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Former Etowah High School coach and Westbrook Christian School Athletic Director Drew Noles was hired at Snead State.

Photo courtesy of Snead



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Etowah defeated Hokes Bluff 3-0 in baseball area play on Tuesday, March 11.

Photo by Alex Chaney



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Ashville falls to Hokes Bluff in 12 innings on Monday, March 10. Hokes Bluff won 5-1.

Photo by Alex Chaney

## Rozzy Run raises awareness for Childhood Cancer

By Kaitlin Hoskins  
News Editor

Last Saturday, March 8, over 150 runners showed up to spread awareness of Childhood Cancers, raise money for a local organization and support a family who understands Childhood Cancer all too well.

The 6th annual Rozzy Run was held in Wilson Park in Glencoe and organized by The Rozzy Foundation. The Rozzy Foundation is a local non-profit created to spread awareness for Childhood Cancers and to help support families encountering those cancers.

Ben and Lauren Greene started the foundation in 2019 when their daughter was battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Some time later, when 9-year-old Rozlyn "Rozzy" Patience Greene died, the Greene family decided to use the foundation to help other families who were hurting.

The Rozzy Run is the biggest fundraiser The Rozzy Foundation puts on, but according to Lauren, the foundation is hoping to begin hosting a gala, as well. The run also doubles as a blood donation drive. The run had 159 registered runners and 21 people donated blood.

The Greene family decided to do the fun run in March to honor Rozzy's birthday of March 26.

"We are so thankful for all of you and the support that you continue to show for raising awareness to Childhood Cancer," Lauren said at the event. "A huge thank you to the City of Glencoe, Glencoe Police Department, Glencoe Fire Department, Etowah County Sheriff's Office, Michael Arther, Christie James Arther, Harmony McGuire, Dale Owens, B. Tyler Tattooer, Shaughn Moore, all of our sponsors, all the businesses that donated door prizes, and too many family and friends to list but you know who you are."

According to information provided by The Rozzy Foundation, cancer is the number cause of death by disease in children.

"While there have been advances in the survival rate from 10 percent 50 years ago, to 90 percent now, that doesn't account for many rare cancers that has a much lower survival



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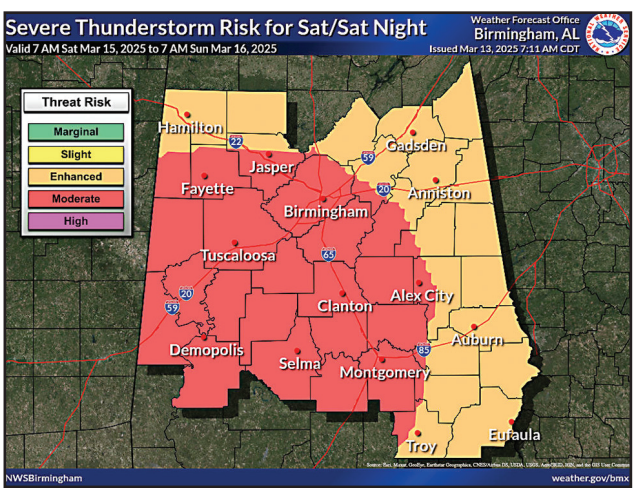
Runners dash across the starting line at the 6th Annual Rozzy Run on March 8 in Glencoe.

rate. There has been no decline in the number of diagnosed cases annually in the past 20 years or so."

Less than four percent of the federal cancer research budget is dedicated to childhood cancer research, despite nearly 90,000 children dying annually from cancer.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Those raising awareness during that month will "Go Gold" for the month.

Teri Chupp contributed to this article.



## Severe weather likely Saturday

By Kaitlin Hoskins  
News Editor

Etowah County could see some strong severe thunderstorms and possible tornadoes Saturday afternoon into Saturday evening.

The National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center has placed the majority of Alabama under a level three out of five "enhanced" threat risk, including Etowah

County and most of St. Clair County. Counties to the west and southwest of Etowah County have been placed in a higher level four out of five "moderate" threat risk. Areas under either threat level are at risk of significant severe weather, including damaging straight line wind up to 70 MPH, up to golf ball sized hail and tornadoes.

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## Southside Mayor Dana Snyder announces run for re-election

Mayor Dana Snyder officially announced her candidacy for re-election Monday, March 10, citing progress made over the past four years and her vision for Southside's future.

A lifelong resident, a dedicated public servant, and a proud grandmother of twelve, Snyder has spent her first term delivering results, championing economic growth, and prioritizing public safety. Now, she is ready to build on that momentum with bold plans for the future, according to a press release on her re-election campaign.

"Southside is my home, and serving as mayor has been one of the greatest honors of my life," said Snyder. "We've accomplished so much together — building essential infrastructure, strengthening public safety, and laying the groundwork for economic growth. But there is still work to be done. I'm running for re-election to keep Southside moving forward."

During her tenure, Snyder has led restructuring efforts to ensure long-term success for future leaders and residents. Additionally, plans are in motion for a state-of-the-art sports complex to enhance recreation and economic opportunities. She has also prioritized efforts to recruit a grocery store, ensuring better access to essential goods for residents.

Snyder brings decades of experience in law, accounting and municipal governance to her role. Her leadership has earned recognitions, including: The Alabama League of Municipalities' Emeritus Award in Municipal Government, a Certificate from Auburn University's Economic Development Institute, and the FIERCE Award from the Etowah Chamber of Commerce for her leadership and community impact.



As she seeks re-election, Snyder's vision remains clear: to build a safe, financially strong, and thriving Southside. Her priorities include: Breaking ground on the Northbound Coosa River Bridge, developing the Southside Sports Complex, expanding business recruitment efforts, strengthening public safety and city services, ensuring tax dollars are used wisely for long-term infrastructure, pushing for smart economic policies, and advancing the Sidewalk Safety Project on School Drive.

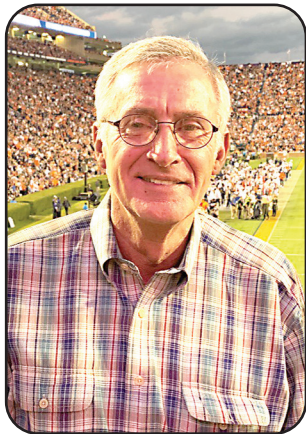
"My commitment to responsible financial planning and community safety has never wavered, even in the face of opposition," said Snyder. "A strong future for Southside is too important to let politics stand in the way."

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# OBITUARIES



**George Webster Terrell Jr.**

**GADSDEN** - George Webster Terrell Jr., accomplished educator of thousands, gifted scholar, international traveler, event planner, decorator (in his words – decorator to the stars), and friend to many, died peacefully in Gadsden surrounded by his family on May 7, 2024.

He counted teaching as his greatest accomplishment in life.

A 1974 Auburn graduate majoring in history and geography, he taught courses in American history and geography at Gadsden State Community College starting in 1980. He supervised and advised students, was instrumental in helping countless students receive scholarships, and chaired the Honors Committee. As early as 2003, he said, “I am now the department head and am teaching the CHILDREN of folks I have taught.”

Terrell was a recipient of the Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Faculty Member in the Alabama Community College System and was also recognized for his abilities as an educator by the Alabama Education Association and numerous other organizations.

Many students remarked how interesting his classes were, and that he was their all-time favorite teacher.

An expert on many historical periods and elements of the decorative arts, he lectured both domestically and internationally on many topics. His favorites to lecture on were American Victorian furniture, European porcelain, and all things pre-revolutionary Russia.

Terrell was fascinated with the golden era of Hollywood, with a concentrated study on memorabilia and movie-making details related to Gone with the Wind. He had a vast collection of GWTW memorabilia, and counted some original cast members as friends. He often referred to his mind as, “A full repository of useless information.”

He was both winner and runner-up in national Gone with the Wind trivia contests.

Decades in the making, he had personal relationships with many noteworthy people in multiple fields of study, from movie stars to top personnel at museums, including the Boston Museum of Art, the Diamond Fund located in the Kremlin, and with private collectors including the Malcom Forbes family.

Terrell provided many people the opportunity to travel by coordinating lower-cost trips abroad for decades. Through these trips, many people made lasting friendships and stayed in touch long after they returned home from their travels. He traveled to China, Russia, South America, and all of Europe. His most frequent destination was Russia, which he visited twenty times, and most looked forward to his visits there with his longtime friend Irina Polynina and her dear family.

While respectful of local guides, sometimes guides turned over their microphones to George so that he could provide his group with interesting details often unknown by the locals. Once, a guard in the Tower of London was overheard to say that Terrell knew more about the crown jewels than the resident experts at the Tower.

He was a regular speaker at the Belle Mont Mansion house museum in Tuscumbia, Alabama where he provided beautiful displays for Belle Mont’s “Art of the Dish” exhibit, and lectured on dining customs in the 19th Century. In addition to holding leadership positions on numerous educational committees and groups of the Alabama and National Education Associations, Terrell served on the Gadsden Beautification Board, the Board of Directors of the Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts, and the floral guild of St. James Catholic Church.

While George Terrell was admired by, and valued by many people, he most valued his family. He is survived by his sister Linda Terrell Catron, his niece Jennifer Catron Uptain (Joe), his great-nephews Terrell Ross Rickard and William Martin Rickard, and his great-niece Avery Jayne Uptain.

At George’s request, the family delayed his celebration of life. He wanted them to wait, so people would be happy instead of sad when they remembered him. For those wishing to honor George in some way, the family knew that George

would most like donations to be made in his name to a scholarship fund at Gadsden State Community College. He often commented how much he admired older students who went back to school and pursued a degree while maintaining not only a full-time job and family responsibilities, but also paying for their education themselves and working classes around their busy schedules. The scholarship recipients will be selected from worthy older students.

Please join us for a celebration of life for our beloved George. His memorial service will be Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 11 am in the sanctuary of St. James Catholic Church, 622 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, Alabama. Immediately following the service (approximately 12 pm), lunch will be provided in Seton Hall (attached to St. James). Please let us know if you are able to attend so that we might plan appropriately. Also, George requested no flowers for his service. So, in lieu of flowers, we have set up a scholarship fund at Gadsden State Community College. The name of the scholarship is the “George Terrell Jr scholarship fund.” If you wish to contribute to this fund, a check should be made out to Gadsden State Community College (or GSCC) with George Terrell Jr Scholarship written in the memo and sent to:

Gadsden State Community College  
Attn: Jessica Slaten  
1001 George Wallace Dr.  
Gadsden, Alabama 35903  
Or, if you prefer, you may venmo any donations to @Jennifer-Uptain-2 to be forwarded to Jessica at GSCC.



**Carol Ann McCartney**

Carol Ann McCartney, died unexpectedly on February 26, 2025 at home. She was a loving mother, sister, aunt and friend.

Born in Tampa, Florida on January 19, 1962, Carol moved with her family to Gadsden, Alabama later that

year. Carol attended both Westminster School and Gadsden High School, Class of 1980, and was a graduate of Gadsden Business College. After school, she worked several years in Huntsville until she returned home in the late 1980’s where she worked for her family’s highway construction firm. In the early 1990’s, she began working at O.K., Inc in Glencoe, Alabama, a construction trucking company. Carol became the sole owner and President of O.K., Inc. In 2020, Carol closed operations of O.K., Inc. and retired.

Carol always found joy in the company of friends and family, being the life of the party, with music on the stereo and food on the grill. She had a fabulous sense of humor; if she wasn’t laughing, she was making someone else laugh. She was a free spirit with an enormous heart that was full of love.

She is survived by her son John Patrick Baker (Jessica); brothers, Michael Henry McCartney (Lisa), John Timothy McCartney (Laura); sister-in-law, Joy Dawson; nieces and nephews, Frances Delight McCartney, Natalie Jane McCartney Colegrove (Sam), Michael Bailey McCartney II, William Timothy McCartney (Kathryn), Molly Alma McCartney Mathews (Alex), Mary Margaret McCartney; great-nieces and nephews, Michael David and Gabriel Jonathan Colegrove and Mary Kennedy and McCartney Ann Mathews; cousin, Dr. Ben Wouters; former husband and friend, Kenny Baker; and fiancé, Jimmy Epling. Carol was preceded in death by her parents M. B. and Jane B. McCartney; nephew, John L. McCartney; and cousin, Dr. Erich Wouters.

The family will receive friends for a celebration of life to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, or a charity of your choice.

## Linda Jean Burns

**GLENCOE** - Funeral service for Linda Jean Burns, age 78 of Glencoe were held Friday, March 7, 2025 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home. Pastor Mark Gidley officiated the service. The family received friends from before the service at the funeral home. Burial followed at Liberty United Methodist Church Cemetery.

## Katie Holcomb

**ATTALLA** - Funeral ser-

vices were held Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Village Chapel for Katie Holcomb, 89, of Attalla, who died March 7, 2025. Bishop Harvey Garner and Curtis Fuller officiated with burial following at Lee Cemetery.

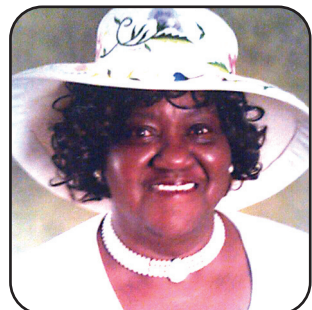
Katie was a Godly woman and she loved going to Church. She loved her family, and if she loved you, she made sure you knew she loved you. She was a kind soul and she will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Wallace Collier and Lydia Lee Collier; sister, Myrtle Hamilton; husband, Raymond Holcomb; and son, Daniel Robinson.

She is survived by her daughter, Letha (John) Humphries; grandchildren, Darrin Brock, Jason (Shaundra) Brock, Katie Martin (Tj Regling), Krissy Folker, Shaun Robinson, and Josh Robinson; great-grandchildren, Tiffany, Alex, Dylan, Austin, Ashton, Jordan, Meghan, and Adilyn; and great-great-grandchild, Elijah.

Pallbearers were Darrin Brock, Jason Brock, Dylan Martin, John Humphries, Tj Regling, Robby Wilder, Ashton Brock, and Braylen Holland. Harvey Garner and Curtis Fuller were honorary pallbearers.

Special thanks to Dr. Reiland and EMS.



**Rosa Lea Lewis**

**GADSDEN** - Rosa Lea Lewis was born in Gadsden, Alabama to Deacon John Benjamin (“JB”) Lewis and Mrs. Lola King Lewis on April 20, 1944.

Rosa, known to her family as “Roelea”, was the third oldest of six children. Their paternal grandparents, John “Papa” and Milla Lewis were instrumental in her rearing.

The Lewis children lined the pews, youth choir, and user board. Sunday School and Baptist Training Union attendance was not optional.

Rosa Lew confessed Christ as Lord and Savior at an early age. She was baptized at First Missionary Baptist Church of Alabama City under the pastorage of Rev. E.L. Gary.

Rosa Lea was educated in the then-segregated Gadsden City Schools and graduated from her beloved Carver Central High School in 1961.

After her studies at Catholic Sisters Nursing School in Selma, Alabama, she married Major Perrin. Two children, Maroja Renay and Micahel Undra, were born to their union.

She had an engaging and energetic spirit. She enjoyed “good music” and was known to elevate the mood by bringing her vast multi-format collection of “Oldies” to family gatherings. Roelea was blessed with a beautiful voice. She sang with her sisters at “The Lewis Sisters” and with the “J.B Lewis Family Singers”. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Stars.

Rosa Lea was employed as an Enshear Operator with Republic Steel. She retired from Gulf State Steel, its successor, at its closure in August 2000.

She was a devoted mother, stepmother, a passionate and supportive grandmother. Roelea cherished her family. She was a staple at the Annual Lewis Family Reunions held through the continental United States. She treasured the weekend gatherings with family and friends most often around a card table. Roelea was particularly skilled in the game Bid Whist. She usually won her matches and did not take kindly to losses.

Following a brief illness and hospitalization Rosa passed away on March 2 at Gadsden Regional Hospital. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Michael Undra Perrin, brothers Fulton Lewis, Sr., and Richard Lewis and sisters Mary Lewis Townsend and Louvenia Lewis Lomnick.

Rosa leaves to cherish her memories, a loving daughter Maroja Renay Perrin Keith, Birmingham, AL., stepchildren Doretha Craig, and Warren Craig, Detroit, MI., Sister Dorothea Lewis Dupress, Gadsden, AL., beloved grandchildren Jamichael Keith, Jamarqhus Keith, both Birmingham, AL., Al Yolyn-da (Muff) Perrin, and Andrea (Drea) Perrin, both Gadsden, AL., great grands; Jamar Smith, Jameir Serrano, Zy’Tavious Russell, Kentavious Russell, Ky’Niha Russell, and Ken’Undra Russell; brother-in-law O.Z. Lomnick, Gadsden, AL., maternal Uncle Woodrow W. King, Sr. Montgomery, AL; Aunts Pearl King, Charlotte, N.C., and Inez King, San Jose, California; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family and dear friends.

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# NEWS

## St. James Catholic wins state Quiz Bowl



Submitted photo

St. James Catholic School won the ASCA's Elementary School Quiz Bowl State Tournament on March 7, 2025. From left to right: Katelyn Uy, Chigozorim Chima-Adiukwu, Santiago Mogollon, Abby Sullivan, Martin Diego and Alexa Hernandez.

## JSU recognized as top producer of teachers

Jacksonville State University (JSU) has been recognized as the leading producer of new teachers in Alabama according to the latest data from the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) for the 2022-23 academic year.

JSU prepared 295 new educators, surpassing all other institutions in the state and producing 31 percent more newly trained teachers than the next highest institution.

"At Jax State, we take great pride in preparing the next generation of educators who will shape the future of Alabama's schools," said JSU President Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr. "Our faculty and staff are committed to providing top-tier training that equips our graduates with the skills, knowledge, and passion needed to make a meaningful impact in classrooms across the state."

According to ALSDE's rankings, JSU led the state in teacher preparation with 245 students completing Class B programs, which provide undergraduate teacher certification, and 50 students completing Alternative A programs, which offer a graduate-level certification pathway. These 295 completers position JSU as the top institution for producing new educators in Alabama.

This recognition is further supported by the national Title II teacher preparation data, which serves as the only comprehensive federal data collection on teacher credentialing. The ALSDE reports this data annually to the U.S. Department of Education, confirming JSU's status as the state's leading institution for new teacher preparation. With the largest number of newly credentialed educators in Alabama, JSU is meeting the state's workforce needs and setting a standard recognized at both the state and national levels.

These rankings emphasize JSU's commitment to addressing Alabama's teacher shortage by supplying highly qualified educators to schools across the state. The university's success in teacher preparation is a direct result of innovative training programs, hands-on classroom experience, and strong partnerships with school districts.

Visit JSU.edu for more information.

## Severe weather outbreak likely Saturday

- From 1A

Some tornadoes, if they form, could be strong (EF-3 or higher) and long tracking (on the ground for several miles, typically longer than 25 miles).

According to meteorologist with the Birmingham forecast office of the National Weather Service based out of Calera, confidence continues to grow that the state will see a significant outbreak of severe weather. Data available on Thursday afternoon indicated there will be two rounds of storms on Saturday, March 15.

The first round of storms will come overnight Friday night into Saturday morning. That storm round will be less severe than the secondary round, but forecasters say residents should still heed any warnings issued. The second round of storms is predicted to begin to fire off around 12 p.m. noon for Etowah County.

Forecasters are urging anyone in the path of the storms to heed any warnings issued. If a tornado warning is issued for one's location, they are urged to take shelter immediately, on the lowest level in a site-built building, away from windows. It is recommended that people shelter in a small room (like a bathroom or closet) in the center of the building. Basements and underground storm shelters are preferred, but if none are available, residents are urged to place as many walls between themselves and the outside wall of the building as possible.

It is also recommended that everyone wear a helmet (bicycle, motorcycle, football or baseball helmet) to prevent blunt-force trauma to their heads and it is recommended that everyone wear hard shoes in case they have to walk across storm debris.

If one finds themselves driving when a warning is issued, they are urged to find a sturdy shelter. Attempting to outrun a tornado is not advised. Do not drive over fallen power cables or other storm debris.

Any person living in a mobile home or an RV are strongly advised to seek shelter elsewhere ahead of the storms. If a tornado watch is issued for Etowah County, county operated storm shelters and safer locations will open. To find an open shelter, visit ShelterEtowah.com.

Residents and business owners are strongly encouraged to have a properly programed and functioning (plugged in and with fresh batteries installed) all-weather NOAA weather radio inside their homes or businesses. Weather radios have backup batteries and will alert to storm warnings even if power is lost to the building. If a NOAA weather radio is not available, individuals are advised to enable Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on their cellphones. These alerts will emit a loud noise and a pop-up will display on the phone's screen to describe the storm warning. When WEA is enabled, phone users also receive Amber Alerts and other emergency alerts.

Residents are discouraged from relying on tornado sirens, as they are less effective and unreliable.

Tune into local media coverage of the storms through social media, television or radio. Individuals are advised to find a reliable source of information and discuss their safety plan ahead of the storms Saturday.

For more information on being prepared for severe weather, visit GECEMA.com.

**Visit GECEMA.com to learn more about severe weather preparedness.**

## Dana Snyder announces re-election goal

- From 1A

"I will continue fighting for policies and projects that invest in our community's growth while ensuring the safety of our residents."

As Election Day approaches, Snyder encourages residents to stay engaged, ask questions and join the conversation about Southside's future.

For more information about Snyder's re-election campaign or how to get involved, visit [www.electdanasn timer.com](http://www.electdanasn timer.com).

Snyder will face-off against Etowah County commissioner Joey Statum, who announced his campaign for Mayor of Southside toward the end of 2024, as well as former city council member and current Southside Water Board member Dan Childs, who also announced his candidacy in 2024.

*Editor's Note: The Messenger will interview each interested candidate and publish an article based on those interviews in subsequent publications.*



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## Final weekend of 'The Color Purple'

Theatre lovers have one final weekend to attend a performance of *The Color Purple* produced by the Theatre of Gadsden.

The musical, based on the novel by Alice Walker, has been made into two successful films. The show, with lyrics by Brenda Russell, Alle Willis and Stephen Bray, was workshopped in Atlanta in 2004 before two successful Broadway runs.

It follows the life of Celie, a Black woman in the rural South in the early 1900s, buffeted between abusive men while trying to find love and purpose in life.

The final days for *The Color Purple* will be 14-16 at the Ritz Theatre, located at 310 Wall St. in downtown Alabama City. Tickets are available at [www.theatreof-gadsden.org](http://www.theatreof-gadsden.org).

The musical features songs with hints of jazz and gospel mixed with the polish of Broadway. It's director Stephonn Ammons' fifth production with a cast of all Black performers. He said that can present a challenge, as many community theatres normally do not benefit from large Black participation.

"I feel like I have a perfect cast," he said. "But it's always hard to cast shows that have certain restrictions. Participation and representation in community theater is lower than the general makeup of people who come out to audition for shows."

Mary Stell, who previously performed in *Beehive* and *Big River*, said this will be her first lead role.

"It's been a challenge," she said. "I'm in almost every scene. For someone who's never seen it, you really want to make it come to life and bring it home for everyone."

Living in the life of Celie also presents challenges, she said.

"This musical has made me feel the pain and sorrow that Celie felt," she said. "She's downtrodden most of the show, but everything comes together. It's a great story."

Cedric Reid has a tall order: He has to play Albert Johnson — "Mister" — Celie's abusive husband. Reid, a board

member of Trussville's ACTA Theater, has previously performed in Gadsden in a production of *Oklahoma*.

He said the complexity of the music is challenging, but he is enjoying the experience of playing an antagonist, a rarity in his career.

"I feel like it will open the eyes of some people, to make them realize what they may be, and maybe, some of the things they need to correct in life," he said. "It's going to change some things for some people."

Ammons said *The Color Purple*, because of its sometimes violent subject matter, can test audiences, but it offers a rich experience.

"I think it's the story of being an African-American," he said. "No matter what, you've got to find joy. You have to have hope. Everything that could go wrong does go wrong in Celie's life, but there's something about her resilience, and the resilience of the community around her. Nobody is alone. It changes her life for the better when she realizes how helpful she is to others."

*Submitted by Theatre of Gadsden*

### Pet of the Week



**Mac**

Mac is 3-4 years old, weighs 73 pounds and is neutered. He is good on a leash, potty trained and good with others. Sadly, no one has shown much interest in this sweet boy. This guy is starting to become depressed after sitting in the shelter for over 45 days. For more information on Mac or other animals available for adoption at Gadsden's Humane Society and Pet Rescue Center, call 256-442-1347.

## RSVP 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 15 and 29, and April 12.

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 19 and April 2.

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



Submit events by email to [news@gadsdenmessenger.com](mailto:news@gadsdenmessenger.com).

### March 27

The Coosa Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will meet at the Crosspoint Building at 302 6th Street N. in East Gadsden on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. If you are an active, retired, or former officer of the United States Uniformed Services, you are invited to join us for dinner and camaraderie. Our guest speaker will be Dena Kilgore, MOAA's Program Director for Council and Chapter Affairs. For more information contact [oguinm@gmail.com](mailto:oguinm@gmail.com).

### March 29

You are cordially invited to Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kid's Sake 2025 at the Alley in Gadsden on March 26, 2025 and March 29, 2025. This is the signature fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Every year, half a million people across America come together to have fun and raise money to support Big Brothers Big Sisters. This is a way companies and individuals can come together to make an impact on local community. All proceeds go towards school

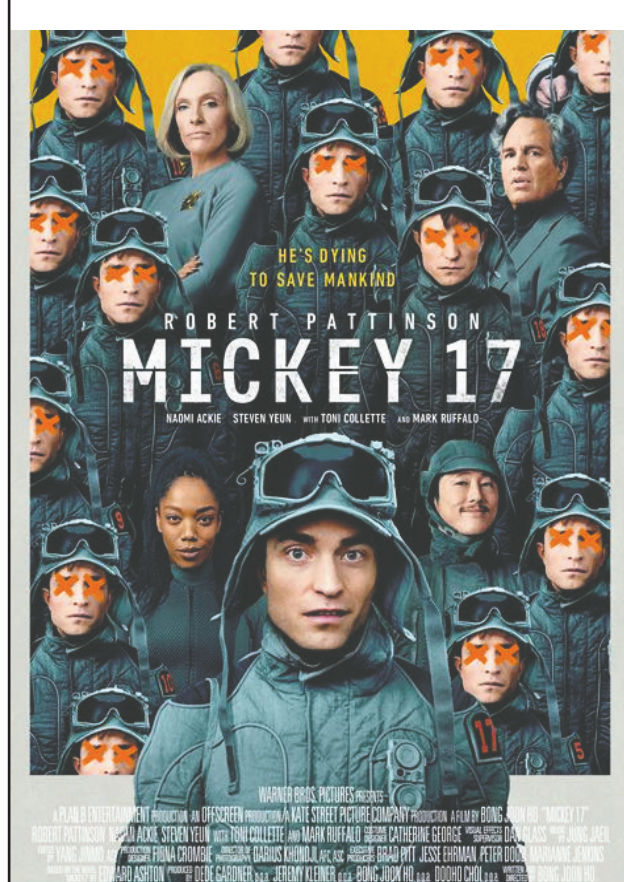
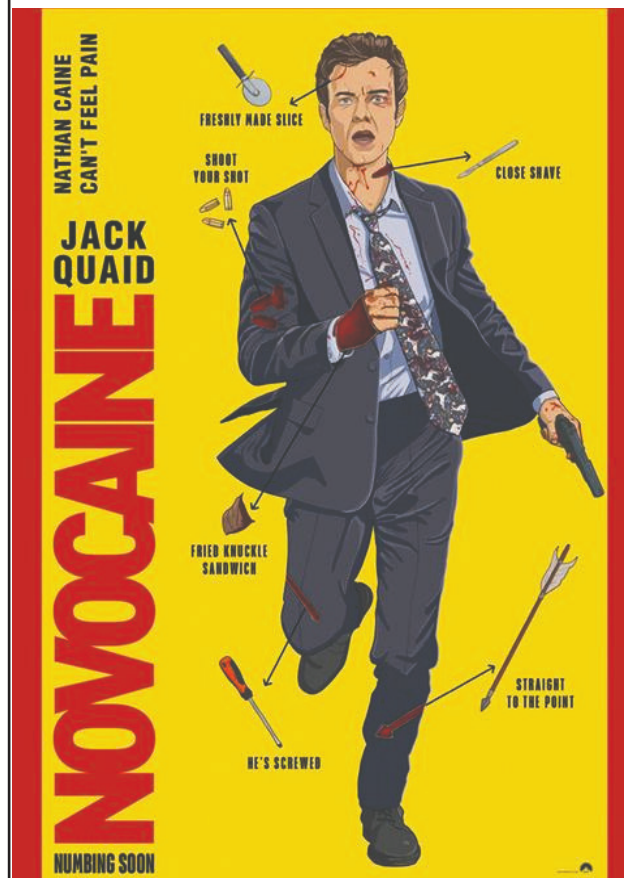
based programs and the organization to help children in our communities that we serve. Tickets for March 26's event are sold out, but there is still room on March 29.

### March 31

The Etowah County Historical Society needs a new logo. They are hosting a logo design competition. This contest is open to citizens of all ages in the county. Submissions must be received by March 31. Contact the Etowah County Historical Society for complete contest details and regulations.

### Ongoing

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



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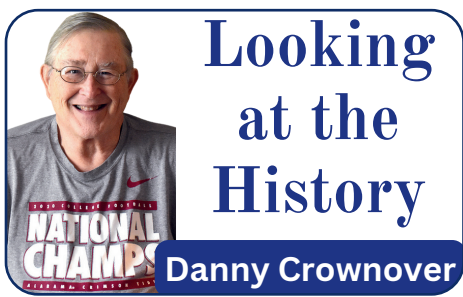
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# LIFESTYLE

## The Vagabond - Early schools in Gadsden recalled



Looking  
at the  
History

Danny Crownover

The Vagabond recalls the many interesting closing programs at the old wooden building that stood where the old Striplin School was and the Gadsden Public Library is now located on College Street. It was called Seventh Street in the good old days. The Vagabond recalls going to the old Striplin School before it relocated to its present site. The first building was erected in 1880 and the school opened with A.B. Goodhue, noted teacher and scholar, as principal. His assistants were J.W. Dubose, J.C. Hail, Mrs. C. Dunn and later, D.P. Goodhue, his son. In 1883 A.B. Goodhue went to Howard College and J.W. Dubose was elected principal. His assistants were Henry B. Foster, of Tuscaloosa, just out of the University of Alabama and destined to become a noted circuit judge in Tuscaloosa County. He had charge of the grammar school: miss Mary Ward, member of one of the pioneer families of the city, was in charge of the inter-

mediate department: Miss Mary Hedleston, also member of an old Gadsden family, was in charge of the primary department; Miss Maggie Lide was the art teacher and Miss Charisle Sibert, daughter of Major W.J. Sibert, was in charge of the music department. Professor Dubose was a great educator, and he wielded a great influence among the young people of the community. He was a polished gentleman and was widely known for his teaching ability. When he took over, the school was known as the Gadsden Public Institute. Later, it was called the Gadsden Male and Female Institute. It was taken over by the public school system in the early 1890s. When the school first opened, Professor Hail was teacher in the primary department and soon afterward, he was succeeded by Dr. D.P. Goodhue, who was a born teacher. He believed in children learning to spell and once a day he lined all pupils up around the north and west walls and gave out words from Webster's dictionary. He used Kellog's Grammer and Wentworth's Arithmetic. Grammar was taught mostly by using diagrams, with nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs and participles invariably occupying certain lines that angled off from the main stem. Mrs. Dunn, one of the original teachers, was the wife of C. Dunn, a colorful merchant. She was the aunt of Miss Emma Wheadon, who married A.L. Glenn, bank president



here for many years. Mrs. Dunn taught the multiplication table by having the whole roomful of children stand and sing it through to some old-fashion tune. She was the only teacher who did not use the rod, but she could raise blisters on the hand with rulers. She also used the dunce cap on rare occasions. She was a wonderful woman. As the school progressed it had some fine music teachers, some real art teachers and

some excellent calisthenics instructors. Boys and girls in the junior department were required to say speeches on Friday afternoons. On the playgrounds boys amused themselves with leap-frog, one eyed cat, marbles, baseball, town ball, bullpen, and, later, football. The girls played mumbled peg and skipped the rope. Contact The Vagabond at [dkcrown@bellsouth.net](mailto:dkcrown@bellsouth.net).

## The rainbow connection and reluctant dreamers



Memoir  
Musings

Sandra Bost

Growing up in the 80s meant weekly viewings of "The Muppet Show." So many dynamic characters to conjure up the best of memories. Besides the Swedish Chef, one of my favorites was Kermit the Frog, especially his rendition of "Rainbow Connection." It was definitely one of the most iconic songs for "the lovers, the dreamers and me." This past week, I was reacquainted with a dreamer from our community. He is one of the first people my husband and I encountered when we moved into Etowah County in 2001. Since then, our ministry paths have crossed back and forth, intertwined, diverged and reconnected. Through the years, he remained steadfast to the dream given to

him by The Lord. Despite ridicule, misunderstandings, lack of funding, and so many closed doors, his faith in God to believe that he would see the vision come to life never faltered. Sitting in the building that had once only existed in his heart, hearing him tell the story of how each aspect of the ministry came into being, inspired me. Watching the tears roll down his cheeks as he explained the great cost and strain on his family, then shifting with passion to describe what might be the final phase and how many lives could be impacted eternally, my heart was stirred. I was humbled by the steadfastness of this man and how his perseverance has provided the conduit through which lives have been transformed. I was also convicted. How did he stay the course? What compelled him to keep going, against all odds. I thought of Noah, who scholars believe spent somewhere between 80-120 years building the ark. He was told by God to build a giant boat in the middle of a rainless land because it was supposed to flood. He must have seemed crazy. How easy would it have been for either of these men to abandon ship (no pun intended) and take the advice of the mul-

titudes who surely mocked and rehearsed all of the reasons they were out of their minds. Then I thought about myself. How many dreams have I been given? How many have I actually seen through to completion? How many times have I discarded the divine to appease the attackers? The answer is, too many to count. That's where "The Rainbow Connection" comes in. I have always thought of myself as a dreamer. Afterall, daydreaming was, apparently, a favorite pastime of mine in elementary school, according to the conduct section of many report cards. If not a dreamer, certainly I am counted with the lovers of people and life. But would a true lover of people with divine dreams let plans fall by the wayside? Noah did not. Our friend did not. So, why me? That's a big question. A question I am sure will take more than the confines of this space to decipher. It is a question, however, that I intend to pursue an answer for, and maybe you will, too. How many times have you dared to dream or imagine something bigger than yourself? Maybe something entirely unheard of, like the largest boat imaginable, to rescue people from a flood caused by an

unprecedented event. Ponder with me the answer to that question and add to it the wisdom of Proverbs 29:18 that says people perish without vision (divine guidance, clear purpose in life). Noah and our friend had vision, but vision alone will not build an ark or birth a ministry. Vision coupled with obedience to God's guidance is the key. That, and a healthy dose of thick skin and grit. That is what world changers are made of. They are the ones who understand the rainbow connection. They have heard the call and understand the assignment. Then, with reckless abandon they go after it. They do whatever it takes to build, create, become, whatever the dream demands. So, while we work on figuring out the answers to the really tough questions, let's join our fellow dreamers and sing along with Kermit, "I've heard it too many times to ignore it — It's something that I'm supposed to be — Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection — The lovers, the dreamers" ... and us. Dream on. Connect with Bost on social media platforms by searching for "Sandra Mullins Bost."



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# From the unknown to the known



The other night, my husband handed me a note my daughter had written for me. When I unfolded it, I read her request to write a story she'd had an idea for, about a woman cursed to live forever and falling in love then losing her love over and over throughout many centuries.

I told her it was a wonderful idea for a story, and that she needs to write it, not me. I was reminded of Beverly Clearly telling us "If you don't see the book you want on the shelf, write it."

Last weekend, I had an opportunity to work one-on-one with an artist friend on telling stories. Going through building a plot, developing characters and just having fun with the entire process reinvigorated my own desire to create — something I've had a hard time with lately mostly just because life is so busy. It is hard to get excited about

creating when time is limited, and the perfect end result is looming.

Sometimes, it's hard to separate the process from that end result we have in mind. The goal is neat and tidy and well-defined. But the process? The process is messy and uncomfortable.

Elizabeth Gilbert says it this way: "Creativity itself doesn't care at all about results - the only thing it craves is the process. Learn to love the process and let whatever happens next happen, without fussing too much about it. Work like a monk, or a mule, or some other representative metaphor for diligence. Love the work."

Loving the work is easier said than done at times.

I saw a video this week where a university professor worked with students all semester about understanding that the discomfort of the learning process is actually evidence that they are moving between not knowing and knowing. This is something I tell my girls and students: that they are moving through the unknown to the known, and the unknown is scary. But the only way to knowing is through that space of the unknown.

Creativity is learning and experimenting and moving from the unknown to the known. It is messy and uncomfortable and challenging — particularly if we aren't what we consider "good" at it right away.

When I told my daughter she needed to write the story herself, and offered to help her, her response was to wrinkle her nose and shrug her shoulders in discomfort and say "But I'm not good at it." It is easy to remind her that she doesn't need to be good at something right away, that she just needs to try it. That "good" comes after "unsure," "awkward," and even "terrible." It's easy to remind her of this, to encourage her and support her attempts. It can be much harder to remember these things myself. Especially if we are working alone in our creativity.

Thinking about how I could best encourage my daughter in her creativity, I thought again about meeting with my friend last weekend. Instead of feeling drained or "peopled-out" afterward, I was energized and motivated. I thought of Maya Angelou's reminder that "You can't use up creativity. The more you use the more you have."

Collaborating is one way to help ourselves and those around us generate more creativity

and motivation. So, I asked her to help me with a project — a project that will hopefully help her generate and organize her ideas and give her story life.

I hope she will take our work together and work through her discomfort as she puts her skills to work crafting her story, writing her characters into existence, and as she creates her own path in life.

After all, we each become the stories we write as we walk our own unique journeys from the unknown to the known.

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# DEVOTIONALS

## Lessons from the believers in Colossae



From the very beginning, we learn that this letter is from Paul, addressed to the kedoshim (holy ones), the faithful brothers and sisters in the Messiah who are in Colossae. An interesting aspect of this group of believers is that Paul did not establish this congregation, so he had never met these individuals in person. Here, in a small town, a fellowship of unknown people is receiving an inspired letter from the great apostle Paul!

How did the Colossian congregation begin? During Paul's ministry in Ephesus, at least two men from Colossae, Epaphras and Philemon, found salvation in Jesus. As we see in the first chapter of Colossians, Epaphras was one of the key founders of this congregation. After his conversion, he returned to Colossae and shared the Gospel with his friends. This serves as a reminder that God doesn't necessarily need a trained minister, a seminary graduate, or someone in full-time ministry to spread the Gospel. He doesn't require elaborate buildings or extensive organizations either. Epaphras and Philemon were simply ordinary individuals, much like many of us reading this article, who were so passionate

about God that they felt compelled to share how He had transformed their lives. These two men were instrumental in starting ministries in three other cities as well!

As a result of Epaphras's obedience and willingness to share the Gospel in his hometown of Colossae, many people believed in Jesus and experienced salvation. Epaphras not only led these individuals to salvation but also taught them the Word and worked to establish their faith. Consequently, these believers became known for their steadfast commitment to God.

This leads to the question of why Paul, while imprisoned in Rome, felt the need to write them a letter that included his prayer for them.

• **Paul prayed for their spiritual wisdom and understanding – Colossians 1:9** – “We keep asking God that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.” There were many false teachers in Colossae and they were teaching various doctrines of faith. Paul's prayer was that this fellowship of believers would stay focused on knowing God and stay faithful to study His Word. They did not need a new spiritual experience but rather they only needed to grow in the experience they already had!

• **Paul prayed for them to walk in obedience – Colossians 1:10** – “To walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to lease Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.” These new doctrines that were being taught only offered the people a new “spiritual knowledge.” In the Christian life, knowledge and obedi-

ence go together and there is no separation between learning and living. True spiritual wisdom must affect the daily life!

• **Paul prayed for their moral excellence – Colossians 1:11** – “We pray that you may be strengthened with all the power that comes from His glorious might, for you to have all kinds of patience and steadfastness.” Knowledge, conduct, service, and character must always go together. Interesting that Paul specifically mentions patience and steadfastness. If we are growing spiritually these two qualities go together and are definitely needed. Paul goes on to say in the next verse that God's power in our lives is also known by the joy we have when we face trials in life.

Paul knew that the believers would need spiritual wisdom and understanding so that they would not get caught up in the false teachings of this world. He also knew that practical obedience was a must for a believer when walking out one's faith. But the result of all of this must be spiritual power in the inner man, power that leads to joyful patience and longsuffering with thanksgiving. These same things are needed today in our walks with the Lord.

“Father, today we come to You and we pray these same qualities in our own lives and in the lives of other believers that we know. Build us up in You and in Your Word! May we become more like Epaphras and boldly share Your Gospel each day with those we come in contact with! Thank You for loving us the way You do!”

If you would like continued prayer, feel free to email me at [tonif77@gmail.com](mailto:tonif77@gmail.com).

## Bible Verse of the Week



“**But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwells in you.**”

-Romans 8:11  
King James Version



## Verse for Kids

“**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**”

- Psalm 37:3-5  
King James Version

## ‘The largest cult in the world’

I was never in a cult. I just thought Catholicism was “the largest cult in the world”. I said those exact words to my dad one day when I was at his house preparing to go deer hunting. Can't remember what book I was reading, but it was one of a thousand anti-Catholic books that presents Catholics as lost and in need of “the real gospel”. My assessment after reading that book was: Catholics worshipped Mary, committed some sort of a spiritual felony in their “Mass” (a stupid name for a Worship Service I thought), and were bound for Hell, unless underneath all their “works based salvation” they somehow magically knew that “salvation is through faith alone”.

My dad actually shushed me! He said, “don't say that again, my wife grew up Catholic.”

My parents are divorced and I was surprised to hear that my step-mother was Catholic...or at least used to be. Neither of them attended church regularly, but I suddenly felt sheepish that I would have caused hurt, or even conflict, if I had said everything I was thinking. But my curiosity was stoked, and I kept that moment “hidden in my heart” (Luke 2:19) as it were. By God's grace, I later looked up how many Catholics there are in the world and realized that my denomination was vastly outnumbered. That was a big surprise! I next looked up how many other Protestant denominations there are. Oh boy, that was big surprise number two! This made me feel even more sheepish.

Without really wanting to, or meaning to, I had become anti-Catholic simply based

on the information I had been exposed to. I grew up Southern Baptist. Catholics weren't “real Christians” because they did baptism all wrong, had added books to “their” Bible, and were stupid enough to believe that bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ in their Mass. Those poor folks, so deceived by the Devil, and by their church that we called the “Whore of Babylon” (Revelations 17). If only they took the Bible seriously, and studied it intently, they would understand.

They sure build beautiful churches though. I was, and am, a choir boy at heart. Both my parents are naturally talented singers, and both could really impress. When my mom sang Sandi Patty songs or my dad sang “Beulah Land”, people would be moved to tears. As a kid I was (and still am) so proud of them both. They have walked through hell and are still standing...and still singing. So, I grew into a singer myself and scored a vocal scholarship to JSU. While in college I got an opportunity to go on a 16-day choir tour through several European countries. We got to see (and sing!) in several astonishing cathedrals. My favorite was St. Mark's in Venice, Italy, but I also saw astounding churches in Germany, Austria, and France. I of course was young and stupid and girl crazy, and missed many important things, but the churches registered very deeply in my spirit. Catholic churches, centuries older than my Baptist church, older than my whole country, staggered my mind. My only context was the little Catholic church in my hometown called Our Lady of the Lake Cath-



olic Church. I found that name silly and like something from King Arthur tales (to be fair there is a large lake in my hometown). It was cute, but nothing like these. These Catholic Cathedrals were neither “Baptist” or “American”, but they were thoroughly Christian.

I've always loved churches, and that love increases with age. My favorite thing about Catholic churches though, is that on any given day the doors are unlocked, the candles are lit, and the windows are gorgeous. It seems the sanctuary is almost always open and ready for prayer. Peaceful and pleasant, it is already prepared. It is very much alive. But on any day other than Sunday, my Protestant church's sanctuary was dark, cold, and closed. And this particular point became a real catalyst for conversion.

The Lenten season is upon us beloved, there is so much to experience in our Catholic faith. For those hungry for more, come and see.

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# SPORTS

## Former Etowah coach, Westbrook AD hired at Snead



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Snead State alum and former Etowah High School coach and former Westbrook Christian School athletic director, Drew Noles has joined the staff as the first coach of the new Women's Flag Football program.

Snead State Community College recently announced the latest addition to the Athletic Department's coaching staff.

Snead State alum and former Etowah High School coach and former Westbrook Christian School athletic director, Drew Noles has joined the staff as the first coach of the new Women's Flag Football program.

"We're thrilled to add flag football to our athletics department and couldn't ask for a better leader to take the helm than Coach Drew Noles. He's not only an experienced and highly respected coach but also a true pillar of our community. His leadership, passion for the game, and dedication to student-athletes will set the foundation for a successful program," said Snead State Athletic Director Casey Underwood.

"It is an honor to have an opportunity to lead the flag football team at Snead State. Snead has made a strong commitment to athletics, and we are excited to be a part of the Snead State family," said Noles.

Noles brings 32 years of experience to his new role. His career began when he was 17 years old. He served as the assistant football coach at his alma mater, Boaz High School, before becoming the defensive coordinator at 19 and eventually head coach at 26. During his tenure, he guided the Pirates to a record of 80-63 and nine state playoff appearances, including

two quarterfinal berths.

From 2013-2018, Noles was the head football coach and athletic director at Etowah High School, and he led the Blue Devils to a 52-19 record, two region titles, and a pair of state quarterfinal appearances. He also served as Etowah's tennis coach for five years. In 2019, he stepped into the role of head football coach and athletic director at Westbrook Christian in Rainbow City, where he served four seasons. Under his leadership, the Warriors went 21-17 and twice qualified for the state playoffs.

His accolades include being named All-Region Coach of the Year five times and Marshall County Coach of the Year six times. He was selected to coach in the North/South All-Star game in 2003 and was chosen to represent Alabama at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, for USA football. He was one of nine members inducted into the Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2024. In addition to being a BHS and Snead State alum, he is also a graduate of Jacksonville State University.

Most recently, Noles has been a fixture on Snead State's campus, leading the Fellowship of Christian Athletes student organization and organizing the FCA Bowl on the college's campus. He's been an FCA ambassador

for Northeast Alabama and currently serves as the student minister at Life Church in Boaz. As a student at Snead State, Coach Noles played baseball under Coaches Red Calvert and Gerry Ledbetter. He and his wife, Michele, have two sons, Andy, who is married to Brileigh, and Will, who is a senior at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and plays for the Chargers Baseball Team.

"We are thrilled to welcome Coach Drew Noles to the Snead State family as the first head coach of our Women's Flag Football program. Coach Noles brings years of coaching experience and a deep passion for mentoring student-athletes, both on and off the field. He is a person of great character, and we have no doubt he will build a program rooted in integrity, discipline, and excellence. His leadership will be instrumental in laying a strong foundation for this new chapter in Snead State athletics, and we are excited to see the impact he will have on our student-athletes and the future of women's flag football at our college," said Snead State President Dr. Joe Whitmore.

The Alabama Community College Conference announced in November that Women's Flag Football was added to its athletic offerings with the season beginning during the 2025-2026 academic year.

## Etowah takes down Hokes Bluff

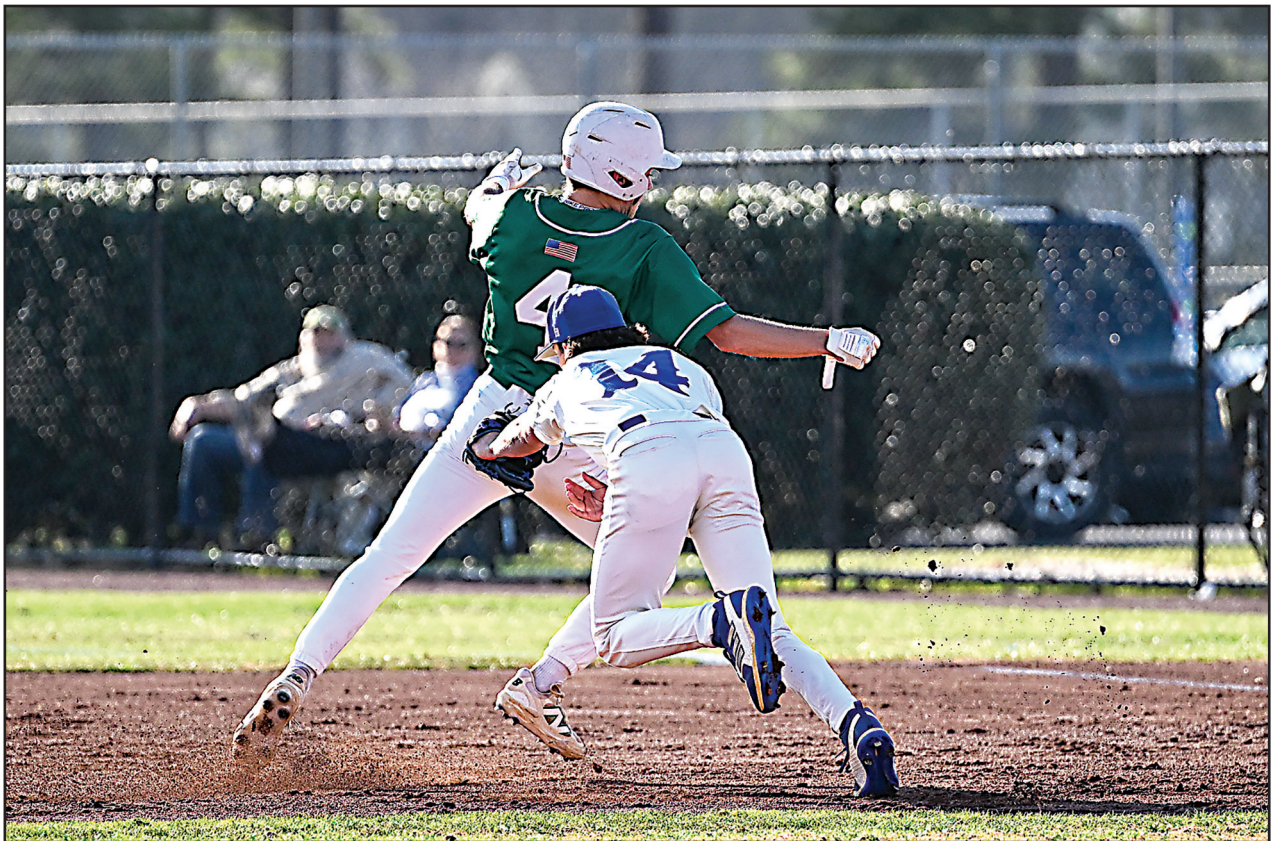


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Hokes Bluff's Anderson Morgan, is tagged out by Etowah's Damon Devine after getting caught in a rundown while trying to steal second base. Etowah defeated Hokes Bluff 3-0 Tuesday, March 11.

## Coach Underwood marks 200th win

Snead State Community College Head Baseball Coach Casey Underwood has impacted the lives of more than 300 players during his tenure. It was only fitting that some of those players, as well as College officials and assistant coaches, recognized an important milestone in Underwood's career.

During a home game on Saturday, March 1, Underwood reached his 200th win as head coach as the Parsons claimed a 14-4 victory over Itawamba Community College. Underwood's achievement was recognized on Thursday, March 6, before the start of the home baseball game

against Shelton State.

"Coaching baseball is more than just leading a team. You must be able to be unselfish, to give more than yourself, and to, most importantly, teach life lessons that have a positive impact on a player's life. I have witnessed Coach Underwood do just that," said Snead State President Dr. Joe Whitmore.

"Coach Underwood holds his players to a high standard of sportsmanship. He empowers them to take pride in all they do, whether it's cheering on a teammate, playing their best during a game, or giving their time to the community. The 200th win of Coach

Underwood's career is an important milestone, and we look forward to seeing him and his players earn many more," said Dr. Whitmore.

During the pregame recognition Thursday, Underwood was presented with the game ball representing the last out made during the March 1 game. The ball was hand painted to commemorate the game's significance.

Joining Underwood on the field were two assistant coaches who have worked alongside the coach for all the 200 wins, Coach Gerry Ledbetter and Coach Andrew Porch.

Underwood's 200th win - page 2B

## Youth Fly Fishing coming to area

Greater Gadsden Area Tourism is casting a vision for the future by inspiring young anglers to take up the art of Fly Fishing. Committed to fostering a love for the outdoors and preserving the region's rich fishing heritage, the organization is dedicated to providing hands-on opportunities for local youth to learn this timeless sport. By partnering with experienced anglers and community groups, Greater Gadsden Area Tourism, with the financial support of Representative Craig Lipscomb, aims to equip the next generation with the skills, knowledge, and passion needed to enjoy and protect the area's abundant waterways for years to come.

The Youth Fly Fishing Clinic is free to attend and is open to anglers ages 10-14, with an adult present. The two-hour clinic is being held during Spring Break on Thursday, March 27.

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Local Sports Schedule

Friday, Mar. 14 - Friday, Mar. 21

High School Baseball

**Friday, March 14**  
Glencoe at Indian Springs at 4 p.m.  
Ashville at Guntersville at 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 15**  
Southside VS Moody High School at home at 11 a.m.  
Southside VS Pell City at home at 4:30 p.m.  
Sardis VS St. Clair County at home at 12 p.m.  
Sardis VS Oneonta at home at 5 p.m.  
West End VS Vinemont at home at 11 a.m.  
Westbrook at John Carroll at 12 p.m.  
**Monday, March 17**  
Glencoe VS North Sand Mountain at home at 4:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 18**  
Southside VS Gadsden City at home at 4:30 p.m.  
Sardis at Douglas at 4:30 p.m.  
West End VS Cleveland at home at 4:30 p.m.  
Westbrook VS Ohatchee at home at 4:30 p.m.  
Gaston at Sand Rock at 4:30 p.m.  
Coosa at Victory Christian at 2:30 p.m.  
Ashville VS Hokes Bluff at home at 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, March 20**  
Gadsden City VS Southside at home at 4:30 and 6 p.m. (Double Header)  
Sardis VS Douglas at home at 4:30 p.m.  
West End at Cleveland at 4:30 p.m.  
Westbrook at Piedmont at 4:30 p.m.  
Gaston VS Sand Rock at Home at 4:30 p.m.  
Coosa VS Victory Christian at home at 4:30 p.m.  
Ashville at Hokes Bluff at 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, March 21**  
Southside at Hewitt Trussville at 5 p.m.

Softball

**Friday, March 14**  
Gadsden City at Ft. Payne at 4:30 p.m.  
Coosa VS Jacksonville Christian Academy at home  
**Monday, March 17**  
Sardis at Oneonta at 4:30 p.m.  
Glencoe at Weaver at 5 p.m.  
Hokes Bluff at Southside at 4:30 p.m.  
Coosa at Spring Garden at 4:30 p.m.

West End at Cedar Bluff at 5 p.m.  
Ashville at Cleveland at 5 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 18**  
Sardis VS Arab at home at 3:30 p.m.  
Hokes Bluff at Etowah at 4:30 p.m.  
West End at Cleveland at 5 p.m.  
Westbrook at Faith Christian at 4:30 p.m.  
Gaston VS Anniston at home at 5 p.m.  
Coosa VS Spring Garden at home at 4:30 p.m.  
Ashville VS Appalachian at home at 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, March 20**  
Gadsden City VS Ragland HS at home  
Etowah at Ashville High School at 4:30 p.m.  
West End at Susan Moore at 5 p.m.  
Westbrook at Glencoe at 4:30 p.m.  
Gaston VS Cedar Bluff at home at 4:30 p.m.  
Coosa at Gaylesville at 4:30 p.m.

Tennis

**Friday, March 14**  
Sardis at Pell City Tournament at Pell City Civic Center  
Westbrook VS St. Bernard at home  
**Saturday, March 15**  
Sardis at Pell City Tournament at Pell City Civic Center  
**Tuesday, March 18**  
Sardis VS Cherokee County at Home  
**Wednesday, March 19**  
Westbrook VS Etowah at home  
**Thursday, March 20**  
Boys and Girls Gadsden City VS Pell City at home  
Sardis VS Arab at Arab Tennis Courts

Golf

**Saturday, March 15**  
Twin Bridges Kick-Off Classic at 11:30 a.m. (Girls Only)  
**Monday, March 17**  
Coosa River Invitational at Silver Lakes and Anniston Country Club  
Westbrook VS Etowah at Silver Lakes at 3 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 18**  
Coosa River Invitational at Silver Lakes and Anniston Country Club  
Westbrook VS White Plains at Pine Hill at 3 p.m.

**Thursday, March 20**  
Gadsden City VS Springville and Hokes Bluff at Silver Lakes Golf Club  
Southside Invitational Tournament at Briarmeade Glencoe at 8 a.m.

Soccer

**Friday, March 14**  
Southside at Priceville High School  
**Tuesday, March 18**  
Gadsden City VS Southside at home at 7 p.m.  
Boys and Girls Westbrook at Jacksonville 5-7 p.m.  
**Thursday, March 20**  
Gadsden City at Westbrook at 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday, March 21**  
Southside VS Saint Paul's Episcopal School at home

Track & Field

**Friday, March 14**  
Meet 3 Conference Game Gadsden City 4 p.m.  
**Friday, March 21**  
Meet 4 Conference Game Gadsden City 4 p.m.

College Tennis

**Friday, March 14**  
GSCC at Central Alabama at 1 p.m.  
**Sunday, March 16**  
GSCC VS Marion Military Institute at 1 p.m.  
**Baseball**  
**Saturday, March 15**  
GSCC at Northwest-Shoals 3 p.m. (Double Header)  
**Thursday, March 20**  
GSCC VS Shelton State 2 p.m. (Double Header)  
**Softball**  
**Saturday, March 15**  
GSCC at Northwest-Shoals 1 p.m. (Double Header)  
**Thursday, March 20**  
GSCC VS Shelton State 1 p.m. (Double Header)

Underwood's 200th win - from 1B

Standing with them was the 2024-2025 Snead State Baseball Team as the ones clenching the milestone win for their coach and representing the many great players who have worn the Parson uniform. During his tenure, Underwood had assisted players in achieving their dream of playing college baseball and, in some cases, professional baseball, including two Major League draft picks and two free agent signees. His teams have achieved Academic All-American designation every year, and 100 percent of his players have graduated with an Associate degree. Under Underwood's leadership, the Snead State Baseball program has grown to be a premier junior college program, lead-

ing to the unprecedented 2022 season with the program's first JUCO World Series appearance, first ACCC State Conference Championship, and most program wins (42-16). Underwood was recognized as the 2022 ABCA NJCAA Division I Coach of the Year, and he was awarded Coach of the Year (2022), Co-Coach of the Year (2020), and Assistant Coach of the Year (2014) by the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association. In addition to being the head baseball coach, Underwood serves Snead State as the Athletic Director. He is a Snead State alumnus, having played baseball for the Parsons from 2003-2005 before graduating and joining the coaching staff.



Submitted photo

Snead State Community College President Dr. Joe Whitmore, right, presented the game ball from the March 1 home game to Head Baseball Coach Casey Underwood to commemorate his 200th career win as head coach. Underwood was recognized during the home game on March 6.



Photo by Alex Chaney

Ashville outfielder Talisha Samaniego catches a flyball in the March 10 softball game against Hokes Bluff. The Bulldogs fell in 12 innings and Hokes Bluff won 5-1.

Youth Fly Fishing

- from 1B

The morning session will run from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and the afternoon session will run from 1 – 3 p.m., with a max of 10 anglers in each session. The location is the pond behind Gadsden State Community College. All ponds at Gadsden State are catch and release only. We will meet at the parking lot by the soccer fields and drinks and snacks will be provided.

The program will consist of introduction to fly fishing, learning to tie flies, practice casting and practice fishing. Every angler will go home with their own brand-new fly fishing rod courtesy of Frank and Tammy Roden of Rainbow City Fly Fishing Club. This free clinic is first-come, first-serve and is only being offered to youth ages 10-14, with

an adult present. To register for the class, please call Greater Gadsden Area Tourism at 256-458-6132 by March 20. For more information go to the Event Page on Facebook or to learn more about Fly Fishing in Etowah County, please check out the Fly Fishing page on the tourism website: GreaterGadsden.com. Submitted by Greater Gadsden Area Tourism

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Housing and Urban Development estimated bid will be \$163,690.39. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$16,369.04 (10% of the Secretary's bid) in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$16,369.04 must be presented before the bidding is closed. THE DEPOSIT IS NONREFUNDABLE. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time with in which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is based upon the nature of the breach, this loan is not subject to reinstatement. A total payoff is required to cancel the foreclosure sale or the breach must be otherwise cured. A description of the default is as follows: FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE AND ANY OUTSTANDING FEES,

COSTS, AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME ALL DUE AND PAYABLE BASED UPON THE DEATH OF ALL MORTGAGORS. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Dated this 10th day of February, 2025

Michael Lindsey Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Foreclosure Commissioner 244 Inverness Center Drive Birmingham, AL 35242 Phone: (801) 355-2886 HWM File: AL22954

February 28, March 7 and 14, 2025

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Holly Jennifer Smith, An Unmarried Person to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated February 19, 2019; said mortgage being recorded on February 26, 2019, as Instrument No. 3480201 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2022-RP3 in Instrument 3545063 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, ALABAMA. The undersigned, Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2022-RP3, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 1st day of April, 2025 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Fractional Section 32; thence run North 89° 00' West, along the north line of said section, a distance of 316 feet to the westerly margin of the old Boaz-Attalla road; thence deflect left and run along said westerly margin South 22° 24' East a distance of 100 feet to a pipe set at the point of beginning of the property herein described; thence continue along said westerly margin South 22° 24' East a distance of 142.5 feet to a point; thence leaving said westerly margin, run South 76° 43' West a distance of 277 feet to a pipe; thence run North 02° 33' West a distance of 196.5 feet to a pipe; thence run South 87° 42' East a distance of 229.5 feet to the point of beginning and lying and being in Fraction A (the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4) of Section 32, Township 10 South, Range 5 East in Etowah County, Alabama. Said property is commonly known as 40 Billy Smith Dr, Boaz, AL 35956. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place

of sale. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage. CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2022-RP3 as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street North, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 24-05815AL www.foreclosurehotline.net

February 28, March 7 and 14, 2025

## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Paige I Hartmann, married and Christopher Troy Davenport, husband and wife, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC, on March 21, 2022, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number: 3537483; the undersigned Guild Mortgage Company LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on April 9, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot Number Ten (10), in Edwards Addition to Southside, according to map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "H", Page 128, Probate Office, Etowah County and lying and being in Southside, Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 1571 Lee Street , Gadsden, AL 35907. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the

real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Guild Mortgage Company LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-00668-GM-AL

February 28, March 7 and 14, 2025

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Mitchell Rodney Cameron, Jr. and Morgan Cameron, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, on March 8, 2017, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on March 16, 2017, as Document Number 3448054. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on May 1, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lots Number Two (2) and Three (3) in the First Addition to Nabors Estates, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 393, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama and lying and being in the City of Glencoe, Etowah County, Alabama and being subject to restrictive covenants as recorded in Miscellaneous Record "52", Page 646, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. More commonly known as: 404 Lola Ln, Glencoe, AL 35905 This Property will be sold on as "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Freedom Mortgage Corporation ("Transferee") Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.

244 Inverness Center Drive Birmingham, AL 35242 Phone: (801) 355-2886

March 7, 14, and 21, 2025

## FILE CLAIMS

Blake Borders was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/31/2025 to the Estate of Douglas Wayne Sullivan, 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

March 7, 14, and 21, 2025

Lizann Allsup was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/10/2025 to the Estate of Ronald Wayne Owens, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

## NOTICE OF

## FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Kenneth Ray Davis, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Inspire Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, on October 28, 2022, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on October 31, 2022, as Document Number 3548846. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on April 3, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot 7 of Kesington Garden, as shown by map recorded in Plat Book M, Page 41 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. More commonly known as: 412 Kensington Lane, Rainbow City, AL 35906 This Property will be sold on as "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Freedom Mortgage Corporation ("Transferee") Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.

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March 7, 14, and 21, 2025

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Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

March 7, 14, and 21, 2025

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Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

## FILE CLAIMS

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

March 7, 14, and 21, 2025

## FILE CLAIMS

Tiffany Nicole Richardson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/18/2025 to the Estate of Deborah Jean Harris, 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

March 7, 14, and 21, 2025

## FILE CLAIMS

Jimmy Woods was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/18/2025 to the Estate of Jerry M. Moore, 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

March 7, 14, and 21, 2025

## FILE CLAIMS

Keith Duane Bryant was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/18/2025 to the Estate of Nancy Mount Bryant, 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

March 7, 14, and 21, 2025

## FILE CLAIMS

Ricky Lee Patterson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/03/2023 to the Estate of Margaret Sue Patterson, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

## FILE CLAIMS

Clarence Vinson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 1/23/2025 over the Estate of Dora Mae Knowles, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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## FILE CLAIMS

Ralph Scissum was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 1/23/2025 over the Estate of Ralph Bertram Scissum, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

## FILE CLAIMS

Ernest Scott Maltbie was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/03/2025 to the Estate of Eleanor Maltbie deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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## FILE CLAIMS

Karen Sue Teem was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/04/2025 to the Estate of Rebecca Marie Goddard 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

## FILE CLAIMS





Jacob Millican, Conservator was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/04/2025 over the Estate of Carolyn Pate, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Krista Mishal Pelham Beasley and Walter Shawn Pelham was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 2/04/2025 over the Estate of Walter Loyd Pelham, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Mark William Cantrell, Sr. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/04/2025 to the Estate of Charles Anthony Cantrell, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Daniel Miles Hall was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/06/2025 to the Estate of Deanna Jean Gardipee, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Vickie (McLain) Bishop was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/07/2025 to the Estate of Wiley Junior McLain, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Tracey Lynn Cobb Pate was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/10/2025 to the Estate of Rhonda Grace Sanford, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Sherri Watkins Marker was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/11/2025 to the Estate of Gerald Benjamin Watkins, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Jamie Gibbs was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/12/2025 over the Estate of Norman Mark Wester, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Jacob Millican, Conservator was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/18/2025 over the Estate of William Daniel, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

William Stanley McCullars was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/19/2025 to the Estate of Martha Word McCullars, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Gretta Michelle Moragne was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/25/2025 to the Estate of Gloria Jean Aaron, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Audria Stevyn Wood was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 2/04/2025 to the Estate of Stephen O. Wood, 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

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: DONNA SULLIVAN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2025-119

TO: Any unknown family

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 1st day of APRIL 2025 at 2:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

Scott Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

February 28, March 7 and 14, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: SHELLY L. DAVIDSON, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2024-654

TO: Rianna Wainwright AKA Rianna Scott, Robyn Wainwright and Any unknown family

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 21st day of APRIL 2025 at 2:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 7TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

Scott Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: CAROLYN KHADAN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2025-136

TO: Any unknown family

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVA-

TORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 9TH day of APRIL 2025 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

Scott Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: TONY POE, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2025-137

TO: Any unknown family

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 9th day of APRIL 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 TH 6TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

Scott Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

RE: IN THE MATTER OF J RANDALL BAGWELL, Deceased CASE NO: 2025-00140

Notice is hereby given that on March 18, 2025 at 10:30a.m. a hearing is set to be heard in Etowah County Probate Court by Probate Judge, Scott Hassell on the disposition of the remains of Mr. J RANDALL BAGWELL, DOB 08/08/1938, DOD 03/05/2025.

Jacob A. Millican, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner 827 Chestnut Street Gadsden, AL 35901

March 14, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WALTER HOWARD MASON, DECEASED Case No.: 2023-00606

Notice to: All creditors, heirs or distributees and all other persons interested in the Estate of WALTER HOWARD MASON, deceased.

You will hereby take notice that KATRINA MARIE MASON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of WALTER HOWARD MASON, filed a Report of Insolvency of said Estate on the 25th 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 22nd day of April, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. when the Report of Insolvency will be considered, and you may show cause, if any, why the Report of Insolvency should be denied.

Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

TAMMY CHILDRESS, PLAINTIFF V. CV - 2025-900075

RAYMOND HASHBARGER and BETTY HASHBARGER, ET AL., DEFENDANTS

The Defendants, 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 or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the above-styled case.

The subject property is described as follows: To reach a point of beginning for the hereinafter described parcel of land, commence at the Southeast corner of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4, thence run South 88 degrees 00' West, along the South line thereof, 30.08 feet to a point in the West line of Turner Road (60' RW); thence run North 02 degrees 14' East, along said West line, parallel with the east line of said SE1/4 of SE1/4, 1150.15 feet to a point; thence run South 84 degrees 20' West, 308.25 feet to a point which is the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence from said point of beginning, continue South 84 degrees 20' West 180.00 feet to the Southeast corner of a parcel of land described in Deed Book 1381, Page 407, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence run North 02 degrees 14' East along the east line thereof, 259.10 feet to the northeast corner of said 1381-407 Parcel, being in the South line of Rocky Ford Road (80'RW); thence run South 89 degrees 44' East, along said South line, 178.40 feet to a point; thence run South 02 degrees 14' West, 240.47 feet to the point of beginning, and embracing portions of the E1/2 of aforesaid SE1/4, in Section 7, Township 12 South, Range 8 East of Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County, Alabama.

Done the 10th day of February 2025

/s/Jason Knowles Jason Knowles, Attorney for Plaintiff Knowles & Sullivan, LLC 413 Broad Street Gadsden, AL 35901 256-547-7200

February 28, March 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 Circuit Court Clerk.

Williams, King & Associates 2100 Club Drive, Suite 150 Gadsden, AL 35901 256-442-0201

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA FAMILY DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF: MOLLI ELLE BERGEON, Child,

CASE NO.: 2025-DR-000310-SC

JEANNE TUTOR and GREGG TUTOR, Petitioners, and TAYLOR JOSEPH BERGEON, Respondent, and HEIDE ANDREA-RENEE WILLIAM, a/k/a HEIDE EATON, Respondent.

TO: HEIDE ANDREA-RENEE WILLIAM a/k/a HEIDE EATON Etowah County Jail 827 Forrest Avenue Dorm Unit 3, Floor 1, Pod U3, Cell 302 Gadsden, Alabama 35901

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Temporary Custody by Extended Family has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: ERIN ITTS, ESQUIRE, as attorney for Jeanne and Gregg Tutor, whose ad-

dress is 355 West Venice Avenue, Venice, Florida 34285, on or before April 14, 2025, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 4004 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, Florida 34293, before service on Counsel for Petitioners or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A physical description of the Respondent is as follows:

Caucasian female, born December 31, 1990, and 34 years of age, approximately 5'11" and 110 pounds with dirty blonde hair, blue eyes, fair skin, and a small build. The child's date of birth is July 17, 2009, and she was born in Santa Barbara, California.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: March 13, 2025.

Karen E. Rushing, Clerk CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Glen Kopinsky Deputy Clerk

March 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 2025

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, ex rel: Gadsden Police Department Street Crime Unit

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO: CV-24-900421-GCD

PLAINTIFF VS. 10 GAMBLING DEVICES \$1,159.00 U.S. CURRENCY

DEFENDANTS In Re: Unknown

Property Seized From: 2515 Sansom Avenue Gadsden, AL. 35904

TO ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY CLAIMING AN OWNER'S BONA FIDE INTEREST IN THE HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED 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 28th day of April 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 26th day of February 2025

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

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

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, ex rel: Gadsden Police Department Street Crime Unit

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO: CV-24-900423-GCD

PLAINTIFF VS. 20 GAMBLING DEVICES \$3,978.00 U.S. CURRENCY

DEFENDANTS In Re: Unknown

Property Seized From: 928 Spruce Street Gadsden, AL. 35904

TO ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR OTHER

ENTITY CLAIMING AN OWNER'S BONA FIDE INTEREST IN THE HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED 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 28th day of April 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 26th day of February 2025

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

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

JOB COMPLETION

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of completion for Project: ATRP2-28-2020-223 in Etowah County, Alabama. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on February 28, 2025, and ending on March 14, 2025. All claims should be filed at Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC., P.O. Box 1890, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902 during this period.

February 28, March 7 and 14, 2025

JOB COMPLETION

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of project completion for the City of Gadsden Street Resurfacing 2024 in Etowah County, Alabama. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on March 7, 2025, and ending on March 21, 2025. All claims should be filed at Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC P.O. Box 1890, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902 during this period.

March 7, 14 and 21, 2025

JOB COMPLETION

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of project completion for the City of Southside Street Resurfacing 2024 in Etowah County, Alabama. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on March 7, 2025, and ending on March 21, 2025. All claims should be filed at Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC P.O. Box 1890, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902 during this period.

March 7, 14, and 21, 2025

JOB COMPLETION

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of project completion for the City of Glencoe Street Resurfacing 2024 in Etowah County, Alabama. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on March 14, 2025 and ending on March 28, 2025. All claims should be filed at Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC P.O. Box 1890, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902 during this period.

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Ozark Striping Company hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the Alabama Department of Transportation for construction of Project N. IM.1059(444) in Etowah County, AL. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on March 14, 2025 and ending on April 4, 2025. All claims should be filed at P.O. Box 847, Ozark, AL. 36361, during this period.

Ozark Striping Company, LLC P.O. Box 847 Ozark, AL. 3631

March 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 2025

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 10:00am CST, Friday, April 11, 2025, for Re-roofing Sardis High School Cafeteria: at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid

bond payable to Etowah County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Bid Documents may be examined at the office of B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 442 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 and obtained from the Architect at cost of printing. Digital documents are available from the Architect at no cost.

Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to pre-qualification procedures, attended the mandatory prebid conference and have demonstrated the ability to provide 24/7/365 service with a main office within 60 miles driving distance of the project site as described in the prequalification package and/or Div. 1 specifications and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof.

Prequalification packages are due at the office of the Architect by 10am CST on Friday, April 4, 2025. Written prequalification procedures and criteria are available via the Architect.

A mandatory prebid conference shall be held on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 10am CST at the Sardis High School Cafeteria. 1420 Church Street, Boaz, AL 35956

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted. Etowah County Board of Education (Awarding Authority)

B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 256-390-5657, bcraig@bclarch.com (Architect)

NOTE: For projects exceeding \$50,000, this notice must be run once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the project, or any part of the project, is to be performed. If the project involves an estimated amount exceeding \$500,000, this notice must also run at least once in three newspapers of general circulation throughout the state. Proof of publication is required.

March 14, 21, and 28, 2025

LEGAL ZONING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., the Board of Adjustment of the City of Gadsden will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chamber, First Floor, at City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama to give all persons who desire an opportunity to be heard in opposition to or in favor of the following request:

"A request for a Variance on lot size to build a house on a newly subdivided lot." The property is zoned R-2, Multi-Family District on the property described below:

A Tract of Land embracing parts of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block number 1 of the Polk Addition and a strip of land lying immediately North of Lots 1, 2, and 3 adjoining the South line of Cleveland Avenue, all in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron found, and the purported Southern Right Away of Cleveland avenue and the Eastern Right of Way of Turrentine Avenue; Thence run, along the said R.O.W. of Cleveland Avenue, S85°53'24" for a distance of 209.29' feet to a rebar found; Said point being the point of begin-



ning of the tract of land being herein described; Thence run, along the said R.O.W. of Cleveland Ave, S85°53'24"E for a distance of 108.83' feet to a point at the Western R.O.W. of South 8th Street; Thence run, Along the said R.O. W. of South 8th St., S10°24'31"W for a distance of 91.24' feet to a point; Thence, leaving said R.O.W., run N84°13'45"W for a distance of 102.98' feet to an rebar found; Thence run N06°48'05"E for a distance 87.80' to a point ; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; Containing 0.22+/- acres, more or less. Subject to existing rights of way for public roads, utility lines, easements and restrictions whether recorded or not. (Property address being in or around 502 Turrentine Avenue)

March 7 and 14, 2025

LEGAL ZONING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of March 2025, at 4:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the City of Gadsden will hold a regularly scheduled public hearing in the Council Chamber at City Hall, First Floor, 90 Broad Street to give all persons who desire an opportunity to be heard, in opposition to or in favor of, the following requests:

“A request for approval of a Final Plat for subdividing a piece of property described below;

A lot described as beginning at the Southeast corner of Turrentine Avenue and Cleveland Avenue and from thence running in a Southerly direction 81 feet, more or less, to the Northwest corner of Camp lot; thence in a Easterly direction along the North line of said Camp lot 315, more or less, to the Northeast corner of said Camp lot in the West line of Newton street; thence Northerly along the West Line of Newton Street 88 feet, more or less, to the South line of Cleveland Avenue; thence in a Westerly direction along the south line of Cleveland avenue 315 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, said description embracing parts of Lots, 1,2,3, and 4 in Block number 1 of the Polk Addition and a strip of land approximately 6 feet in width lying immediately North of Lots 1,2,and 3 adjoining the south line of Cleveland Avenue. (Property address being 502 Turrentine Avenue)

“A request for Petition For Annexation and Zoning by Unanimous Consent” on property described below;

A tract of land lying in and being a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter in Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a spike found, at the purported Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian; Thence run N89°55'04"E for a distance of 30.00' feet to a capped rebar found at the Eastern R.O.W of Oakland Dr.; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; Thence, leaving said R.O. W, run N89°55'04 "E for a distance of 170.00' feet to a capped rebar found; Thence run N89°55'04"E for a distance of 321.36' feet to a capped rebar found at the Western R.O.W of Whorton Bend Rd.; Thence run, along the said R.O.W, S45°25'13"E for a distance of 307.51' feet to a point; Thence run N68°02'33"W for a distance of 110.80' feet to a rebar found; thence run N11°27'08"E for a distance of 280.08' feet to a rebar found; thence run N56°02'658"E for a distance of 212.76' feet to a rebar found, said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described :Containing 2.36+/- acres, more or less Subject to the existing rights of way for public roads, utility lines, easements, and restrictions whether recorded or not.( Address being Whorton Bend Road/ Okland Drive Area)

“ A request for Petition For Annexation by Unanimous Consent” on property described below;

Begin at the Northeast corner of Government Lot “9”, Section 17, T-12-S, R-6-East of Huntsville Meridian, on the South R/W of an unnamed street and run S88°16'41 "W, along the North line of said fractional 1/4 and said South RIW, 1335.82 feet to an existing 112" rod on the West line of said fractional 1/4; thence run S07°00'03"W along said West line, 405.62 feet to an existing pinch-pipe on the 5 l 1.00 feet contour of Lake Neely Henry; thence leaving said West line run the following chord bearings and distances along said contour, S79°16'33"E 317.69 feet; N64°03'48"E, 70.14 feet; N06°25'54"E, 71.17 feet; NI3°09'13"E, 63.37 feet; S28°33'29"E, 32.12 feet; SI8°32'25"E, 47.08 feet; S24°04'28"E, 46.50 feet; S66°09'36"E, 46.27 feet; S76°11 'l 9"E, 38.42 feet; S85°31 'l 39"E, 84.16 feet; N84°05'59"E, 45.34 feet; N78°07'17"E, 64.09 feet; N87°47'47"E, 136.81 feet; S82°40'35"E, 113.03 feet; N74°54'45"E, 73.85 feet; NI3°29'59"E, 30.87 feet; SSI 0 33'07"E, 77.01 feet; S43°52'42"E, 50.28 feet; S67°07'18"E, 42.09 feet; S63°40'05"E, 93.11 feet and S70°41'15"E, 52.21 feet to a point on the East line of said 1/4; thence run N07°00'00"E, leaving said contour and along said East line,

Thence run N02°43'16"W for a distance of 105.12' feet to a capped rebar found; Thence run N02°37'25"W for a distance of 104.18' feet to a rebar found; Thence run N01°15'36"W for a distance of 71.25' feet to a rebar found; Thence run 75°45'42"W for a distance of 218.60' feet to a rebar found; Thence run N04°30'33"E for a distance of 120.00' feet to a rebar found; Thence run N71°29'27"W for a distance of 160.00' feet to a capped rebar found at the Eastern R.O.W of Oakland Dr.; Thence run, along the said R.O.W, N00°29'35"W for a distance of 706.74' feet to a point; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; Containing 28.76 +/-acres, more or less. Subject to existing rights of way for public roads, utility lines, easements, and restrictions whether recorded or not. Less and Except A tract of land lying in and being portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter in Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a spike found, at the purported Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian, thence run N89°55'04"E for a distance of 30.00' feet to a capped rebar found at the Eastern R.O.W of Oakland Dr.: thence, leaving said R.O.W, run N89°55'04"E for a distance of 170.00' feet to a capped rebar found; Thence run N89°55'04"E for a distance of 321.36' feet to a capped rebar found at the Western R.O.W of Whorton Bend Rd.: thence run, along the said R.O.W, S45°25'13"E for a distance of 307.51' feet to a point; thence run, along the said R.O.W., S49°16'57"E for a distance of 99.48' feet to a point; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; thence run along the said R.O.W., S49°16'57"E for a distance of 182.81' feet to a rebar found; thence run, along the said R.O.W., S56°20'28"E for a distance of 93.48' feet to a rebar found; thence leaving said R.O.W., run S52°54'29"W for a distance of 434.12' feet to a rebar found; thence run N68°02'33"W for a distance of 110.80' feet to a rebar found; thence run N11°27'08"E for a distance of 280.08' feet to a rebar found; thence run N56°02'658"E for a distance of 212.76' feet to a rebar found, said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described :Containing 2.36+/- acres, more or less Subject to the existing rights of way for public roads, utility lines, easements, and restrictions whether recorded or not.( Address being Whorton Bend Road/ Okland Drive Area)

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Begin at the Northeast corner of Government Lot “9”, Section 17, T-12-S, R-6-East of Huntsville Meridian, on the South R/W of an unnamed street and run S88°16'41 "W, along the North line of said fractional 1/4 and said South RIW, 1335.82 feet to an existing 112" rod on the West line of said fractional 1/4; thence run S07°00'03"W along said West line, 405.62 feet to an existing pinch-pipe on the 5 l 1.00 feet contour of Lake Neely Henry; thence leaving said West line run the following chord bearings and distances along said contour, S79°16'33"E 317.69 feet; N64°03'48"E, 70.14 feet; N06°25'54"E, 71.17 feet; NI3°09'13"E, 63.37 feet; S28°33'29"E, 32.12 feet; SI8°32'25"E, 47.08 feet; S24°04'28"E, 46.50 feet; S66°09'36"E, 46.27 feet; S76°11 'l 9"E, 38.42 feet; S85°31 'l 39"E, 84.16 feet; N84°05'59"E, 45.34 feet; N78°07'17"E, 64.09 feet; N87°47'47"E, 136.81 feet; S82°40'35"E, 113.03 feet; N74°54'45"E, 73.85 feet; NI3°29'59"E, 30.87 feet; SSI 0 33'07"E, 77.01 feet; S43°52'42"E, 50.28 feet; S67°07'18"E, 42.09 feet; S63°40'05"E, 93.11 feet and S70°41'15"E, 52.21 feet to a point on the East line of said 1/4; thence run N07°00'00"E, leaving said contour and along said East line,

594.03 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a portion of Government Lot “9”, Section 17, T-12-S, R-6-E, Etowah County, Alabama. Said lands are conveyed subject to the right of Alabama Power Company, a corporation, to flood, cover or surround with water from time to time that portion of said lands which would either be covered with or which either alone or together with other lands would be entirely surrounded by waters of the Coosa River or its tributaries should such river or its tributaries be raised and backed up to that certain datum plane above mean sea level as established by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey as adjusted in January 1955, together with rights of ingress and egress over and across such lands. (In and around 1831 Owens Street).

March 14, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on March 21, 2025 at 10:00 am at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903

Shakay Sales Unit 114

Angela Johnson Unit 26

Barbie Lewis Unit 22 & 32

Antwon Wright Unit 70

Peggy Caldwell Unit 39

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

March 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 4/18/2025 at 8:00 am

2010 Volvo VIN: YV1982A-S4A1126251

2020 Toyota Corolla VIN : J T D E P R A E - 0LJ060116

Tommy Tows 3403 Forrest Avenue Gadsden, AL. 35904 (256) 490-3715

March 7 and 14, 2025

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

In accordance with the Alabama Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, Alabama Code Sections 32-13-1 through 32-13-8 notice is hereby given to the owners, lienholders, and other interested parties. The following motor vehicles will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at 9:00 am, April 7, 2025 at Team One Chevrolet of Gadsden, Gadsden, Alabama. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid and the right to bid.

2017 Ford Edge VIN 2FMPK3G99HBC58683

2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo VIN 2G1WX15K819111126

2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo VIN 2G1WX12K139161387

March 7 and 14, 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 5/2/2025.

2000 Ford Taurus VIN: 1FAF-P55U9YG236427

2019 Hyundai Sonata VIN 5NPE24AF0KH801866

1999 Honda CR-V VIN: JHL-RD1863XC064572

2002 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN: 1GNEC-13252R284454

2007 Mazda CX-7 VIN JM3ER293370105881

2012 Hyundai Sonata VIN: 5NPE-C4AC8CH378183

2019 Kia Soul VIN: KND-JN2A26K7673290

2012 Ford Escape VIN: 1FMCU0E7XC-KA32353

2011 Ford Focus VIN: 1FAHP3FN-9BW132666

2006 Lexus GS VIN JTHCH96SX60010979

2004 Porsche Cayenne VIN: WP1AB29P-54LA70381

2006 Ford Fusion VIN: 3FAF-P07116R180432

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

March 7 and 14, 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 4/25/2025 at 8:00 am

1997 Dodge Dakota VIN: 1B7GL23X-2VS108786

Tommy Tows 1912 3rd Street Attalla, AL. 35954 (256) 490-3715

March 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 4/11/2025.

2008 Ford Escape VIN 1FMCU03148KB57029

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

March 7 and 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-85-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 501 CHESTER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Number Twenty-seven in Walnut Park or West Point Second Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book “B”, Page 117, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, (formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 16-01-01-3-000-444.000 PIN #: 50183

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to The Estate of JERRY HUMPHREY with potential heirs, 501 CHESTER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 507 JONES STREET S.E., ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954, 526 MCELROT STREET S.E., ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954, BRANDON HUMPHREY, 501 CHESTER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, TIM HUMPHREY, 960 SHORELINE CIRCLE, SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA 35907, MICHAEL HUMPHREY and KAREN BARNES, 604 OSBORNE STREET, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-86-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 406 TAYLOR STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot number fourteen (14) in Block number ten (10) in Goodyear High-lands according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book “C”, pages 82 and 83, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-01-11-3-000-292.000 PIN: 31068

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to TUSCASCAL, LLC, 2084 VALLEYDALE ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35244, 406 TAYLOR STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, subject to that certain mortgage and assignment of rents in favor of FIRST BANK OF ALABAMA, 120 E. NORTH STREET, P.O. BOX 797, TALLADEGA, ALABAMA 35160, DAMARICUS TASHUN KIMBLE, 1802 AIRPORT BOULEVARD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-87-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1818 COLORADO STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 22 BLK 17 GLENWOOD ADD PLAT B-265 14-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-4-000-080.001 PIN# 44634

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given TOBY DEWAYNE EDWARDS, 1818 COLORADO STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-87-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

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LT 22 BLK 17 GLENWOOD ADD PLAT B-265 14-12-6

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is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given TOBY DEWAYNE EDWARDS, 1818 COLORADO STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-88-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 3506 WEST MEIGHAN BOULEVARD in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 14-15 BLK 1 FOXWOOD ADD PLAT F-3 1-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-2-000-059.000 PIN# 49589

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given CBL PROPERTY GROUP, LLC, 2239 GALLANT ROAD, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-89-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1502 ALABAMA AVENUE (ACCESSORY BUILDING) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-89-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1502 ALABAMA AVENUE (ACCESSORY BUILDING) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Sixteen (16), in Block Number Four (4), of the Interurban Land Company's First Addition, according to map recorded in Plat Book “B”, Page 206, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-03-05-2-000-062.000 PIN# 36651

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to HUMBERTO MARROQUIN and FLO-RINDA MARROQUIN, 6 CABOT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 1502 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-90-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 931 AVENUE F in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots Number Nine (9) in Block Number Twentynine (29), in The Gadsden Land and Improvement Company's Thornton Addition as Rearranged by Coosa Land

Company et al, according to the map or said Rearrangement as recorded in Plat Book “B”, page 334 and 335, Probate Office and lying and being in Gadsden, Alabama.

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to HERMAN JONES, SR., CURTIS JONES 931 AVENUE F, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, HERMAN JONES, 408 VALLEY ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, KIM RODGERS, 931 AVENUE F, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

Tax Parcel ID: 10-08-33-3-000-089.000 PPIN: 16694

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-91-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 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 and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to WILLIE B. KIRKLAND and JAMES L. KIRKLAND, JR., 1003 WAINWRIGHT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 1011 GLENDALE AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-92-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 213 NUNNALLY AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

March 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-92-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 213 NUNNALLY AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:



abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-94-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1623 HARLEM AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to FRANKIE HUNTLEY, 1114 WELLS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-95-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1025 LEXINGTON AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to HORACE & WF FRANCES E. CROWE JR., 1025 LEXINGTON AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.  
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-96-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 421 LINCOLN STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ROBERTO LUCAS & WF MARIA TERCERO, 2097 E. WASHINGTON STREET STE 1, E. PMB 303, COLTON, CALIFORNIA 92324.  
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

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Adopted by the City

Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-97-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 14 LITTLE STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 95 PARCEL 1 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F 51 31-11-6

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to WENDY MCCORD, 14 LITTLE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.  
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-98-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 106 ROSALIE AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

Tax ID#: 15-02-03-4-000-048.000  
PIN# 32962

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to RICK- EY J. HANDY, P.O. BOX 4167, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.  
Now, Therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 4, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-99-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 67 WEST TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to J. K. SMITH PROPERTIES, LLC, 117 COLLEGE AVENUE, BOAZ, ALABAMA 35957.  
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-100-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 101 WIL-

SON STREET (County Records list property address as 3234 FORREST AVENUE) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LOT 1 BLK 2 NENA KELIOTT'S HOMEWOOD ADD PLAT C 218-219 GADSDEN SEC 1 TWP 12S R 5E

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to MICHAEL JAMES & MICHELLE L. HEAD, 305 MISTLETOE HOLLOW ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 101 WILSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, 35904.  
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

**NOTICE UNDER  
SECTION 94.01 OF  
THE CONSTITUTION OF  
ALABAMA  
(OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS AMENDMENT 772)  
FOR EXPENDITURE OF  
PUBLIC FUNDS AND  
PUBLIC  
PROPERTY BY THE  
CITY OF RAINBOW  
CITY, ALABAMA**

The City of Rainbow City, Alabama (the "City"), located in Etowah County, Alabama, is considering the financing of: (a) the acquisition, installation and equipping of new improvements at its recreational facilities known as the Vivian Lee Maddox Sports Complex located at 4573 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama, specifically including artificial turf installation and lighting improvements; and/or (b) the acquisition, installation and construction of water works and sewer

utility improvements to increase capacity and distribution lines to the City's industrial park located at Lumley Road, (commonly known as "Commerce Park") with said utility improvements expected to be owned by The Utilities Board of the Rainbow City; and/or (c) other capital improvements which the City deems advisable, all of which will be owned and operated by the City (except for the water and sewer utility improvements which are expected to be owned and operated by The Utilities Board of the City of Rainbow City) and located within the City. The foregoing improvements (as described above) are hereafter collectively referred to as the "Project."

The City proposes to issue its general obligation warrant(s) or other form of indebtedness

in a principal amount not to exceed \$7,750,000 (the "Warrants") (with the understanding that the final principal amount is expected to be less than said amount), in one or more series of warrants, to finance the costs of acquiring, improving and equipping the Project, and/or refinancing temporary indebtedness incurred by the City for the Project, and the payment of issuance expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of said Warrants.

The proposed expenditure of public funds and proposed contemplated transfer of City funds for the properties constituting the Project will provide public benefits to the City by virtue of being able to enhance the economic growth of the City, specifically including the prospect of eventually improving and creating additional recreational parks and offerings within the municipal limits of the City which not only enhances the quality of life for existing residents of the City but also attracts visitors and future residents to the City which generates sales taxes and other forms of tax revenue for the City. The proposed expenditure of public funds and proposed contemplated transfer of City funds to finance utility improvements will provide public benefits to the City by having adequate infrastructure to recruit industry and future industrial employers to the City. While it is expected that the City will own and operate the Project (except for

the utility improvements which are expected to be owned by The Utilities Board of the City of Rainbow City) and no private parties will have longterm lease interests or management rights over the Project, the proposed expenditure of funds and the issuance of the Warrants may be deemed to benefit any future users of the Project (including without limitation any persons, for profit entities, or governmental or municipal users which utilize the Project including any use by private parties on a temporary basis and/or private vendors which have improvements on a deminimis area of said property constituting the Project like vending machines).

The governing body of Rainbow City, Alabama, will consider the authorization of issuance of the Warrants to finance the Project, and the proposed expenditure of public funds, for 124048605.1 use for the foregoing purposes (which may include temporary use by private persons, forprofit entities, other government or municipal users) and any other or future users of said Project including entities located at the City's industrial park whose identities are currently not available, at its regular public meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Rainbow City Hall located at 3700 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama. The public is invited to attend said meeting of the governing body of Rainbow City, Alabama to express their views orally or in writing.

The City of Rainbow City is committed to making meetings accessible to all. If you need accommodation, please contact Beth Lee, City Clerk, at 256.413.1217 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Joe Taylor, Mayor  
Beth Lee, City Clerk

March 14, 2025

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