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The Gadsden City girls basketball team made it to the Northeast Regional Tournament Class 6A semifinals earlier this week at JSU.

Photo by Chris McCarthy

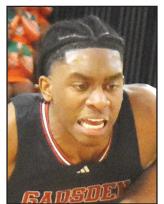


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The Hokes Bluff boys basketball team played in the Northeast Regional Tournament Class 4A semifinals at Jacksonville

Photo by Alex Chaney



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The Gadsden City boys basketball team defeated Huffman in the Northeast Regional Tournament Class 6A semifinals earlier this week at JSU.

Photo by Chris McCarthy

Glencoe cagers win regional basketball championship



Chris McCarthy/Messenger

The Glencoe High boys basketball team gather for a photo after its 77-63 victory over Piedmont in the Northeast Regional Tournament Class 3A championship game on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Jacksonville State. Pictured, kneeling, from left: Wayne Nowak, Davis Honeycutt, Jalen Hunter, Wade Segrest, Aiden Johnson, Tracy Jones, trainer Jacob Goss, NEO trainer. Standing, from left: assistant coach Lacey Buchanon, head coach Ryan Chambless, Jayden Patton, Cole Potter, Garrett Morgan, Grant Smith, Bruce Borntrager, Levi Lasseter, Durrell Hampton, Jace White, Cooper Gomez, assistant coach Beau Stewart, assistant coach Wes Weems. For article

Gadsden approves welcome signs, transportation plans

By Kaitlin Hoskins **News Editor**

The City of Gadsden will welcome four new welcome signs along U.S. Highway 411 and U.S. Highway 431.

One such sign will sit on property purchased by the City of Gadsden at its Tuesday, February 18 meeting of the city council. The property located at 2510 Rainbow Drive will now feature a welcome sign that Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford describes as "really nice" and "in compliance with department of transportation regulations."

Prince Metal Stamping Abatement Tax abatement agreement with Prince Metal Stamping, Inc.

The City of Gadsden voted to allow a 10-year tax abatement agreement with Prince Metal Stamping, Inc. for a "major addition to their production facility." The agreement abates construction related transaction taxes and non-educational property taxes for a period of 10 years. This project involves a capital investment of \$5.5 million from Prince Metal Stamping and, as part of the agreement, will not

have to pay the city \$140,000 in taxes. "The city is giving up approximately

\$140,000 over 10 years total in taxes for this piece of equipment but the flip side of that is we're generating about \$120,000 in new money for the school system," Ford said during the Tuesday meeting. "The bottom line and the silver lining is that by doing this, it is allowing Prince, by their words, to save 340 jobs here in the Gadsden area."

The council approved the resolution

unanimously. **Bus Route Study**

The council also voted on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Volkert, Inc. for a transit study. The study would examine current public transportation

routes within the city. "This is something that has to be done every so often and we're redoing our routes to make it more feasible for people to get transported around," Ford said. 'We're trying to keep it simple and shorter so more people can use our public transport service.

The resolution was passed with unanimous approval.

2050 Transportation Plan

The council voted to approve another agreement with Volkert, Inc. at the regular

meeting. The agreement would be for the amount of \$229,000, 80 percent of which would be reimbursed through Alabama Department of Transportation funds. The agreement would be to develop the 2050 long range transportation plan for the Gadsden Etowah Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The approval was unanimous. New business

Councilman Chris Robinson for council district 7 introduced an item of new business from the engineering department. The resolution authorizing agreement with CDG, inc. to provide the required construction, engineering and inspection service for the sidewalk improvement project along Chestnut Street and Sixth Street was read as an item of new busi-

The sidewalk project will improve the sidewalk and landscape along Chestnut Street between Sixth and Seventh Street, and the sidewalk and landscape from Sixth Street from Chestnut down to Broad Street. The agreement is budgeted for \$159,751. The amount is covered by an

ALDOT grant. The resolution passed with unanimous approval.

Robinson introduced a second item of new business, requested by the parks and recreation department, for an amendment to admission and rental rates for Noccalula Falls Campground, as well as adjustments to rules and policies for rental facilities.

"This is getting our rates ready for the new campground to open up so we can start taking reservations," Robinson said. "The new rates are comparable to the other two campgrounds in our city. They did go up, but they are comparable. They were so cheap before."

Standard hook-ups at the campground have increased to \$65 per night and premium pull through campsites are now \$75 per night. The price does not include lodging taxes, surcharges or additional fees. There are several discount options for individuals. A 20 percent discount is offered for stays lasting longer than eight days. A 10 percent discount is offered for military members, senior citizens, Good Sam members and AARP members. Cabin rentals will now be \$150 per night with an additional \$125 cleaning fee.

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GSCC students earn scholarships

Giaus Spurgeon and Dyamond McCadney — two Gadsden State Community College students from the Valley Street Campus — attended the inaugural Thurgood Marshall College Fund Workforce Development Summit held Jan. 30-Feb. 1 in Birmingham.

The summit, which serves as a forum for Historically Black Community Colleges (HBCCs) to connect with workforce talent and industry partners, provided a threeday experience for the students to learn the skills required to thrive, grow and lead in their chosen fields. In addition to the summit experience, both students received the Cal and Annette Johnson Scholarship worth \$15,000 each. The scholarships are a part of the summit's commitment to supporting the education and professional de-

velopment of students from HBCCs. "We are very proud of Giaus and Dyamond," said Ricky Tillis, director of the Valley Street Campus. "A scholarship worth \$15,000 is substantial and will significantly ease their financial burdens. It allows them to continue their studies with full focus."

McCadney, a 27-year-old native of Union City, Tenn., is pursuing a degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography at the Valley Street Campus. McCadney, who is in her second year at Gadsden State, chose the community college for its proximity to her home and its status as an HBCC.

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Photo courtesy of Gadsden State Community College

From left, Dyamond McCadney, Gadsden State Valley Street Campus Director Ricky Tillis and Giaus Spurgeon.







OBITUARIES



Sherry Lee Mason

PIEDMONT - Sherry Lee Mason, age 71, of Piedmont, Alabama, passed away on February 15th 2025. She was born to Howard Ramsey Sr. and Lillie Pollard on May 12, 1953. Sherry was a devoted homemaker all of her life, caring for her family with a love and commitment that will be deeply missed.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Eugene Mason, as well as her father Howard Ramsey Sr., mother Lillie Pollard, and step dad J.T. Pollard. Sherry was also preceded by her sister, Wanda Mathis, and brothers, Henry Ramsey and Jerry Beam. She also grieves the loss of her great-granddaughter, Octavia Miller.

Sherry is survived by her brothers, Howard Ramsey Jr. and Charles Ramsey; her son Michael Austin (Pamela); and her daughters, Tammy Taylor, Sharon Levens (Steve Miller), and Barbara Johnson (Shad Johnson). She is also survived by her many grandchildren, including Beth Hudgins, Michael Levens Jr., Thomas Stubbs, Courtney Lockridge, Brittney Ward, Brooklynn Levens, Carlie Levens, Kenny Stubbs, Aleesha Miller, Austin Miller, Nolan Miller, Brentley Coggins, Brinton Coggins, Samantha Kyner, Zachary Barker, Richard Martin, Ashley Johnson, Amber Austin, Deanna Austin, Josiah Austin, and Lilaye Austin. Additionally, Sherry leaves behind 37 great-grandchildren, numerous nephews, nieces, and an extended family of cousins

and loved ones. Pallbearers will include Michael Austin, Sharon Levens, Shad Johnson, Josiah Austin, Richard Martin, and Brooklynn Levens. Honorary Pallbearers will be Steven Miller and Austin Hudgins.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Harley at Riverview Regional Medical Center's CCU Unit for their compassionate care during Sherry's final days.

Sherry's memory will live on through her loving famiby her unwavering love, jamin F. Bowie and Alma P. kindness, and devotion. She Bowie; husband Glim Batewill be deeply missed but man Jr.; infant sister Beverly never forgotten.

Rest in peace, Sherry. You your family.

al service at 12:30 PM.

rest in Eulaton 1st Baptist dearly and meant so much Church, 1835 Gate 8 Rd, to her. Anniston, AL 36201.

Benita B. Bateman

GADSDEN - Benita B. Bateman, 72, of Gadsden, bassed away on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

She is survived by her oving family.

Benita Yvonne Bowie-Bateman, was born October 28, 1952 to the late Benjamin F. Bowie and Alma P. Bowie in Anniston, Alabama (Calhoun County). Benita attended school in Anniston, Alabama until services will be held at 1 she graduated from high school. She then relocated to Port Gibson, Mississippi Cullen Curtis Roden, 63, of and stayed with her aunt Gadsden, who died Tuesuntil she attended Alcorn day, February 18, 2025. Rev. State University, where she Larry Garrard will officiate. received her Bachelor's De- Burial will follow at Raingree. It was at Alcorn State bow Memorial Gardens. University where she met beautiful family.

eventually turned AT&T. She retired from had a massive stroke that Cullisia Roden; grandparrendered her disabled. Ben- ents, Curtis Pendleton Darher family. She always had a Roden; and beloved pit-bull, loving heart and never hesi- Petey Joe. tated to assist others when needed. Benita was her chil- his son, Christopher Roden; dedication to her family and —nephews, Elizabeth, Kat-people that came in contact lyn, and Colt; and chosen with her is irreplaceable. son, Scott Thacker. She has touched the hearts be missed.

Jean Parker.

were the heart and soul of her memories: son Glim 'Tobie' Bateman III (Christi); son and staff. A visitation for Sherry daughter Deidra Bateman will be held Friday, Febru- (Danielle); grandchildren ary 21, 2025 from 10:30 Toryque J. Bateman, De-AM to 12:30 PM at Collier- Shayla S. Bateman, Bryce Butler Funeral & Crema- A. Ash, Daratu G. Bateman; tion Services, 824 Rainbow great grandchild Jacquez Drive, Gadsden, Alabama Jones Jr. Benita is also sur-35901, followed by a funer- vived by many dearly loved cousins, extended family Sherry will be laid to and friends that loved her

> Memorial Service will take place at 12noon, on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at West Gadsden Funeral Home (Betty D. Robinson Chapel)

> We ask that you please keep this family in your hearts and prayers during their time of bereavement.

Professional services under the direction of West Gadsden Funeral Home

Curtis Roden

GADSDEN - Funeral p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Village Chapel for

Cullen was born and her loving husband Glim raised in Gadsden, and he Bateman Jr. and raised a was a 1978 graduate of Emma Sansom High School. Benita and family later He went on to achieve his relocated to Gadsden, Ala- bachelor's degree in Archibama. She united with 16th tectural Drafting. Cullen Street Baptist Church under was a proud Green Beret and Pastor Milton Woods. She veteran of the US Army and remained there under Pastor National Guard, where he Eddie Ethridge until she was served for over 25 years. He called to her new heavenly was an avid outdoorsman, and enjoyed fishing, hunt-Benita worked at South ing, and was a fan of Nascar. Center for their compas-Central Bell Telephone He was a devoted, father, sionate care. The family will Company for years, which brother, and friend, and he

into will be greatly missed. Cullen was preceded in there and worked other jobs death by his parents, Konfrom that point on until she nie and Linda Roden; sister, ita was a very loving wife nell and Bertie Lou Darnell, and mother and cherished Clarence Roden and Lassie

Mr. Roden is survived by dren's biggest cheerleader in brother, Mark (Roxanne) everything that they partici- Roden; nephew, T.J. (Alyspated in. Benita's love and sa) Roden; great-nieces and

Pallbearers will be T.J. of many and she will forever Roden, Scott Thacker. Patrick Winn, Dewayne Mitch-Benita was preceded in ell, Spencer Thacker, and

ly, whose lives were touched death by: her parents Ben- Jake Burge. Honorary pall- but in a different way, so she and Dale Levine Kelly on bearers are Kyle Stewart, became a caregiver to the May 20, 1957 in San Ber-Greg Berry, Robin Wells, sick, disabled, and elderly. and Jeff Thacker.

Center, and also to Dr. Jack-

The family will receive friends Saturday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Village Chapel.

Melanie Diane Wester

GADSDEN - Funeral services for Mrs. Melanie Diane Wester, age 66, of Gadsden, will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, February 21, 2025, at Crestwood Chapel. Mrs. Wester passed away on Monday, February 17, 2025. Burial will follow at Crestwood Cemetery.

Melanie will be remembered primarily as a devoted Christian and longtime member of Cherry Street Baptist Church. She was a retired school teacher who cherished each of her students. Melanie had a deep love for cooking and enjoyed spending time babysitting her grandchildren. Above all, she was the perfect wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Juanita Bradley, and her granddaughter, Addison Wester. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Timothy Wester; children, Lucas (Brittany) Wester and Lauren (Zack) Lawrence; grandchildren, Oliver and Owen Wester, and Hazel and Willow Lawrence; brother, Steve (Mary) Bradley; and a large extended family.

A special thanks to the ICU nursing staff at Riverview Regional Medical receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 11:00

Vicki Hudson

GADSDEN - Vicki Hudson, beloved mother to two children, 77, of Gadsden, Jane Kelly (née Stewart) Community Cemetery. AL, passed away peacefully in Huntsville, AL on February 8th, 2025, leaving a void her family cannot fill.

She was born in Gadsden in 1947 to James and Jewel Eudy. Vicki attended Emma Samson Highschool and worked in several fields before becoming a paralegal in Gadsden, Atlanta, and Birmingham. After retiring from that career, she wanted to continue to serve others

Vicki was a devoted Special thanks to the staff mother to Blake (Chasity) prides and joy. She truly ter, Deborah Whitehead. loved them with all her provided over the years.

Vicki took special joy in traveling with her children and making new memories no matter where they were. She loved the beach most of all and could eat her weight in fried crab claws and blackened fish. She also loved to dance, laugh, shop, and spend time with her friends, grandchildren/great grandchild (Justin and Rababies, who she adored just like her children.

Vicki was a strong and beautiful soul. She managed through both highs and lows and always gave it her best though. As a police officer to stay positive and move forward.

Vicki was preceded in death by her parents, and is survived by her two children, who will never forget the love she brought to their lives

The family has opted to have a private celebration of God so much. She was so life for Vicki in the summer where they will once again take her to the beach.



Doris Beverly Pelkey

GADSDEN - It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Do-February 12, 2025.

nardino, California.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Michael Benita leaves to cherish at AH Floyd Health Medical and Allisyn (Brandon), her George Pelkey; and her sis-

She is survived by her heart, and they felt that in children, Krystal Dawn the love and support she Monroe, Jason Lee Monroe and Andrew Michael Pelkey; as well as her many grandchildren; her sisters, Paula Van Bibber, and Marilyn Marshall; and her brothers, Richard Kelly and Dale Kelly Jr.

She spent her life devoted to God, to her children, her grandchildren, her writing and her quilting. She had many hobbies over the years, to include breeding ven/Salem), and grand fur dogs, creating ceramics, and laughing with her family.

She was a warrior in a tiny frame, who fought cancer in its various forms for over thirty years. Not just cancer many years ago she also fought crime on the streets in Southern California and she was a writer with completed novels.

She remained faithful to God during her entire life and raised her kids to be faithful as well. She loved excited to go home and be with her family in Heaven. Our family is brokenhearted, but comforted by the fact that she is no longer suffering. Family and dear friends will cherish her memory forever.

Maybell Williamson

LINEVILLE - It is with deep sympathy, we announce the passing of Maybell Williamson of Lineville, AL, who transitioned on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the age of 77. We ask that you keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Visitation will be Feb. 21, 4-6 p.m., at Adams-Buggs AM until the time of service. ris Beverly Pelkey, 67, of Funeral Service-Clay Chapel Gadsden, Alabama, who left in Ashland. Celebration of this world to be with God on life will be Feb. 22 at 11 a.m. at Springhill Baptist Church Doris Beverly Pelkey (née in Lineville and an intern-Kelly) was born to Marion ment will follow at Lineville











NEWS



YMCA hosts Father-Daughter Dance

Fathers and daughters show their moves on the dance floor during the YMCA of the Coosa Valley's Father/ Daughter Dance on Sunday, Feb. 16 at The Venue at Coosa Landing. Photo by Chris McCarthy/Messenger. See more photos on 4A.

GSCC launches Behavioral Team

Gadsden State Community College is launching a Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) to enhance campus safety and support student well-being.

"This proactive initiative is a crossdisciplinary team that identifies, assesses and addresses concerning behaviors before they escalate into serious incidents," said Chief Jay Freeman of the Gadsden State Police and Public Safety Department.

The BIT is a part of the Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Strategy, which creates a safer and more supportive learning environment for students and employees.

"The BIT is crucial in identify-

they escalate, ensuring that students receive the support they need while maintaining a safe learning environment," Freeman said.

The BIT has four main goals: Centralize referrals for stu-

dents in distress Provide training for employees to recognize warning signs

Ensure early intervention and connect students with appropriate resources

Strengthen Gadsden State's commitment to a safe and secure cam-

"This initiative aligns with national best practices in preventing targeted ing and addressing concerns before violence and ensures that Gadsden

State remains a leader in campus safety and student success," he said.

Freeman is joined on the BIT by Cody Beck, director of Enrollment Services; Ricky Tillis, director of the Valley Street Campus; Lynn Patterson, director of Student Activities; Gerri Langley, Office Administration instructor; Lt. Colton Harden, Gadsden State Police; Melissa Davis, orientation instructor; Randi Wright, director of Gadsden State Cherokee; and Dr. Dana Davis, director of the Advising and Retention Center.

"By working together as a community, we can develop a culture of care and early intervention that benefits everyone," Freeman said.

RVSP offering help on tax returns

RSVP of Etowah County is offering free income tax preparation for 2024 federal tax return forms. Please bring photo ID, Social Security card, a copy of 2023 tax return and all W2 and 1099 forms. The program is sponsored by RSVP of Etowah County, the Etowah County Commission and the IRS.

Tax assistance will be available at the following locations. For more information, call 256-549-8147.

The East Gadsden Community Center (921 Wilson Street) from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on March 1, 15 and 29 and

The George Wallace Senior Center (407 Hollingsworth Park Lane) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays through April 11

The Rainbow City Community Center (3702 Rainbow Drive) from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays through April 11.

Carnes Rec Center (102 Case Avenue) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 15.

Etowah County Courthouse, second floor, Room 221, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday-Fridays through April 15. Hokes Bluff Public Library (3310 Alford Bend Road) from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., every Monday through April 14.

Walnut Grove Public Library (5151 Walnut Grove Road) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on March 5 and 19, and April

Sardis City Public Library (1310 Church Street) from 1 - 5 p.m. on March 12 and 26 and April 9.

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Gadsden City Council Meeting

spring.

The resolution was ap- balance owed. proved with all members of the council voting in favor.

Gadsden City Council: Approved unanimously a settlement agreement in- Mayor Craig Ford about troduced as an item of new a visit to Montgomery by business. According to City Ford, Tena King and David Attorney Jack Lee Roberts, the legal settlement regarded a "negligence action arising out of a nuisance abatement." The resolution stated eration Spring Cleaning in the agreement was between Gadsden, which includes Investment Property Unlim- re-painting road stripes, ited, LLC and the City of clearing trees and right of

the meeting. Was reminded of Gadsden Court Amnesty Day on nity at a time and then mov-March 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The amnesty program provides an opportunity for those with certain municipal court charges to clear their cases without concern of being physically arrested. Amnesty is offered to all individuals who have received traffic, misdemeanors, failed to appear, owe fines, has a warrant and any pending charges. On Amnesty Day, Judge Welch will accept

ground is set to open in the must be paid in full that day, and the court will remit the for their hard work.

• Commended city public works department for their In other business, the work after a tree had fallen on a home Monday night.

• Heard report from Hooks. The visit's mission was to meet with the city's

delegation in Montgomery. · Was reminded of Op-Gadsden. No further clarifi- ways, clearing litter and cation was provided during more. The operation consists of city crews focusing their efforts on one commu-

• Commended the high school basketball teams for their performance in a recent championship.

• Heard an update from Ford on the Eastern Connector project. The project has been stalled recently due to issues in acquiring signatures on documents for the city's purchasing of land. Ford stated that he, along with Etowah County Commission, the local mayor's alliance, and others have met with or been in contact with local, state and federal officials and departments to get the project back on its feet.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City of

The renovated camp- is owed to the court, which ing to the next area. Ford Gadsden City Council is set commended the litter crew for February 25 at 11 a.m.

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Fathers and daughters show their moves on the dance floor during the YMCA of the Coosa Valley's Father/ Daughter Dance on Sunday, Feb. 16 at The Venue at Coosa Landing. Photos by Chris McCarthy/Messenger.

Etowah County Commission presents check to Gadsden State Police Dept.



The Gadsden State Police and Public Safety Department recently received a check from Etowah County Commissioner Craig Inzer Jr. and the County Commission. The provided funding will help the department purchase bulletproof vests and body cameras for its officers.

"Providing our officers with the tools they need to stay safe and effectively serve our communities is invaluable," said GSCC Police Chief Jay Freeman. "This investment in protective equipment ensures that our team can operate with greater confidence and accountability. We are truly thankful for the unwavering support from our county leaders and administration."

Scholarships

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grateful for the opportunity

"I learned so much at the

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thentic self," he said. "Al-

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gadsdenstate.edu/hbcu.

opportunity.'

ment opportunities.

"Gadsden State has been which was once the only voa perfect match for me," she cational training school for said. "The program also has Black Americans, earned its an amazing success rate for HBCU designation in 1997 sonographers."

After graduation ney plans to apply for Gadsden State's Echocardiogra- munities. The campus was phy Certificate Program and is considering continuing leges in Alabama selected to her education at the University of Alabama at Birming-

Reflecting on her experitional access to scholarships ence at the summit, McCadney said it was phenomenal.

"I learned so many skills, such as taking control of my ment Summit is a part of credit and negotiating my the college fund and aims salary," she said. "The job to deepen partnerships befair was an incredible op- tween HBCCs and employportunity, and we were able ers seeking work-ready to meet with a number of talent. Spurgeon said he is companies."

McCadney expressed her to learn from others at the gratitude upon receiving the summit. \$15,000 scholarship.

"I have been working summit, including the imthe entire time I've been in college," she said. "It's unbelievable to think that not ways be yourself and take only is my tuition paid now, time for yourself. Also, take but I can also fully focus on advantage of networking. my studies. I am so grateful for the summit and the nicate with others. That next scholarship fund for giving handshake could be a job me this amazing opportunity."

Spurgeon, an 18-year-old about Gadsden State Comfrom Albertville, is working munity College's Valley toward a short-term certificate in Construction Technology at the Valley Street Campus. He chose the program because of his handson learning style and his passion for carpentry.

"I've really enjoyed helping others with the work the program does for Habitat for Humanity," he said. "It has been awesome to help build houses."

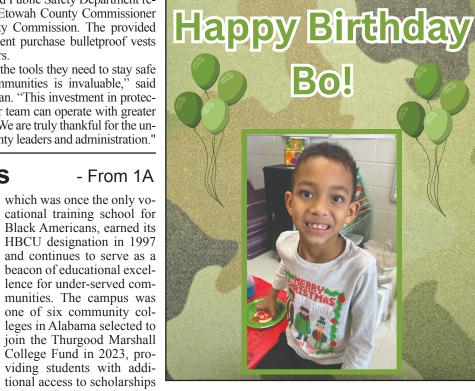
Spurgeon plans to pursue an associate degree in general studies at Gadsden State and hopes to become an entrepreneur in the construction field.

"I'm still trying to figure out my life's path, but I know I want to help people by building homes that lowincome people can afford," he said.

Spurgeon said he was shocked and thrilled to learn he had received the \$15,000 scholarship.

"I never considered that I would be a scholarship recipient," he said. "I didn't even realize they called my name. I just sat there shocked for a minute."

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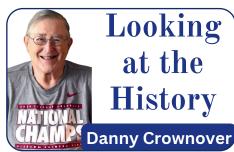




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LIFESTYLE

Hitching posts and sidesaddles in downtown Gadsden



The parking meters in downtown Gadsden reminds The Vagabond of the old hitching posts that were scattered around town back in the day.

on Broad Street and Forrest Avenue disap-rings fastened in the cement sidewalks with peared in 1949 when it was sold to a resident on Argyle Circle through a want ad in of them were used as hitching posts. a local newspaper. It was used as a relic of

the horse and buggy days.

Another hitching post at that time was planted in front of the home on South Fifth Street that was once occupied by E.W. Whipps, a real estate dealer. He also placed a post in front of his real estate office on North Fourth Street.

In the residential sections of town, many of the iron hitching posts were ornamental as well as useful. They were topped with the head of a horse cast from iron.

Some posts were plain iron standards with rings attached to the tops for fastening bridle reins. Some were wood with the hitching rings fastened to the tip by ordinary The last of those posts that were located staples. On Broad Street, there were a few spikes. When trees existed downtown, some

R.B. Kyle kept his buggy horse tied to a

post in front of his office next door to the First National Bank. His son Stonewall kept his fine saddle horse tied to a post nearby.

Some of the downtown stores that used delivery wagons tied their horses to a heavy piece of iron, and there were times when the norses ran away with those blocks, dragging them along the ground.

In the early days of Gadsden, farmers unhitched their teams in the middle of Broad Street, fastened them to the wheels and went about their business. The hitching posts disappeared when women began riding astride, but back in the day, you could find them in front of almost every house in the rural sec-

A few posts were in the city in the late 1870s and early 1880s when women used sidesaddles. They mounted the block that had two or three steps and sat down in the saddle. Some horseblocks were built of stone, but many were constructed by sawing three pieces off a large log, all of different heights to form steps.

A sidesaddle had two horns, one straight up and the other shaped like a half circle. A woman would climb the steps, sit down in the saddle, curl her left leg at the knee over the half circle, put her right foot in the stirrup and ride off without ever showing even a tiny bit of calf or ankle.

The women wore a riding skirt that reached almost to the ground, which they kept on until after she had safely dismounted. Many women became fine riders on what would appear to be unsafe and unsure anchorage, and they frequently rode long distances.

Contact Danny Crownover at dkcrown@ bellsouth.net.

Chocolate pudding, glazed dandelions and red lettered comments



I have a vivid memory from fourth grade, circa 1981. I pull this memory out whenever I'm trying to break the ice with students or answer one of those dreaded "tell us something about yourself that nobody knows" polls during a faculty meet and greet. Once you hear it, you'll understand why my colleagues wonder if I'm okay, sometimes.

During a perfectly sunny day at Liberty School, I was sliding down the big silver slide on the playground, eating chocolate pudding in a can (if you know, you know), all while singing "John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt." Just as I was nearing the end of my jaunt, I took a big bite and belted the word "Schmidt!" At that exact moment, I became intimately aware of the nasopharyngeal anatomy's function during the production of nasal sounds, as chocolate pudding came straight out of my nose. That is also the day I learned that you should not sing with your mouth full.

with some of my best friends from elementary school as part of the gifted program. That trip was the highlight of my week as it functioned as my respite from the world. We were bused to the old rock schoolhouse for a day of creativity, intellectually challenging activities, leadership boosting projects, and the like.

The part of the building that was still inhabitable contained one big classroom with a coat closet, two restrooms and a kitchen. Off the kitchen was an old snack machine standing beside a Coke machine that dispensed glass bottled drinks for 35 cents. They were the stuff dreams were made of!

There are so many memories of that special place. It is where I learned that glazed dandelions are a delicacy in Paris. In the same unit about France, I learned to speak a little Français and prepare an entire French meal

covered a knack for creative writing. It is the place where I felt belonging and where I didn't feel like the weirdest person in the room. It is the place where it was okay to be "too much."

You see, in the general classroom, which I dearly loved, I struggled to fit in. Even though I had straight As in reading, writing and arithmetic, the comments in my conduct section from first through sixth grades

I got to go to Liberty School once a week lacked a little luster. Accompanying the Us for "Unsatisfactory" were the red-lettered comments, which said among other things, "Sandra talks too much," "Sandra annoys others," "Sandra daydreams." I can't say that any of those remarks were untrue. In fact, that was the problem. My "too muchness" was unacceptable, and rightly so, during the structured learning times. So, I had to learn to hold it in and tone it down. I also began to reckon that "too much" annoyed most people.

That belief system would go with me throughout the rest of my school career and into most of my young adult life. I would find myself in a scenario, feel like I was being "too much," try to reign it in and assume I was annoying. It was not until much later that I allowed a different set of red-lettered comments take root in my heart and guard my mind.

The red letters of Jesus in the New Testa-The Liberty School was also where I disment began to mean more to me than report card comments or the whispers of the enemy of my mind telling me that I was "too

> This past week, I was on schedule to give a presentation at our teacher conference. On the days leading up to the event, I heard a familiar whisper in my mind: "Don't do that, it's too much." Obviously, I was nervous to share in front of my new peers (consequently, a group I have not shared

my pudding story with), so the doubts and regret of agreeing to make a presentation were swirling. Eventually, the words of Jesus from Matthew 5:16 took their rightful place in the forefront of my mind and restored my confidence to "let my Light shine.'

I don't always get it right. Sometimes, I succumb to the belief that I am an annoyance to the world and hide myself away. But I'm learning to recognize that old enemy lie and choose to believe the red letters of Jesus instead. I am not "too much" for Him. Neither are you, so shine on!

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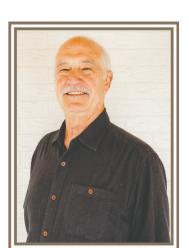
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Historical figures and celebrations

As I sat in the dentist office the other day (shout-out to Dr. Bailey! He and his office staff are amazing!), I scrolled through my phone while my girls had their teeth cleaned and I realized that February is Children's Dental Health Awareness month. My girls were not amused when I enthusiastically pointed out that we were celebrating appropriately.

February is full of things to celebrate, though! Groundhog Day, kids at the dentist, Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, Black History Month, the Super Bowl, Mardis Gras, and even Girl Scout cookies! I've already tasted some King Cake this month, laughed at a few groundhog videos, enjoyed my Valentine's treats, and even ordered Girl Scout cookies. There is something for everyone this month, and honestly, we need that this time of year.

As I looked at my planner and saw how quickly this month has flown by, I realized that even with everything I've enjoyed so far I've missed out on several Black History Month programs at work and in our community. Each year, there is an overall theme for Black History Month, and this year's has been "Labor." This is a poignant and heavy theme in some ways considering the historical relegation of Black Americans to laborious fields and careers, but I have also seen several articles and programs this month that have used 2025's theme to highlight and celebrate the achievements of the Black community and individuals in diverse careers.

In 1879 Mary Eliza Mahoney became the first Black nurse to graduate from an American school of nursing. Fanny Jackson Coppin was the first Black woman to become principal of a public school in the United States. Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman was the first Black woman and first Native American person to become an official

aviator, and she is credited as the earliest known Black person to earn an international pilot's licence.

Katherine Johnson (whose life was highlighted in the fantastic movie Hidden Figures) was a pioneering Black woman in the world of aerospace engineering and technology and her calculations were essential to the success of NASA Project Mercury and the Apollo 11 NASA mission. Frank Greene is often credited as the "first Black technologist" for developing a high-speed semiconductor used in computer memory systems in the 1960s.

Valerie Thomas is also a pioneering Black woman in the field of technology and aerospace engineering. Thomas conducted large-scale experiments, developed computer data systems and spearheaded the development of the first satellite to send images from space. NASA still uses her technology called "Landsat." Septima Poinsette Clark was a teacher and civil rights activist who successfully fought to get public schools in Charleston, South Carolina to hire Black teachers. She was also part of the 1945 case that sought and earned equal pay for Black and white teachers.

Kelly Miller was another important person in education advancement. Miller was the first Black man to attend John Hopkins University and in 1865 he became the first person to teach sociology at Howard University. He continued his teaching career at Howard University until he died at his home on the school's campus in 1939.

Hiram Rhodes Revels made history in 1870 when he was elected to the United States Senate and became the first Black person to enter either chamber of Congress. Likewise, also in 1870 Joseph Hayne Rainey was the first Black person elected to the U.S. House of Representatives

Also in political history, in 1972 Shirley Chisholm became the first woman and the first Black person to run for President of the United States through a major party. Making history was not a new thing for Chisholm. She was a large figure in Black politics and in 1968 she was the first Black woman elected to Congress. Carol Moseley Braun was the first Black woman elected to the U.S. Senate and in 1993 she unknowingly helped challenge an unwritten congressional dress code for women that kept women from wearing trousers on the Senate floor. Later that same year, an official dress code was codified and allowed women to wear trousers or matching pantsuits, as well as dresses and skirts that fit the description of "business attire."

When discussing political figures that made history, one cannot overlook our first Black president, Barack Obama. Obama made history in 2008 when he won the vote for president as a Democratic candidate. He made history again in 2012 when he was re-elected to the position.

Reflecting on these and many other historical figures and reading and watching celebrations and specials has been educational, celebratory and sometimes just downright fun. It has also been a salient reminder of what many are going through in regards to their jobs and careers right now.

In light of our country's complicated and complex history and current climate, Toni Morrison's reminder that "You are not the work you do; you are the person you are" is worth remembering for those who are having to find new work, as well as those who may wrongly believe their own work will never be in doubt. Many people are finding out daily that their labor their work, their



livelihoods are not secure. Friends, neighbors, family and community members are being affected by hiring freezes, federal government layoffs and turmoil, as well as assumptions about the right to work.

James Baldwin said that "a country is only as good... only as strong as the people who make it up and the country turns into what the people want it to become... I don't believe any longer that we can afford to say that it is entirely out of our hands. We made the world we're living in and we have to make it over."

This month is nearly over, but this year has just begun. May we continue to celebrate the important things, and even the silly things. May we judge ourselves and others less on job titles and careers and more on who we are as people. May we hold on to what matters and to those around us as we journey through this year, this season and this chapter of history.

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DEVOTIONALS

We stand on the brink of a monumental moment



1 Chronicles 12:32 says, "And from the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, to know what Israel ought to do, the heads of them were two hundred. And all their brothers were at their command."

Matthew 24: 12-14 says, "Because lawlessness will multiply, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. This Good News of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.'

You might be wondering how these verses apply to our lives today. I recently came across an intriguing article from Worthy News that captured my attention and parked a deeper reflection and prayer in my heart about the times we find ourselves in. The piece highlights the ascent of Artificial Intelligence and its groundbreaking potential to translate the Bible into untouched languages at an unprecedented speed. This development is nothing short of revolutionary, positioning us on the cusp of an extraordinary moment in history. It stands as a good reminder that God can utilize any means to advance His Kingdom!

The article's pull quote reads, "AI boosts Bible translation: fewer than 900 languages left, completion expected by 2025.

The president of Wycliffe recently shared a remarkable vision. The company's goal is to translate the Bible into every language on earth by the year 2025. Incredible, isn't it? With just under 900 translations remaining, we stand on the brink of a monumental moment, an opportunity for the Gospel to reach every corner of the globe! This is not just news; it is a fulfillment of prophecy unfolding right before our eyes. The Scriptures proclaim that when this Gospel of the Kingdom is preached to all nations as a testimony, the end will come.

The rapidity with which biblical events are now occurring is nothing short of astonishing. We find ourselves in a pivotal moment, one that calls for action rather than complacency. It is an urgent rallying cry for each of us to move forward!

At the same time, however, I believe we are to be wise and aware of what moving forward may look like, and for each person, it will look a bit different. Will it always be easy? Will it require sacrifice? Will it cause us to "stand apart" from the rest of the world? All these questions are important to ponder and to pray through. Yet at the same time, I am eager to be part of this extraordinary movement. How about you?

I truly believe we're on the cusp of witnessing a wave of souls entering the Kingdom that will surpass all previous generations combined. The potential for change

My prayer is that I would be sensitive to the Lord's voice so that I can be like the sons of Issachar, who understood the times and knew exactly what to do. We have marching orders from the Lord, which is to spread this gospel to the far corners of the earth and make disciples, teaching them to observe all that He taught us.

One does not have to be Billy Graham and speak to thousands in order to do what the Lord has commanded us to do. This is done one day at a time, and in many cases, one person at a time. Each day we are to be mindful of the opportunities God gives us to speak of Him and share the Gospel with others. We are essential instruments in the Lord's hand, proclaiming the good news, that Yeshua (Jesus) came, sacrificed His life for our redemption and will soon return to establish His Kingdom! Every day, it is incredible to witness the unfolding of the words of our Messiah! The signs and fulfillments are becoming more apparent, and it's an exciting time to be on this journey. Will you join in?

Lord, today we pray that You would open our eyes, ears and hearts to Your voice. May we not be fearful of the assignment You are giving each of us. May we not miss the opportunities You give us each day to share Your Gospel with others. Give us strength and boldness to share You with others. Thank You for what You are doing and allowing us to live in these days!

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

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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.

The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

77 - Isaiah 43:18-20 **King James Version**



Verse for Kids

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- Psalm 68:4-5 **King James Version**

Working toward a single-minded heart

Matthew 5:8 says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." This verse has haunted me for much of my life. I naturally took this teaching to mean "pure" and is the opposite of "impure thoughts." Lust, ever since I was introduced to pornography in middle school, has been a consistent battle. I've taught my children, along with others, that there are only a few things that have the power to become a god to us.

Greed, power and lust have the capacity to consume our minds and hearts. They possess the power to form, or deform, us into an image opposite of Jesus Christ. And if the goal of Christianity is for us to "be not conformed to this world' (Romans 12:2) but "be conformed to the image of His Son" (Romans 8:29), there is a very real ongoing battle for our soul.

For me, there was always a desperate struggle and a constant drum beat in my mind of a verse I memorized long ago: "How can a young man keep his way pure? By taking heed according to Your word.... Your word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:9-11).

So, does the goal of a "pure heart" simply mean a heart devoid of "the (lust) of the flesh, the lust of the eyes (greed), and the pride of life (power)" as stated in 1 John 2:16, or is it something else?

Rich Mullins, who is one of my favorite Christian music artists, had a heart extremely keen towards how to apply Scripture. He was sensitive to his own shortfalls and hypocrisy. In his many songs, you can hear the meditations of a heart that had spent decades wresting with God and with

Rich's insight is demonstrated in a song

entitled "My One Thing," in which he draws the conclusion that "pure in heart" equals "single of heart," meaning that you have "one thing" in your heart. In a declaration to Jesus and with an understanding of what makes a Saint, the song's chorus says, "You're my one thing, you're my one thing, and the pure in heart shall see

Is Rich correct? Absolutely. In James 1:2-8, the Apostle James warns of being a "double-minded man." He teaches that this double mindedness produces an unstable life, unstable in how one lives and unstable in how one prays, in effect a crumbling and incoherent Christian Walk. James teaches this in opposition to a person that is "perfect and complete" (verse

Yes, the call of God on our life is to be perfect. Really? Yes. Jesus commands us to be Saints in Matthew 5:48: "Therefore you shall be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." James is simply echoing the command of Christ in teaching us that development toward Sainthood is designed by God as the goal of salvation. As stated above, we are to be "conformed into the image of His Son.'

As we well know, this is extremely daunting to our very core, that if left to ourselves, this goal has zero chance of being achieved. But we are not left to ourselves, are we? Through the Sacraments of Jesus' Church and through the guidance of Scripture explained by the Holy Spirit through His Church, we can have every hope in Him that "He Who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

How can we do this? With full acknowledgement of the absolute necessity



of grace in our lives, we are to show up to this assignment by faith. We are to bring our lives into submission to Christ as best we can and confess when we cannot. We work towards this goal by demanding from ourselves that we have only one God on the throne of our heart, one master, one thing. We must work toward a "single-minded" heart - a resounding "yes" to God and a resounding "no" to sin. Lord willing, the purity of our hearts is that we choose Jesus Christ above all else and above all others, for "the pure in heart shall see God."

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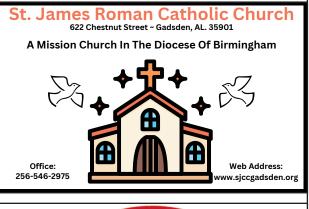
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Boys golf

Westbrook Christian opened the season on Thursday, Feb. 13 with a 131 to 189 victory over Gadsden City at Twin Bridges in Gadsden.

J.D. Berndt paced the Warriors with a low medal score of-3 32. Cove McHugh followed with a +1 36 score, while Max Carr posted a 41 score and Braxton Wolfe carded a 42 score.

Girls golf

Low medalist Hadley Hilgers finished with 41 score to lead Westbrook Christian to a 131 to 143 win over Gadsden City on Thursday, Feb. 13 at Twin Bridges. McKinley Yancy and Crimson Mitchell both carded a 45 for the three counting scores for the Lady Warriors, while Addison Vann shot 52.

Mens basketball

Four players scored in doble figures in Gadsden State's 72-68 loss Lawson State in Alabama Community College Conference action on Saturday, Feb. 15 in Birmingham. Tyla Tatum paced the Lady Cardinals (10-14, 2-9) with 18 points, followed by Kyla Torok with 16 and Jaxon Sizemore and Kamoriah Gaines with 14 each.

Womens basketball

Gadsden State improved to 6-5 in Alabama Community College Conference play and 19-8 overall after defeating Lawson State, 75-71, on Saturday, Feb. 15 in Birmingham. Demarreon Baldwin paced the Cardinals with 21 points, while Keyshawn Morris delivered 14 points and eight rebounds. Mekhi Fitts delivered a doubledouble of 10 points and 10 rebounds, while Shannon Jones contributed 10 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Keishawn Morris chipped in eight points and seven rebounds.

College softball

Gadsden State split a doubleheader with Cleveland State on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Jacksonville State. The Lady Cardinals (6-8) drooped the first game by a score of 6-3 and posted an 11-10 victory in the game 2.

In the opener for Gadsden State, Ally Croy had two hits, Chloe Gattis had a hit and an RBI, and Madison Allen had a hit and a run scored.

In the nightcap, Tennley Johnson went 2-for-3 with two RBI and two run scored; Barit Snead had a three-run double; Ally Croy had a two-run double and a run scored; Abby Payne had a two-run single and a run scored; Lanie Williams had a hit, an RBI and a run scored; Lauren Farmer and Hartlie Rice each had a hit and an RBI; and Madison Allen had a hit and a run scored.

College baseball

Gadsden State improved to 5-2 with a 12-5 victory over Wallace State-Selma and a 12-1 win over Calhoun on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Hoover.

Against Wallace for the Cardinals, Daniel Munoz went 2-for-3 with a double and five RBI; Jayden Roberts went 2-for-3 with three RBI; Cooper Jarvis went 2-for-5 with an RBI; Andrew Hardy went 2-for-4 with an RBI; Jackson Morgan had a hit and an RBI; and Aaron Wallace and Blake Hall each had a hit and an RBI. In three innings, winning pitcher Zac Miller allowed three hits, one earned run and one walk.

Roundups | Jackets jam up Piedmont to win regional title

By Chris McCarthy **Publisher**

Glencoe boys basketball head coach Ryan Chambless did not hesitate when asked for the primary reason why the team will make its first Final Four appearance since 2005. "We did a very good job of controlling the ball and play-

ing with the lead.'

Facing Piedmont in the Northeast Regional Tournament Class 3A championship game on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Jacksonville State, the Yellow Jackets led for all but 1:36 of game time en route to a 77-63 victory and a berth in next week's state tournament. Glencoe (25-7) will face Mars Hill Bible in the state semifinals on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Complex. The Class 3A state final is set for Friday, Feb. 28 at 2:15 p.m.

Tuesday marked the fourth time the Area 12 rival have met this season. Piedmont won the first two games by a margin of six points before Glencoe beat the Bulldogs by seven points in the area tournament finals.

"I'm extremely proud of how hard we played and how hard we competed," said Chambless. "I can't say enough about the effort they put forth. Piedmont's a good team, and we knew they were going to keep battling and weren't going to go away. But there's no substitute for experience, and our guys have a lot of games under their belts. I think across all sports, the teams that have been there and done that have a better chance at being successful.'

Leading by four points at halftime, the Yellow Jackets pushed the Bulldogs back on their heels with a barrage of three-pointers during the third quarter - two by Garrett Morgan and one apiece from Jalen Hunter and Jayden Patton. Morgan's runner with three seconds left pushed the GHS advantage to 52-25

"We've handled the ball pretty well all year," said Chambless. "So I trust our guys when were ahead to make the right decisions and take the good shots or the let other team

Glencoe continued to press the issue early in the fourth period. Patton's steal and resulting layup 12 seconds in, followed by Wade Segrest's trey 32 seconds later, made it a 21-point cushion.

The Yellow Jackets did not score from the field over the next few minutes, however, and the Bulldogs gradually chipped away until three straight three-pointers from Ish Bethel narrowed the gap to single digits at 68-62 with two minutes on the game clock.



Photo courtesy of Alex Chaney

Glencoe's Garrett Morgan (2) prepares to shoot as Piedmont's Ish Bethel (4) defends during the Yellow Jackets' 77-63 victory in the Northeast Regional Tournament Class 3A championship game on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Jacksonville State.

Titans touch up

region semifinals

By Chris McCarthy

Publisher

Whatever else is in store for Gadsden City this postsea-

Facing a Huffman squad that was ranked for most of the

regular season as the No.1 team in the state and beat GCHS

by 15 points during a holiday tournament, Gadsden City

(21-11) took the Viking best shot and delivered a knockout

blow on the way to a 60-46 victory in the Northeast Re-

The Titans will play for their region championship since

'We were prepared for this atmosphere, and I thought we played extremely well," said GCHS head coach Raphael

Graves. "We knew it was going to be a packed house, and I though our kids kept their poise under the circumstances.

We got to play Huffman twice earlier in the season, which

paid dividends because we got to see what tendencies they

"6A is the deepest classification in all of AHSAA basket-

The score was tied seven time and the lead changed hands

five times before Gadsden City began to pull away in the

early stages of the fourth quarter. After Peyton Wiggins'

basket pulled the Vikings within 44-42 with 4:34 remain-

ing, the Titans put together a 14 to 4 run that was capped

by Jakobi Sharp's jump shot with less than two minutes to

play. The key part of that stretch was when Devin Barks-

dale was fouled while attempting a three-point basket. The

senior point guard sank all three foul shots to provide the

ball, and you have to be mentally prepared to play in that

son, the Titans proved on Monday, Feb. 17 that they are

among the cream of the crop in Class 6A basketball.

gional Tournament semifinals at Jacksonville State.

2016 against Oxford on Thursday, Feb. 20.

had and how we could possibly exploit them.

environment."

Huffman in 6A



Chris McCarthy/Messenger

Gadsden City's Devin Barksdale (4) leans into a jump shot as Huffman's Timothy Austin (12) and Antonio Hill (10) look on during the Titans' 60-46 victory in the Northeast Regional Tournament basketball semifinals on Monday, Feb. 17 at 42. Jacksonville State.

Chris McCarthy/Messenger

Gadsden City's Naomi Wise protects the ball from a

Mountain Brook defender during the Lady Titans' 43-

30 loss in the Class 6A Northeast Regional Tourna-

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Titans with their first double digit lead of the game at 52-Gadsden City - page 2B Northeast Orthopedic Sports Clinic, Spine & Physical Therapy

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High School Basketball

Tuesday, Feb. 25 Class 3A boys state semifinals at BJCC Glencoe vs. Mars Hill Bible Wednesday, Feb. 26 Class 6A boys state semifinals at BJCC

Friday, Feb. 21 Guntersville at Sardis Cedar Bluff at West End Gadsden City at Lincoln **Etowah at Madison Central**

Baseball

Saturday, Feb. 22 Glencoe, Alexandria at GCHS Coosa Christian at Southside Sardis, Fairview at Oneonta Etowahm Starkville at Pell City Ashville/Fayetteville at Lincoln Hokes Bluff, Oxford at Piedmont Westbrook at Shelby County

Monday, Feb. 24 Southside, Glencoe, Gaston at Sardis Tuesday, Feb. 25

West End, Hokes Bluff at Sardis Moody at Gadsden City Collinsville at Etowah Douglas at Westbrook Hanceville at Ashville Thursday, Feb. 27 Springville at Gadsden City Briarwood Christian at Etowah

Softball Friday, Feb. 21 Coosa Christian at Gaylesville Monday, Feb. 24 Victory Christian at Ashville Hokes Bluff at Sand Rock Tuesday, Feb. 25 Glencoe at Gadsden City Springville at Southside

Cherokee County at Etowah FCA, VCA at Gaston Sand Rock at West End Coosa Christian at Clay-Chalkville

Thursday, Feb. 27 Southside at Etowah Oneonta at Sardis Alexandria at Coosa Christian West End at Appalachian

Tennis Friday, Feb. 21 Westbrook at Etowah Monday, Feb. 24

Cherokee County at Westbrook Southside at Mortimer Jordan Tuesday, Feb. 25 Boaz at Sardis Victory Christian at Westbrook **Thursday**, Feb. 27 Oneonta at Sardis

Golf Friday, Feb. 21 Southside at Madison County Tuesday, Feb. 25

Gadsden City at Albertville

Glencoe at Sand Tock

Boaz vs. Etowah at Twin Bridges Thursday, Feb. 27 GCHS vs. Etowah at Twin Bridges Soccer

Friday, Feb. 21

Feb. 21 - Feb. 27

Southside at Grissom

Monday, Feb. 24 Arab at Etowah Westbrook at Collinsville Tuesday, Feb. 25 Coosa Christian at Westbrook John Carroll Catholic at Southside White Plains at Etowah Geraldine at Glencoe Gadsden City at Grissom Thursday, Feb. 27 Oxford at Gadsden City

> College Basketball

Etowah at St. Clair County

Monday, Feb. 24 Bishop State at Gadsden State Thursday, Feb. 27 Gadsden State at Southern Union

Baseball Friday, Feb. 21 John Wood at Gadsden State (DH) Saturday, Feb. 22 John Wood at Gadsden State (DH)

Softball Saturday, Feb. 22 Gadsden State at JUCO Clasic Tuesday, Feb. 25 Chattahoochee Valley at Gadsden State (DH) Wednesday, Feb. 26 Gadsden State at Motlow State

Friday, Feb. 21 Gadsden State at Coastal South Saturday, Feb. 22 Gadsden State at Shorter

Tennis

Gadsden City beats Huffman at regionals

- from 1B

"When Devin made those free throws right there, it gave us some separation and made Huffman play more desperate," said Graves.

Huffman managed only one field goal the rest of the game. Sharpe iced the win by going 4-for-4 at the free throw line over the final 90 seconds. GCHS shot 82 percent at the foul line in the second half.

Barksdale paced the Titans with 18 points, followed by Sharp with 17 and Franklin with 13.

Sharp pulled down 10 rebounds, followed by Keshawn Curry with six and Barksdale with five. Sharp and Barksdale both had two blocks.

Wiggins led Huffman with 14 points, while Kevon Walker added 13.

The teams traded baskets for the better part of the first half, with neither squad leading by more than five points. Gadsden City led 12-11 after one quarter. The Titans went ahead 18-13 at one point during the second period before a foul shot by Antonio Hill closed the gap to one point. Kai Franklin's basket with five second remaining provided GCHS with a 24-21 advantage at the half.

Franklin netted seven points during the third quarter to help extend Gadsden City's lead to eight, but the Vikings finished off the period with a 9 to 4 stretch that narrowed the gap to 38-37 heading into the fourth quarter.

We started back in February and March on putting a plan in of getting back here," said Graves. "Our kids brought into it, and here we are. When you get to this point, you're able to see how the other players and coaches react under this kind of pressure.

Gadsden City and Oxford did not play each other in the

With Oxford, we know all of them and they know all of us, so it will be a fun matchup to see who gets to go to Birmingham," said Graves.

Lady Titans can't climb out of early hole against Mtn. Brook

By Chris McCarthy **Publisher**

The Gadsden City High girls basketball team made a game of it in the second half against Mountain Brook in the Class 6A Northeast Regional Tournament semifinals, but the 20-point hole the Lady Titans dug for themselves in the first 16 minutes proved too much to overcome in a 43-30 loss on Monday, Feb. 17 at Jacksonville

Trailing 26-6 at intermission, GCHS (16-16) opened the third quarter with a 6-0 run that led to a Mountain Brook timeout. The Lady Titans wound up outscoring the Lady Spartans 11 to 8 during the third quarter, putting themselves within striking distance at 34-17 at the start of the fourth period.

Four points from Destiny Whiteside, three from Madison Tinker and two from Naomi Wise trimmed the deficit to 12 points with just under three minutes to play, and Whiteside's steal and resulting layup drew GCHS within 40-30 with 51 seconds to go

"We stayed in out halfcourt man-to-man [defense[and got some turnovers," said GCHS head coach Jay Tinker. "But as time went on, we had to turn the pressure a little

But the Lady Titans were up against the game clock at that point, and Maddie Walter salted away the victory for Mountain Brook (24-6) with three points over the final 30 seconds.

Whiteside finished with 10 points and three assists, while Tinker added eight points. Wise ended up with seven points and eight rebounds, while Karleigh Sheffield chipped in four points and five boards.

It took Gadsden City some time to get settled out of the gate. The Lady Titans came up empty on their first five possessions of the first quarter before Wise knocked down a three-point basket to draw GCHS within

Consecutive treys from Geisliser made it 10-3, however, and Mountain Brook took a 12-4 lead into the second frame.

Matters didn't improve for Gadsden City during the next several minutes, as the Lady Titans failed score from the field the remainder of the first half. Their second period points came from respective free throws by Madison Tinker and Sheffield.

"We knew we might start off a little slow, but I didn't think it would be that slow," said Jay Tinker. "We knew that we were probably going to have a hard time, being that we haven't been down here to Jacksonville in a few years. But we made a few adjustments at halftime and came out and played really strong in the second half.'

Geisiler paced Mountain Brook with 20 points, followed by Walter with 17. The Lady Spartans finished with a 29 to 23 advantage in rebounds and a 26-16 edge in points

"We may have spotted [Mountain Brook] 20 points, but our girls never gave up and they played hard all the way through," said Jay Tinker. "I've been coaching most of these girls since they were in the first or second grade, so they're all like my daugh-

Jay Tinker was not surprised that his 2024-25 team won the area tournament and made the regional tournament with seven underclassmen on the roster.

ready for moments like this. Coming in Feb. 17 at Jacksonville State. last year, not making regionals was a disappointment, and I expected this year's group to have a chance to get out of Jacksonville.



Chris McCarthy/Messenger

"From Day 1, this was our intention from Gadsden City's Destiny Whiteside (4) attempts a shot as Mountain Brook's Avery the beginning. That's why we lined up such Davis (3) and Ellie Halpern (24) defend during the Lady Titans' 43-30 loss in the an intense schedule, so that we would be Class 6A Northeast Regional Tournament girls basketball semifinals on Monday,

> We're looking to put together a small little dynasty, so the bar isn't going to be [getting to Jacksonville]; we want the bar to be

set at getting to (the state tournament at) Birmingham. We want to play for the blue

Glencoe defeats Piedmont in Class 3A regional finals - from 1B

"I knew we couldn't [stall] that early," said Chambless. "I just want to make sure that we were getting layups or getting to the [free throw] line.

But Piedmont (19-9) had to start fouling in order to regain possession, and their fate was sealed when Morgan and Hunter combined to go 5-for-6 at the free throw line down the stretch.

Glencoe wound up shooting 71 percent 12-for-17) from the foul line in the fourth quarter and 68 percent (14-for-21) overall.

Morgan paced the Yellow Jackets with 20 points, followed by Segrest and Smith with 16 each, Patton with 11, Jalen Hunter with eight and Bryce Borntrager with six.

Smith grabbed six rebounds, followed by Morgan and Borntrager with five each and Patton with four.

Bethel scored 28 points for Piedmont, with Rollie Pinto adding 14 and Colton Proctor chipping in 12.

Smith fired up the Yellow Jackets' engine by scoring their first nine points of the game. Borntrager netted the next two baskets, while Segrest's three-pointer at 1:57 gave Glencoe the lead for good. Patton's buzzer-beating trey provided the Jackets with a 21-13 advantage.

Bryce got us off to a really good start, and Grant played his tail off from start to finish," said Chambless. "Jalen Hunter came in and did a good job of guarding Ish, who probably was their best player today.

Glencoe gained its first double-digit lead of the game 30 seconds into the second quarter when Smith's three-point basket staked the Yellow Jackets to a 24-13 lead. Segrest scored six more points during the period, but Piedmont drew within 34-30 at intermission.

"To our boys' credit, they've been nothing but a joy to work with every day," said Chambless. "I can't think of another group that I've coached that is more deserving of this honor. They've made the most of this opportunity, and that's what I'm most proud of. It's not an easy job to win games, especially [this] late [in the season] when there are so many good teams. To continue to keep playing is a





LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT default has occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by MARK BLACKWELL and CAN-DI BLACKWELL dated December 14, 2012, to originally in favor of LIB-ERTY 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 3584449 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 INVEST-MENTS, LLC, as mortgagee/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 25th day of February 2025, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate located in ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, to

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.

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 INVEST-MENTS, 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

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.

fail to timely tender the to-

tal amount due.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation

RODNEY L. EDMOND-SON McLaughlin & Edmondson, LLC

Attorneys and Auctioneer for DRY GROUND IN-VESTMENTS, LLC, Mortgagee/Assignee North Main Street Arab,AL. 35016 (256) 931-2520

February 7, 14, and 21, 2025

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued out of the State of Alabama, Department of Revenue of Montgomery County, Alabama, and to me directed whereby I am commanded to make the amount of judgment (\$98,651.74 plus daily interest) recently obtained against Marty Naylor in favor of State of Alabama, Department of Revenue out of the good, chattels, lands and tenements of the said Marty

I have levied on the following property, to-wit: H/S BASE YEAR-LT 149.5x291.6 LYING IN SW % SE 1/4 5-10-6 1385-441, D-1977-1552, D-2011-3358221

Parcel 03-03-05-0-000-034.000 PPIN 001287 Property Address 171 Underwood Road, Boaz, Al. 35956

**ALL PROPERTY SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY/ALL MORTGAGES, TAXES, LIENS, EASEMENTS, AND/OR ENCUM-BRANCES. WILL BE SOLD "AS IS WHERE IS". PURCHASER PAYS COST OF ADVERTIS-

ING AND OTHER LAWFUL CHARGES AND FEES. Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the above Marty Naylor in and to the above-described property, on the 3rd day of March 2025, during the legal hours of sale, at the Courthouse in Etowah County, Alabama. The sale is scheduled for

Jonathon W. Horton Sheriff, Etowah County

11:00 A. M.

February 14, 21 and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Bennett D. Tucker, Jr., Amanda Tucker Cabaniss and Traci Tucker Dewar was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 01/09/2025 to the Estate of Bennett D. Tucker, 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

February 7, 14 and 21, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Betty Ruth White was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 1/23/2025 over the Estate of William E. White, 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

February 14, 21, and 28,

FILE CLAIMS

LaShonda Lynn Dobbins was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 1/22/2025 to the Estate of Willie Vernard Dobbins, Jr., deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Lisa Holcombe Hester was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 1/28/2025 to the Estate of Charles R. Holcombe, 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

February 14, 21, and 28,

FILE CLAIMS

Louis Kemp was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/22/2024 to the Estate of Estella Mae Wilson, 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

February 14, 21, and 28,

FILE CLAIMS

Jacob Millican was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 1/31/2025 to the Estate of Roxie Janet Smith, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Jacob Millican was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 1/31/2025 over the Estate of Judy Marie Gill, 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

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Karen Heath Entrekin and Randy Shane Heath was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/06/2025 to the Estate of Gail R. Heath, 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

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Lisa Keeton Williams was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/23/2025 to the Estate of Bettye Keeton, 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

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Jonathan Mark Atchley was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/28/2025 to the Estate of Charles Edward Atchley, 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

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Jamie Bridges Walden was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/25/2024 over the Estate of Kathy Lee Bridges, 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

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Regina Phillips was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/17/2025 to the Estate of Ronald Dutton, 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

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Kimberly Lynn Boyd was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/28/2025 to the Estate of Trina Marie Sweet, 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

February 14, 21, and 28,

FILE CLAIMS

Nica Lea Hodge was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/28/2025 to the Estate of Donna Lou Fish, 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

February 14, 21, and 28,

FILE CLAIMS

Gregory Tyler Reeves was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/21/2025 over the Estate of Gregory Lamar Reeves, 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

February 14, 21, and 28,

FILE CLAIMS

Richard Allen Bard was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/27/2025 to the Estate of William Jimmy Copeland, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Billy W. Green was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/22/2025 to the Estate of Sandra G. Boyd, 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

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS Lisa Keeton Williams

was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/23/2025 to the Estate of Bettye Keeton, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six

months will be barred. a

Judge of Probate

Scott W. Hassell

February 14, 21, and 28, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: PRICE K. EATMAN, INCAPACITATED Case #: 2024-227

TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROP-ERTY belonging to the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 19th day of MARCH 2025 at 1:30p.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 31ST DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

Scott Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

February 7, 14, and 21, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MYRA K. CROCKETT, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2024-00626

TO: ANY INTERESTED

PARTY
Please take notice that a
Petition to Approve Sale

of Real Property was filed

in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama and further, that the 31st day of MARCH, 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 Peti-

DONE THIS THE 31st DAY OF January 2025

tion, if you so choose.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

February 7, 14, and 21,

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EDWARD BYNUM, DE-

CEASED.

Case No.: S-12247

TO: ANY INTERESTED PARTY

Please take notice that a Motion to Compel Final Settlement was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama and further, that the 4th day of

ther, that the 4th day of MARCH, 2025 at 10:30 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 24th DAY OF JANUARY 2025 SCOTT W. HASSELL

JUDGE OF PROBATE
February 7, 14, and 21,

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:
MITCHELL G.
CHILDERS,
Case #: 2025-68
ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

TO: Layla Matthews and any unknown family

Please take notice that

a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIAN-SHIP & CONSERVA-TORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 17 day of MARCH 2025 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support

and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

Scott Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

February 14, 21, and 28,

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR FINAL
SETTLEMENT AND
DISCHARGE ON
ADMINISTRATION OF
ESTATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA The Matter of the Estate of BARBARA STEED, deceased

CASE NO. 2024 - 00103 NOTICE TO: Angela Dale Hilton, aka Angela Matthews, aka Angela Knight-

en, aka Angela Hicks, and

all other next of kin and

other interested parties

Please take notice that a Petition for Final Settlement and Discharge has been filed in said Court by Alan Knighten, Petitioner, and that the 30th day of April 2025, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. has been set for hearing on the same in the Probate Judge's Courtroom in the Etowah County Courthouse in Gadsden, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest the said Petition, you must file a written response with the Probate Court, send a copy of your response

Dated this 17th day of February 2025.

to counsel for Petitioner,

and appear at the above

Jason Knowles Knowles & Sullivan, LLC Attorneys for Petitioner 413 Broad Street Gadsden, Alabama 35001

Phone: 256-547-7200 February 21, 28, and March 7, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on Tuesday February 25, 2025 at 9:30 AM a hearing is set to be heard in Probate Office of Etowah County concerning the deceased Charles Edward Riley, Jr. who died February 12, 2025 at Riverview Regional Medical Center in Gadsden, Charles Edward Riley, Jr. last known address was 406 N. 6th St. Apt. C Gadsden, AL 35901.

February 21, 2025

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

Notice to: Ben Pike, whose whereabouts are

unknown

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Gregory
Lee Pike and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Gregory Lee Pike was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 31ST day of JANUARY, 2025.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 18th day of MARCH 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

February 7, 14 and 21, 2025

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

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

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Edna Brotman and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Edna Brotman was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 12th day of FEBRUARY 2025.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 18TH day of MARCH 2025, at 2:30 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Ave-

nue, Gadsden, Alabama

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

35901.

February 14, 21, and 28,

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

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

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Fred Reynolds and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Fred Reynolds was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 14TH day of FEBRU-ARY 2025.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 31ST day of MARCH 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

February 21, 28, and March 7, 2025

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, ex rel: Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CV-24-900424-BTC
PLAINTIFF
VS.
10 GAMBLING
DEVICES
\$946.00 U.S.
CURRENCY
Mp25.25 Auto

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO:

SN#1817218

DEFENDANTS
In Re: ELIJAH BYNUM
1209 Monte Vista Drive
Gadsden, AL. 35901

Property Seized From: 1229 Franklin Street Gadsden, AL. 35904

TO ANY PERSON, COR-PORATION OR OTHER ENTITY CLAIMING AN OWNER'S BONA FIDE INTEREST IN THE HEREINABOVE DE-SCRIBED PROPERTY:

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described property and currency. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 25th day of March 2025. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said currency.

DONE this the 23rd day of January 2025

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

January 31, February 7,

14, and 21, 2025

NOTICE
OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

RUSSELL EDWARDS, PLAINTIFF, VS.

CASE NO.: CV-2024-900277 CASEY RYAN SHER-RELL, DEFENDANT.

CASEY RYAN SHER-

RELL is hereby notified

that Russell Edwards, has filed a Complaint in the Circuit Court for Etowah County, Alabama. The style of said action being identified as CV-2024-900277. The above named person, entities and all other persons or entities, known or unknown, are hereby noti-

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fied that they must file an answer to said complaint in the identified civil action on or before or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in said Civil Action No. CV-2024-900277.

Dated: 1/30/25

Cassandra Johnson, Clerk, Etowah County Circuit Court

F. Michael Haney Attorney for Plaintiff 235 Broad Street Gadsden, Alabama 35901 (256) 546-1656

February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

DANNY STOWERS, CASE NO: DV-24-900834 **CHRISTIAN FORD**

NOTICE OF BREACH OF CONTRACT AND NEGLIGENCE ACTION CHRISTIAN FORD'S whereabouts are unknown, must answer DANNY STOWER'S Complaint for Breach of Contract and Negligence and other relief by CHRISTIAN FORD, or thereafter, a Judgement by Default may be rendered against Christian Ford in Case No: DV-24-900834, Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama.

Dated: February 4, 2025

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk

Clark Hall Attorney for the Plaintiff 750 Forrest Avenue Gadsden, AL. 35901 (256)549-4357

February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025

NOTICE OF **PUBLICATION**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GARY WAYNE MIZELL, DEACEASED. Case No.: S-11667

Notice to: All creditors, heirs or distributees and all other person interested in the Estate of GARY WAYNE MIZELL, de-

You will hereby take notice that JOSHUA CALEB GRINDBERG, as Personal Representative of the Estate of GARY WAYNE MIZELL, filed a Report of Insolvency of said Estate on the 13th day of February 2025.

You are hereby notified that a hearing on the Petitioner's Report of Insolvency will be held at my office in the Etowah County Courthouse, on the 7th day of April, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock a m. when the Report of Insolvency will be considered, and you may show cause, if any, why the Report of Insolvency should be de-

This the 14th day of February 2025

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

February 21, 28, and March 7, 2025

NOTICE OFHEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

In The Matter of the Adoption Petition of DONALD RAY BACON And JUDY DARNELL BACON

CASE NO.: 2024-00689

TO: CAIN PHILLIPS AND/ OR ANY UNKNOWN **FATHER** Address unknown.

Please take notice that a petition for adoption of a child born to Christin R. Gulledge has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above. The minor child's date of birth is September 6, 2019. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as

an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

Attorney for Petitioner: Savannah Lane Long P.O. Box 8241 Gadsden, AL 35902 256-312-9553

Given under my hand this the 29th day of January

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

February 7, 14, 21, and 28. 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

In The Matter of the Adoption Petition of JO-SEA DANIEL CABRERA **FLORES** CASE NO.: 2024-00044

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER Address unknown.

Please take notice that a petition for adoption of a child born to Joanna Ramos Cabrera has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above. The minor child's date of birth is June 20, 2010. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of fur-

Attorney for Petitioner: Tammy Parris 945 Chestnut Street Gadsden, AL 35901

Phone 256-547-9222

considered terminated.

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proceedings. If the adop-

tion is approved, your pa-

rental rights, if any, will be

Given under my hand this the 7th day of February.

Scott W. Hassell

Judge of Probate

February14, 21, 28, and March 7, 2025

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

KATHY LEE. **PLAINTIFF**

CASE NO.: CV-2025-900021 SAMMY HERRON, ET AL.,

DEFENDANTS

The Defendants, Sammy Herron, Estella Herron, and Cicero Curry, whose whereabouts are unknown, and any other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the lands described below, must answer Plaintiff's Complaint filed in the above referenced court and case number within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication of thereafter a judgement of default may be rendered against you in the abovestyled case.

The subject property is described as follows: LOT 1, BLOCK A, HIGH-LAND PARK ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "B", PAGE 164, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Done the 30th day of January, 2025.

Cassandra Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court of Etowah County

Jason Knowles, Knowles & Sullivan, LLC 413 Broad Street Gadsden, AL 35901 256-547-7200

February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

In The Matter of the Adoption Petition of BRAN-SCOTT WILDER

CASE NO .: 2025-00001 TO: Bradley Watts Address Unknown

Please take notice that a petition for adoption of a child born to Brooke Ellen Perry, a.k.a Brooke Perry Wilder, has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above. The minor child's date of birth is March 30, 2011. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be

Attorney for Petitioner: Shannon L. Millican 255 South 8th Street Gadsden, AL 35901

considered terminated.

Given under my hand this the 2nd day of January

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

January 31, February 7, 14, and 21, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama Case # JU-25-16.01

Publication Notice to: Laura Ann Dial.

A Complaint has been filed in this court to terminate your parental rights as to N.D. (DOB 4/26/20), a minor child. You must file an answer to the Complaint within 14 days of perfection of service by publication. Your answer is to be filed in the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 801 Forrest Ave. Gadsden, AL. 35901.

Done this the 19th day of February 2025.

Cassandra Johnson Cir-

Williams, King & Associ-2100 Club Drive, Suite 150 Gadsden, AL 35901

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025

256-442-0201

NOTICE OF **CIVIL ACTION TO** QUIET TITLE

TO REAL PROPERTY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF ETOWAH COUNTY,

ALABAMA

Paul Skelton, Plaintiff, Civil Action no.

CV-2024-900380

A tract of land described as Lot Numbers Twenty-two (22) to Thirty-three (33), both inclusive, in Block Number One (1), and Lots Numbers Six (6), Seven (7), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12), in Block Number Two (2), in Skelton's Rearrangement of Lots Numbers 26, 27 and 28, in Block Twenty-five (25), of Cloverdale Subdivision, according to map of said Rearrangement recorded in Plat Book "D", page 23, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Attalla, Etowah County, Alabama, Nell Skelton, the unknown heirs of Nell Skelton, if any, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest

in said property, Defendants, are hereby notified that Paul Skelton, Plaintiff, has filed in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, a complaint for quiet title and other relief. The style of said action being identified as CV- 2024-900380. The above named person, entities and all other persons or entities, known or unknown, are hereby notified that they must file an answer to said complaint in the identified civil action

on or before 3/31/2025, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in said Civil Action

CV-2024-900380.

Done this 3rd day of January 2025

CASSANDRA JOHN-**CLERK OF COURT**

Attorney for the Plaintiff

Elizabeth P. Haney, PO Drawer 287 Gadsden, AL 35902

February 7, 14, 21, and

28, 2025

NOTICE OF **DIVORCE ACTION** TOSUBER BARROW, SR., whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint of Tamara Barrow, by answering a divorce and other relief, thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against him in Civil Action No.: DR-25-900022 Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama. Dated February 3, 2025 Cassandra Johnson CIRCUIT CLERK

John D. Floyd, Attorney for Plaintiff 808 Chestnut Street Gadsden, AL. 35901

February 14, 21, 28, and March 7, 2025

(256)547-6328

ADVERTISEMENT FOR **COMPLETION PORTABLE ICE-SKATING RINK**

In accordance with Chap-

ter 1, Title 39, Code of Al-

abama, 1975, Bob Smith Construction, Inc. hereby gives written notice of the completion of a contract with the City of Gadsden, Alabama, for the Portable Ice-Skating Rink project no. 3563, and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. This notice is to appear for four consecutive weeks, beginning Friday January 2025 and ending on Friday February 21, 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

Bob Smith Construction,

267, Gadsden, AL 35902-

0267 during this period.

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

January 31, February 7, 14 and 21, 2025

NOTICE TO **CONTRACTORS** Federal Aid Project No. STPSU-2819(252) **ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on February 28, 2025 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Widening, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on Black Creek Parkway from the junction of Willis Creek Road to the junction of

11th Street in Gadsden. Length 0.566 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the

amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Thirty-five (35) Working Days. A 5.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$17.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum

Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made. Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

its implementing regula-

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

On This Project Is From \$682,493 To \$834,159. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the

The Bracket Estimate

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

36110.

of bids.

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

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

ment of Transportation,

in accordance with Title

VI of the Civil Rights Act

of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

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

an award. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER

Transportation Director

origin in consideration for

February 7, 14, and 21, 2025

NOTICE TO **CONTRACTORS** STATE PROJECT NO. ATRP2-28-2023-418 ETOWAH COUNTY,

ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on February 28, 2025 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Micro-Milling, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on Church Street from the junction of SR-77 to the junction of SR-25 (US-411) to include Traffic Signal Installations at various locations in Rainbow City. Length 0.357 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In One Hundred Twenty (120)

Working Days. A 0.50%

DBE Contract Obligation Is Required. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$12.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made. Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany

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

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$1,119,291 To \$1,368,022 Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the

rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids. The bidder's proposal

must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation. Section 34-8-8. Code of Alabama 1975 as

amended states in part as follows: '... it will be necessary for him or her to show evidence of license before his or her bid is considered,' Further, Section 34-8-8, Code of Alabama 1975 as amended also states in part as follows: 'All Owners, Architects, and engineers

receiving bids pursuant to this chapter shall require the person, firm, or corporation to include his or her current license number on

The right to reject any or

all bids is reserved. JOHN R. COOPER

Transportation Director February 7, 14, and 21,

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on February 28, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903

Peggy Caldwell #39 Francesca Rodgers #119 Evett Rembert #67 Off Campus Storage George Wallace Drive Gadsden, AL. 358903

February 14 and 21, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be disposed/auctioned by Rainbow Self Storage on February 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at 209 A. East Grand Avenue, Rainbow City, AL. 35906.

Meredith McCowen Unit 42 and 43

Rainbow Self Storage 209 A. East Grand Ave-

Rainbow City, AL. February 21, 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 2002 Toyota 4Runner vin# JT3GN86RX20254830 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 04/02/2025. 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **AUCTION OF** ABANDONED VEHICLES

February 14 and 21, 2025

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 2009 Pontiac G5 vin# 1G2AS18H097177302 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 04/01/2025 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

February 14 and 21, 2025

public auction.

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

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

2003 Ford Mustang 1FAFP42R73F407023

2015 Ford Mustang 1FA6P8TH1F5372583

2001 Ford Econoline

91HA57916

1FBSS31L-

2006 Dodge Stratus 1B3EL46XX6N150865

2007 Chevrolet Uplander 1GNDV33177D212039 2005 BMW 745

WBAGN63565DS56666 2006 Chevrolet Trailblaz-

1GNDS13S562158496

2006 Honda Odyssey 5FNRL38756B070959

2006 Pontiac Grand Prix 2G2WP552061115082

2000 Honda Accord

1HGCG554XYA042314

Thacker Towing 927 5th Ave NE Attalla, AL 35954 (256) 504-1605

February 14 and 21, 2025

NOTICE OF VEHICLE **POSSESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on March 21, 2025

2014FORD FOCUS 1FADP-3K21EL251537

1998 FORD F150 1FTZX-

1720WNB69401 2006 GMC YUKON XL

16Z86J147098

2004 LINCOLN TOWN CAR

1LNHM-

VIN:

83W54Y627835 1988 HONDA ACCORD CA6162JA045454

1995 NISSAN TRUCK 1N6SD16S3SC424962

2008 TOYOTA CAMRY 46KX8U570753 2002 HONDA ACCORD

G56722A042551 2006 CADILLAC ESCA-LADE

1GYEK63N26R156873

ER Towing 1733 Forrest Ave Gadsden, AL 35901

(256)547-1549

VIN:

February 14 and 21, 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 2020 Nissan Versa vin# 3N1CN8EV0LL835074 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 04/07/2025. The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is un-reasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the

public auction. February 21 and 28, 2025

NOTICE OF VEHICLE **POSSESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on April 4, 2025 at 8:00 A.M.

2016 Buick Regal

2G4GS5GX5G9208833 Tommy Tows 1912 3rd Street Attalla, AL. 35954

(256) 490-3715 February 21 and 28, 2025

NOTICE OF VEHICLE **POSSESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on April 9, 2025.

2MEFM-74W22X640820 UNI AUTOMOTIVE GROUP 2075 HWY 77

2002 Mercury Grand Mar-

February 21 and 28, 2025

ATTALLA AL 35954

256-538-6600

NOTICE OF VEHICLE **POSSESSION**

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

1J4PS4GK-7AC117916 UNI AUTOMOTIVE GROUP 2075 HWY 77

2010 Jeep Grand Cher-

VIN:

ATTALLA AL 35954 256-538-6600 February 21 and 28, 2025

AUCTION OF ABAN-DONED VEHICLES Please take NOTICE that

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2020 Nissan Versa vin#

02-21-25 Legals.indd 2 2/20/25 9:52 AM

3N1CN8EV0LL835074 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 04/07/2025

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 auc-

February 21 and 28, 2025

A BILL TO BE **ENTITLED AN ACT**

Relating to Etowah County and the Mega Sports Complex Authority; amend Section 45-28 220.03, Code of Alabama 1975, to immediately transfer all fiduciary re-

sponsibility relating to the authority to the City of Rainbow City; and to provide for the dissolution of the authority upon the full payment of certain outstanding debt. BE IT ENACTED BY THE

LEGISLATURE OF ALA BAMA: Section 1. Section 45-28-220.03 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended

to read as follows: \$45-28-220.03 (a) This section shall only apply in Etowah County. (b) The Etowah County Mega Sports Complex

Authority is created.

(c)(1) Immediately ter October 1, 2022, the terms of the members serving on the authority shall end. Thereafter, the The authority shall consist of the following members: a. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph 1., one member appointed by each member of the local legislative delegation with initial terms expiring as follows: 1. House District 29, expiring November 10, 2022. The initial appointment occurring after October 1, 2022, shall be made by the Director of the Etowah County Tourism Board. Subsequent appointments to this position shall be made by the legislative member representing House District 29. 2. House District 28, expiring November 10, 2023. 3. House District 30, expiring November 10, 2024. 4. Senate

c. The Director of the Etowah County Tourism

District 10, expiring November 10, 2025. b. The

President of the Etowah

County Chamber of Com-

merce, or his or her des-

ignee. d. One member appointed by the governing body of the City of Rainbow City, for an initial term expiring November 10, 2024.

(2) Upon completion of the initial staggered terms, subsequent appointments of non exofficio members shall be made in the same manner for terms of four

(3) A member shall be removed from the authority after failing to attend three consecutive properly noticed regular meetings of the authority, or more than half of the properly noticed regular meetings, during a calendar year. The members of the authority shall meet at least quarterly and minutes of the meetings of the authority shall be posted on a website operated by the authority or on a social media website of the authority, or both, within 30 days after the meeting date. A vacancy on the authority for any reason shall be filled by appointment by the original appointing authority for the unexpired term.

(4) Except for the Director of the Etowah County Tourism Board, no member of the authority may also serve as a member of the Etowah County Tourism Board.

(d) The authority shall evaluate the development of a sports complex for Ftowah County for implementation and administration by the authority. The evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, the following considerations and issues:

(1) The feasibility of a mega sports complex for the county.

(2) What should be included in such a complex. (3) The location of such a complex.

(4) The cost associated with acquiring and maintaining such a complex. (5) Possible funding sources for such a complex. (e) After its evaluation, the authority may initiate the development and management of a public mega sports complex in the county.

(f)(d) The authority, subject to subsections (e) and (h), shall also have the following powers and duties: (1) To acquire or lease real property for the development of sports or other recreational facilities and related improvements for public purposes.

(2) To make, enter into. and execute contracts, agreements, or other instruments necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

(3) To establish and appoint committees and hire staff which it deems necessary for the carrying out of its functions.

(4) To accept and receive any and all donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to receive, utilize, and dispose

of it. (5) To perform other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this section. (e) Commencing on October 1, 2025, all fiduciary responsibility and duties relating to the authority shall be vested in the City of Rainbow City. All revenue of the authority including, but not limited to, tax revenues received pursuant to Section 45-28-220.03, shall be transmitted to the appropriate designated division of the city and all fiscal distributions, liabil-

ities, and obligations of the authority shall be the responsibility of the city, provided that collected and received revenue is sufficient to satisfy the liabilities and obligations of the authority. The designated division shall have unfettered access to all accounts held by the authority on October 1, 2025, which accounts shall remain separate and distinct from all other ac-

counts held by the city. (g)(f) All T.V.A. inlieu-of-taxes payments to Etowah County retained by the county and not transferred to the City of Sardis pursuant to Section 40-28-2 shall be distributed to the Etowah County Mega Sports Complex Authority to be used for the financing and operation of a mega sports complex <u>as provided</u> by the City of Rainbow City pursuant to subsec-

tion (e). (h)(g)(1) Any additional funds received by the authority from any state or county tax revenue shall be applied first toward the payment of existing debts. (2) Immediately upon the full payment of all debts in existence as of October 1, 2022, all revenues referenced in subsection (g) (f) of this section and subdivision (1) of Section 45-28-91.02(1) shall be held in the county treasury until otherwise directed by unanimous consent of the members of the legislative

(h) On or before June 1, 2048, and immediately upon the full payment of all debts in existence on October 1, 2022, the terms of the members then serving on the authority pursuant to subsection (c) shall end, and the authority shall be dissolved. At that time, the City of Rainbow City shall perform all duties of the authority as provided in subsection (d) and all existing debts, liabilities, and assets of the authority including, but not limited to, real property, buildings, equipment, and other as-

sets, shall transfer to the City of Rainbow City. (i) A comprehensive financial audit of the authority shall be performed immediately after October 1, 2022, annually for the immediately succeeding two years, and every two years thereafter. The audit shall be performed by a licensed independent certified public accountant chosen by the authority from a list of three auditing firms nominated by the governing body of the City of Rainbow City. A copy of each audit performed shall be submitted to the Chief Examiner of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts and each appointing authority within 30 days after completion.

Immediately upon dissolution of the authority, the comprehensive financial audits shall cease. Section 2. This act shall hecome effective on October 1, 2025.

February 14, 21, 28, and March 7, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. O-05-25

Amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADS-DEN, ALABAMA, that Ordinance No. O-44-24 (Fiscal Year 2025 Budget) is further amended by transferring \$275,000 from the Opioid Settlement Fund Balance to account #124-7500-418.70-11 (Equipment). The funds will be used to purchase: Five (5) Ford Explorers with Police Package One (1) Chevrolet Silver-

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on February 11, 2025 Iva Nelson, City Clerk

ado with Police Package

February 21, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. O-06-25

Amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADS-DEN, ALABAMA, that Ordinance No. O-44-24 (Fiscal Year 2025 Budget) is further amended by transferring \$40,000 from the Economic Development Fund Balance to account 160-3000-465.70-40 (Land). The funds will be used to purchase property located at 2510 Rainbow Drive for a "Welcome to Gadsden" sign.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on February 11, 2025. Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to TOBI HARPER, 213 NUNNALLY AVENUE ALABAMA GADSDEN. 35903, DÓNALD C & MONICA L TONEY, 3315 WYETH DRIVE, GUN-TERSVILLE, ALABAMA 35976, 213 NUNNALLY 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 213 NUNNALLY AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Four (4), In the G. L. Downer Re-arrangement of Lot Number Five (5) of Hadley Farms, according to the map of said Re-arrangement re-corded in Plat Book "E", Page 143, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and being subject to the rights of Alabama Power Company as described in Deed Record "5-Y", Page 136, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. TAX PARCEL ID: 15-06-13-3-000-234.000 PIN# 43269

e a nuicance of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated.

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

Brian Green **BUILDING OFFICIAL** City of Gadsden P.O. Box 267 Gadsden, AL 35902

(256) 549-4765 February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to MICKEY JONES, 74 NFWMAN STREET, COLLINSVILLE. ALA-BAMA 35961, 1502 KYLE GADSDEN, AVENUE. 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 1502 KYLE AVENUE (AC-CESSORY BUILDING) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots 2 and 3, Block 9. Interurban Land Company Addition, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 206 and 207, Probate Office. Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-03-05-2-000-048.000 PIN# 36636

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

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

Brian Green **BUILDING OFFICIAL** City of Gadsden P.O. Box 267 Gadsden, AL 35902 (256) 549-4765

February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to FIVE ONE EIGHT PROP-

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February 21, 2025

ERTIES, LLC., 2500 W. MEIGHAN BOULEVARD,

GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 628 BROAD

STREET, GADSDEN, AL-

ABAMA 35901, subject

to that certain mortgage

and assignment of rents to COMMERCE ONE BANK, 2100 SOUTH-BRIDGE PARKWAY

ALABAMA 35209, be-

lieved to have or claim

an interest in the proper-

ty 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.

MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30

p.m., a hearing will be

held to determine wheth-

er or not the structure or

condition located 628

BROAD STREET (COM-

MFRCIAL) in District 5 in

the City of Gadsden, more

To describe a tract or par-

cel of land commence

where the East right-of-

way line of South Elev-

enth Street intersects the

South right-of-way line of

Broad Street; thence run

Easterly along the South

right-of-way line of Broad

Street a distance of 91.33

feet to the point of be-

ginning; thence continue

Easterly along said right-

of-way line a distance

of 50.1 feet to a point;

thence deflect 7°48°40"

right and continue East-

erly along said right of

way a distance of 20.35

feet to a point; thence

deflect 82°24' right and

run a distance of 159.32

feet to a point; thence deflect 91°15° right and

run a distance of 33.8 feet

to a point; thence deflect

90°00° left and run a dis-

tance of 99.84 feet to the

North right-of-way line of

Chestnut Street; thence deflect 92°50°30" right

and run Westerly along

the North right-of-way

line of Chestnut Street a distance of 30.45 feet

to a point; thence deflect

4°06°40" left and continue

along said right of way a distance of 12.20 feet to

a point; thence deflect

1934' left and continue

along said right of way

a distance of 12.12 feet

to a point; thence deflect

1°09' left and continue

along said right-of-way

line a distance of 3.10

feet to a point; thence

deflect 93°02 right and

run a distance of 129.35 feet to a point; thence de-

flect 88°50° right and run

2 distance of 23.48 feet

to a point; thence deflect

tance of 129.53 feet to the

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-02-

is a nuisance in violation

of the Gadsden City Code

and whether it should be

You may appear and

present any relevant ev-

idence to the Council

regarding the alleged nui-

sance and its abatement.

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Gadsden, AL 35902

City of Gadsden

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February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

HEARING

Notice is hereby given to HUMBERTO MARRO-

QUIN and FLORINDA

MARROQUIN, 6 CABOT

ALABAMA 35904, 1502

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.

MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30

p.m., a hearing will be

held to determine wheth-

er or not the structure or

condition located 1502

ALABAMA AVENUE (AC-

CESSORY BUILDING)

in District 3 in the City of

Gadsden, more particu-

Lot Number Sixteen (16),

in Block Number Four (4),

of the Interurban Land

Company's First Addi-

tion, according to map

recorded in Plat Book "B".

Page 206, Probate Office,

Etowah County, Alabama,

and lying and being in

Gadsden, Etowah Coun-

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-03-

is a nuisance in violation

of the Gadsden City Code

and whether it should be

You may appear and

present any relevant ev-

idence to the Council

regarding the alleged nui-

sance and its abatement.

05-2-000-062.000

ty, Alabama.

PIN# 36651

abated.

Brian Green

larly described as:

GADSDEN.

AVENUE,

ALABAMÁ

AVENUE,

ALABAMA

GADSDEN.

P.O. Box 267

point of beginning.

04-3-000-056 000

PIN# 33899

abated.

Brian Greer

left and run a dis-

particularly described as:

Parcel Two:

#385.

BIRMINGHAM,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MILTON V. CHAPMAN,

803 SLACK STREET

GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-5015, 1310 ALA-

ALABAMA

BAMA AVENUE, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35901, subject to that certain mortgage in favor of THE PARKER COMPANY. LLC, P.O. BOX 190026, BIRMINGHAM, BAMA 35219, assignment of mortgage in favor of JANE DENISON, assignment of mortgage in favor of EQUITY TRUST COM-PANY dba STERLING TRUST FBO WANDA ERICKSEN IRA, 1 EQ-UITY WAY, WESTLAKE, OHIO 44145, 7335 WEST GOOD HOPE ROAD, MILWAUKEE, WISCON-SIN 53223, 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 TUES-DAY, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 1310 ALABAMA AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particu-

larly described as: Lot Number Thirteen (13) in Block Two (2) of Inter-urban Land Company's First Addition, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book B, Page 206 & 207, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-03-05-2-000-074.000 PIN# 36664 is a nuisance in violation

of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant ev-

idence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement. Brian Green

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February 21, 2025

HEARING

Notice is hereby given to BILLY BILLINGSLEY, 931 HOLLY STREET, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35901, LINE STREET. GADSDEN. ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 523 LINE STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

No. "49" feet of Lots Ten (10) and Eleven (11) of Hersberg Trustee the Addition of Gadsden, Alabama, Etowah County. Recorded in Plat Book "A". Page 89. TAX PĂRCEL ID: 10-09-

32-4-000-228.000 PIN# 19944 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 nui-

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February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to WILLIE B. KIRK-LAND and JAMES L. KIRKLAND. JR., 1003 WAINWRIGHT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 1011 GLENDALE 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 1011 GLENDALE **AVENUE** in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot #6, Block #4, Glendale Subdivision to East Gadsden, as recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 53, in Probate Judge's Office of Etowah County, Gadsden. Alabama. TAX PARCEL ID: 15-06-13-2-000-129.000

PIN# 42943 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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February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to RONNIE POLLARD, P.O. BOX 4252, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35904, 804 E. BROAD STREET, GADSDEN. ALABAMA 35903, 3475 BERNARD STREET. GADSDEN. ALABAMA 35903-7516, 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 804 E. BROAD STREET (COM-MERCIAL) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

PARCEL ONE: A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the NE right of way line of the Gadsden-Anniston Highway, otherwise known as East Broad Street, which point is 86.55 feet northwesterly, measured along said NB line, from the northerly line of Carroll, Brian Green **BUILDING OFFICIAL** or Hoke Street, and from City of Gadsden thence run in a northeasterly direction, forming an P.O. Box 267 interior angle of the tract herein described 85° 51' a distance of 119.5 feet February 21, 2025 to a point; thence deflect an angle of 21° 21' to the left and run in a northeasterly direction a distance of 61.1 feet to a point in the southwesterly right of way line of the L & N RR thence deflect an angle

of 89° 40' to the left and run in a northwesterly direction and along the SW right of way line of said railroad a distance of 99.6 feet a point; thence deflect an angle of 69° 42' to the left and run in southwesterly direction a distance of 133 feet to a point in the northeast right of way line of East Broad Street: thence deflect an angle of 86° 08' to the left and run in a southeasterly direction and along the NE right of way line of East Broad street a distance of 114 feet to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of the NE1/4 embracing of the SE1/4 in Section 10, Township 12 South,

Range 6, East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gads-County, den, Etowah Alabama. Subject to the rights of the City of Gads-Alabama. den, in and to a portion TAX PARCEL ID: 10-09of the above described property condemned for PIN# 19661 drainage easement.

An easement for private driveway purposes over and across a strip of land described as beginning at a point in the NE right of way line of the Gadsden-Anniston Highway otherwise known as East Broad Street, which point is 86.55 feet northwestersance and its abatement.

ly, measured along said NE line, from the northerly line of Carroll, or Hoke Street, and from thence run in a northeasterly direction, forming an interior angle of the tract herein described of 94°09', a

PARCEL TWO:

distance of 103.5 feet to a point; thence deflect an angle of 97° 27' to the right and run in a southeasterly direction to a point which is 73 feet southeasterly from, measured at right angles to, the northwesterly line of the tract herein described; thence in a southwesterly direction and at all times 7.3 feet southeasterly from, measured at right angles to, said northwesterly line to a point in the NE right of way line of East Broad Street; thence In a northwesterly direction and along the NE right of way line of said East Broad Street to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of the NE 1/4 of the SE1/4, in Section 10, Township12

10-4-000-001.000 PIN# 36086 is a nuisance in violation

South, Range 6, East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gadsden, Etowah Coun-

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-02-

ty, Alabama

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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February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to J & J MIRACLE IN MOTION, LLC, 1502 WESTVIEW DRIVE NW, HUNTSVILLE. BAMA 35906-2416, 104 E. LAKE DRIVE. GADS-DEN, 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 MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 104 E. LAKE DRIVE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot or Tract Number 30 in Hook's Lake Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 294, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama together with all improvements thereon.

TAX PARCEL ID: 10-07-25-2-000-231.000 PIN# 14270

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 SONYA N. BÍĞELOW, 512 N. 16TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1612 GADSDEN AVENUE. GADSDEN. ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 1612 GADSDEN AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number 3 in Block Number 2, Patrick Addition according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book A. Page 11. Probate Office, Etowah County,

32-3-000.156.000

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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February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to SONYA N. BIĞELOW. 512 N. 16TH STREET GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below. that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY. MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 515 N. 16TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly scribed as:

A lot or parcel of land described as beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 1, of the Patrick Addition, and from thence running in a northerly direction and along the west line of said lot a distance of 60 feet; thence

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in a easterly direction and parallel with the south line thereof a distance of 100 feet to the East line of said lot; thence in a southerly direction and along the east line of said lot a distance of 60 to the southeast corner of said lot; thence westerly along the South line of said lot a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning; and embracing the south 60 feet of Lot Five (5) in Block (1), of the Patrick Addition, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Book of Town Plats "A", Page 11, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, said lot lying and being situated in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax Parcel ID: 10-09-32-3-000-153.000

PIN #: 19657 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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

February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to PAUL THOMASON, 120 NORTHSHORE DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 302 WEBSTER STREET, GADSDEN. 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 302 WEBSTER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particu-

larly described as:
Lot 11 in Block 23 in
Walnut Park (or West
Point Second) Addition,
according to the map or
plat thereof recorded in
Plat Book "B", Page 117,
Probate Office, Etowah
County, Alabama.
TAX PARCEL ID: 16-01-

01-3-000-139.000 PIN# 49864 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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February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the Estate of HERMAN JONES, SR., CURTIS JONES 931 AVENUE GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA 35901, HERMAN JONES, 408 VALLEY ROAD, GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA 35901, KIM ROD-GERS, 931 AVENUE F, 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 931 AV-ENUE F in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots Number Nine (9) in Block Number Twenty-nine (29), in The Gadsden Land and Improvement Company's Thornton Addition as Re-arranged by Coosa Land Company et al, according to the map or said Re-arrangement as recorded in Plat Book "B", page 334 and 335, Probate Office and lying and being in Gadsden, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-089.00 PIN# 16694

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

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February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

en to DAVID HÁRDÍN,

Notice is hereby

1823 ELWYN 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1823 ELWYN AVENUE in Dis-

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-4-000-246.000 PIN# 39048

scribed as:

trict 5 in the City of Gads-

den, more particularly de-

LTS 12-13 BLK E EDGE-WOOD ADD #2 PLAT E-79 7-12-6

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

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

February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MICHAEL JAMES HEAD & MICHELLE L. HEAD, 305 MISTLE-TOE HOLLOW 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 305 MISTLETÓE HOL-LOW ROAD (ACCESSO-RY BUILDING) in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Parcel 1:

Lot Number 23 in Block #1 of Merit Hills Estate, Unit 11, as recorded in Plat Book "H", Pages 52 and 53, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel 2: Lot Number Twenty-Two (22) in Merit Hills Estate, Unit II, according to the map or plat thereof a recorded in Plat Book "H", pages 52 and 53, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-08-28-0-001-324.004 & 15-08-28-0-001.324.006
PIN# 46212 & 46214

Should be assessed with a lien of \$9,357.00 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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

February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to The Estate of MAMIE CAMPBELL, 3608 W. MEIGHAN BOULEVARD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, potential heirs: KATHERINE LOGAN BROWN, 301 N. 30TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, MI-CHAEL LOGAN, 3608 W. MEIGHAN BOULEVARD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, DANIEL LOGAN, LOIS TURNER, and AU-GUSTA WATERS, 410 S. 5TH STREET, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35901, MAMIE CAMPBELL c/o SHERRY LOGAN, 3608 W. MEIGHAN BOULE-VARD, GADSDEN, AL-ABAMA 35904, MAMIE CAMPBELL, 3608 W. MEIGHAN BOULEVARD, 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 3215 SHAHAN AV-ENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more

Lot Number Sixteen (16) in Block Number Eighteen (18) in Smith's First Addition to Alabama City, Alabama, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book

particularly described as:

"B" Pages 158 and 159, Probate Office, Etowah County, and lying and being in Gadsden (formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.

LESS AND EXCEPT: The North 10.0 feet of Lot No.16, Block No. 18, of Smith's First Addition to Alabama City, Alabama as recorded in Plat Book "B", pages 158 and 159 in the Judge of Probate Office, lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-211.000 PIN# 49351

Should be assessed with a lien of \$7,802.28 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

Brian Greer Building Official City of Gadsden P. O. Box 267

Gadsden, AL 35902 February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby give en to DAVID HÁRDÍN, 1823 ELWYN 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, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1823 ELWYN AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-07-4-000-246.000 PIN# 39048

LTS 12-13 BLK E EDGE-WOOD ADD #2 PLAT E-79 7-12-6

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

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

February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to RICKEY J. HANDY, P.O. BOX 4167, 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 106 ROSALIE AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-03-4-000-048.000

PIN# 32962

LT 4 & NW 10 OF LT 3 BLK 16 ELMWOOD NORTH RESUR & RE-AR PLAT C-3856 3-12-6

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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February 21, 2025 NOTICE OF PUBLIC

HEARING

Notice is hereby given to CHADWICK TODD BICKERS, 813 AVENUE F, 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 MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 813 AVENUE F in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-110.000 PIN# 16716 LT 4 BLK 30 THORNTON ADD PLAT B-334 GADS-DEN 33-11-6

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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February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ALINA FERNANDEZ & PEDRO GERMAN, 3003 SANSOM AVENUE, ALABAMA 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3003 SANSOM AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-147.000 PIN# 49283

LT 21 BLK 13 SMITHS 1ST ADD PLAT B-158 1-12-5

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

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February 21, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to

STATE OF ALABAMA, BOX 327210, MONTGOMERY, ALA-BAMA 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 TUES-DAY, MÁRCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1112 FOSTER AVE-NUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-1-000-247.001 PIN# 40101

COM NW COR LT 6 CUSIMANO'S 1ST ADD PLAT C-225 TH W 50.54 TO POB TH S 64.5 ALONG W ROW OF HOLLY ST TH W 52 TH N 64.5 TO S ROW OF FOSTER AVE TH E 52 ALONG ROW TO POB LYING IN NE1\4 NE1\4 8-12-6

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

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Notice is hereby given to ALISHA NAPPIER, 4051 ROBINHOOD ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2313 CHESTNUT STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-227.000 PIN# 38508

LT 10 BLK 16 OAK PARK ADD PLAT B-200 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 is hereby given to WENDY MCCORD, 14 LITTLE STREET, GADS-DEN, 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 14 LITTLE STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-106.000 PIN# 18522

LT 95 PARCEL 1 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F 51 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 JUAN COS, 2321 CHESTNUT STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2321 CHESTNUT STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-224.000 PIN# 38505

LT 16 & E1/2 LT 15 BLK 17 OAK PARK ADD PLAT B-200 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 is hereby given to AUBIE TERRIE & WF DONNA MAYO, WEBSTER STREET. ALABAMA 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 504 WEBSTER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-155.000 PIN# 49882

LT 11 BLK 21 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5

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

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to ROBERTO LUCAS & WF MARIA TERCE-RO, 2097 E. WASHING-TON STREET STE 1, E. PMB 303, COLTON, CALIFORNIA 92324, 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,

City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 421 LINCOLN STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particu-

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-279.001 PIN# 50491

larly described as:

LT 2 BLK 5 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5

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

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Tax ID#: 15-06-13-2-000-169.000 PIN# 42986

LT 11 BLK 13 GLENDALE SUB PLAT E-53 13-12-6

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 CANDYCE PARRISH,

& ETALS AND TAYLOR

MURRAY AND MUR-PHY WHITAKER AND VANCE WHITAKER JR., 618 TABOR ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MÁRCH 4, at 1:30 p.m., a 2025 hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 510 VAN COURTLAND STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particu-

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-426.000 PIN# 50650

larly described as:

LTS 3-4 BLK 6 WEST POINT ADD PLAT B-140-141 1-12-5

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

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Notice is hereby given to PURE HOLINESS CHURCH, 1115 BONTON AVENUE, E. GADSDEN, 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 TUES-

DAY, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 pm., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1115 BONTON AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-12-3-000-209.000

LTS 10 11 BLK 1 REARR BLKS 1 2 3 4 SUNNY-SIDE ADD PLAT C-407 GADSDEN SEC 12 TWP 12S R 6E

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

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Notice is hereby given to FRANKIE HÚNŤLEY, 1114 WELLS 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1623 HARLEM AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-06-13-1-000-120.000 PIN# 42632

LT 13 BLK 11 HARLEM CITY SUB PLAT C-367 GADSDEN LESS ROW 13-12-6

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

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Notice is hereby given to JEFFREY WRIGHT & ANITA RIGGINS, 925 S. 12TH STREET, GADS-DEN, 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1005 SPRUCE STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-1-000-138.000 PIN# 39975

LT 26 BLK 3 WOOD-LAWN ADD PLAT A-15 8-12-6

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

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Notice is hereby given to JASON L CHILDERS, BROADWAY 1908 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1908 BROADWAY in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly scribed as:

151.000 PIN# 39487

2/20/25 9:52 AM

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-

02-21-25 Legals.indd 4

LTS 6-7 BLK 46 CRES-CENT HEIGHTS OR SOUTH GAD ADD PLAT B-314 8-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to HORACE & WF FRAN-CES E. CROWE JR., 1025 I FXINGTON AVF-NUE. GADSDEN. ALA-BAMA 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 TUES-DAY, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1025 LEXINGTON AV-ENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 09-07-36-3-000-047.000 PIN# 10423

LTS 16-17 BLK 3 BAR-RON ADD PLAT B-49 36-11-5

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

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Notice is hereby given to GREG CHILDS, 2900 PATTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, AJC PROPER-TIES, LLC, P. O. BOX 1607, GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA 35902. 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, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not

the structure or condition located at 2900 PATTON STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-067.000 PIN# 39100

LT 2 BLK 1 ELLIS ADD RE ARR PLAT F-275 **GADSDEN 7-12-6**

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

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Notice is hereby given to SAMUEL J. & WF AMY LONG, 102 RIVERVIEW LANE, GLENCOE, ALA-BAMA 35905, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUES-DAY, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3325 SUDIE AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-054.000 PIN# 50247

LT 1 BLK 15 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to PATRICIA GAİL BOW-EN, 519 WASHINGTON GADSDEN. STRFFT 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

City Hall on TUESDAY MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 516 WASHINGTON STREET

the Council Chamber at

Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-02-03-2-000-

074.000

PIN# 32612

in District 3 in the City of

LTS 17-18 BLK 4 EWING GARNER ADD PLAT A 53 GADS SEC 3 TWP 12S R 6E

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

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Notice is hereby given

to MICHAEL JAMES & MICHELLE L. HEAD, 305 MISTLETOE HOL-ROAD, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35901 101 WILSON 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 101 WILSON STREET (County Records list property address as 3234 FORREST AVENUE) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particu-

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-011.000 PIN# 50202

larly described as:

LOT 1 BLK 2 NENA K EL-LIOTT'S HOMEWOOD ADD PLAT C 218-219 GADSDEN SEC 1 TWP 12S R 5F

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 WALTER CLAY, 3122 SUDIE AVENUE, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35904-2471, 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3122 SUDIE AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly de-

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-252.000 PIN# 50458

scribed as:

W 60 LT 13 BLK 4 WEST POINT ADD PLAT B-140-14 1-12-5

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

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Notice is hereby given to KRISTI & BRITANNY N BROOKS, 500 N. 31ST STRFFT GADSDEN. ALABAMA 35904-1438, 3028 WATERS 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3028 WATERS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particu-

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-040.000 PIN# 49173

larly described as:

LOT 1 BLK 4 SMITH'S 1ST ADD PLAT B 159 GADSDEN SEC 1 TWP 12S R 5F

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Notice is hereby given to J. K. SMITH PROPERTIES, LLC, 117 COLLEGE AV-ENUE, BOAZ, ALABAMA 35957, 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 67 WEST TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-040.000 PIN# 10529

LT 32 PARCEL #2 CONE MILLS DWIGHT PLAT F-53 36-11-5

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

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Notice is hereby given to MICHAEL JAMES & WF MICHELLE L. HEAD, 305 MISTLETOE HOLLOW ROAD, GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 305 MISTI FTOF HOLLOW ROAD in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more

LT 23 BLK 1 MERIT HILLS EST UNIT 2 PLAT H-52 28-12-6

particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-08-28-0-001-324 004 PIN# 46212

Should be assessed with

abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the

Council regarding the as-

a lien of \$1.961.87 for the

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sessment of the lien.

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Notice is hereby given to RENE HENRY, 904 AVÉNUE, ALABAMA **ROXBURY** GADSDEN. 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 904 ROXBURY AV-ENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 12 BLK 47 GARDEN CITY SUB 3 PLAT C-412 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-1-000-187.000 PIN#30352

Should be assessed with a lien of \$4,500.92 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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Notice is hereby given to EVIA KAUFFMAN, 1013 TIDMORE BEND 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 1013 TIDMORE BEND ROAD in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

COM INT E ROW OF HOOKS LAKE RD & S ROW OF TIDMORE BEND RD TH SE 418 ALONG TIDMORE BEND RD TO POB TH E 210 ALONG ROW TH SE 210 TH W 200 TH NW 230 TO POB LYING IN SE1/4 SE1/4 35-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-35-4-000-161.000 PIN# 15474

Should be assessed with a lien of \$3,665.09 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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en to TONYA & ETALS SCHAEKEL, TONYA SCHAFKFI 2529 FW-ING AVENUE, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35901, DALENCOURT PROP-ERTY HOLDINGS, LLC. 2601 EWING 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, MARCH 4, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 2601 EWING AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 11-12 DUNCAN HGHTS SUB PLAT D-102-103 24-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-06-24-0-000-091.000 PIN# 13978

Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,422.51 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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Eagles grounded by Madison Academy in regional semifinals

By Chris McCarthy
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The Hokes Bluff offense cooled down at an inopportune time on Feb. 13 at Jackson-ville State.

After averaging 65.5 points per game this postseason coming into the Class 4A Northeast Regional Tournament semifinals, the Eagle sharpshooters misfired on one too many occasions on the way to a 36-33 loss to Madison Academy at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Hokes Bluff (24-8) shot 30 percent from the field, including 21 percent in the fourth quarter. The Eagles connected on only 25 percent of its three-point baskets attempts, going 1-for-7 from the perimeter in the second helf

Still and all, Hokes Bluff was very much in the game at the end of the third quarter while leading the Mustangs 31-30. The Eagles came up empty on their first four possessions of the fourth period until Drew McCarver converted a layup with 6:11 remaining

Unfortunately for Hokes Bluff, that basket was its last of the game. The Eagles went a combined 0-for-8 from the field and foul line down the stretch, while six points from Madison Academy secured the Mustangs a berth in the championship game against Plainview.

"I thought we made throughout the process of the game, we just didn't make enough of them," said Hokes Bluff head

coach Ryan Smith. "Hats off to Madison Academy - they made plays and won the game. We just came up a little bit short. But at the end of the day, I'm proud of these young men."

McCarver and Anderson Morgan each scored eight points, while Bryce Whitaker and Logan Carr each scored seven. McCarver grabbed eight rebounds, followed by Whitaker with five and Noah Johnson with four. Johnson also had three steals.

Tony Wilson paced the Mustangs with 10 points, followed by J.R. Howard and Bryce Curtis with seven each.

The teams traded baskets and free throws for much of the first quarter. The Eagles led five points at one point before a three-point basket by Tahj Phillips and a jump shot from Wilson tied the game at 12-12 after the first eight minutes.

Respective three-point baskets from Carr and Morgan during the second frame helped Hokes Bluff go into halftime ahead 21-18.

The Eagles were able to maintain their slim advantage through the third quarter and half of the fourth before Madison Academy gained the upper hand for good.

"We've had some hard practices and had had some tough games and we've beaten a lot of good teams," said Smith. "[Our] guys fought their guys out, day in and day out. Nobody likes to end their season in this situation, but there's a lot of positives. These guys have done a lot of Hokes Bluff basketball."



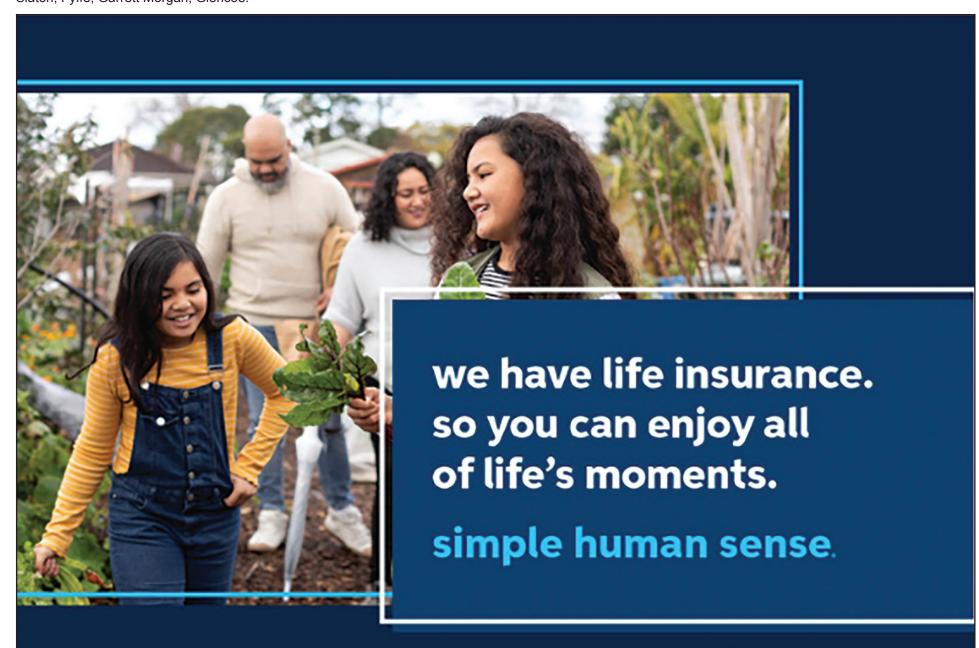
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Hokes Bluff's Bryce Whitaker drives to the basket as Madison Academy's Bryce Curtis (12) and Shane Duke (30) defends during the Eagles' 36-33 loss in the Class 4A Northeast Regional Tournament semifinals on Feb. 13 at JSU.



Courtesy of Average Joe's Sports Talk

The Class 3A All-Northeast Regional Tournament team gathers for a photo following Glencoe's 77-63 victory over Piedmont in the regional championship game on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Jacksonville State. Pictured, from left: Grant Smith (MVP), Glencoe; Ish Bethel, Piedmont; Wade Segrest, Glencoe; Rollie Pinto, Piedmont, Isaac Slaton, Fyffe; Garrett Morgan, Glencoe.





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