Primary, Young Women Presidency, Sunday School Teacher, Newsletter Editor and years as an ordinance worker in the Birmingham, Alabama Temple. She also spent numerous hours creating burial robes for the local nonprofit organization, Angel Robes

Alabama.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angel Robes Alabama.

Services for Mrs. Allred will be held at the Church of the Latter Day Saints, 2001 Noccacala Rd, Gadsden, AL 35904, on Saturday, December 28, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Visitation will be prior to the service at 11:00 a.m.



James Thomas Roper

RAINBOW CITY - James Thomas Roper, age 88, of Rainbow City, AL, passed away on December 17, 2024.

Tom was born in Etowah County on April 4, 1936. He graduated from Glen-coe High School in 1954 and earned his degree from Jacksonville State University in 1976. Tom was an Eagle Scout and a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Germany. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, where he volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Manna of Gadsden, Kairos Prison Ministries International, and Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, he was an organ donor and contributed more than 10 gallons of blood to the Red Cross.

Tom is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty Gail Roper; sons James Thomas (Lisa) Roper Jr. and Jeffrey Dale (Tammie) Roper; daughter Elizabeth Roper (Paul) Panik; grandchildren William Paul (Rachael) Panik, Benjamin Scott (Brittney) Roper, Michael Thomas (Peyton) Panik, Andrew Wesley (Molly) Panik, Abigail Claire Roper, and Isabella Hayden Roper; and great-grandson Wesley Thomas Panik.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service, reception, and visitation at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter in Gadsden, AL, on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at 1 p.m. Interment will follow at the Holy Comforter Columbarium, with Rev. Carl M. Saxton II, Rector of the church, officiating.

Honorary pallbearers will include Milton Blevins and his grandchildren.

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NEWS

Church of the Highlands holds annual Giving Hope



Submitted photo

Toys sit on display for parents to select from during Church of the Highlands's annual Giving Hope event.

Church of the Highlands hosted its annual Giving Hope Experience, where families in need shop for Christmas gifts for their children at no cost. This year's event took place on Saturday, December 14, at over 26 campus locations across Alabama and Georgia, bringing joy and hope to thousands of children and their families.

By meeting the tangible need of Christmas gifts and sharing the love of Jesus, Church of the Highlands is giving the lifelong gift of hope to families who might otherwise struggle during this season. Local community centers and schools have nominated families in need, who participated in the uplifting event at the Highlands campus nearest to them.

Highlands' members and attendees generously donated gifts leading up to the event, adopting packets to shop for children's specific gender and age groups. On the day of the event, the Highlands Dream Team—a group of dedicated volunteers—served families in a variety of ways. Parents were paired with a shopping partner to hand-select gifts for their children, which were then wrapped by the team and loaded into their cars. Volunteers offered refreshments, inventoried supplies and were available to pray with families.

Last year, the Giving Hope Experience impacted nearly 10,000 children and over 3,500 families. This year, the event continued to grow, reaching even more families across the region. An exact number of families impacted was not yet available at the time of publication.

For more information about the Giving Hope Experience, including how to donate or volunteer, visit www.churchofthehighlands.com/hope.

GSCC joins forces with Gadsden's Narcotics Unit

Gadsden State Community College announced a collaborative partnership with the Gadsden Police Department aimed at strengthening public safety efforts in the community.

As part of this initiative, the GSCC Police Department will be adding officers to GPD's Street Crimes and Narcotics (SCAN) Unit, further enhancing the resources available for combating drug-related crimes in Gadsden.

The partnership represents a continued commitment to ensuring the safety and

well-being of GSCC students, faculty, staff, and the broader community. By joining forces with the highly trained officers of the Gadsden Police Department's SCAN Unit, GSCC is taking proactive steps to address the growing concerns of illegal drug activity and trafficking.

"We are excited to enhance our collaboration with the Gadsden Police Department and extend our support to the SCAN Unit," said Gadsden State Police Chief Jay Freeman. "This partnership strengthens our ability to maintain safe and secure campus-

es within the city limits of Gadsden while contributing to broader safety initiatives in the community. Our commitment to the safety of our students, staff, and faculty remains unwavering, and we will continue to innovate and collaborate to create the safest environment possible for all."

The GSCC officers assigned to the SCAN Unit will undergo specialized training alongside GPD officers, allowing for a seamless integration of efforts. These officers will work in coordination with GPD's experienced narcotics officers to identify

and address drug-related issues more effectively, increase enforcement, and disrupt trafficking operations.

"We are grateful for President Kathy Murphy and Gadsden State Community College's support and their commitment to making our community safer," said Mayor Craig Ford. "This partnership is another proactive step in reducing drug activity in our city, and it benefits not just the college but all residents of Gadsden."

This initiative will officially take effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

Mah Jongg club has successful fourth quarter

Wednesday Mah Jongg winners for October were Gwen Bonner (1900), Grace Lehmann (1855) and Connie Coley (1830).

Wednesday Mah Jongg winners for November were Gwen Bonner (1455), Grace Lehmann (1070) and Mary Fielder (825).

The 2024 hand worth 75 points on Wednesday in October was by Becky Campbell, Gwen Bonner and Rose Weathington.

The Friday Mah Jongg winners for October were Gwen Bonner (1675), Genni Arledge (1185) and Donna Spraggins (1010).

The Friday Mah Jongg

winners for November were Donna Spraggins (1365), Gwen Bonner (1340) and Jean Watson (1160).

The 2024 hand worth 75 points on Friday in October was by Jean Watson.

The 2024 hand worth 75 points on Friday in November was by Becky Campbell and Gwen Bonner.

Winners for the year on Wednesday were Grace Lehmann (17,435), Gwen Bonner (15,650) and Jane King (11,980).

Winners for the year on Friday were Donna Spraggins (13,625), Gwen Bonner (12,425) and Jane King (10,450).

The 2024 hand worth 75 points for the year were by Becky Campbell (9), Gwen Bonner (5) and Barbara Russell (3).

Celebrating October birthdays were Pam Raines, Susan Davidson, Connie Coley, Genni Arledge and Rose Weathington. Celebrating a December birthday was Norma McMahan.

The club welcomed new players Jean Watson and Celeste Hilburn.

The club celebrated its annual Christmas Party at Jane King's clubhouse.

The club wishes to extend thanks to Donna Spraggins for providing scoresheets for

both groups; Barbara Russell for scorekeeping on Wednesdays and Gwen Bonner for scorekeeping on Fridays; Melba Jamison for providing weekly snacks for both groups; players who provided snacks for the host family and players; players who provided their mah jongg sets, tables and table covers; and Mary Fielder, Barbara Russell and Gwen Bonner for prizes, thoughts and prayers for those who were sick and lost loved ones.

The group plays Mah Jongg three to four times a week as well as eating out, going to the plays at Theater of Gadsden, bingo, attend-

ing concerts, playing bingo at Back Forty and participating in 10K school activity.

Submitted by Gwen Bonner

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The Southside High School chapter of Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy recently completed its Do Good December service project by providing blankets and cards of encouragement to cancer patients at Gadsden Regional Medical Center. The SHS students meet once a month to learn how to be responsible and caring leaders among their communities and participate in three service projects throughout the school year.

Photo submitted.

GSCC Health Sciences holds pinning for LPNs

The Gadsden State Community College Health Sciences Division recognized students earning their associate degree in Licensed Practical Nursing during a Dec. 18 pinning ceremony on the Valley Street Campus. The Fall Semester 2024 graduates are:

Ashley Storey, of Ashville; Brittany Jackson, of Attalla; Lachantris Colton, Montana Johnson, Nebrija Kyle and Chantara Williams, of Gadsden; and Britnee Crozier and Taylor Hood, of Rainbow City. Students presented with awards for achievement during the ceremony included Riley Jones, recipient of the high-

ly-coveted Florence Nightingale Award, which recognizes those who are the most committed to caring and compassionate nursing care.

The Excellence in Academic Achievement Award recognizes the nursing graduate with the highest grade point average. The recipient was Allie Taylor.

Students awarded the Academic Achievement Award for above-average grades and performance were Lachantris Colton, Ashantsys Hester, Taylor Hood, Brittany Jackson, Emily Lujano, Sarah Nastally, Katherine Pearl, Ashley Storey and Chantara Williams.

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Gadsden development given \$1mil for affordable housing project

Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (FHLBank Atlanta) recently announced the recipients of its 2024 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) General Fund awards. Through the program, more than \$55 million in grant funding is being awarded to 66 affordable housing initiatives in 12 states and Washington D.C. to assist in the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or preservation of more than 4,200 affordable rental and homeownership units.

"Each year, we are proud of how our member institutions leverage this annual fund to strengthen their communities and expand access to affordable housing," said FHLBank Atlanta President and CEO Kirk Malmberg. "In total, FHLBank Atlanta contributed a record \$120 million this year to affordable housing and community development efforts, and across the Federal Home Loan Bank System, more than \$1 billion is being deployed in 2024 to address the growing need for afford-

able housing nationwide." AHP General Funds are awarded annually through a competitive application process and distributed through FHLBank Atlanta member financial institutions. Since the program's inception in 1990, FHLBank Atlanta Bank has awarded more than \$921 million in General Fund grants, providing more than 138,000 housing opportunities for moderate-, low-, and very low-income households.

AHP River Hill Estates Project is receiving a \$1,000,000 grant toward the rehabilitation of 60 multifamily affordable rental units in Gadsden.

This grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta will be distributed through The Exchange Bank of Alabama. It is one of three affordable housing projects in Alabama that is being awarded funds through the program. In total, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta is giving \$3 million to support the construction or rehabilitation of 250 rental units

in the state. FHLBank Atlanta's Director of Community Investment Services Tomeka Strickland said, "We are pleased to partner with 31 member financial institutions and 57 local developers and community organizations whose commitment and dedication make it possible to bring these resources into communities. Together, we are building stronger communities, ensuring more families have a safe, affordable place to call home."

The Bank's Targeted Community Lending Plan and the AHP Implementation Plan will be published in January 2025 in preparation for the next AHP General Fund round to open during the second quarter of 2025. Potential applicants must work with an FHLBank Atlanta member financial institution to complete the AHP application. A list of member financial institutions is available on the FHLBank Atlanta website at www.fhlbatl.com.

Local student wins Lions Club contest

Emma Samson Middle School student Jessica Harbin recently first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Gadsden Lions Club. Harbin's poster was among more than 600,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions International sponsors the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

Harbin's poster exhibits originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, Peace Without Limits.

"Peace exists everywhere with a little bit of hard work," said Harbin.

Gadsden Lions Club President Mollie Smith was impressed by the creativity and execution. "Jessica has a strong idea about what peace means to her, with magnificent talent to express it. I truly believe we will be seeing her work in galleries nationwide one day. I'm so proud that her poster will represent our club."



Submitted photo

Gadsden Lions Club President Mollie Smith (right) presents Emma Samson Middle School student Jessica Harbin with a first-place award for Harbin's entry in the club's annual International Peace Poster Contest.

Visit www.facebook.com/GADSDENLIONSCLUB/ for more information on Gadsden Lions Club.

Boys and Girls Club of Gadsden

- From 1A

Most importantly, Williams said, the club gives children a positive environment where they can be around other kids their age and staff members they know they can trust to help them no matter what.

"A lot of times all a kid needs is to know they're safe," said Rick Johnson BGCA mental health coordinator. "To know someone cares about them and know somebody will listen to them."

Those three things are where trust is built, Johnson said. Williams has already built trust with the kids at BGCA by being there to listen to them, according to Johnson.

"I can see him walk out there and they listen to him," Johnson said. "It's not because he is being aggressive, it's that he has already built that trust. Now, that's the respect level being given back to him."

This month is Williams' second month as director of BGCA. He said his plan is to take the club in a different direction and expose the children and teens to various activities they would not typically have the opportunity to participate in.

In January, Williams plans on

starting specialty programs for the children and teens to help them learn business and life skills. Programs like "Passport to Manhood" and "Smart Girl Moves."

"These programs that we have at the Boys and Girls Club will be very, very insightful and will give them the skills they need to grow and become a successful person," Williams said.

At BGCA the first thing the children do when they arrive in the afternoon is complete their homework. They call it the "power hour." The club has an incentives program called "the power supply store" where children can bring in their report cards and test grades and receive points they can use toward items in the store.

Johnson said the club is more than just a daycare — It is a facility to build the children up to be successful. Johnson and Williams are advocates for education and mental well-being. They teach things like coping skills, anger management and decision making.

The club accepts children from ages five - 18. Williams said he

wants people to remember they are there. He wants parents to know that it is a good environment for their children and that the club is there to support and help the kids, parents and community.

"It's more than just a place to send your kids," Johnson said. "What's encouraging is, if you look at Mr. Williams, he's a product of the boy and girls club, but not only that, he felt safe enough to have his son go through it too."

Sign-up for the club is free currently. Williams said you can sign your child up at the facility. There are also sign-up sheets at the schools.

The club currently has transportation for after school drop-off at George W. Floyd Elementary, Donehoo Elementary, Oscar W. Adams Elementary, Striplin Elementary and Gadsden Middle. They want to expand their reach, but Williams said the distance may be too far for some parents. He said they are looking for a way to resolve that.

Williams said donations and volunteers are always needed and welcome.

Brown named new Gadsden Fire Chief

- From 1A

"This is an amazing opportunity, and I'm honored and humbled to be able to serve the city and lead such a great department," Brown said. "I want to thank Mayor Ford for taking us in a great direction, and I'm going to continue to do the same with the fire department."

Earlier this year, the Gadsden Fire Department reached the milestone of being fully staffed for the first time in several years.

Under the current city administration, firefighter wages have been increased with new incentives added for paramedics.

Other improvements in recent years include the purchase of new trucks and equipment, as well as the building of new fire stations. One of those is Fire Station No. 5, which is currently under construction at Noccalula Falls Park as

part of large-scale renovations on the campground side of the park.



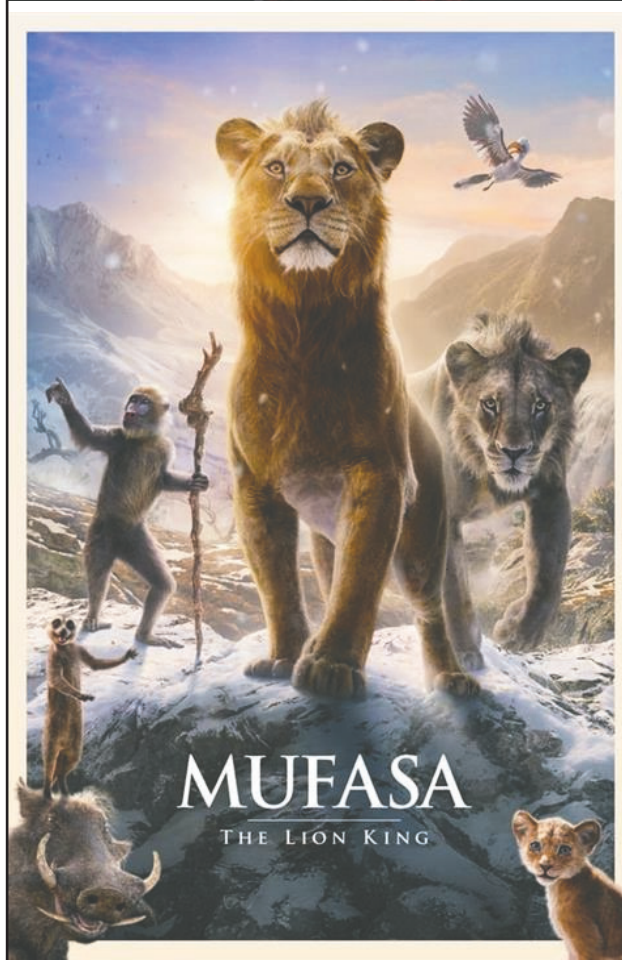
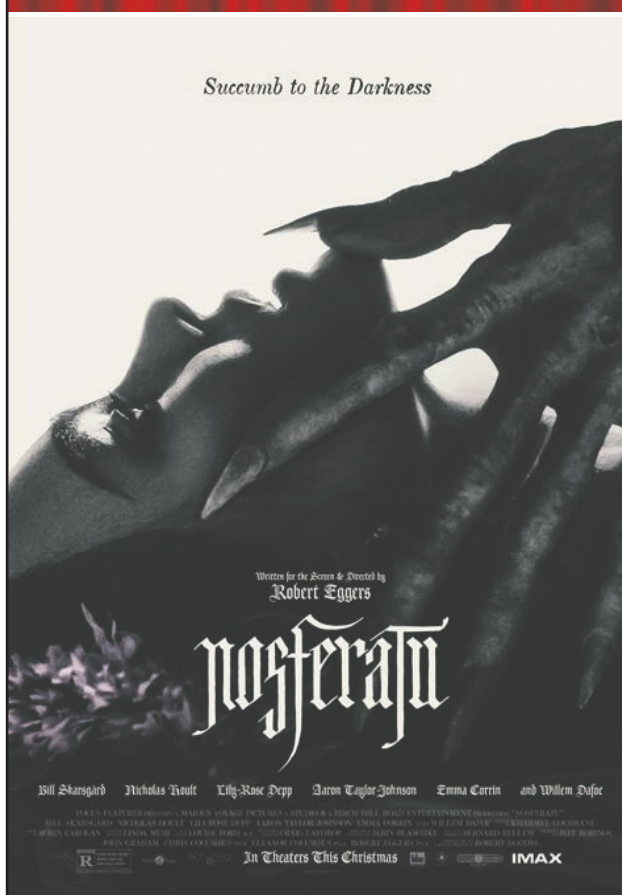
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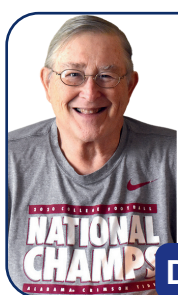


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Gadsden had its own Columbo in early 19th century



Looking at the History

Danny Crowover

Back in the day, town marshals and police chiefs of Gadsden were expert students of human nature. Much of their success in catching and convicting criminals was due to that fact. These men made few mistakes and were usually able to size up any situation that might arise.

These local lawmen did not beat confessions out of prisoners. Rather, they simply went about their jobs.

In June of 1900, a man named Richard Hendricks worked in the mines located about four miles north of Gadsden. On his

first visit to town, he went into the store of the Acker Brothers, operated by Bill and Pete Acker. Hendricks approached Ed Lickfold, who operated a watch repairing shop in the front of the store. Hendricks asked Lickfold to look at a watch and tell him the cost for repairing it.

While Lickfold was examining the watch, Hendricks apparently stole a \$40 watch hanging in a case for watches that had been repaired. Lickfold soon discovered his loss and reported it to Gadsden Police Chief Henry C. White (pictured at right), who along with patrolman Bill Thornton soon rounded up Hendricks, who claimed that another man had possession of the watch.

Failing to find the watch in that man's possession, the officers began to think that perhaps there

was an accomplice in the theft. However, further investigation showed that, outside of the proprietors and the clerks, Hendricks was the only man in Acker's store at the time of the theft.

Feeling dissatisfied about not finding the watch on Hendricks but believing him to be the thief, Chief White went to the county jail with the "bone of a black cat," to quote one person of that period. The chief rubbed the bone across Hendricks' chest, telling him that if he told any more lies, he would be "infested with snakes and lizards in less than a week and he would soon dwindle away and die."

It turned out that Hendricks was mortally afraid of a bone taken from a black cat, and he promptly confessed.

"Chief White, I'll tell you the

truth," said Hendricks. He told the chief that he would find the watch in a pile of wastepaper in the rear of the store, which was where it was found.

That black cat bone worked in several cases when the officers knew that the accused person was superstitious.

Chief White was one of the best detectives Gadsden ever had, and he and his patrolmen usually knew everything that went on in town. Hardly a day passed that White did not warn some boy about his mischievous conduct, warning him against the danger of graduating into the criminal class. He seemed to know where the boys were at night. When White had the curfew law to back him up, he saw to it that every boy under 18 years of age was off the streets by 9 p.m. every night.



Photo by Danny Crowover

Of Christmases past and Mommas everywhere



Memoir Musings

Sandra Bost

I watched "The Man Who Invented Christmas" for the first time earlier this week. It is the true story of Charles Dickens's inspiration for "A Christmas Carol" and how that story began to change the landscape of the Yuletide in England.

Pondering the idea of the invention of Christmas reminded me of the dozens of social media posts I have recently read about how the magic of Christmas we experience as children is really just a mom who loved us so much. I can relate. Can you?

Growing up in our family, the Christmas season started right after Thanksgiving. Momma always made sure that Daddy put the colored lights on the artificial tree so that we could slather it in all of the homemade ornaments and tinsel we could find. Burl Ives was sure to be playing on the record player while wassail tea simmered on the stove. Some years we had a live tree

and sometimes we strung popcorn garland, but every year we gathered as a family to decorate for the magical season.

Of course, Santa was a large part of my childhood Christmases. Momma and Daddy went to great lengths to preserve that tradition for my sister and me. If you ask me, they went a little too far, since I was probably the only sixth grader who still believed in Santa.

Sensing that I was growing out of my Santa era, during Christmas Eve of my sixth grade year Momma borrowed a Santa suit and convinced a family friend to visit our house in the middle of the night. I can see it like it was yesterday. She and Daddy woke us up, shushing us, as they led us to the doorway of the den where the Christmas tree stood. We peeked around the corner to see Santa taking gifts out of his bag with a "Ho, ho, ho" or two thrown in for effect.

I remember being so sure that it was my Papaw and the feeling of disbelief when I looked over my shoulder to see Daddy and Papaw standing behind me. It was enough for my naive heart to believe for one more year (or two).

We always opened presents on Christmas morning. If we ever struggled financially, you would never have known it around our tree. Momma took such joy in buying presents for my sister and I, and

she always made sure that everyone had the most beautifully wrapped packages to tear through. As we got a little bit older, the flinging of wrapping paper would be paused for the reading of the first Christmas from Luke 2. Daddy would read the sacred story and we would pray together. Those are the moments I remember.

I don't remember having matching pajamas or if I got all of the presents I asked for. I don't remember if Momma was stressed or if my sister and I argued. I just remember the sounds, the smells and the sweetness of gathering with the ones I loved most to celebrate The One who loves us most.

It would be decades after those first Christmases that my heart would understand Momma's compulsion to create the most elaborate holiday possible for her little family. Only after I became a momma could I possibly grasp the labor of love it would take to create magical memories for my own little family.

So, who is the real inventor of Christmas? Not to take anything away from Mr. Dickens (because what would Christmas be without a viewing of the 1970's musical Scrooge?), but the answer, of course, is Jesus. For He is The Creator, The Reason, The One who came. He is only reason there is Christmas. However, if your question is, "Who makes the magic of Christ-

mas," well, that's easy. The answer is emphatically "Momma!"

Thank you, Momma and thanks to mommas everywhere! Your tireless efforts are seen, and your sacrifices are received. Even if they don't know it yet, (because how could they), one day your children will mirror you along with the traditions you created - the smells, the songs and the feelings. They won't remember the presents; they will only remember you.

"You are their memories. You are their magic. You are their Christmas."

- "It Will Be You," author unknown

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We truly are living in the future

We are living in the future, friends. It is hard to believe the New Year is upon us already, but even harder to believe that New Year is 2025. We've all heard the "we were promised flying cars" jokes — I think about The Jetsons episodes I loved watching as a kid every time I hear that. But, when I stop and think about the world that existed before I was in high school, versus the world we are living in now, it is pretty mind-blowing.

I remember a world before cell phones and laptops. I remember a world before microwaves and back up cameras. And sometimes I agree with those who lament the changes that have resulted from these inventions. But, more often I am just in awe over the things many of us never dreamed of existing that we don't bat an eyelash over now.

Take, for the most obvious example, cell phones. I remember when I was about 15 and my grandmother had just bought a brand-new "car phone." It was huge, heavy, had multiple cords, plugged into the cigarette lighter and came in a bulky bag. I think it must have also cost about \$100 a minute to use. It was absolutely only for emergencies. When I think about that monstrosity compared to the sleek computer I use to make calls now, and about the fact

that I know close to zero people who still have "landlines," I feel close to the Jetsons' world.

My car is another "I'm living in the future" part of life. I remember my parents driving cars without power steering. I remember a push button starter on the floorboard of an old truck, vehicles without seat belts, station wagons with rear-facing, restraint-free seats. I remember having to turn and look over my shoulder to back up. Now, sensors tell me exactly which kid has unbuckled before the car is in park, if someone is beside me before I change lanes, how close I am to crossing the stripes, if there is space to back up and more. There are driverless cars wreaking all kinds of havoc across the country in testing pilots. How far cars have come since my childhood is absolutely mind-blowing.

I talk about preparing for the future with my kids and students a lot. My experiences before cell phones and lane-assist cars are always fun to laugh about in class, but the future is something most of us worry over to some extent. I have settled on a couple of quotes that I share with students and my children frequently. The first is "Luck favors the prepared." What might seem like luck to someone on the outside view-

ing your life is more likely just evidence of preparation for the situation. Someone took the time and had the initiative to do the next right thing. A friend lands a new job? They had to prepare with training, education and experience to qualify. A student aced a difficult exam? They prepared by studying in advance. The examples are endless for this one.

Sometimes, though, the next right step is difficult to see through the fog of the unknown. In these situations, I encourage students and my kids and myself to imagine their ideal future. Who do they want to be? What schedule do they want to have? How fulfilling do they envision their career? This is when I often quote Eleanor Roosevelt to them: "I am who I am today because of decisions I made yesterday."

Imagining who or where you want to be in the future has a way of clearing up ambiguity in the present.

Often, we can't begin to imagine what the future holds. The joys, the hurts, the sorrows, the gifts that wait for us in the future are unknown. As Khalil Gibran said, "Yesterday is but today's memory, and tomorrow is today's dream." We cannot begin to know for sure the ups and downs that await us in 2025. But we can imagine the best possible future for ourselves and



our loved ones and work toward preparing for it.

As you look to the New Year, it is my hope that you will live your best year yet. That we will each experience, as Ralph Waldo Emerson put it, "tomorrow [as] a new day. You shall begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day ... is too dear with its hopes and invitations to waste a moment on the rotten yesterdays." Happy New Year, Reader!

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Frozen Christmas Salad, Millionaire Fudge and Christmas Jam Cake

Frozen Christmas Salad

- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 16 ounces crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large bananas, cubed
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice (sprinkle over bananas as soon as they are cubed)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla (clear if you can find it)
- 1 cup mixed candied fruit
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 12 ounces Cool Whip

Mix all ingredients together and freeze in a mold or pan.

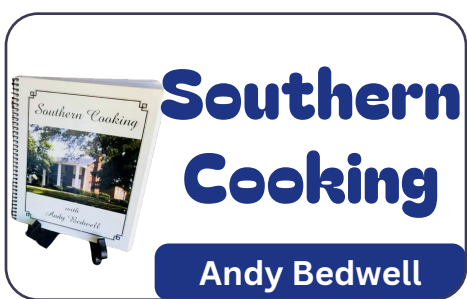
Millionaire Fudge

- 9 cups sugar
- 2 large cans Pet milk
- 20 ounces marshmallow cream
- 6 packages chocolate chips
- 2 sticks butter
- 2 cups chopped pecans

Mix sugar, pet milk and butter. When butter melts, add chocolate chips and boil for one minute. Pour into a buttered pan and cool before cutting into squares. Pecans can be omitted.

Christmas Jam Cake

- 1 cup Crisco shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup jam
- 1 teaspoon all-spice
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups flour (sifted before you measure)



- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 3 tablespoon cocoa
- 3 eggs

Mix all of the spices, cocoa and flour, then sift together. Beat soda into buttermilk. After creaming Crisco and sugar, beat in one egg at a time. Do not over beat the eggs. Alternate the milk and soda mix with flour. Beat in the jam last. This makes a two layer cake. Bake at 325 degrees for about 20-25 minutes.

Butter Filling:

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup of heavy cream or whole milk

Cook in a heavy boiler until it forms a firm ball tested in cold water. Set aside until cool and then beat in 2/3 stick of margarine until creamy and spreading consistency.

Happy Holiday Cooking,
Andy

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

THE MESSENGER'S PICK FOR EVENT OF THE WEEK

Christmas on the Coosa

ONGOING: Get ready for the 2nd Annual Christmas on the Coosa ice-skating experience. The ice rink is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The ice rink near Moragne Park will close for the season on Jan. 4. For more information, call Janet Tarrance at 256-549-4658 or Valerie Galbreath at 256-549-4643.



Submit events by email to khoskins@gadsdenmessenger.com.

December 27 – 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

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December 27 – Jan. 2
The American Red Cross is sponsoring several blood drives during the holiday season. Local drives will be held Friday, Dec. 27 from 1 - 6 p.m. at Gadsden Mall-Premiere Cinemas located at 1001 Rainbow Drive; Monday, Dec. 30 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Rainbow City Municipal Complex located at 3700 Rainbow Drive; and Tuesday, Jan. 2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Gadsden Public Library located at 254 South College Street.

December 31
Countdown to noon to

celebrate the New Year at a child-appropriate time in Imagination Place. Enjoy noisemakers, a balloon drop and snacks. Free for members, included with admission for non-members.

February 1
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Etowah County will host Mardi Gras 2025 on Feb. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. at 210 on the Tracks in downtown Gadsden. Individual tickets are \$50 each. Sponsorship level are Platinum for \$1,000, Gold for \$750 and Silver for \$500. The event includes music, food and a raffle. Costumes are encouraged. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 256-546-5079.

Ongoing
The Veterans Oral History Project at the U.S. Library of Congress collects, preserves and makes accessible first-hand recollections of U.S. military veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans to better understand what they saw, did and felt during their service. The Library would like to collect the personal stories and recollections of local military veterans. On October 31 and November 1, 7 and 8, RSVP of Etowah

County and the Gadsden Public Library will conduct 30-minute interviews with local military veterans at the Etowah County Courthouse Probate Courtroom (Suite 102). To reserve an appointment, call 256-549-8147 by October 25.

Zumba classes will be held Monday nights at 6 p.m. at the Southside Community Center. The cost is \$5 a class, but those buying five classes get the sixth class free.

Nichols Memorial Library, home of the Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society, is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays for anyone interested in family history research. A history and research group meets on Thursdays at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. The library contains genealogical information and family files from all areas of Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and other states. The library contains a large collection of military records and Native American research records. For more information, email neagslib@comcast.net.

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DEVOTIONALS

God provides a blank slate for a new year



There is something special about new beginnings. I love the thoughts of starting afresh and anew, making new goals, and having fresh vision for the year ahead. I saw a quote posted on social media this past week by a man named Brad Paisley, which read, "Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." This is exactly why I love preparing for a new year, because it reminds me that I am the author of my own 365-page book for the coming year.

I believe King David understood completely what the above meant when he wrote Psalm 27. The title given to this psalm is "Fearless Faith." David knew that he would encounter some tough situations, that people would come against him and that he would be faced with challenges far too big for him to handle alone. So what did David do to prepare

himself and to make sure he had "fearless faith?" He stood on the promises of His God and spoke those promises over his own life, over and over again.

As we prepare for a new year, we might not be sure of what is ahead of us in the coming year, but one thing we can be sure of is the promises of God and His Word. Here are just a few of the promises David recalled and used to help him live a life of "fearless faith."

He is my guide. Psalm 27:1 says, "The Lord is my revelation light to guide me along the way; he is the source of my salvation to defend me every day. I fear no one!" I know that one of the things I need for this coming year is the wisdom in making decisions, the guidance to know what path to take and the confidence in knowing God is my defender!

He is my one thing. Psalm 27:4 says, "Here's the one thing I crave from God, the one thing I seek above all else - I want the privilege of living with him every moment in his house, finding the sweet loveliness of his face, filled with awe, delighting in his glory and grace." Often times when I feel "off track" or distracted in life, it is due to the fact that I have allowed someone or something besides the Lord to be my "one thing." My prayer for the coming year is that I

seek Him above all else and not take my focus off of Him alone!

He is my security. Psalm 27: 6 says, "He has smuggled me into his secret place, where I am kept safe and secure, out of reach from all my enemies." I know there will be times this year when others might come against me and others might want to harm me, but I can have peace in knowing that God has already smuggled me into His secret place and will keep me safe and secure.

He is my hope. Psalm 27:14 says, "Don't give up; don't be impatient; be entwined as one with the Lord. Be brave and courageous, and never lose hope. Yes, keep on waiting, for He will never disappoint you!" We all might have desires, hopes and dreams or unanswered prayers that we are waiting to come into fruition. Remember that the Lord cares about what you care about. He encourages us to not give up hope, for God is good, and when we seek Him, He will never disappoint!

Lord, we commit this year to you and ask you to fill us with your Word! We start afresh and trust you to be our guide, our security, our hope and our one thing!

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



“Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”

- Isaiah 43:18-19
King James Version



Verse for Kids

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.”

- 2 Cor. 5:17-18
King James Version

Real holiness in action

There is a phrase I often use when referring to following Jesus Christ: "He is the most legitimate person to ever live."

Why do I say this phrase? Several years ago, I put together a major study called The 50 Commands of Christ. As I researched the commands that Jesus gave us, I came across multiple lists, with most numbered in the upper 40s and lower 50s of command count. I discovered the best list, in my opinion, from a guy that calls himself Swamp Meet Dave. His list had exactly 50 commands and avoids repetition (some commands are repeated in each of the four Gospels). I'm a "round numbers" kind of guy, so that was the list I stuck with. But during that time, I was learning how to pray the Rosary, which contains 50 beads for The Hail Mary Prayer. I discovered the ability to use my Rosary to aid in memorizing these 50 commands of Jesus. By connecting the dots, I created my first book, "The Devotion to Christ."

So how does this refer us to Jesus as "the most legitimate person to ever live?" Because every hard command Jesus ever gave for us to obey, He obeyed that command first. Unlike the Pharisees who supposedly focused on holiness but in reality were hypocrites of the highest order, Jesus showed us with His life how to do the command of His lips. As I've said before, if our lives and our lips do not tell the same truth, we are liars.

Don't get me wrong - we are all hypocrites in various ways. However, it is comforting to know that the Founder of our Faith is not a hypocrite. Unlike kings, politicians and false religious leaders that present themselves as above the rest of us (those who practice a "rules for thee but not for me"

lifestyle), Jesus crushes all possible criticism and accusation against Him by demonstrating real holiness in action.

So, unlike every other philosophy of life, unlike every other political scheme and unlike every other false religion or fake form of Christianity, Jesus Christ Himself is the un-embarrassing standard.

He also is the remedy for the numerous times we fall short of His standard, and in that is real integrity and legitimacy, something the world desperately needs to see.

Let's look at some hard examples. Matthew 5:39 says, "But if anyone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also" Have you ever been stuck before? Are you going to fight back or turn the other cheek? These cheap shots can either be physical or verbal, but it's not in our nature to pursue peace in these heated moments, is it? Even if we are too scared to fight back, do we let bitterness and resentment take hold? What did Jesus do? Look at John 19:1-4 and following.

What about Matthew 5:44: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Is this one not possibly the hardest to put into practice? Did Jesus? Look at our Lord and Savior, from His dying breaths on the Cross itself: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34) and "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). When Pilate asks, "Do you not know that I have the power to crucify you," Jesus replies, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above" (John 19:10-11).

Look at Jesus' interaction with Peter



after his denial. Remember, Jesus' command was "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother" (Matthew 18:15). How specific Jesus is in keeping this command! How tender are their interaction in John 21:15-17 as Jesus lifts Peter up and installs him back to his former position of friend and Chief Apostle: "Do you love Me? Feed My sheep." The sheep of the most legitimate Person to ever live.

Jesus is the anchor for our souls, and the Rosary is the chain that tethers us to Him.

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Guntersville High School's varsity girls' basketball program has been fined and placed on probation for playing an ineligible player in violation of the AHSAA Transfer Rule. The violation was self-reported by the school. As a result, Guntersville's program must forfeit all games won that the ineligible student participated in. The ineligible player will be assessed restitution for the contests the student participated in while ineligible. Guntersville High School reported the student participated in 14 games.

Jefferson Christian Academy's varsity boys' basketball program has been fined and placed on probation for playing three ineligible players in violation of the AHSAA Financial Aid Rule and one ineligible player in violation of the AHSAA Transfer Rule. The violations were self-reported by the school. As a result, Jefferson Christian's program must forfeit all games won that the ineligible students participated in. The ineligible players will be assessed restitution for the contests each participated in while ineligible. Jefferson Christian reported the students participated in 15 games.

Boys basketball

Jaxon Peek sank six 3-point baskets on the way to 22 points in Coosa Christian's 75-40 victory over Gaylesville on Saturday, Dec. 21. Samuel Reeves added 14 points for the Class 1A No. 9 Conquerors (9-1), followed by D.J. Mackey with 12 points and Grayson Malone with 10.

Class 4A No. 8 Hokes Bluff fell to Collinsville, 79-63, on Saturday, Dec. 21 in the championship game of the Collinsville Christmas Tournament. For the Eagles (11-3), Ronan McFadden finished with 13 points and six rebounds, Logan Carr and Anthony Gooch each scored 12 points, Anderson Morgan had eight points, eight assists, six rebounds and three steals.

Southside improved to 9-5 with a 67-42 victory over Walter Wellborn on Friday, Dec. 20. Cayden Reason paced the Panthers with 14 points, followed by Drew Clark with 12, Silas Osborne with 10 and Carson McGraw with nine.

Class 3A No. 9 Glencoe improved to 13-3 with a 51-34 win over White Plains on Friday, Dec. 20 in Anniston. Grant Smith paced the Yellow Jackets with 18 points, followed by Wade Segret with 10, Garrett Morgan with nine and Jayden Patton with seven.

Girls basketball

Kinlee Montgomery finished with 33 points, four rebounds and four steals in Glencoe's 62-53 win over Lincoln on Thursday, Dec. 19. Alli Jo Amos added eight points and three rebounds for the Class 3A No. 5 Lady Yellow Jackets (11-3).

Area football players make All-State teams

By Chris McCarthy
Publisher

A number of local football players were recently selected to the Alabama Sports Writers Association's All-State teams for the 2024 season.

Seven student athletes made the first team, three were named to the second team and three received honorable mention recognition.

Making the first team were Gadsden City senior running back T.J. Worthy, Southside senior Jamin Brown and Gadsden City junior defensive back Zyan Gibson in Class 6A; Sardis senior punter Seth Cooper in Class 5A; Etowah senior quarterback Jameson Scissum in Class 4A; and Coosa Christian senior linebacker Clete O'Bryant and Coosa Christian sophomore kicker Jorge Cantellano in Class 2A.

Worthy rushed for 924 yards and 14 touchdowns and had 29 receptions for 570 yards and nine TDs.

Brown graded out at 93 percent with 71 pancake blocks.

Gibson (pictured at far right) helped the Titans go 6-4 and qualify for the state playoffs for the third straight year.

Cooper punted 34 times for 1,462 yards and a 43.1-yard average with seven punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Scissum finished with 2,991 combined rushing and passing yards along with 33 touchdowns.

O'Bryant had 125 tackles, including 25 for a loss while helping Coosa Christian post a 9-1 record on the field.

Cantellano was 41 for 44 on extra points, was 5 for 7 on field goal attempts and punted 15 times for 598 yards and a 40-yard average.

Second team selections were Westbrook Christian sophomore quarterback Brody Blevins Westbrook Christian sophomore kicker Read Barber and in Class 2A and Coosa Christian junior defensive lineman Cade Mickler in Class 2A.

Selected in the Athlete category, Blevins rushed for 1,435 yards and 26 touchdowns and passed for 1,161 yards and 10 scores.

Barber was 42 for 46 in extra points and 7 for 8 in field goal attempts.

Mickler had 68 tackles, including 10 for a loss, and two



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sacks.

Honorable mention picks were Sardis junior linebacker Levi Martin in Class 5A, Hokes Bluff junior quarterback Bryce Whitaker in Class 4A and Coosa Christian freshman defensive back Kylan Johnson in Class 1A.

Martin rushed for 1,026 yards and nine

touchdowns on offense and had 128 tackles, including 19 for a loss, on defense.

Whitaker finished with 2,056 yards passing and rushing while scoring 24 touchdowns.

Johnson ended up with 54 tackles and seven interceptions on the season.

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Coosa senior among ASWA Lineman of the Year finalists

By Chris McCarthy
Publisher

Coosa Christian senior linebacker Clete O'Bryant was among 42 finalists for the Alabama Sports Writers Association's Back/Lineman of the Year awards for the 2024 season.

In nine games, O'Bryant (pictured at right) finished with 125 tackles, including 25 for a loss, while helping Coosa Christian post a 9-1 record on the field. He recorded his 500th career tackles this past season for 13th on the AHSAA all-time career tackle list. O'Bryant was also a finalist for the award in 2023.

The winners, along with Mr. Football and the Super All-State team, will be revealed January 28 at a banquet in Montgomery.

- Class 7A Back of the Year**
Anquon Fegans, Thompson
Trent Seaborn, Thompson
Daylyn Upshaw, Central-Phenix City
- Class 7A Lineman of the Year**
Malik Autry, Opelika
Zion Grady, Enterprise
Jared Smith, Thompson
- Class 6A Back of the Year**
Corey Barber, Spain Park
K.J. Lacey, Saraland
Na'eem Offord, Parker
- Class 6A Lineman of the Year**
Keenan Britt, Oxford

- Jourdin Crawford, Parker
- Anthony Jones, St. Paul's Episcopal
- Class 5A Back of the Year**
Conner Nelson, Leeds
Cam Phinizee, Russellville
- Jotavion Pierce, Catholic-Montgomery
- Class 5A Lineman of the Year**
Jabarrius Garrar, Vigor
Kentonio Kelly, Jr., Vigor
Ellis McGaskin, Williamson
- Class 4A Back of the Year**
E.J. Crowell, Jackson
Landon Duckworth, Jackson
Gunner Rivers, St. Michael Catholic
- Class 4A Lineman of the Year**
Tristan Brown, Cherokee County
Tae Diamond, Cherokee County
A.J. Rice, Madison Academy
- Class 3A Back of the Year**
Caden Chandler, Mars Hill Bible
Kadyn Mitchell, Houston Academy
Rollie Pinto, Piedmont
- Class 3A Lineman of the Year**
Myles Johnson, T.R. Miller
Billy Neill, Bayside Academy
Tucker Wilks, Fyffe
- Class 2A Back of the Year**
Chris Clemons, Winston County
Luke Gilbert, Pisgah
- Preston Lancaster, Tuscaloosa Academy
- Class 2A Lineman of the Year**
J.J. Faulk, Highland Home
- Clete O'Bryant, Coosa Christian**
Grayson Gulde, Vincent



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- Class 1A Back of the Year**
Alvin Henderson, Elba
Ziquayvion Jackson, McKenzie
Jaquez Wilkes, Wadley
- Class 1A Lineman of the Year**
Fred Curry, Georgiana
Hayes Farrell, Donoho
Tim Parnell, Leroy



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Local players make All-Region 6 football

By Chris McCarthy
Publisher

Several local high school football players were recently selected to the 2024 Class 4A, All-Region 6 team.

Etowah senior Jameson Scissum was named (pictured at left) the team's Offensive Player of the Year after finishing with 2,191 total yards and 33 touchdowns. He was 124-for-205 in passing for 2,056 yards and 23 touchdowns and 21 touchdowns and rushed for 935 yards and 12 TDs on 102 attempts.

Making the first-team offense were senior quarterback Bryce Whitaker, senior lineman Daylon Reeves and senior fullback Alex Carter from Hokes Bluff; senior lineman Jalen Grear and senior receiver Lamont Richardson from Etowah; and senior tight end Parker Smith from Ashville.

Selected to the first-team defense were senior lineman Colten Shields, junior defensive back Drew McCarver and senior defensive back Anderson Morgan from Hokes Bluff and senior lineman Cito Williams, sophomore linebacker Bryson Henry and senior defensive back Cash Hayes from Etowah.

Picked for the second-team offense were senior halfback Blain Barron, senior lineman Leon Chen and senior receiver Logan Weimann from Hokes Bluff; senior receiver Zaden Knight and senior tight end Bennett Reeves from Etowah; and junior quarterback J.B. Potter, senior halfback Jamon Williams and junior receiver Nate Huckbay from Ashville.

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Local players make 2024 ASWA All-State football teams

Class 7A

First team offense

Quarterback: Trent Seaborn, So., Thompson
Running back: A.J. Alexander, Jr., Dothan; Omar Mabson, Jr., Auburn; Tristan Williams, Sr., Central-Phenix City
Receiver: Peyton Plott, Sr., Auburn; Jaxon Potter, Sr., Austin; Daylyn Upshaw, Sr., Central-Phenix City
Line: Hugh Bodiford, Sr., Auburn; Barron Criddle, Sr., Thompson; Kyle Epperson, Sr., Opelika; Louis Snell, Sr., Dothan; Mal Waldrep, Central-Phenix City
Kicker: Chandler Dixon, Sr., Florence

First team defense

Line: Malik Autry, Sr., Opelika; Zion Grady, Sr., Enterprise; Tristan Lyles, Sr., Central-Phenix City; Jared Smith, Sr., Thompson
Linebacker: Parker Floyd, Jr., Hewitt-Trussville; Quinterius Robinson, Sr., Baker; Cameron Torbor, Sr., Hoover; Walker Turner, Jr., Enterprise
Secondary: Anquan Fegans, Sr., Thompson; Will Phillips, Jr., Hewitt-Trussville; Andrew Purcell, Sr.; Eric Winters, Sr., Enterprise
Punter: John McGuire, Sr., Thompson
Athlete: Ty Doughty, Sr., James Clemens; Shondell Harris, Jr., Mary Montgomery; Anthony Rogers, Sr., Carver-Montgomery; Jonah Winston, Jr., Hoover

Second team offense

Quarterback: Jackson Kilgore, Sr., Auburn
Running back: Terrance Gray, Sr., Davidson; Calvin Hughley, Sr., Opelika; Christian Richey, So., Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa
Receiver: Zack Fitzgerald, Sr., Oak Mountain; Malachi Foster, Sr., Bob Jones; Tristan Norman, Sr., Carver-Montgomery
Line: Cates Blackmon, Jr., Enterprise; Bradley Haizlip, Jr., Oak Mountain; Toby Richard, Sr., Hoover; Wesley Sandefur, Jr., Fairhope; Jon Stephens, Sr., Mary Montgomery
Kicker: Blayne Munson, Sr., Baker
Linebacker: Grayson Bruno, Sr., Vestavia Hills; De'Narius Crawford, Jr., Hewitt-Trussville; Zo Martin, Jr., Florence; Cayden Williams, Sr., Daphne
Secondary: Jamarion Bennett, Sr., Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa; La'Mycheal Gunn, Sr., Auburn; Spence Hanna, Sr., Vestavia Hills; Kevian King, Sr., Opelika
Punter: Owen Simpson, Sr., Vestavia Hills
Athlete: Jaden Barnes, Sr., Dothan; Bryson Kimbrough, Sr., Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa; Khatori Marion, Jr., Baker; Tristian Taylor, Jr., Grissom

Second team defense

Line: Talib Graham, Sr., Daphne; Caleb Pitts, Sr., Auburn; Cam Pritchett, So., Thompson; Jordan Simmons, Sr., Mary Montgomery
Linebacker: Grayson Bruno, Sr., Vestavia Hills; De'Narius Crawford, Jr., Hewitt-Trussville; Zo Martin, Jr., Florence; Cayden Williams, Sr., Daphne
Secondary: Jamarion Bennett, Sr., Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa; La'Mycheal Gunn, Sr., Auburn; Spence Hanna, Sr., Vestavia Hills; Kevian King, Sr., Opelika
Punter: Owen Simpson, Sr., Vestavia Hills
Athlete: Jaden Barnes, Sr., Dothan; Bryson Kimbrough, Sr., Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa; Khatori Marion, Jr., Baker; Tristian Taylor, Jr., Grissom

Honorable mention

Quarterback: Andrew Alford, Sr., Central-Phenix City; Johnny Jackson, Sr., Bob Jones
Running back: Mike Dujon, Sr., Thompson; Jacobi Harris, Fr., Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa
Receiver: Kahden Smith, Jr., Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa
Offensive line: A.J. Williams, Sr. Thompson; Clem Womack, Sr., Auburn
Kicker: Reese Beasley, So., Opelika; Hayden Wynn, Sr., Austin
Defensive line: Rock Gearhart, Sr., Fairhope; Marquae Lambert, Sr., Daphne
Linebacker: Timothy Cole, Sr., Grissom; Brennan Core, Jr., Central-Phenix City
Secondary: Zy Boddie, Sr., Florence; Michael Iginoghene, Jr., Hewitt-Trussville
Punter: Joseph Daniel, Jr., Auburn; Drew Ollis, Sr., Hewitt-Trussville
Athlete: Kenneth Joshua, Sr., Austin; Caleb Sanders, Sr., Bob Jones
Coach of the Year: Chip English, Hoover

Class 6A

First team offense

Quarterback: K.J. Lacey, Sr., Saraland
Running back: Stuart Andrews, Jr., Mountain Brook; Kolin Wilson, Sr., Gulf Shores; **T.J. Worthy, Sr., Gadsden City**
Receiver: Corey Barber, Jr., Spain Park; C.D. Gill, Sr., Saraland; Jaylin Taylor, Jr., Oxford
Line: **Jamin Brown, Sr., Southside**; Micah DeBose, Sr., Theodore; Spencer Dowland, Sr., Athens; Daniel Ellis, Sr., Mountain Brook; Devin White, Sr., Northridge
Kicker: Conner Hughes, Sr., Fort Payne

First team defense

Line: Keenan Britt, Jr., Oxford; Antonio Coleman, Sr., Saraland; Jourdin Crawford, Sr., Parker; Robert Taylor III, So., Parker
Linebacker: Bishop Burkhalter, Sr., Spanish Fort; Landon Everett, Jr., Gulf Shores; Anthony Jones, Jr., St. Paul's Episcopal; Braylon Outlaw, Jr., Pike Road
Secondary: J.J. Bush, Jr., Theodore; **Zyan Gibson, Jr., Gadsden City**; Na'eem Offord, Sr., Parker; Timothy Merritt, Sr., Parker
Punter: Drew Ginsberg, Sr., St. Paul's Episcopal
Athlete: Jaquess Greene, Sr., Muscle Shoals; Jordan Holmes, Jr., Pike Road; Tate Johnston, Jr., St. Paul's Episcopal; D.K. Wilson, Sr., Oxford

Second team offense

Quarterback: Mason Mims, Sr., Oxford
Running back: Jamichael Jones, Jr., Pike Road; Chase Stracener, Jr., Chelsea; Caleb Wynn, Jr., Oxford
Receiver: Denver Harper, Sr., Russell County; Sr., Kylan Newell, Sr., Homewood; Nick Richardson, Sr., Oxford
Line: Terrione Bell, Sr., Pike Road; Harrison Tapscott, Sr., Hartselle; Demetrius Terrell, So., Parker; Eric Thirkill, Sr., Muscle Shoals; Walker Williams, Sr., Homewood
Kicker: Whit Armistead, Sr., Homewood

Second team defense

Line: Ka'Mhariyan Johnson, Jr., Muscle Shoals; Colton McIntyre, So., Clay-Chalkville; Porter Simmons, Sr., Hartselle; Trent Sellers, Sr., Spanish Fort
Linebacker: Na'Karius Allen, Sr., Clay-Chalkville; Jameson Falciani, Sr., Hartselle; E.J. Kerley, Jr., Jr., Spain Park; Kelby Walker, Sr., Wetumpka
Secondary: Cole Miles, Jr., Hartselle; Lamarien Miller, Jr., McGill-Toolen Catholic; Christian Pritchard, So., Muscle Shoals; Cedric Twyman, Sr., Oxford
Punter: Newton Gardner, Sr., Spanish Fort
Athlete: Justin Godwin, Sr., Wetumpka; E.J. King, Sr., Spanish Fort; Ti Mims, Sr., Baldwin County; Ka Darius Young, Sr., Calera

Honorable mention

Quarterback: Brock Bradley, Jr., Spain Park; Bryson Riggins, Jr., Russell County
Running back: Arthur McQueen, Sr., Stanhope Elmore; Santea McWilliams, Sr., Saraland
Receiver: Carter Feagin, So., McAdory; Brannon Oliver, Fort Payne
Offensive line: Nykalus Dell, Sr., Russell County; Rocco Gray, Jr., Mountain Brook
Kicker: Joseph Del-Toro, Jr., Clay-Chalkville; Jack O'Neal, Sr., McGill-Toolen Catholic
Defensive line: Elisha Jones, Sr., Baldwin County; Corey Tims, Sr., Pike Road
Linebacker: Noah Abrams, So., St. Paul's Episcopal; Carter Tinker, Sr., Fort Payne
Secondary: Harris Crumpton, Jr., Mountain Brook; Xavier Starks, Jr., Clay-Chalkville
Punter: Myles Anglin, Sr., Buckhorn; Austin Lewis, Sr., Helena
Athlete: Micah Pledger, Jr., Jasper; Dax Varnadore, Sr., Fort Payne
Coach of the Year: Tim Vakakes, Spain Park

Class 5A

First team offense

Quarterback: Charlie Johnston, Sr., Moody
Running back: Jake Harper, Jr., Fairview; Cam Phinizee, Jr., Russellville; Spencer Unruh, Jr., Corner
Receiver: B.J. Bedgood, Jr., Catholic-Montgomery; Josiah Dozier, Jr., Moody; Dimitri Howard, Sr., Carver-Birmingham
Line: Neyland Baker, Sr., Russellville; Germaine Gambrill, Sr., Fairview; Lance Johnson, Sr., Ramsay; Carde Smith, Sr., Williamson; Aaron Taylor, Sr., Catholic-Montgomery
Kicker: Jose Arreguin, Sr., Boaz

First team defense

Line: Jabarius Garror, So., Vigor; Ryan Reese, Sr., Ramsay; Devin Whitsett, Jr., Vigor; Ba'roc Willis, So., Moody
Linebacker: Jeff Holston, Sr., UMS-Wright; Kentonio Kelly Sr., Vigor; Ellis McGaskin, So., Williamson; J.T. Wilkerson, Jr.,

Central-Clay County

Secondary: Jotavion Pierce, Sr., Catholic-Montgomery; Taijh Overton, Sr., Williamson; Elijah Owens, Sr., Citronelle; Sidney Walton, Sr., Moody
Punter: **Seth Cooper, Sr., Sardis**
Athlete: Yusuf Clark, Sr., Williamson; DeShaun Gibbons, Sr., Central-Clay County; Conner Nelson, Sr., Leeds; Kolt Redding, Jr., Fairview

Second team offense

Quarterback: Tyler Pierce, Sr., Boaz
Running back: Xavier English, Sr., Jacksonville; Julyon Jordan, Sr., Guntersville; Keishawn Rowser, Sr., Demopolis
Receiver: Darryl Blackmon Fr., B.C. Rain; Gerritt Holcombe, Jr., Vigor; Austin Kightlinger, So., Northside
Line: Nelson Chestang, Jr., Citronelle; Brody Honeycutt, Sr., Northside; Jordan McKinney, Sr., Corner; Nicholas Powe Sr., Vigor; Ricky Wisdom, Jr., Guntersville
Kicker: Caden Lee, Sr., Lawrence County

Second team defense

Line: Dontaye Bush, Williamson; Keviyon Lamons, Sr., Eufaula; Zach Morgan, Sr., Citronelle
Luke Reinart, Sr., Elmore County
Linebacker: Bryce Allen, Jr., Jacksonville; C.J. Brown, Jr., Corner; Miles Khatri, Jr., Catholic-Montgomery; Caplyn Reed, Jr., UMS-Wright
Secondary: Jaquoryae Busby, Sr., Center Point; Neille Fernell, Jr., Andalusia; Elijah Kelley, Sr., Boaz; Quay McNeal, So., Jacksonville
Punter: Kaleb Goff, Sr., Moody
Athlete: Tyler Boyd, Sr., Central-Clay County; Jamarion Osborne, Sr., Vigor; Luke Reynolds, Sr., Briarwood Christian; J.J. Williams, Jr., Catholic-Montgomery

Honorable Mention

Quarterback: Parker Frost, Sr., Lawrence County; Jackson Rhodes, So., Northside
Running back: Jacobi Edmondson, Jr., Scottsboro; Anthony Palmeri, Sr., Shelby County
Receiver: Hunter Knighten, Jr., Brewer; Aubrey Walker, Jr., John Carroll Catholic
Offensive line: Cayden Dees, Jr., Catholic-Montgomery; Taygan Harris, Jr., Scottsboro
Kicker: Brandon Manganaris, Jr., Guntersville; Manny Martinez, Sr., Russellville
Defensive line: Jeremiah Connolly, Jr., Citronelle; Garrett Witherington, Jr., Briarwood Christian
Linebacker: **Levi Martin, Jr., Sardis**; Ricky Nichols, Sr., B.C. Rain
Secondary: Galvin Goss, Sr., Valley; Cortland Warner, Sr., Carver-Birmingham
Punter: Elijah Headley, Sr., Holtville; Hunter Hensley, Sr., West Point
Athlete: Rhett Cofer, Jr., Corner; Joseph Robinson, So., LeFlore
Coach of the Year: Kirk Johnson, Catholic-Montgomery

Class 4A

First team offense

Quarterback: Gunner Rivers, So., St. Michael Catholic
Running back: E.J. Crowell, So., Jackson; Jayden Griffin, Sr., Dora; MacCarri Johnson, Jr., West Morgan
Receiver: Keeyun Chapman, Jr., Jackson; Brody Jones, Jr., St. Michael Catholic; Tremell Washington, Sr., Pleasant Grove
Line: Sharontae Bailey, So., Anniston; Bo Cagle, Sr., Mobile Christian; Melvin Carrillo, Sr., West Morgan; Cade Channell, Sr., Dora; Asa Holbert, Jr., Cherokee County
Kicker: Patricio Garcia, Jr., St. Michael Catholic

First team defense

Line: Tae Diamond, Sr., Cherokee County; Jaevin Jenkins, Sr., Mobile Christian; Draco Poole, Sr., North Jackson; Xavier Rhine, Sr., Bibb County
Linebacker: Landon Bagwell, Sr., Good Hope; Tristan Brown, Sr., Cherokee County; A.J. Rice, Sr., Madison Academy; Laquan Whisenhunt, Jr., Jackson
Secondary: Khalil Foster, Sr., Pike County; Jamarion Gordon, Jr., Jackson; Kahleel Green, Sr., Madison Academy; Jason Todd, Jr., Mobile Christian
Punter: Carter Lewis, Jr., Mobile Christian
Athlete: Garrett Burrough, Sr., Brooks; Landon Duckworth, Jr., Jackson; **Jameson Scissum, Sr., Etowah**; Daquavian Slaughter, Sr., Handley

Class 4A second team offense

Quarterback: Kaleb Freeman, So., Pleasant Grove
Running back: Diego Holt, Sr., North Jackson; Noah Moss, Jr., St. Michael Catholic; Josh Williams, Sr., Madison Academy
Receiver: Tucker Tomlinson, Jr., St. Michael Catholic; Dawson Cambron, Sr., New Hope; Chris Payne, Sr., Jackson
Line: Micheal Bowns, Jr., W.S. Neal; Charlie Buttram, Jr., Brooks; Rocco Faiupu, Sr., St. Michael Catholic; Sean Green, Sr., Dale County; Landon Ransum, Sr., Cherokee County
Kicker: Cleat Forrest, Sr., Alexandria

Class 4A second team defense

Line: Dylan Duncan, Jr., Cherokee County; Ian Mitchell, Sr., Pleasant Grove; Rico Prince, So., Mobile Christian; Jackson Webster, Sr., West Morgan
Linebacker: Cole Cooper, Sr., Plainview; Bryant Crumpler, Jr., New Brockton; Ty Jones, Sr., West Morgan; Luke Thompson, Sr., Bibb County
Secondary: Hank Hudson, Sr., Good Hope; Jordan King, Sr., Tallassee; Eli Lanier, So., Anniston; Cayne McClure, So., East Lawrence
Punter: Garrett Reid, Jr., Deshler
Athlete: Tyler Cone, Sr., Good Hope; William Mitchell, Sr., Randolph; Justin Murray, Jr., Fairfield; Damon Pope, Jr., Anniston

Class 4A Honorable Mention

Quarterback: Jumaria Hamilton, Sr., Fairfield; Titan Partlow, Sr., West Morgan
Running back: Bryant Hanback, Sr., Central-Florence; Collin Moore, Sr., Pleasant Grove
Receiver: Noah Gaunt, Sr., Randolph
Offensive line: Daniel Davis, Sr., West Morgan; Ben Moseley, Jr., Cherokee County
Kicker: Sanders Semiklose, Sr., Orange Beach
Defensive line: Charles Thomas, Jr., Anniston; Demetrius Wilson, Jr., Jackson
Linebacker: K.J. Austin, Sr., Satsuma; Preston Moore, Sr., West Limestone
Defensive back: Tyler DeOrio, Sr., Randolph; Isaiah Shingleton, Sr., Westminster-Huntsville
Punter: Tasean Love, Jr., Hatton; Arturo Perez-Hernandez, Sr., Pike County
Athlete: Austin Beck, Sr., Orange Beach; **Bryce Whitaker, Jr., Hokes Bluff**
Coach of the Year: Drew Phillips, West Morgan

Class 3A

First team offense

Quarterback: Kady Mitchell, Sr., Houston Academy
Running back: Caden Chandler, Sr., Mars Hill Bible; Aiden Parham, Sr., Sylva; Mo Winston, Jr., Randolph County
Receiver: Gabe Glover, Sr., Houston Academy; Rollie Pinto, Jr., Piedmont; Cedric Simmons, So., Southside-Selma
Line: Trevontae Dumas, Sr., Thomasville; Will Gant, Sr., Sylva; J.R. Jernigan, Sr., T.R. Miller; Trip Rane, Sr., Houston Academy; Tucker Wilks, Sr., Fyffe
Kicker: Reed Maloof, Sr., Beulah

First team defense

Line: Kale Austin, Sr., Piedmont; Emory Davis, Sr., Glenwood; Braden Gordon, So., Montgomery Academy; Samuel Swinney, Jr., Mars Hill Bible
Linebacker: Simon Hicks, Sr., Fyffe; Nate Jones, Sr., Olathee; Billy Neill, Jr., Bayside Academy; Shadarius Toodle, Jr., Cottage Hill Christian
Secondary: Kavariious Bell, Sr., T.R. Miller; Xavier Boswell, Sr., Trinity; Lance Presley, Jr., Flomaton; Derick Smith, Sr., Southside-Selma
Punter: Jesse Amos, Sr., J.B. Pennington
Athlete: Kaden Gooden, Sr., Weaver; Hudson Higgins, Jr., Mars Hill Bible; Myles Johnson, Sr., T.R. Miller; Jase Neel, Sr., Gordo

Second team offense

Quarterback: Cole Wilson, Sr., Piedmont
Running back: Jermaine Brown, Sr., Glenwood; Diego Bryant, Sr., Thomasville; Ryder Gipson, So., Fyffe
Receiver: Erick Smith, Sr., Southside-Selma; D.J. Vinson, Sr., Montgomery Academy; Levi White, Sr., Locust Fork
Line: Ethan Carroll, Sr., Walter Wellborn; William Embry, Sr., Mars Hill Bible; Tucker Lambeth, Jr., Flomaton; Graham Martin,

Sr., Montgomery Academy; Miles Uter, Sr., Bayside Academy

Kicker: Read Barber, So., Westbrook Christian

Second team defense

Line: Aiden Haecker, Jr., T.R. Miller; Preston Littrell, Jr., Rogers; Caleb Metzner, Jr., Cottage Hill Christian; Micah Merritt, Sr., Alabama Christian
Linebacker: Tyler Beene, So., Collinsville; Bentley Chandler, So., Piedmont; Monroe Partin, Jr., Bayside Academy; Hughes Williams, Sr., Houston Academy
Secondary: Haiden Ballard, Jr., Winfield; Jamarius Barlow, Jr., Hillcrest-Evergreen; Hudson Lash, Sr., Lauderdale County; Derrick Surlis, Jr., Southside-Selma
Punter: Max Hammer, Jr., Lee-Scott
Athlete: **Brody Bevin, So., Westbrook Christian**; Jayden Heard, So., Olathee; Kevin Porter, Sr., Hillcrest-Evergreen; Quintavious Rogers, Jr., Collinsville

Honorable mention

Quarterback: Latreyveon Davis, Jr., Southside-Selma; Jake Roberson, Sr., Olathee; Dallas Bryant, Sr., Thomasville
Receiver: Ishmael Bethel, Sr., Piedmont; Colby Hester, Sr., Olathee
Offensive line: Andre Perez, So., Gordo
Kicker: David Willard, Sr., Whitesburg Christian
Defensive line: Gus Hunter, So., Olathee; Ezerick Johnson, Jr., Winfield
Linebacker: Kaden Cantrell, So., J.B. Pennington; Haden Hawthcock, Sr., Gordo
Secondary: Blaine Bowen, So., Winfield
Punter: Eli Hubbert, Jr., T.R. Miller
Athlete: Mason McAteer, So., Collinsville
Coach of the Year: Darrell Higgins, Mars Hill Bible

Class 2A

First team offense

Quarterback: Preston Lancaster, Sr., Tuscaloosa Academy
Running back: Austin Crittenden, Sr., Highland Home; Brendan Hall, Sr., Geneva County; Legion McCrary, Sr., Pisgah
Receiver: Chris Clemons, Sr., Winston County; Tae Martin, Sr., Reeltown; Kena Rego, Jr., Tuscaloosa Academy
Line: Bowman Brumbeloe, Sr., Reeltown; Kain Campbell, Sr., Cottonwood; Haston Crawford, Sr., Tuscaloosa Academy; Bryant Owens, Sr., Falkville; Wyatt Sandlin, Sr., Sulligent
Kicker: **Jorge Cantellano, So., Coosa Christian**

First team defense

Line: Cameron Aderholt, Jr., Winston County; Ty Booker, So., Cottonwood; Baylor Clayton, Sr., Reeltown; C.J. May, Sr., Highland Home
Linebacker: Ford Beeker, Sr., Tuscaloosa Academy; J.J. Faulk, Sr., Highland Home; Grayson Gulde, Sr., Vincent; **Clete O'Bryant, Sr., Coosa Christian**
Secondary: Tyler Chaney, Sr., Highland Home; Haigen Gann, Sr., Sulligent; Eli Harris, Jr., Falkville; TaMyus Pugh, Sr., Clarke County
Punter: Paxton Tarver, Sr., Decatur Heritage
Athlete: Luke Gilbert, Sr., Pisgah; Jayden McNabb, Sr., Goshen; Jaden Sparks, Jr., Pleasant Valley; JohnWil Spruiel, So., Sulligent

Second team offense

Quarterback: Ja'markius Smith, So., Reeltown
Running back: King Campbell, So., Cottonwood; Traylen Roberts, So., Reeltown; Ronald Wilder, Jr., Greene County
Receiver: Ellis Hamiter, Sr., Tuscaloosa Academy; Hunter Sparks, Sr., Pleasant Valley; Landon Watkins, Jr., Pisgah
Line: Johnathan Bowling, So., Decatur Heritage; Dylan Burks, Sr., Cottonwood; Jamarion Govan, Sr., Ariton; J.J. Williams, Sr., Pisgah; Brock Yeager, Sr., Winston County
Kicker: Yonathan Cobon, Sr., Lanett

Second team defense

Line: Rhodes Baker, Sr., Pike Liberal Arts; Gabe Jones, Jr., Ariton; **Cade Mickler, Jr., Coosa Christian**; Zephaniah Phillips, Sr., LaFayette
Linebacker: Aly Bakr, Sr., Cottonwood; Landon Chandler, Sr., Goshen; Finn Henderson, Sr., Reeltown; Austin Norman, Sr., Highland Home
Secondary: Colson Love, Jr., Providence Christian; Daniel Taylor So., Decatur Heritage; Mills Turnipseed, Sr., Tuscaloosa Academy; Kaden Tuttle, Jr., Isabella
Punter: Craig Pittman, Jr., Providence Christian
Athlete: Ethan Henson, Sr., Clarke County; Braxton Salster, So., Pleasant Valley; Azariel Todd, Sr., Houston County; Matt Williams, Sr., Cold Springs

Honorable mention

Quarterback: Braylon Morris, Sr., Cottonwood; T.J. Washington, Sr., Highland Home
Running back: Savarius Evans, So., Decatur Heritage; Dalton Jordan, Sr., Pike Liberal Arts
Offensive line: Alton Clark, Sr., Clarke County
Kicker: Ezra Burney, Sr., Decatur Heritage
Defensive line: Houston Jackson, Jr., Falkville
Linebacker: Landon Kelley, Sr., Winston County; Noah Johnson, Sr., Pleasant Valley
Secondary: Cooper Dougal, So., Pleasant Valley; **Kylen Johnson, Fr., Coosa Christian**
Athlete: Nate Crooms, Sr., Bayshore Christian; Kane Robison, Sr., Sand Rock
Coach of the Year: Caleb Simmons, Winston County

Class 1A

First team offense

Quarterback: Ziquayvion Jackson, Jr., McKenzie
Running back: Alvin Henderson, Sr., Elba; Lake Norris, Jr., Berry; Jaquez Wilkes, Jr., Wadley
Receiver: Kyle Boice, Jr., Billingsley; Elijah McMeans, Sr., Florala; Jaquan Reeder, Sr., Hackleburg
Line: Emmanuel Cooks, Sr., Elba; Nate Finch, Sr., Pickens County; Holt Hendry, Sr., Millry; Noah Morrison, Sr., Berry; Jacob Welsh, Sr., Spring Garden
Kicker: Bruce Downey, Jr., Donoho

First team defense

Line: Brody Anderson, Jr., Lynn; Jabari Burns, Jr., Wadley; Tim Parnell, Jr., Leroy; Von Woods, So., Maplesville
Linebacker: Cayden Atkins, Sr., Elba; Fred Curry, Sr., Georgiana; Hayes Farrell, Sr., Donoho; Sawyer Sullivan, Jr., Leroy
Secondary: KeWilliam Cook, Jr., Autauga Academy; Timothy Kelley, Sr., Sweet Water; Cooper Layton, Sr., Brantley; Ace Norris, Sr., Berry
Punter: Kai Cleckler, Sr., Donoho
Athlete: Keilyn Edwards, Sr., Linden; Braylen Roberts, Sr., Lynn; Frisco Robertson, Jr., Wadley; John Welsh, Sr., Spring Garden

Second team offense

Quarterback: Jayden Parks, Sr., Brantley
Running back: Connor Bates, Sr., Spring Garden; Alex Baty, Sr., Gaylesville; Cortavion Jr., Lynch, Wadley
Receiver: Jahmarren Jackson, Sr., McKenzie; Kaveon Miles, Sr., Georgiana; JQuan Stewart, Sr., Millry
Line: Brayden Johnson, Sr., Donoho; Kadan Ponder, Sr., Winterboro; Julian Scott, Sr., Lynn; Daniel Stidham, Sr., Hackleburg; Kade Watkins, Sr., Hubberville

Second team defense

Line: Tyshaun Jacobs, Sr., Linden; Logan Murr, Sr., Wadley; Grey Simpson, Sr., Spring Garden; Jaden Stallworth, Sr., Georgiana
Linebacker: Gabe Beck, Sr., Sweet Water; Chip Crowe, So., Lynn; Landon Doggett, Sr., Millry; Kameron Seamon, Jr., Autauga Academy
Secondary: Noah Barber, Sr., Spring Garden; Michael Billups, Jr., Pickens County; Rayshon Coleman, Sr., Florala; Alex Tant, Sr., Holy Spirit Catholic
Punter: Willie Windham, Sr., Pickens County
Athlete: Aidan Abbott, Jr., Maplesville; Isaiah Brown, So., Linden; Ethan Carr, So., Sweet Water; Kaden Dyson, Sr., Ad-dison; Ty Taylor, Sr., Wadley

Honorable Mention

Quarterback: Blaise Vickery, Sr., Hackleburg; Jackson Waite, Sr., Millry
Running back: Ja'Kavien Collins, Jr., Leroy; Kaden Cotton, Jr., Billingsley
Receiver: Damien Dickerson, Jr., Autauga Academy; Jonah Marshall, Sr., Sumiton Christian
Offensive Line: Andrew Cooper, Sr., Appalachian; T.J. Hilliard, So., Brantley
Defensive line: Luke Dolby, Sr., Autauga Academy
Linebacker: Luke Brewer, So., Ragland; Bradley Norman, Sr., Florala
Secondary: Braylan McMullan, Sr., Waterloo
Athlete: Preston Nippers, Sr., Shoals Christian; Pearce Yeargan, Jr., Maplesville
Coach of the Year: Shenan Motley, Wadley

Local Sports Schedule

Dec. 27 - Jan. 2

High School Basketball

Friday, Dec. 27
 Gaston girls at Blue Devil Classic
 GCHS boys at War Eagle Tournament
 GCHS girls at Anniston Tournament
 Southside girls at Athens Tournament
 Southside boys at Boaz Tournament
 Coosa Christian, Sardis
 at Supreme Courts Tournament
 Westbrook at Gaylesville Tournament
 Hokes Bluff boys at
 Haralson (Ga.) Tournament
 West End boys at
 J.B. Pennington Tournament

Ashville boys at Hoover Tournament
Saturday, Dec. 28
 Gaston girls at Blue Devil Classic
 GCHS boys at War Eagle Tournament
 Southside boys at Boaz Tournament
 Ashville boys at Hoover Tournament
 Westbrook at Gaylesville Tournament
 Coosa Christian, Sardis
 at Supreme Courts Tournament
 Hokes Bluff boys at
 Haralson (Ga.) Tournament
 West End boys at
 J.B. Pennington Tournament
Monday, Dec. 30
 West End at Gaston
 Cherokee County at Coosa Christian

Sardis girls at Oxford
 Westbrook at Jefferson Christian
 Glencoe at Alexandria
Thursday, Jan. 2
 West End at Hokes Bluff
 Etowah at Ashville
 Southeastern at Gaston
 Appalachian at Coosa Christian
 Southside at Springville
 Sardis at Cherokee County
Wrestling
Friday, Dec. 27
 Southside at Gulf Shores Scuffle
Saturday, Dec. 28
 Southside at Gulf Shores Scuffle

ASWA basketball poll

Released December 19

Girls	Boys
Class 7A	Class 7A
1. Hoover	1. Hoover
2. Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa	2. Huntsville
3. Vestavia Hills	3. Central-Phenix City
4. Auburn	4. Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa
5. Foley	5. James Clemens
6. Bob Jones	6. Austin
7. Hewitt-Trussville	7. Baker
8. Daphne	8. Dothan
9. Albertville	9. Auburn
10. Central-Phenix City	10. Enterprise
Class 6A	Class 6A
1. Park Crossing	1. Clay-Chalkville
2. Hazel Green	2. Huffman
3. Chelsea	3. Cullman
4. Mortimer Jordan	4. Oxford
5. Hartselle	5. Mountain Brook
6. Mountain Brook	6. Buckhorn
7. Buckhorn	7. Pinson Valley
8. Fort Payne	8. Hazel Green
9. McGill-Toolen Catholic	9. Mae Jemison
10. Gardendale	10. Northridge
Class 5A	Class 5A
1. Scottsboro	1. Ramsay
2. Ramsay	2. Wenonah
3. Moody	3. Williamson
4. Guntersville	4. Guntersville
5. Wenonah	5. Selma
6. West Point	6. LeFlore
7. Sardis	7. Carroll-Ozark
8. St. Paul's Episcopal	8. Leeds
9. Selma	9. Andalusia
10. Priceville	10. Brewer
Class 4A	Class 4A
1. Good Hope	1. Fairfield
2. Trinity	2. Madison Academy
3. Pleasant Grove	3. Plainview
4. Plainview	4. Good Hope
5. Deshler	5. Jackson
6. Madison Academy	6. BTW-Tuskegee
7. Prattville Christian	7. Alexandria
8. Jackson	8. Hokes Bluff
9. Geneva	9. New Hope
10. Danville	10. Cherokee County
Class 3A	Class 3A
1. Lauderdale County	1. Midfield
2. St. James	2. Montgomery Academy
3. Hale County	3. Hale County
4. Mars Hill Bible	4. Hillcrest-Evergreen
5. Glencoe	5. Mars Hill Bible
6. Midfield	6. Lee-Scott
7. Holly Pond	7. Southside-Selma
8. Locust Fork	8. Sumter Central
9. Vinemont	9. Glencoe
10. Wicksburg	10. Wilcox Central
Class 2A	Class 2A
1. Decatur Heritage	1. Section
2. Winston County	2. Pisgah
3. Lexington	3. Providence Christian
4. Cold Springs	4. Abbeville
5. Sand Rock	5. Decatur Heritage
6. Belgreen	6. Red Bay
7. Lanett	7. Tuscaloosa Academy
8. Abbeville	8. Sand Rock
9. Sulligent	9. North Sand Mountain
10. Pisgah	10. G.W. Long
Class 1A	Class 1A
1. Spring Garden	1. Skyline
2. Ider	2. Oakwood
3. Winterboro	3. Georgiana
4. Kinston	4. Spring Garden
5. Marion County	5. Pleasant Home
6. Keith	6. Floral
7. Elba	7. R.C. Hatch
8. R.C. Hatch	8. McKenzie
9. Brilliant	9. Coosa Christian
10. McIntosh	10. Sumiton Christian

JSU hires AU assistant as head coach

Courtesy of JSU Sports

Jacksonville State Vice President for Athletics Greg Seitz recently announced the hiring of Charles Kelly as the school's 30th head football coach.

A native of Ozark, Kelly brings nearly 35 years of coaching experience to the Gamecocks, including five seasons at JSU after being hired by Hall of Fame coach Bill Burgess.

"We are beyond excited to welcome Charles Kelly back to Jacksonville State," said Seitz. "Coach Kelly's extensive experience, championship pedigree and strong ties to Alabama make him the ideal leader for our program. His vision and passion will help us continue the success we've enjoyed in our first two years in Conference USA and build on our tradition of excellence."

Kelly has spent time at some of the top programs in college football, including Alabama, Florida State, Auburn, Tennessee and Georgia Tech. He has been part of teams that have won two national championships and numerous conference titles.

"First of all, it's an unbelievable honor to have the opportunity to be the head football coach at Jacksonville State University," said Kelly. "The standard of excellence at this university and in its athletic programs is second to none, and I am proud to return and build on that incredible tradition."

Most recently, Kelly served as the co-defensive



Courtesy of Auburn Athletics

coordinator and safeties coach at Auburn, his alma mater. Under Kelly's guidance, the Tiger defense ranked among the SEC leaders in several categories, including scoring defense and rushing defense. Individually, freshmen Demarcus Riddick and Jay Crawford earned spots on the Freshman All-SEC Team.

Before his time on The Plains, Kelly was the defensive coordinator at Colorado in 2023, where he played a pivotal role in helping turn around the Buffaloes program under head coach Deion Sanders. His players included 2024 Heis-

man Trophy winner Travis Hunter and All-Pac-12 safety Shiloh Sanders.

Kelly spent four seasons at Alabama with Nick Saban as the associate defensive coordinator and safeties coach. During his tenure, the Crimson Tide went 47-6 and won a national championship in 2020.

In recognition of his recruiting prowess, Kelly was named the 2023 247Sports National Recruiter of the Year and consistently ranked among the top recruiters in the country.

Kelly's coaching journey also included stints at Tennessee, Florida State, Georgia Tech and Nicholls State.

He served as defensive coordinator for four seasons at Florida State, where he helped lead the Seminoles to the first College Football Playoff and mentored several future NFL stars. Earlier in his career, Kelly held roles at Eufaula High School, Henderson State and Phenix City High School.

"I'd like to thank Coach Hugh Freeze, the Auburn staff, and all the head coaches I've worked with throughout my career," said Kelly. "I'm also grateful to the players I've had the privilege to coach; they've all contributed to this opportunity."

Lady Lions win Liberty Bank Invitational

The Sardis High girls basketball team won the Second Annual Liberty Bank Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 21 in Sardis City. During the tournament, the Class 5A No. 7 Lady Lions (15-3) fell to Fairview, 57-49 before defeating Jacksonville, 68-45. Sardis finished in a three-way tie for first place and won on point differential.

"We just came out flat Fairview and shot the ball really bad," said Sardis head coach Heath Cullom. "Fairview has a very fast team and played harder than we did. The one highlight of the game for us was Vada Willmore. She was unguardable and gave us a chance to win on an off night."

Willmore finished with 23 points and 13 rebounds. Delaney Lee added six points, while Mollie Brock chipped in five. Jordyn Knight pulled down 10 rebounds.

Against Jacksonville, Knight scored 13 of her game-high 16 in that second quarter.

"Jordyn caught fire [in the second quarter] and really sparked us to this win," said Cullom. "We were playing our third game in less than 24 hours and really needed someone to get hot and give us some energy, and she came through for us."

Willmore finished with a double-double of 15 points and

11 rebounds. Mya Glass (pictured at right) added 11 points, followed by Jacee Holcomb with 10 and Lee with eight.

On Friday, Dec. 20, Sardis secured us the No. 1 seed in the upcoming Etowah County Schools Tournament with a 52-31 victory over Southside.

The Lady Lions led 16-11 after one period, 34-21 at half-time and 42-23 after three quarters.

Holcomb scored 16 points, including 11 in the first quarter. Lee added nine points, followed by Wright with eight and Knight and Emily Zavala with six each.

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, Sardis defeated Class 3A No. 5 Glencoe, 70-43. The Lady Lions forced 36 turnovers and came up with 31 steals.

"Our press really gave [Glencoe] problems early on and we were able to build a comfortable lead," said Cullom. "Mollie had seven steals in the first quarter that led to 12 easy points and really set the tone for the game."

Brock finished with 14 points and 10 steals; Glass had 10 points and five steals; Lee and Holcomb each scored 10 points; Knight contributed eight points, eight rebounds and eight steals; and Willmore and Wright each scored eight points.



Chris McCarthy/Messenger

GSCC to host father/son baseball camp

Gadsden State Community College is bringing back its Annual Father-Son Baseball Camp, an interactive and free event aimed at strengthening bonds through America's favorite pastime.

The camp is set for January 26-28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gadsden Sports Park located behind the college.

Gadsden State athletics is committed to developing champions both on and off the field. The Father-Son Baseball Camp reflects this commitment by fostering growth, teamwork and meaningful relationships within the community.

"This camp is designed to engage fathers and sons in a unique and meaningful way," said Gadsden State athletic director and head baseball coach Blake Lewis. "It's more than just baseball. It's about building stronger relationships and having fun together while learning and growing."

During the camp, fathers will take part in all drills with their sons for a fully hands-on experience. Dinner and a devotional session will be provided each evening to foster connection

and reflection. Participants are asked to bring their own gloves, bats, and drinks (water or Gatorade).

The camp is open to boys ages 6-14 and their fathers or father figures. With only

80 spots available for children, early registration is encouraged. Registration closes Jan. 14.

To register or for more information, contact Blake Lewis at blewis@gadsdenstate.edu.

For more news, schedules and highlights, visit gocardinals.gadsdenstate.edu.

All-Region football

Named to the second-team defense were senior lineman Clayton Helms, senior linebacker Connor Ford and junior defensive back Blake Green from Hokes Bluff and junior defensive back Jaxon McCall from Etowah.

Earning honorable mention recognition were Bray Davis, Braydon Howard, Caden Howard, Conner Wellingham and Brodie Brogdon from Hokes Bluff; Alex Taylor, Cole Kirby, Ethan Honeycutt, Bradley Pledger and Kenneth Boley from Etowah; and Mike Tindall and Justin Henderson from Ashville.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms of the mortgage executed on the 22nd day of September, 2022, by Franklin Turner, Jr. and Linda Turner, as mortgagors, in favor of Leanne Moore, as mortgagee, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama as Instrument #3547172, and said default continuing, the mortgagee, under power of sale contained in said mortgage will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps of the Etowah County Courthouse in Etowah, Alabama, during legal hours of sale on the 3rd day of January, 2025, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Begin at an existing pinchpipe at the Northmost corner of Lot #8, of D. L. Baswell Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 113, Etowah County Probate Office, being on the Southeastly R/W of Ewing Avenue (80' R/W) and run S45°29'47"E, along the Northerly line of Lot #8, 309.40 feet to a point; thence run S32°11'40"W, 74.00 feet to a point; thence run S87°45'00"W, 149.80 feet to a point; thence run N43°46'16"W, 221.88 feet to a point on said R/W; thence run N44°15'14"E, along said R/W, 174.74 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being Lots #8 and 9 and a portion of Lot #10, D. L. Baswell Subdivision, Etowah County, Alabama and contains 1.19 acre (more or less). The address being 2113 Ewing Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama, 35901.

Said sale is made for the purpose of foreclosing of said mortgage, paying the mortgage debt, the costs and expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee. 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 RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE DESCRIBED 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.

The Mortgagee 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. Contact Jason Knowles at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale. NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER: THE MESSENGER Please run once a week for three consecutive weeks

/s/ Jason Knowles
Jason Knowles
Attorney for Mortgagee,
Leanne Moore Knowles & Sullivan, LLC
413 Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama
35901
(256) 547-7200

December 13, 20, and 27, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by mortgage executed by Barry G. Green and wife, Britany Gail Valentine to Tyrone Davis and wife, Mary E. Davis dated March 1, 2024 and filed for record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3570461; the undersigned mortgage owner, Tyrone Davis and wife, Mary E. Davis, has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable as provided in the terms of said mortgage, and acting under and by virtue of the power and authority given by said mortgage, will on the 7th day of January, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the courthouse door, City of GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, Alabama, the following described real estate situated in ETOWAH COUNTY, Alabama, to-wit:

Parcel One: The South Half of Lot Number One (1) in Block Number Three (3) in the Gibbs and Cambron Resurvey of Lots 14 and 15 of the Clayton Addition Number One (1) to Alabama City, according to map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book A, Pages 320 and 321, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.

Parcel Two: Lot Number Two (2) in Block Number Three (3) of the Gibbs and Cambron Resurvey of Lots Number 14 and 15 of the Clayton Plat Number One (1), as shown by Book of Town Plats A, Pages 320 and 321, and being in Gadsden (formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.

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

The proceeds of said sale will be used, expended and applied in accordance with the terms of said mortgage.

TYRONE DAVIS and MARY E. DAVIS
Mortgage Owner
COPELAND LAW, LLC
Attorneys for owner
816 Chestnut Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
P:256-546-9500
F:256-546-9598

December 13, 20, and 27, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT default has occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by MARK BLACKWELL and CANDI BLACKWELL dated December 14, 2012, to originally in favor of LIBERTY BANK, recorded on December 21, 2012 in Instrument Number 3378409 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and which Mortgage was modified by that certain Modification of Mortgage dated March 27, 2020 executed by MARK BLACKWELL and CANDI BLACKWELL, as Mortgagors, to LIBERTY BANK, as Mortgagee, recorded on April 9, 2020 in Instrument Number 3500587 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and which was duly assigned by LIBERTY BANK to DRY GROUND INVESTMENTS, LLC on December 5, 2024, recorded on December 5, 2024 in Instrument Number 2584449 in the Office of the Judge

of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Because of said default, the undersigned Mortgagee under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage as amended and assigned, DRY GROUND INVESTMENTS, LLC, as mort-gagee/assignee will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the courthouse door of the Etowah County Courthouse at Gadsden, Alabama, on the 8th day of January, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate located in ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, to wit:

Beginning at the Southeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Etowah County, Alabama; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the South line of said Northwest Quarter for a distance of 770.00 feet to a point on the East right of way line of Leeth Gap Road; thence North 27 degrees 58 minutes 07 seconds West along said East right of way line for a distance of 135.10 feet to a point of the South right of way line of Sardis Road; thence North 79 degrees 26 minutes 19 seconds East along said South right of way line for a distance of 250.00 feet; thence continuing along said South right of way line the following: North 71 degrees 39 minutes East for a distance of 150.00 feet; thence North 63 degrees 12 minutes East for a distance of 200.00 feet; thence North 50 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds East for a distance of 287.32 feet; thence leaving said South right of way line South 02 degrees 30 minutes 43 seconds East for a distance of 464.47 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel containing 4.7 acres more or less and lying in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Etowah County, Alabama; According to the survey prepared by Donald R. Jarrells PLS/AL. Reg. No. 9979 dated December 14, 2000.

The property address, which is for information purposes only, is 4110 Sardis Road, Boaz, Alabama 35956. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, mineral rights, if any, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage as amended and assigned and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated, without warranty or recourse, express 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.

The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) in certified funds made payable to DRY GROUND INVESTMENTS, LLC 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 McLaughlin & Edmondson, LLC at the address indicated below. McLaughlin & Edmondson, LLC reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due.

JONATHAN M. WELCH
Attorney for Mortgage Holder
Jonathan M. Welch, P.C.
1925 Rainbow Drive

THIS SALE is made for

the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the said mortgage as amended and assigned, as well as the expenses of the foreclosure. 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.

RODNEY L. EDMONDSON
McLaughlin & Edmondson, LLC
Attorneys and Auctioneer for DRY GROUND INVESTMENTS, LLC,
Mortgagee/Assignee
130 North Main Street
Arab, Alabama 35016
(256) 931-2520

December 20, 27, 2024 and January 3, 2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage given by Billy Jackson and Shalanda Frazier to Phyllis Ellis and William Harrell Humphrey, dated June 29, 2017, recorded as Instrument Number: 3452637, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and an Assignment of Mortgage having been executed by Phyllis Ellis to William Harrell Humphrey, dated October 14, 2022, the undersigned, by reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable and said mortgage subject to foreclosure and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the front door of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, between the legal hours of sale on January 10, 2025, the following described real property situated in Etowah County, Alabama:

Lot Fifty-One (51) in Block Forty-Four (44) of Garden City Residential Subdivision Number Two (2) according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "C", Pages 410-411 in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of said mortgage. 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.

This Said sale is subject to all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage.

Dated: December 16, 2024

JONATHAN M. WELCH
Attorney for Mortgage Holder
Jonathan M. Welch, P.C.
1925 Rainbow Drive

December 20, 27, 2024 and January 3, 2025

Gadsden, Alabama 35901

December 20, 27, 2024 and January 3, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Christopher Myron Palmer was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/03/2024 to the Estate of Myron Loyal Palmer, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Tanya Kay Davis and Laurel Richie Tucker was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 10/22/2024 to the Estate of Carolyn Cochran McLester, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Brianna Day was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2024 over the Estate of Christopher Dwayne Day, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Jacqueline Snell was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2024 over the Estate of Randall Wayne Snell, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Bethlynn Louise Stoddard and Melissa Stoddard Finch was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2024 to the Estate of Joan D. Stoddard, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Maria Powell was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2024 to the Estate of Elizabeth Murdock, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Steven McClendon was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/05/2024 over the Estate of Donald McClendon, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Patricia Perry was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on

11/05/2024 over the Estate of Jerry Wilbur Perry, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Amanda H. Schafner was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/05/2024 over the Estate of David Lynn Mozingo, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Timothy Shane Davis was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/08/2024 over the Estate of Fiona Nelson, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Y'Mari Sturkie was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/12/2024 over the Estate of Lasheta McGruder, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Teryl Lynette Lancaster was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/14/2024 over the Estate of Joan Hope Stewart, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Sharon J. Garmany was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/15/2024 to the Estate of Stanley W. Jenkins, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

W.J. Crane was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/19/2024 to the Estate of William P. Stofko, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Kyle Pierce was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/25/2024 to the Estate of Willie Pollock, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Dennis Earl Young, Jr. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/26/2024 to the Estate of Dennis Earl Young, Sr., 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Lance Patrick Watkins was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/02/2024 to the Estate of Rebecca I. Watkins, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

James Cunningham was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/09/2024 over the Estate of Barbara Lee Campbell, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Brittney Free was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/10/2024 to the Estate of Pearl M. Lindsey, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

David Glidden was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/11/2024 over the Estate of William Robert Downs, 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

December 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

NOTIFICATION OF PROBATE TO HEIRS

The estate of Johnny Lee Hood of 2138 Kennesaw Way SE, Smyrna GA 30080

Notice to Heirs that a petition to probate will in solemn form has been filed on November 19th 2024. In the Probate Court of Cobb County, Georgia, for the probate of Last Will and Testament of Johnny Lee Hood. Who passed away on March 28th, 2024. Probate Case Number 24-p-2164

Heirs please contact:
Josh Hood, Executor of Estate
JHood124@yahoo.com, 404-707-1698

Probate Court info:
Cobb County State of Georgia
32 Waddell St SE,
Marietta GA 30090

December 20, 27, 2024, January 3 and 10, 2025

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Suit to Quiet Title owned by Diane Graves has been filed in the Circuit Court, Etowah County Case No.: CV-2022-900271 styled Diane Graves VS Lot 26 in Block Number 2 of the Glenn Addition of the City of Attalla, in Etowah County, AL; Tani Coo-

per, Julia Tolbert, & Margaret Ragland; the unknown heirs and next of kin of Ada Randle, deceased and any other unknown individuals and/or entities who claim any interest in the following real property.

Lot Twenty-six (26) in Block Number Two (2) of the Glenn Addition to the City of Attalla, in Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and recorded in Book 1227 Page 855, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama.

You are named as a defendant. You are hereby commanded and directed to file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court an answer to the complaint within 30 days after the last publication of this notice, or a default judgment may be entered against you.

This the 13th day of December 2024.

Cassandra Johnson
Circuit Clerk

John D. Floyd, Esquire
Floyd Law Firm, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
808 Chestnut Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
(256)547-6328

December 20, 27, 2024,
January 3 and 10, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: MINOR NAME CHANGE
CASE NO.: 2024-00358

To: UNKNOWN FATHER
WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Name Change of a minor child born to SEQUOYAH MOSTELLA on AUGUST 16, 2019, was filed on JUNE 12, 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.

Done this the 11th day of December 2024.

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

December 20, 27, 2024,
January 3, and 10, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LUCILLE L. CROSS, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: 2023-00071

TO: Todd Scott Key, Christopher Key, Jessica Holland Maffei, and Tomas Gray Townsend
WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a Petition for Final Settlement was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama and further, that the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 11th DAY OF December, 2024.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

December 13, 20, and 27, 2024

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARY CHARLOTTE GRAVES, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2024-737

TO: Robert Garry Bell and any unknown family
Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 6th day of JANUARY 2025 at 1:30

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 11th DAY OF DECEMBER 2024

Scott Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

December 13, 20, and 27, 2024

NOTICE TO KASSI GROSS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JESSICA DOWNES GROSS, Deceased
CASE NO. 2023-00516

You will take notice that a petition in the above styled action for final discharge was filed against you in the Etowah County Probate Court on October 23, 2024, Case No. 2023- 00516 and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by this Court on November 18, 2024.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this petition, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with EMILY HAWK MILLS, whose name and address is shown below, and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Post Office Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902.

A hearing has been set for January 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM. before the Honorable Scott W. Hassell in the Probate Court of Etowah County in Gadsden, Alabama.

Emily Hawk Mills
Cusimano, Roberts, Mills & Knowlton, LLC
153 S. 9th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

DONE this the 18th day of November 2024

SCOTT W. HASSELL
JUDGE OF PROBATE

December 20, 27, 2024,
January 3 and 10, 2025

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMIT WILL TO PROBATE AND PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

In Re: IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
The Estate of NANCY MOUNT BRYANT, Deceased.
Case No.: 2024-00789

Notice to:
Christina Leighann Moss, whose whereabouts are unknown

You will take notice that a Petition to Admit Will to Probate and Petition for Letters Testamentary has been filed by Keith Duane Bryant in the matter of the Estate of Nancy Mount Bryant. This matter is set to be heard on the 18th day of February 2025, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable Scott W. Hassell, Judge of Probate.

Please be advised that should you intend to object to the Last Will and Testament being admitted and Letters of Testamentary being issued to Keith Duane Bryant, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with Justin D. Hayes, 406 South 3rd Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901, and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

December 20, 27, 2024,
January 3 and 10, 2025

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff, v.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0139

V.D. Hatch, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of V.D. Hatch, whose names,

addresses and ages are unknown; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; that parcel of real property located at 29 Lakefront Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35904 and having a legal description of: A lot or parcel of land, begin at the NW Corner of Lot 101 in Parcel No. Five as shown on map or plat of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, thence run East 76 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning and from said point of beginning run thence East 200.25 feet to a point which is the intersection of Lakefront Avenue and Industrial Street, thence run in a Southwesterly direction and along the NW side of Industrial Street a distance of 209.53 feet to a point, thence North and Easterly a distance of 65.3 feet to the point of beginning, said parcel being the East part of Lot 101 in Parcel No. 5, as shown by on map or plat of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, recorded in Plat Book "F", Pages 51-65, in the Office of the Judge of Probate Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-03-06-1-000-003.000; PPIN: 37538; 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 V.D. HATCH; 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, Defendants.

TAKE NOTICE that on December 6, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled 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:

A lot or parcel of land, begin at the NW Corner of Lot 101 in Parcel No. Five as shown on map or plat of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, thence run East 76 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning and from said point of beginning run thence East 200.25 feet to a point which is the intersection of Lakefront Avenue and Industrial Street, thence run in a Southwesterly direction and along the NW side of Industrial Street a distance of 209.53 feet to a point, thence North and Easterly a distance of 65.3 feet to the point of beginning, said parcel being the East part of Lot 101 in Parcel No. 5, as shown by on map or plat of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, recorded in Plat Book "F", Pages 51-65, in the Office of the Judge of Probate Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Property Address: 29 Lakefront Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35904
ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for March 3, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in 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 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

WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

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 ORDERED 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 above-described 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 16th 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) 543-3674
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December 20, 27, 2024
and January 3, 2025

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff, v.
CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0140

ARTHUR LEON JOLLEY, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Arthur Leon Jolley, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; BRENDA ANN JOLLEY CHAMBLISS ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; that parcel of real property located at 1107 Stillman Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35903 and having a legal description of: Lot 4 in Block 37 of Garden City Residential Subdivision Number Two, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book C, Pages 410-411, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-01-11-3-000-221.000; PPIN: 31167; 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 ARTHUR LEON JOLLEY; BRENDA ANN JOLLEY CHAMBLISS; 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 December 10, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled 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 4 in Block 37 of Garden City Residential Subdivision Number Two, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book C, Pages 410-411, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Property Address: 1107 Stillman Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35903
ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY

MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for February 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in Judge Cody Robinson'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 WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

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 ORDERED 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 above-described 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 16th day of December, 2024.

Cassandra Johnson,
Circuit Clerk

J. Lance Smith
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200 Chestnut Street, Suite A
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December 20, 27, 2024
and January 3, 2025

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff, v.
CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0142

BEVERLY PAGE FARMER, deceased, the heirs and creditors of Beverly Page Farmer, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; FAYE MIKLE, as the personal representative of the Estate of Beverly Page Farmer; JOSEPH QUINTON FARMER; MARVING FARMER; PAGE FARMER; JOSEPH FARMER; DAVID SANDERS; FAYE MIKLE, an individual; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; That portion of that certain parcel of land described in the deed from T. R. Raley and wife, Mollie Raley, to L. M. Raley, recorded in Book 4-M, page 282, which lies North of Hoke Street and East of Alabama Street, said parcel of land being a portion of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Twelve (12), Township Twelve (12) South, of Range Six (6) East of Huntsville Meridian and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County Alabama together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-01-12-2-000-047.000; PPIN: 32062; 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 BEVERLY PAGE FARMER; FAYE MIKLE, as the personal representative of the Estate of Beverly Page Farmer; JOSEPH QUINTON FARMER; MARVING FARMER; PAGE FARMER; JOSEPH FARMER; DAVID SANDERS; FAYE MIKLE; 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 December 10, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled 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:
That portion of that certain parcel of land described in the deed from T. R. Raley and wife, Mollie Raley, to L. M. Raley, recorded in Book 4-M, page 282, which lies North of Hoke Street and East of Alabama Street, said parcel of land being a portion of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Twelve (12), Township Twelve (12) South, of Range Six (6) East of Huntsville Meridian and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County Alabama together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-01-12-2-000-047.000; PPIN: 32062; 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 BEVERLY PAGE FARMER; FAYE MIKLE, as the personal representative of the Estate of Beverly Page Farmer; JOSEPH QUINTON FARMER; MARVING FARMER; PAGE FARMER; JOSEPH FARMER; DAVID SANDERS; FAYE MIKLE; 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 December 10, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled 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:
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Property Address: 0 Alabama Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35903
ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for February 18, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Judge Cody Robinson'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 WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

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Dated this the 16th day of December, 2024.

Cassandra Johnson,
Circuit Clerk

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December 20, 27, 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, v.
CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0142

BEVERLY PAGE FARMER, deceased, the heirs and creditors of Beverly Page Farmer, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; FAYE MIKLE, as the personal representative of the Estate of Beverly Page Farmer; JOSEPH QUINTON FARMER; MARVING FARMER; PAGE FARMER; JOSEPH FARMER; DAVID SANDERS; FAYE MIKLE, an individual; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; That portion of that certain parcel of land described in the deed from T. R. Raley and wife, Mollie Raley, to L. M. Raley, recorded in Book 4-M, page 282, which lies North of Hoke Street and East of Alabama Street, said parcel of land being a portion of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Twelve (12), Township Twelve (12) South, of Range Six (6) East of Huntsville Meridian and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County Alabama together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-01-12-2-000-047.000; PPIN: 32062; 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 BEVERLY PAGE FARMER; FAYE MIKLE, as the personal representative of the Estate of Beverly Page Farmer; JOSEPH QUINTON FARMER; MARVING FARMER; PAGE FARMER; JOSEPH FARMER; DAVID SANDERS; FAYE MIKLE; 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 December 10, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled 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:
That portion of that certain parcel of land described in the deed from T. R. Raley and wife, Mollie Raley, to L. M. Raley, recorded in Book 4-M, page 282, which lies North of Hoke Street and East of Alabama Street, said parcel of land being a portion of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Twelve (12), Township Twelve (12) South, of Range Six (6) East of Huntsville Meridian and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County Alabama together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-01-12-2-000-047.000; PPIN: 32062; and any and all other unknown heirs,

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December 20, 27, 2024
and January 3, 2025

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff, v.
CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2024-0065

LESLIE PRUITT; KENDALL L. KELLEY; COMMUNITY HOME BANC, INC.; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN; that parcel of real property located at 169 Brookwood Drive, Gadsden, Alabama 35903 and having a legal description of: Lot Number Nine (9) in Block Number Five (5), in Brookwood Addition to Gadsden, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "D", Pages 88 and 89, lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-06-14-1-000-020.000, PPIN: 43349; 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 LESLIE PRUITT; 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 June 24, 2024, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled 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 Number Nine (9) in Block Number Five (5), in Brookwood Addition to Gadsden, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "D", Pages 88 and 89, lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements.

Property Address: 169 Brookwood Drive, Gadsden, Alabama 35903
ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for February 26, 2025 at 1:30 p.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 WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

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 ORDERED 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 above-described 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 18th 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) 543-3674
LSmith@twlegal.us

December 20, 27, 2024
and January 3, 2025

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 DRAINAGE CIVIL CONTRACTORS, LLC P.O. Box 1210 Pinson, AL 35126 205-617-2692

December 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

New Building for Noccalula Falls Animal Habitat In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, Bob Smith Construction, Inc. hereby gives written notice of the completion of a contract with the City of Gadsden, Alabama, for the New Building for Noccalula Falls Animal Habitat, project no. 3513, and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. This notice is to appear for four consecutive weeks, beginning December 13, 2024 and ending on January 3, 2025. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Heath Williamson, Architect for City of Gadsden, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902-0267 during this period.

Bob Smith Construction, Inc.
8076 US Highway 11,
Springville, AL 35146
205-655-9006

December 13, 20, 27,
2024 and January 3,
2025

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on December 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903

Jessica Body
Unit 94 and 133
Christie Calloway
Unit 40A

Domonick Hughley
Unit 132

Kristidis Tolbert
Unit 141

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

December 20 and 27,
2024

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units will be auctioned on 1/8/2025 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.

Roosevelt Johnson
Unit 49

Rodney Eley
Unit 54

James Mayo
Unit 109

Lisa Turk
Unit 184, 533

Ricky Hooks
Unit 239

Alfreda Hawkins
Unit 423

Fatima Bibb
Unit 512

Keith Barber
Unit 525, 37-25

Lawanda Hester
Unit 592 37-21

Breanna Holt
Unit 807

Karen Walker/Powell
Unit 13-6

Joseph Giama
Unit 34-12

Clay Rowe
Unit 211-11

Suzanna Rager
Unit 48A-16

Jacob Vaughn
Unit 20-7

David Partridge
Unit G15

Katie Barcomb
Unit 52-17

Bobby Lemley
Unit M2-K4

Nichole Kirby
Unit 785

Frankie Pollard
Unit 792

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

December 27, 2024 and
January 3, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2007 Ford F350 VIN# 1FTW- W33P47EB17984 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 2/8/2025 The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

December 20 and 27,
2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2006 Toyota Corolla VIN#2T1BR32 E36C699549 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 2/8/2025 The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

December 20 and 27,
2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 1990 Honda Accord VIN#1HGCB7663 LA175824 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 2/6/2025 The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

December 20 and 27,
2024

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession/auction of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on January 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

2019 Dodge Charger
VIN: 2C3CDXH-

GXKH607862

Auction Address:
1717 Appalachian Hwy,
Hokes Bluff, AL 35903
51-605-8280

December 20 and 27,
2024

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on February 4, 2025.

2010 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1B-F3EK9AU114670

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

December 20 and 27,
2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

2011 TOYOTA CAMRY
VIN: 4T1BF3EK-7BU733589

The public auction will be held at Kelton Wrecker LLC located at 1625 Forrest Ave Gadsden AL 35901 at 8:00 AM on 01/25/2025. The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low and may postpone the public auction until another time and place. In addition, the seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

December 20 and 27,
2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to TAMMY L. HOWARD, 2 CABOT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, subject to a mortgage in favor of SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, 451 7TH STREET SW, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 2 CABOT AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Lot 27 in Parcel 4 as shown on the map or property of Cone Mill's Corporation, Dwight Division, recorded in Plat Book "F", Page 51-65, in the Office of the Probate Judge of Etowah County, Alabama, said property lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 10-09-31-3-000-320.000
PIN #: 18744

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

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Gadsden, AL 35902
(256) 549-4765

December 27, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to EMAD SULEIMAN, P.O. BOX 2111, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 309 E. BROAD STREET (COMMERCIAL) in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Parcel One:

Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot Number One, Block One, of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. From said point of commencement run North 16°00'00" East a distance of 77.39 feet along the Northwest line of said Lot Number One to the point of beginning. From said point of beginning continue along the previously described course and along the Southeast right-of-way of Hertzberg Avenue a distance of 89.60 feet; thence run North 21°25'00" East a distance of 121.05 feet along the Southeast right-of-way of Hertzberg Avenue; thence run South 70°27'06" East a distance of 128.40 feet along the Southwest right-of-way of East Broad Street; thence run South 21°07'59" West a distance of 153.07 feet to a point on the Northeast lien of Lot Number Three of said W. T. Cox's East Broad Street Second Addition; thence run North 68°12'00" West a distance of 20.53 feet along the Northeast line of said Lot Number Three; thence run South 18°27'16" West a distance of 49.05 feet along the Southeast line of Parcel Number Five as recorded in Book 1642, Page 213 through 216in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama; thence run North 69°20'04" West a distance of 37.13 feet; thence run South 69°45'51" a West a distance of 16.69 feet; thence run North 69°35'42" West a distance of 53.05 feet to the point of beginning; said Parcel being a portion of Lots Numbers One, Two and Three of Block One of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street Second Addition as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, also being Parcels Numbers One, Two and Three and portion of Parcels Numbers Four and Five of that property previously described in Deed Book 1652, Pages 213 through 216 and being situated in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10, T-12-S, R-6-E, of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel Two: Commence at the Northwest corner of Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One (1) of W. T. Cox East Broad Street Second Addition, and from said point run in an easterly direction and along the North line of said lot a distance of 10 feet, more or less, to point of intersection of said line with a fence; thence deflect to the right and run in a southerly direction and along said fence line a distance of 48 feet, more or less, to the corner of said fence; thence deflect to the right and run in a westerly direction and along said fence line to its intersection with the west line of said Lot Number Three (3); thence deflect to the right and run in a northerly direction and along said west lot line to the point of beginning; said description embracing a portion of Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One (1) of W.T. Cox East Broad Street Second Addition, according to the plat or map as same appears of record in Plat Book "C", Page 189, Etowah County Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel Three: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot Number One (1), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. From said point of commencement run North 16°00'00" East a distance of 77.39 feet along the Northwest line of Lot Number One (1); thence run South 69°35'42" East a distance of 53.05 feet; thence run North 69°45'51" East a distance of 16.69 feet; thence run South 69°20'04" East a distance of 37.13 feet to the point of beginning. From said point of beginning run North 18°27'16" East a distance of 49.05 feet ; thence run South 68°12'00"

East a distance of 9.04 feet; thence run South 28°59'40" West a distance of 49.35 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel being a portion of Lot Number Three (3), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, and being situated in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING FROM THE ABOVE PARCELS: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot Number One (1), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. From said point of commencement run North 16°00'00" East a distance of 77.39 feet along the Northwest line of Lot Number One (1); thence run South 69°35'42" East a distance of 53.05 feet; thence run North 69°45'51" East a distance of 16.69 feet; thence run South 69°20'04" East a distance of 37.13 feet; thence run North 28°59'40" East a distance of 49.35 feet to the point of beginning, said point of beginning lying on the Northeast line of Lot Number Three (3) of said W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition Subdivision. From said point of beginning run North 26°57'08" East a distance of 8.07 feet; thence run North 21°13'05" East a distance of 20.49 feet; thence run South 69°34'22" East a distance of 10.63 feet thence run South 21°06'28" West a distance of 28.78 feet to a point on the Northeast line of said Lot Number Three (3); thence run North 68°12'00" West a distance of 11.49 feet along the Northeast line of said Lot Number Three (3) to the point of beginning. Said parcel being situated in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East, of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-02-10-1-000-090.000
PIN #: 35503

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

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December 27, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to The Estate of JEFFERY KEEVIL GILCHRIST, 609 POLK STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, or his potential heirs, LAURA GILCHRIST DURBIN, KIMBERLY GILCHRIST HOOD, AMY ELIZABETH DURHAM, and JEFFERY KEEVIL GILCHRIST, 5453 LISTER FERRY ROAD, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906, 609 POLK STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 609 POLK STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot "E" of the Rearrangement of Lots 36-46 in Block Number 5, of Eastview Addition, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book "D", page 81, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama; or subject to any easement or restrictions of record.

Lot "E" of the Rearrangement of Lots 36-46 in Block Number 5, of Eastview Addition, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book "D", page 81, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama; or subject to any easement or restrictions of record.

Being the same property conveyed to Grantor by Deed May 1, 1985, and recorded in Book 1422, Page 879, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-01-11-1-000-062.000
PIN #: 30409

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JOHNATHAN CONNER WELLS, 200 38TH STREET, FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA 35967, 812 REYNOLDS CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 812 REYNOLDS CIRCLE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

All that certain parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, described as follows: For a point of beginning: Commence at the Northwest corner of Lot Number Ten (10), Reynold's Street Addition, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 305, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence run Southeasterly a chord distance of 21.98 feet to an iron pin set and the point of beginning; thence deflect left 101 degrees 03E30' and run Northeasterly a distance of 138.24 feet to an iron pin set; thence deflect right 85E33'30" and run Southeasterly a distance of 89.73 feet to an iron pin set; thence deflect right 100E54'00" and run Southwesterly a distance of 160.07 Feet to an iron pin found on the Right-Of-Way Line of Reynold's circle; thence deflect right 94 degrees 36'0" thence Northwesterly a chord distance of 72.76 feet to the point of beginning, said tract embracing a portion of Lot Number Ten (10) and Lot Number Eleven (11), Reynold's Street Addition, according to the map or plat thereof in Plat Book "C", Page 305, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, containing 0.26 acres, more or less.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-02-10-1-000-090.000
PIN #: 35503

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Lot "E" of the Rearrangement of Lots 36-46 in Block Number 5, of Eastview Addition, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book "D", page 81, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama; or subject to any easement or restrictions of record.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to CHRISTY OLIVE, 1811 EMANUEL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, KEDRICK THOMAS, 1811 EMANUEL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2216 CLAYTON AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-241.000
PIN# 39280
LTS 78-81 BLK 2 MEADOWGROVE SUB PLAT C-395 7-12-6

is a nuisance in viola-

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to SHAWN CLAYBORN, 1005 HOOKS LAKE ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1005 HOOKS LAKE ROAD in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-07-36-2-000-028.001
PIN# 15636

W 280 S1/2 N1/2 LT 9 WARD-EWING SUB PLAT B-238 GADSDEN 36-11-6

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to PAMELA J. & JOSEPH W. CLARK LITTERMAN, 1102 DWIGHT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1102 DWIGHT AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-031.000
PIN# 18441

LT 10 PARCEL 8 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F-65 GADSDEN 31-11-6

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JESSICA NICHOLSON, 712 5TH AVENUE SOUTHWEST, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2216 CLAYTON AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-4-000-076.000
PIN# 18930

LT 6 BLK 3 GOODWATER HEIGHTS ADD PLAT B-379 31-11-6

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to STATE OF ALABAMA, P.O. BOX 327210, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36132, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 712 NUCKOLLS STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-2-000-046.000
PIN# 30622

SW 150' OF LOT 7 BLK 7 NOWLIN ADD PLAT B 20-21 GADSDEN SEC 11 TWP 12S R 6E

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to TERESA MARSHALL, 2908 SHAHAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2908 SHAHAN AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-06-2-000-295.000

PIN# 38181

LT 73 SHAHAN & WALSHE'S CENTRAL AL CITY ADD PLAT B-185 GADSDEN 6-12-6

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to RLF SOUTHERN PROPERTIES, LLC, 904 ST. ELMO AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 904 ST. ELMO AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-09-3-000-045.000
PIN# 35193

LT 6 BLK C FORREST HILL ADD TO GADSDEN PLAT A-39 9-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to JAVIER IBARRA, 2200 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2200 HILL AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 921 WISTERIA LANE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-07-35-4-000-075.000
PIN# 15375

N 90 LT 5 BLK 3 BROOKLINE SUB PLAT D-141 35-11-6

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Notice is hereby given to COURTNEY DJUANA JACKSON, 1508 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1508 HILL AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-3-000-032.000
PIN# 36897

LT 3 BLK 5 HILL & CANSLER ADD PLAT A-74 GADSDEN 5-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to DONALD & JUANITA BERKEY, 2200 CLAYTON AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2314 CLAYTON AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-4-000-066.000
PIN# 18920

LT 9 & N 120(S) OF W1/2 LT 8 BLK 2 CLAYTONS ADD TO AL CITY PLAT A-320 31-11-6

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Notice is hereby given to SONYA BURTON HIGGINS, 1135 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1135 STILLMAN AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-235.000
PIN# 31181

LT 18 BLK 37 GARDEN CITY SUB NO 2 PLAT C-410-411 GADSDEN 11-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to DAVID KEITH MITCHELL JR., 253 EMMADALE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 253 EMMADALE STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-06-24-1-000-088.000
PIN# 45179

LT 18 & E 40 OF LT 19 BLK E MAP OF MAYFAIR ESTATES PLAT C-273 GADSDEN 24-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to TIFFANY RILEY, 827 KEEBEN LANE, FLO-RISSANT, MISSOURI 63031, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 827 KEEBEN LANE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-195.000
PIN# 10706

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LT 4 BLK 1 BAILEY ADD #2 PLAT A-445 36-11-5

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Notice is hereby given to JEHRMEL BYERS, 713 GRANT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 713 GRANT AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-10-1-000-282.000
PIN# 35614

BEG NW COR LT 9 BLK 3 C F HOFFMAN SUB #1 RE-AR PLAT C-91 TH NW 85S ALONG GRANT AVE TH SW 105S TH SE 83 TH NE 110 TO POB LYING IN SE1/4 NE1/4 GADSDEN 10-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to ESTATE OF KYLE H. UNDERWOOD, 1025 LEXINGTON AVENUE, GADSDEN, 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1025 LEXINGTON AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3909 TRENTON STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 09-07-36-3-000-048.000
PIN# 10424

LTS 18-19-20 BLK 3 BARRON ADD PLAT B 49 GADSDEN SEC 36 TWP 11S R 5E

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Notice is hereby given to KIM TRAMMELL & LACY BLACKWELL, 33 LITTLE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1436, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 33 LITTLE STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-128.000
PIN# 18543

LT 72 PARCEL 1 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F 51 GADSDEN 31-11-6

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