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The Snead State Community College Women's Golf Team secured a second-place finish at the NJCAA South District Golf Championship.

Submitted photo



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Southside boys, coached by Randy Vice, won its first boys soccer state title.

Photo by David Holtsford



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Snead State student-athletes saw the results of their dedication and commitment during a special Commencement Ceremony held Tuesday, May 6.

Submitted photo

## Southside brings home state soccer trophy



AHSAA PHOTO | David Holtsford

Southside High (22-5-1), coached by Randy Vice, won its first boys soccer state title.

Cooper Yancey (pictured at left) scored the winning goal in the Class 6A championship match.

Southside senior Camren Thompson created the scoring opportunity, and sophomore Yancey took advantage of it.

Thompson drew a foul just inside the box late in the first half, but he was unable to take the ensuing penalty kick because of a minor lower leg injury suffered when he absorbed the tackle at John Hunt Park in Huntsville. Yancey promptly made the penalty kick in the game's 30th minute, providing all the scoring the Panthers needed in a 2-0 victory over Spanish Fort in the Class 6A championship game.

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## GSCC president announces departure, heads to Dothan

Dr. Kathy Murphy, president of Gadsden State Community College, has announced that she has accepted the position of president at Wallace Community College in Dothan, Alabama. Murphy will begin her new role at Wallace Dothan on June 1.

"It has been my honor to serve as President at Gadsden State since January 2021, and I will miss our wonderful college, our exceptional faculty and staff, and, of course, our amazing students," said Dr. Mur-

phy. "During the past four years, we have experienced so many successes including increased scholarships, increased enrollment, increased credit hour production, increased retention, additional apprenticeships and worked-based learning opportunities, and enhanced security."

"In addition, through capital projects, our college has invested significant resources in creating a better learning environment for

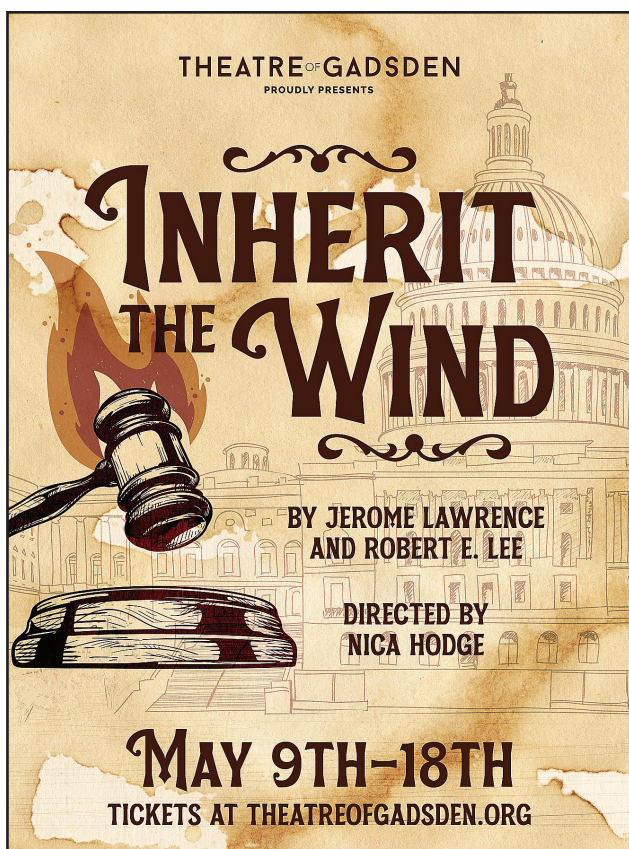
students. Our top three investments have been the new Advanced Manufacturing Center, new baseball and softball fields, and the renovation of Wallace Hall. There is so much more to come, and I cannot wait to hear about Gadsden State's progress and future successes."

Gadsden State remains committed to a smooth transition in leadership. Alan Smith, vice president at Gadsden State, will serve as interim president.



Submitted photo

President Kathy Murphy addresses faculty and staff at convocation in February 2025.



## Inherit the Wind wraps this weekend

Theatre of Gadsden's latest production is one of America's great courtroom dramas, where the trial of a man becomes one of ideas.

Inherit the Wind will be brought to life one last weekend, on May 16-18. Shows on Friday and Saturday will take place at 7 p.m., while the Sunday show will be at 2 p.m., all at the Ritz Theatre, 310 Wall St. in downtown Alabama City. Tickets are \$13 to \$20.

It's been an even century since the events of the celebrated Scopes "Monkey" trial in Dayton, Tenn., where schoolteacher John T. Scopes was tried for teaching evolution in public schools.

The play, written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee (not the general), is based on that trial, but isn't an exact portrayal of the historical event. For starters, the real Scopes never spent a night in jail, and the people of Dayton didn't hang Scopes in effigy but welcomed the media circus that accompanied the trial.

But Inherit the Wind's main action comes from the courtroom clash of titans – the presidential candidate Matthew Harrison Brady, based on William Jennings Bryan, and the defense attorney Henry Drummond, fashioned after Clarence Darrow.

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Little Caesars





# OBITUARIES



## Julia Phillips

**ALTOONA** - Julia Ann Caldwell Phillips, age 65, of Altoona, Alabama passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

Funeral Service was held Thursday, May 15, 2025 at Morgan Funeral Chapel with Bro. Charles Bellew officiating.

Julia was a loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. Everyone that met her loved her. She enjoyed fishing, trips to the beach, and going anywhere with Debra. Most of all she enjoyed her family.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father. She is survived by her husband, Ralph Phillips; daughters, Cindy (Kris) Page and Tina Taylor; grandchildren and great grandchildren; brothers, Charles Bellew and Mason Caldwell; sister, Clara Mathis and special cousin, Debra Stone.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Toys for Tots.

Special thanks to Taylor Johnson (granddaughter) and Enhabit Hospice.

## Donald Eugene Dutt

Donald Eugene Dutt, 72, passed away on May 12, 2025. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Dutt will be remembered first and foremost as a Christian and a deeply loving family man. He retired after a long and dedicated career with Walgreens. Known for his sharp wit and stubborn streak, he was a loving presence who didn't shy away from sharing his opinion—always with a quick comeback and a smart-aleck grin. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Lorene Dutt.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Rhonda Dutt; his daughter, Brandy (Brent) Collier; his grandchildren, Abby (Sloane) Ezell and Hunter Collier; and his great-grand-

children, Evelyn and Jack. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Ginger (Michael) Friedman, along with a large extended family who cherished him dearly.

The family extends special thanks to the compassionate staff of Pro Health Hospice and to his dear friends from Courtyard 1 at the Edgar Senior Living Community.

## Charles Leon Levens

**ATTALLA** - Charles Leon Levens age 72, of Attalla, passed away May 8, 2025.

Mr. Levens was preceded in death by his parents: Leon and Agnes Levens; wife: Darlene Levens; and Brenda Tanner.

Left to cherish the memory of Mr. Levens are his daughters: Carrie Blankenship (Larry), Jennifer Maniscalco (DeWayne), Sabrina Reed (Travis), and Holley Nicole Petty; son: Charles T Levens (Roxana); sisters: Brenda Wilson and Pat Dowe (Dave); several nieces and nephews.

Charles was a member of the Cross Camp Cowboy Church where he served as an elder, sang and played the drums.

Special thanks to Shepherd's Cove hospice.

## Carl W. Watson

**SOUTHSIDE** - Carl W. Watson, age 69, of Southside, Alabama passed away on Monday, May 12, 2025.

*In care of Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory*

## Buford Goss, Jr.

**GADSDEN** - Buford "Bud" Matthew Goss, Jr., age 88 passed May 12, 2025, in Gadsden, Alabama. He was born on August 13, 1936 in Cherokee County, Alabama. He was an amazing husband, father, son, brother, pawpaw, uncle, and friend to many.

He is preceded in death by parents Buford "Boots" Matthew Goss, Sr. and Sadie Reed Goss, infant daughter - Gina Lynn, sisters: Audrey Goss Kidd, Frances "Short" Goss Perry and Betty Goss Bagley.

Bud is survived by his wife of 68 years, Patricia Gibson Goss, daughters: Kim Goss Battles (Jeff), Lori Goss Wise (Russell), Tara Goss Matthews, sister: Dianna Goss Roberson, 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren (one due in

Fall 2025), and a special grandson of the heart - Ethan Teague.

Bud spent his career in the milk and dairy business, starting at Tro-Fe Dairy (which later became known as Meadow Gold Dairies and later became Borden). He worked in supervision in Gadsden, AL, before becoming the Southeast General Manager and relocating to Huntsville, AL. After retirement, he and his family returned to Gadsden, AL (which is HOME).

Bud is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was a board member for the Nocalula Improvement Association and played a significant role in bringing "Christmas On The Rocks" (currently known as Christmas At The Falls) to Nocalula Falls - Gadsden, AL.

He was a very hard-worker, great organizer, loved his John Deere tractor, lawn work, gardening, piddling in his shop, and spending his mornings eating breakfast with his Jack's friends. He loved time with family, his black shop cat, and strumming his acoustic guitar. Bud had a zest for life and always helped those he loved and cared about.

Without a doubt, he left a void in the hearts of those that loved him. However, he also left a legacy of Godly values, family, work ethic, strength and unconditional love.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for your love, support, meals, and prayers. A special THANK YOU to Enhabit Hospice for their excellent care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as a memorial gift ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)), Debra of America ([www.debra.org](http://www.debra.org)) for Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) research, or to your favorite charity.

## Barbara Igleheart

**RAINBOW CITY** - Barbara Ann (White) Igleheart, 83, of Rainbow City, passed away on Monday, May 12, 2025.

Services will be announced at a later date.

## Paul Stevens

**GADSDEN** - Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Mr. Paul F.

Stevens, age 78, of Gadsden, AL, who traded mortal for immortality on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

He is survived by his loving wife.

We ask that you please keep The Stevens Family and those families that may be going through the same lifted in prayer.



## Larry Edwin Jones

**WALNUT GROVE** - Larry Edwin Jones, age 67, of Walnut Grove, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

A visitation for Larry was held Monday, May 12, 2025, at Collier-Butler Funeral Home, followed by a funeral service with Rev. L. Dale Butler will officiating. Burial followed at Old Harmony Cemetery.

Since the age of 16, Larry Jones has worked across the country as a truck driver. He loved and enjoyed the challenges and discoveries that the open roads, highways, and byways provided him with. Their small towns, cafes, motels, and their local populations with their own folk stories. His educational experiences with the cast of numerous diverse people in various businesses and variety of life experiences ultimately led him to be well known. He will be remembered and deeply missed by many.

Larry was preceded in death by his father and mother, Bill and Audrey Jones; and his beloved grandmother, Rhoda Hood.

He is survived by his sister, Martha Palazzolo; brother, John I. Jones; nieces, Darlene Byars and Roanna Rhodes; and great nieces, Mattie McConnell, Hannah Skikas, and Emily Rhodes.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Randall and Scarlett Green and to Northside Health Care for their compassionate care.

## Robbie Snow

**GADSDEN** - With heartfelt sympathy, we announce

the earthly transition of Robbie Jean Manzy Snow of Gadsden, who traded time for eternity on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at the age of 82.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~ Etowah Chapel.



## Loretta Inell Wimpee

**RAINBOW CITY** - Loretta Inell Wimpee, age 85, of Rainbow City, Alabama passed away on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

A visitation for Loretta was held Monday, May 12, 2025, followed by a chapel service at Morgan Funeral Chapel.

Loretta loved God and her church. She was a faithful member of Riddles Bend Baptist Church and the Joy Sunday school class. Her earthly love was her "Boys." She dedicated her life to the care of all children, especially her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. She was a champion softball player and would hit a one arm home run at every opportunity. A wonderful mother that will be truly missed.

Loretta was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Russell Eugene "Gene" Wimpee; brother, Jay Carter; and parents, Chester and Inell Carter.

Loretta is survived by her daughters, Anita (Jeff) Bedwell, Susie (Tommie) Carr, Lisa (David) Abernathy; grandchildren and great grandchildren, Tj and Lauren Carr, Colter and Cordelia, Andrew and Chance Bedwell, Briton and Cotton, Austin and Blaise Abernathy, Bentley and Anderson, Chase Abernathy, Lacy Whitfield, Kylor Carr and Destiny; brother, Jack carter and Marilyn; sister-in-law, Debora Carter; along with many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Riddles Bend Baptist Church.

Special thanks are given to special caretakers, Rena Broadway, Belinda Hill Smith and Krista Fuggatt.



## Terry W. Bearden

**RAINBOW CITY** - Terry W. Bearden, age 71 of Rainbow City, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 surrounded by family & friends.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at Morgan Funeral Chapel with Rev. Shane Bearden officiating.

Terry Bearden was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

From an early age, Terry was known for pursuing his hobbies and interests and no stranger to hard work. Early on, he was a radio DJ and earned his broadcasting license.

From there, Terry cultivated his entrepreneurial mindset and launched several different businesses, most notably, Bearden Transport, LLC & Bearden Vending, LLC.

Above all, from a young age, Terry was a faithful servant of the Lord. He diligently studied the Word and one of his greatest passions and gifts was being a teacher in both Sunday school and small group settings.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents, Wade & Annie Lee Bearden sister, Wanda Childers; and his wife of almost 49 years, Anita Bearden.

Survivors include brother, Jerry (Elena) Bearden; sister, Connie (Larry) Farr; son, Shane (Misty) Bearden; grandchildren, Madeline (Gabe) Smith, Conner Bearden, Ella Bearden; and a host of extended family and friends.

Special thanks to Shepherd's Cove Hospice, as well as Rachel Harden, Vickie Hammett & the rest of the team of caregivers.



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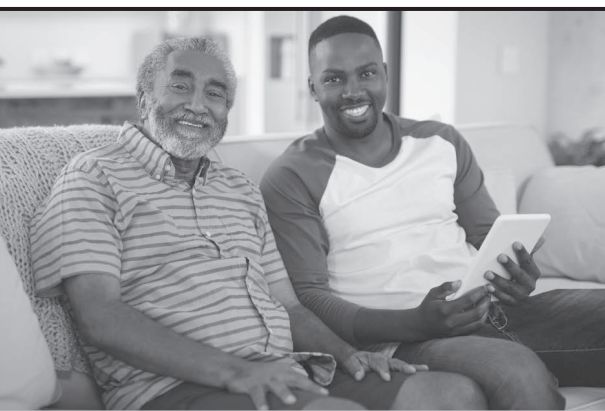
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# NEWS

## Ivey signs bill supporting state parole officers

Governor Kay Ivey today signed into law HB88 (photo attached), sponsored by Representative Jerry Starnes – a retired ABPP officer – and carried in the state senate by Senator Clyde Chambliss.

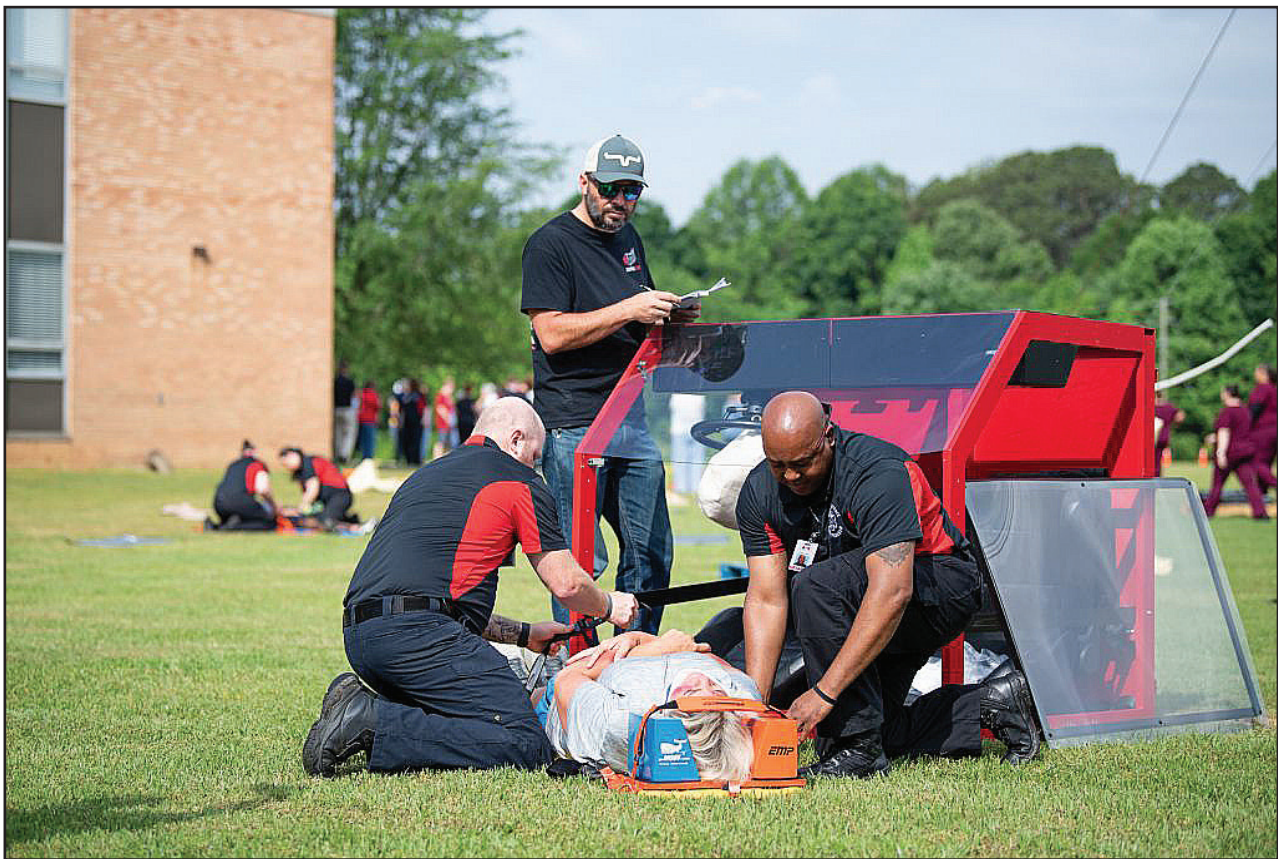
The bill codifies Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles officers as state law enforcement. It does not expand officer powers, authority or benefits.

All ABPP officers are APOSTC certified and maintain active training and education requirements. Law enforcement comprises over half of Bureau personnel.

“Thank you to Governor Ivey, Representative Starnes, Senator Chambliss and our state lawmakers for Backing the Blue,” Bureau Director Cam Ward said. “We are proud of our officers and grateful for

their commitment to keeping communities across our state safe. Their job is not easy, but these men and women have sworn to serve and protect the people of Alabama. They uphold that mission every day – regardless of the dangers and difficulties they may face, and this bill is one way we can show our appreciation while recognizing their courage.”

The Bureau had a successful 2025 Regular Session with all bills prioritized by the agency receiving final passage – most without contest. The other legislation involved electronic monitoring, breaking down barriers to occupational licensing for former felons, seamless GPS-data sharing with other law enforcement agencies during active investigations, reentry and more.



Submitted photo

## Simulation provides students with training in emergency response

Screams echoed through the grounds surrounding Helderman Hall and Bevill Hall on Gadsden State Community College’s Wallace Drive Campus on May 2, but they weren’t real. The chaos was part of a large-scale, pre-planned mass casualty simulation designed to give nursing and paramedic students vital hands-on experience before they enter the workforce.

More than 100 students from Nursing, Emergency Medical Services, Radiography and Medical Laboratory Technician programs participated in the tornado disaster simulation, which replicated a rural neighborhood hit by a devastating storm. The drill involved multiple simulated casualties, including a critically-injured 32-year-old male pinned beneath debris, a woman trapped in a car on its side and two individuals who were dead upon arrival.

The training event was conducted in partnership with Gadsden State’s Police and Public Safety Department and more than a dozen local emergency response agencies. Over 200 volunteers participated to help bring the scene to life.

“This was a group effort,” said Dr. Joey Battles, dean of Health Sciences at Gadsden State. “The committee delivered the vision. I don’t know if

people realize the depth of planning involved in this. Our committee just wants what’s best for the students. They are our main priority.”

The simulation was directed by John Hollingsworth, director of Gadsden State’s EMS Program, and Dr. Evelyn Lightsey, simulations coordinator for the college. The realistic scenario gave students the opportunity to learn how to respond in real-time to high-pressure, complex emergency situations.

“We want to help students understand how to work collaboratively together,” Battles said. “We call it ‘interprofessional education,’ and it’s so important. We wanted to give them experience in real-life situations working together with the newest and best equipment available. Once you do something one time, the next time it’s easier.”

Kristina O’Neal, a nursing student who worked the simulation as a trauma nurse, said the experience was intense but invaluable.

“Triage in itself is a pretty intense situation — emotionally and physically,” she said. “The EMS team did an amazing job. It’s kind of hard in mass casualties to silence the noise and keep your brain focused. The EMS team did that perfectly. It was so easy to communicate with them

because they knew what they were doing.”

O’Neal, who works in a hospital emergency room, said the simulation gave her a better understanding of how fieldwork and hospital care are connected.

“I actually work in the ER, so I haven’t been outside working in the field,” she said. “Actually seeing how it’s done out in the field will help me in the ER if a mass casualty ever happens and a lot of patients come in at once.”

In addition to improving technical skills and communication, the simulation also allowed students to make mistakes in a controlled environment and learn from them.

“Simulations like these are essential,” Battles said. “They give our students the opportunity to build confidence, strengthen their teamwork and understand what it’s really like to respond when every second counts.”

Battles said the goal is to host the mass casualty simulation twice a year to provide students with the best in experiential learning and career readiness.

For more information about healthcare programs at Gadsden State, visit [www.GadsdenState.edu/HealthSciences](http://www.GadsdenState.edu/HealthSciences).

## Federation calls for photo contest

The Alabama Farmers Federation is searching for a bumper crop of snapshots displaying forestry and agriculture through the Farming Feeds Alabama Photo Contest.

Submissions are accepted at [AlfaFarmers.org/PhotoContest](http://AlfaFarmers.org/PhotoContest) between May 15 and Sept. 15, 2025. Mailed entries are not allowed.

“A picture is worth a thousand words — especially when the photograph captures Alabama’s diverse farm land,” said Marlee Jackson, the Federation’s publications director. “From cattle to catfish and peaches to poultry, Alabama has the perfect backdrop for farmers and members to put their photography skills to the test. We’re excited to share winning submissions in the 2025 November Neighbors magazine 50th anniversary commemorative issue.”

**Categories**

Youth Photographers: Photographers 17 and under as of Sept. 15, 2025

Adult Photographers: Photographers 18 and over as of Sept. 15, 2025

**Judging**

Photos will be ranked by a panel of expert judges, who will determine a Top 3 in each category. Photos will be judged on quality, resolution, content, storytelling and relevance to the theme.

**Prizes**

Youth Top 3 — Farming Feeds Alabama Portable JBL Bluetooth Speaker

Adult Top 3 — Sweet Grown Alabama Gift Basket

**Rules**

Entries are accepted at [AlfaFarmers.org/PhotoContest](http://AlfaFarmers.org/PhotoContest) between May 15 and Sept. 15, 2025.

Photos must have been taken in Alabama in 2025 and must be original, unpublished content.

All photos must be entered in the correct age category. Each photographer may enter one photo.

Minor adjustments of color/contrast, sharpening, spotting, dodging and burning are accepted. Photos may be color or black and white.

Photos with embedded text or logos or watermarks will not be accepted.

Shoot photos at the maximum resolution and submit that original without cropping, compressing or reducing the file size. Photos taken with cameras or smartphones are acceptable, as long as quality and resolution are not affected.

Photos must comply with safe farm practices. Photos exhibiting unsafe behavior will be eliminated.

Entries must include the photographer’s name, age, county, contact information, a photograph title and brief description.

Alabama Farmers Federation staff and their immediate families are ineligible.

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# GSCC honors body donors at event

Gadsden State Community College's Science Department hosted its first Donor Appreciation Event May 1 in the auditorium of the Science Building on the East Broad Campus. The event was held to honor individuals who have chosen to donate their bodies to science, and it recognized both the donors and their families for their contribution to education, research and future healthcare advancement.

The event paid special tribute to the four body donors who have been part of Gadsden State's Human Gross Anatomy Lab since January. These donors have played a critical role in the education of students studying anatomy, many of whom are pursuing careers in medicine, nursing and other health sciences.

"This event is our way of showing deep respect for the donors and expressing our appreciation for the priceless gift they have given," said Phillip Snider, science instructor and

director of the Gross Anatomy Lab. "The students gain a deep respect and admiration for the body donors they have worked with. I think this gathering gave the students a chance to show their appreciation and meet firsthand the people that are donating their body to science."

Attendees included current and former gross anatomy students, high school science teachers, college instructors, Gadsden State administrators and members of the Gadsden State Alumni Association. It served as both an appreciation event and an educational experience, offering insights into the role of body donation in higher learning.

Snider said there are great educational benefits of body donation, particularly within Gadsden State's state-of-the-art Gross Anatomy Lab, the only one of its kind in the Alabama Community College System.

"There's no substitute for the hands-on experience students gain in

the lab," Snider said.

"Cadavers allow our students to see and understand anatomical relationships and the effects of disease in a way that textbooks and models simply can't provide. This kind of learning is academically powerful, and it builds empathy and professionalism among our students."

The cadavers used at Gadsden State come from the University of South Alabama and remain in the Gross Anatomy Lab for one year. Once they are no longer used for educational purposes, they are respectfully cremated and returned to their families.

"This is a gift that goes far beyond the classroom," Snider said. "These donors are teachers in the truest sense. Their legacy lives on in every student they educate."

For more information about Gadsden State's Science Department and other academic offerings, visit <https://www.gadsdenstate.edu/programs-of-study/sciences-programs.cms>.



Submitted photo

Gadsden State science students engage in hands-on learning during a lab session in the newly enhanced facilities supported by donor contributions.

# Gov. Ivey awards grant to JSU for law enforcement training program

With continued support from the State of Alabama, Jacksonville State University will further its mission of serving law enforcement professionals through hands-on forensic training. Governor Kay Ivey has awarded \$150,000 to Jax State's Center for Applied Forensics as part of a larger \$265,000 investment in statewide law enforcement training initiatives, administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

"Our law enforcement officers work tirelessly to protect our communities by solving crimes and

putting offenders behind bars," Ivey said in the announcement. "This important training offered by two of our best universities will equip officers with the knowledge and techniques they need to increase their skills and benefit public safety."

The funding will enable Jacksonville State to continue offering training that helps officers recognize, preserve, and collect crucial evidence at crime scenes. Participants receive a comprehensive crime scene kit, and advanced workshops are available at no cost to officers or their departments.

"This training is designed to give officers the practical skills they need to properly document, collect, and preserve physical evidence-skills that can directly impact the outcome of a case," said Mark Hopwood, Director of the Center for Applied Forensics at Jacksonville State. "By focusing on techniques that are both field-tested and forensically sound, we're helping departments across Alabama build stronger investigations from the ground up."

The grant was made available through the U.S. Department of Justice and administered by ADECA.

"ADECA joins Ivey in support of these programs that will provide both basic and advanced training to keep communities and residents safe," said ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell.

Jacksonville State's Center for Applied Forensics has long partnered with law enforcement agencies across the state to provide training and field support. The Center also responds to crime scenes in rural northeast Alabama to assist local agencies with forensic investigation needs.

To learn more about the Center for Applied Forensics at Jax State, visit [jsu.edu/forensics](http://jsu.edu/forensics).

# Inherit the Wind - From 1A

Along the way, the play investigates everything from free speech and education, to religion, public conscience and celebrity.

The play is directed by Nica Hodge, assisted by David Jones.

Forrest Hinton, a former lawyer, plays Brady, an unsuccessful three-time presidential candidate who rolls into the fictional town of Hillsboro to press the case against evolution. He's a formidable American figure, but time has seemingly passed him by. As Hinton said, he's been shaped by his failures, and Brady puts all his chips on this one case.

"I think some people would simplify it and say he's the villain of the piece," Hinton said. "But a villain never thinks he's a villain. If you look at William Jennings Bryan, in terms of the progressive movement, he was a pretty heroic figure in terms of women's rights (and) child labor. I see him as somewhat of an admirable figure, but his pride is his fatal flaw. He's a career politician, and he sees himself as riding this media event back into power."

Billy Jenkins, as Drummond, puts Brady on the witness

stand in one of the play's climactic scenes. He also has to face off against the unrelenting hostility of the Hillsboro courtroom. While the play examines the role of religion in civic life, Jenkins said, it's always respectful.

"There are times when I get caught up in the dialogue and want to say more, but I have to stick to the script," he said. "The argumentative side comes easily to me. Seeing the whole town against me sort of eggs me on, lights a fire under me. There's so much great dialogue that you can use it in real life if you're arguing with someone."

Mary Beth Butler, a newcomer to TOG, plays Rachel, a character who is in love with the teacher, Bert Cates, but is the daughter of the pastor, Rev. Brown. Her character serves as a bridge between the two sides in the play. She was familiar with Inherit the Wind because it was a favorite of her aunt, a paralegal.

"It's important that I not make a caricature of her," she said. "I have traditional and non-traditional family members, and it's important to show both sides."

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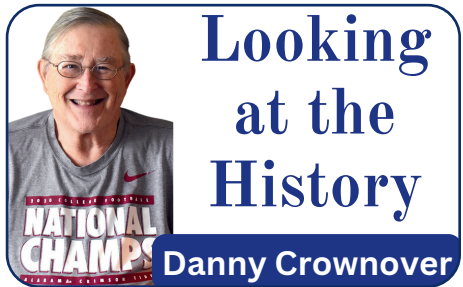
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# LIFESTYLE

## The Vagabond: Rainbow City, Southside part of major plan



Back in May of 1950 it was announced that construction of the long-sought Morgan’s Crossroads on Rainbow Drive has been started and would soon be under way. This was the same year Rainbow City was incorporated and became an official city.

Since this is to be part of a paved route from Guntersville through Albertville, boas, Attalla and Gadsden to Montgomery the news that the work has been begun was of much importance.

The route was conceived years ago when

Frank Jeffers was chairman of the Etowah County Board of Revenue and was talked about ever since.

The original plan was to build from Gadsden to Lincoln in Talladega County and from there to the city of Talladega where a paved road leads to Montgomery.

Later it was planned to connect with the highway from Gadsden to Guntersville, thus furnishing a standard paved highway to the state capital from all sections of Etowah, Marshall, DeKalb and Cherokee Counties. That’s how important it was.

The stretch from Lincoln to Talladega was paved earlier and when the one through Southside was to be completed there would be left an important link in Calhoun and Talladega counties. It was already approved by the state highway department for construction and all necessary surveys made. However, the most important matter was the big job of construction in this county was under way.

The short stretch from Morgan’s Cross-

roads to the Gilbert Ferry Bridge was to be straightened and widened and the sharp curves through the mountain gap to be eliminated. The grading was a steep hill to be cut down and shaved down to an easy level.

The work through the gap proved to be quite interesting. Some houses were moved and everything progressed nicely on both sides of the river.

This was the first time Southside was given its first paved through road, a farm to market project. Of much interest, it aided in the improvement of what was then a farm sections of Etowah County.

The farmers there, many of whom are descendants of some of the most prominent families of this part of Alabama, were building modern homes. At that time, only a few of the houses built by the pioneers were still standing.

The area at that time had a new high school building and one of the most progressive school organizations in the county. Old tim-

ers will recall that Southside was once known as Smoke-neck. Some say that the name originated from the fact that so much charcoal was burned there during the days of the charcoal furnaces at Gadsden and Attalla that everybody had smoked necks. Maybe so, maybe not.

Just before Solon A. Jordan died around 1947, he was starting to improve two additions. Mayfair and Mayflower, on a beautiful hillside overlooking most of East Gadsden. His sons, Bill and Frank, took up the project just as he had planned.

Solon Jordan was a builder from the day he first hit Gadsden. He had an abiding faith in the section east of the river and bought much acreage before Goodyear and other industries were heard of and frequently predicted that East Gadsden would be full of homes and factories.

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## Foster care, Dora the Explorer and panty angels



May is “Foster Care Awareness” month. It is very near to my heart. My husband and I were “Mom” and “Pop” to 10 boys in a children’s home over the course of three years with ages ranging from 11-18. After resigning in 2005 and taking a few years to rest, our daughter began begging us to foster in our home. So, following a three-month foster-parent course, CPR and First Aid training, a home study, and enough paperwork to clear a small forest, we became licensed foster parents in Etowah County.

I still remember the butterflies when the social worker called to tell us about a sibling group in need of placement. She went on to explain that there were three sisters, ages four, five and nine. We had only prepared ourselves

to take two children, and had requested older children since most of our experience was with teenagers. However, as she was talking, we just knew that these girls were meant for us.

That first, “Yes,” was easy. We were far enough removed from the children’s home experience to forget the waves of emotion and sleepless nights. And even though we were fresh from foster-care classes, we wore our rose-colored glasses as we rehearsed the “all they need is love” mantra. I don’t know if it is naivety or a healthy dose of grace, but it is akin to the phenomenon that allows birth mothers to forget the pain of labor and eagerly enter into the process again.

Our journey with “The Littles” as we affectionately referred to them, began the day after the call in May 2012. The four of us were so excited that we ran out on the porch when we heard the social worker pull into the driveway. In reflection, it was probably a little overwhelming to those sweet girls to be greeted so eagerly, but we couldn’t contain ourselves.

When I look back at pictures from that first day, my heart still aches at the sadness in their faces and distant look in their beautiful brown

eyes. We noticed it then, but my heart can really see it now. We invited them in, and offering to take their grocery store bags holding all of their Earthly possessions, we showed them their room and all the Love we could manifest in those early moments. Our children are remarkable, so it didn’t take them long to make a crack in the enormous wall that the girls had built around their hearts for protection. Before the first night was over, we were gifted with smiles and a few soft giggles.

We weren’t to know it then, but we would only have them in our arms for three short months before the system would send them back to their family to work through reunification protocols. However, as it turns out, you can fall in love forever with little ones somewhere between one and 90 days.

During those brief 90 days we were able to create so many memories with “our” precious girls. One very vivid memory was the night we encountered the Panty Angel. We had taken The Littles to the drive-in movies. In true “life with kids” fashion, as soon as the movie started, the girls asked to use the bathroom. I took Little and Middle to the potty only to discover that we had made it just a little bit late (in the worst way). Turns out, you can for-

get how to prepare for life with littles somewhere between one and 13 years. Standing at the sink rinsing out tiny panties, a sweet lady asked, “Can I help you?”

“Not unless you have some panties!” I quipped.

To which she replied, “I might.” She proceeded to her car to bring back her diaper bag with literal handfuls of panties...in three sizes! She pulled out a size four donned with Dora the Explorer, Middle’s favorite, and an outfit to boot! Psalm 91:11 came to life for us that night. “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.”

If you have never encountered the Panty Angel, then maybe you should give foster care a try. It is so close to the heart of Jesus that He shows up in the most unexpected ways for those that trust Him with their, “Yes.”

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# LIFESTYLE

## We are all doing the best we can



As a mother, the best I can do is the best I can do, on any given day, in any given situation. Sometimes, I feel adequate. Occasionally, I feel accomplished. Most of the time, though, I feel woefully underprepared to give my children what they need on my own. But I have learned many lessons, and I have read many books and poems.

My village is full of wise words, blessing, friends, aunts and lessons, and I try to pass all of this on to my children, letting them know they are never alone, and that they will always have a place with me if they need or want it, even as I prepare them to leave and walk their own paths.

When I opened Facebook to post a Mother's Day blurb last week, I paused for a moment, looking at the photos I'd chosen. For Mother's Day and their birthdays, I usually post pictures of them through the years, birth to current pics. I do this for myself more than anyone else. I know that those posts will pop back up through the coming years as Facebook "Memories." As much as I try to curtail my time on social media in general, I love seeing those pictures. They remind me of what we were doing at that time in our family's story, and how far we've come.

This year, instead of posting baby pictures of each of my four children for Mother's Day, I instead chose several pictures of all four of them together — a complete sibling group. They have changed through the years, but also still look exactly the same in a lot of ways. They each have the same chin — my chin — and each of them look like me in so many ways, at various times in my childhood. My oldest, Lake, my only son, has at various points in his life looked so much like my siblings and my father's baby pictures, and now my little nephews, that it boggles my mind. My oldest daughter, Addie, looks so much like me that people remark on it all the time in public. She's always good-natured about it, but I know it drove me crazy when people did that when I was her age. Remembering makes me smile. My middle daughter, Sylvia, looks so much like my little girl pictures, but also just like my sisters that it is wild. She might be two inches taller than I am, but she's still my sweet little girl. My baby girl, Olivia, also looks just like my baby pictures and my baby sister's baby pictures, but she and Sylvia also look like their dad and uncle's baby pictures. Genetics are wild!

All of these thoughts were running through my mind as I looked at their faces, choosing which to post, and what to say. This year, I went with gratitude and transparency. Being a mother is a wonderful thing, but it is also really, truly hard. I am the same person all day every day, and I have worked to become a fully-developed person so I can be the best mom I am capable of being. But I fall short a lot. I have days when I am exhausted and they are acting wild. Or days when I just want to have a pleasant time, but one of them is in a bad

mood. I am never the exact same mother to each of them that I am to their siblings. Not just because of moods or schedules or lack of sleep, but because each of them are their own people, learning in their own unique ways and developing at their own paces.

I think one of the most tempting lies we tell ourselves as parents is that if we do all the right things, and do the same things with each child, that consistency will yield the same results. It makes it seem as if we have more control over life for ourselves and our children than we do. Reality, though, dictates that we learn to roll with the punches, the surprises and the pop-up quizzes life throws us.

Each child is different, and they, like myself, are only human. We will have good days together, and we will have bad days together. But the important thing is that we will have those days together. They know they are loved and never alone in this wild, crazy, unpredictable journey.

There are several poems I think of when I consider parenthood: Sylvia Plath's "Morning Song" which traces becoming a mother from the first moment a child cries at birth: "Love set you going like a fat gold watch. The midwife slapped your footsoles, and your bald cry Took its place among the elements" and the feeling of hopelessness when a new mom can't fix everything what is wrong, instead standing by like: "We stand round blankly as walls." This poem is honest and real and vulnerable.

Another is Nikita Gill's "Tell Your Daughters," that reminds mothers to be mindful of how they treat themselves because little eyes and ears are watching and listening: "Tell your daughters how you love your body. Tell them how they must

love theirs. Tell them to be proud of every bit of themselves."

Finally, quotes from a poem and a letter written by Mary Oliver and F. Scott Fitzgerald, respectively. In "The Summer Day," Mary Oliver asks a question I hope my children will always keep in mind as they walk through life: "I don't know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass, how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields, which is what I have been doing all day. Tell me, what else should I have done? Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon? Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

Last, Fitzgerald sent a letter to his daughter with these lines that run through my head often, and that I share with my children: "For what it's worth... it's never too late, or in my case too early, to be whoever you want to be. There's no time limit. Start whenever you want. You can change or stay the same. There are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it. I hope you see things that startle you. I hope you feel things you've never felt before. I hope you meet people who have a different point of view. I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you're not, I hope you have the courage to start over again."

May we all remember that we are all — even the mothers — doing the best we can, and may we mothers give ourselves grace, take deep breaths and have the courage to start over the next day.

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# DEVOTIONALS

## Essentials of life which glorify God



As I was reading this week in the book of Psalms, one of the Psalms I came across was Psalm 131. This psalm, written by David is only three verses long, yet this short, small psalm expresses the essentials needed to live a life that glorifies God and accomplishes His work on earth. David went from a humble shepherd to becoming Israel's greatest king. He was a courageous soldier, a gifted general, and sincere man of God. He wrote nearly half of the psalms but like all of us, he was guilty of disobeying the Lord, thus, he continually sought God's merciful forgiveness. David learned these three valuable essentials for life by walking intimately with the Lord and remaining open to His leadership at all times.

• **Humility** – David had every reason to be proud of who he was as King of Israel and all the accomplishments he had made

for the land and the people. However, at the same time, David knew he was not perfect and he realized his limitations. Ps. 131:1 says, "Lord, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not haughty. I don't concern myself with matters too great or too awesome for me to grasp." Humility is accepting who we are, understanding what we can and cannot do, and then surrendering ourselves to the Lord, allowing Him to work in and through us for His glory and not our own.

• **Maturity** – Psalm 131:2 says, "Instead, I have calmed and quieted myself, like a weaned child who no longer cries for its mother's milk. Yes, like a weaned child is my soul within me." Although this process of weaning a child from the mother's milk can be a difficult process for both the mother and the child, this simile of the weaned child is also a beautiful picture of the meaning of release, growth, and maturity. I see this in my own spiritual life when faced with the reality of things I know I need to let go of and do not need to be in my life any longer. Life is a series of gains and losses and maturing people learn how to use their losses constructively, recognizing that a painful loss can lead to an even greater gain. God sometimes has to wean us away from good things in order to give us better things. His goal for us is emotion-

al and spiritual maturity.

• **Hope** – David saw what was in front of him and the challenges the children of Israel were presently facing and would continue to face. Yet, in the midst of it all David told the Israelites to, (verse 3) "put your hope in the Lord now and always." David had experienced the faithfulness of His God and he knew His God was greater than any battle they were currently facing. David put his hope not on the situation of the present time but rather on the changeless promises of his God. Warren Wiersbe says it well, "Our present circumstances are the womb out of which new blessings and opportunities will be born." Always keep in mind Romans 8:28, "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purposes for them."

Oh Lord, please keep us ever mindful of who we are in Christ and not in ourselves. Continue to grow and mature us spiritually and remind us that a painful loss can lead to an even greater gain. Lord, most of all may we always keep our eyes on you, knowing that your promises to us never change and you are ultimately our only hope. Thank you and we love you!

*If you would like continued prayer, feel free to email me at tonif77@gmail.com.*

## Weekly Bible Verses



“**And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**”

- Luke 5:31-32  
King James Version

“**This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.**”

- Galatians 5:16-18  
King James Version



## What we are made for

Something that's ingrained in me is the principle that we should always, "use things according to the purpose for which they were made". I've been known to use the butt of my drill to bang something into the wall rather than find my hammer, throw a push mower and gas can in the trunk of a car rather than borrow a truck, or use a pocketknife to screw something in rather than find my tool bag, all with disappointing results. Or maybe you've seen construction "fail" videos of people using trucks, tools, equipment, or techniques in very unorthodox ways and ending up on their rear end or worse. So, whether it's my foolishness or someone else's, somewhere along the way I learned deeply that many pains in life are caused by violating this principal, and much pain is avoidable if we simply used things according to how they were made. Including ourselves.

So, whether teaching my children about money, tools, stuff, sex, or faith, this principal was utilized.

Faith? Oh yes, very much so. To be blunt, the fullness of the Christian Faith (Catholicism) simply echoes what the Scriptures teach about how we were made, why we were made, and how we are to live in response to God's design. I hope that everyone will read the Catechism of the Catholic Church at least once to know what the Church actually teaches, believes, and does in response to Jesus. It is simply the greatest Bible Commentary and Theology book on the planet. Come and see, I dare you.

In contrast, when I was first looking deeply at Catholicism, I was challenged

with a book titled, "Roman Catholic Theology and Practice: An Evangelical Assessment" by Gregg R. Allison. The thesis for the book is that Catholic Theology wrongly uses a "both/and" approach rather than an "either/or" approach. He criticizes that Catholicism combines nature and grace rather than separate them. That is the key point indeed. Does the Bible teach that we are spiritual beings trapped in flesh, or are we body and soul? Do we believe and worship with our minds only, or with our bodies too? So how were we made? Does our nature and His grace dwell in opposition or are they to cooperate under the power of His Holy Spirit?

As I walked through conversion, I was amazed at how well life and faith fit hand in glove. Example: Prayer correlates to breathing. We must physically breathe almost continually to live, and we are to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) spiritually. "The Jesus Prayer" is literally taught, through breathing, to drive this point home. Breathe in and say, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God", then breathe out and say, "have mercy on me, a sinner". Another example: we need food and drink often to survive physically, and Jesus teaches in John 6:54 that we "must" eat His flesh and blood to have eternal life and echoed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:25 to do it "often". And another: Baptism is as necessary to life spiritually as being born physically (1 Peter 3:21). And another: the vows we make at baptism, confirmation, or consecration to the religious life, correlate with a marriage ceremony and its natural



results of producing "fruit". And lastly: we have a mother (Mary), a father (the Pope or "Papa"), a home (the Church), where we are invited to table (the altar) to be fed, while surrounded by our brothers and sisters as we are prepared for our heavenly home. So yes, Catholicism "smooches together" all the things that Scripture does. And it's a perfect and peaceful fit. It comes naturally, spiritually speaking. Remember, Jesus miracles were "supernatural", not "unnatural". He always took from the physical (bread, wine, fish, dirt, word of mouth, human touch) to do the spiritual. He does the same today through His Church.

Beloved, it is time to come home. May all Christians everywhere, and all those still groping for God, enter the joy of His kingdom and live out the full faith of the Apostles, with our entire life, with our whole body, through His body, the Church. It's what we are made for.

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**Limit 6**

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**Limit 4 EACH**

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# SPORTS



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Cooper Yancey (2) scores winning goal in the Class 6A championship match as Spanish Fort defenders Jace Buchholtz (15) and Logan Berry (14) move into position.

## Southside boys shuts out Spanish Fort to win first State Soccer Championship

By Josh Bean  
For the AHSAA

Southside senior Camren Thompson created the scoring opportunity, and sophomore Cooper Yancey took advantage of it. Thompson drew a foul just inside the box late in the first half, but he was unable to take the ensuing penalty kick because of a minor lower leg injury suffered when he absorbed the tackle at John Hunt Park in Huntsville. Yancey promptly made the penalty kick in the game's 30th minute, providing all the scoring the Panthers needed in a 2-0 victory over Spanish Fort in the Class 6A championship game. Southside (22-5-1), coached by Randy Vice, won its first boys

soccer state title. "After 37 years of coaching, this means everything," Vice said. "It is a blessing and privilege to coach these young men." Southside (22-5-1) scored a second goal in the second half – an on goal when a long kick by Trek Miller caromed off a Spanish Fort defender and landed in the back of the net – with 6:14 to go. Spanish Fort was also trying to capture its first state title. The Toros, (20-4-4), coached by Jason Bauer, defeated Southside 4-1 earlier this season. Thompson won the tournament MVP award, having scored a hat trick in the Panthers' other four playoff games. He scored all three goals in Thursday's 3-2

state semifinal victory over Gardendale. Vice said Thompson finished with more than 50 goals this season. "Camren Thompson is probably the best player in the state," Vice said, "and one of the best players in the nation." Southside goalkeeper Hayes Crosby made four saves and earned the shutout, and Spanish Fort goalkeeper Brice Krot had two saves. Southside outshot the Toros 9-8. **AHSAA 2025 STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS** Saturday's State Championship Matches **CLASS 6A GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH** Briarwood Christian (15-7-0) 2, Mountain Brook (16-3-1) 1 (2

OT, Briarwood 4-1 in shots on the mark) **CLASS 7A BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH** Montgomery Academy (19-5-2) 2, Oak Mountain (29-1) 1 **7A GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH** Vestavia Hills (21-2-4) 3, Auburn (20-4-1) 1 **CLASS 6A BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH** Southside (22-5-1) 2, Spanish Fort (21-4-4) 0 *Friday's State Championship Matches* **CLASS 1A/3A GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH** Lee-Scott Academy (17-4-1) 3, Madison Academy (12-5-1) 2 (2 OT, Lee-Scott wins shootout 3-1)

**CLASS 5A GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH** Westminster Christian (19-3-1) 2, St. Michael Catholic (17-3-1) 1 **CLASS 1A/3A BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH** Collinsville (22-3-1) 5, Tuscaloosa Academy (21-6-0) 2 **CLASS 4A GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH** St. John Paul II Catholic (19-1-2) 3, St. Luke's Episcopal (16-7-0) 1 **CLASS 5A BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH** Guntersville (25-4-1) 2, Indian Springs (17-5-3) 1 **CLASS 4A BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH** Westminster- Oak Mountain (20-5-1) 6, Oneonta (12-5-2) 0

## Snead golf team qualifies for nationals

The Snead State Community College Women's Golf Team secured a second-place finish at the NJCAA South District Golf Championship held Thursday, May 1, at Cider Ridge Country Club in Oxford, Alabama. The finish earned the team a spot in the NJCAA Division II Women's Golf National Championship, scheduled for May 16 at Cedar Point Golf Course in Boone, Iowa. Sophomore Ashley Nelson of Lake City, Fla., freshmen Rachel Gattis of Jacksonville, Kyleigh Gibson of Smiths Station, and Marlee Hedgepeth of Alexandria will represent the Parsons have excelled this season, and we're excited to have them showcase their skill at the National Tournament. Athletic Director Casey Underwood, "Securing a spot in the National Championship is a significant achievement for the team this season. We look forward to supporting them as they compete on the national stage."

"I'm proud of how well this team has played this season," said Snead State Head Women's Golf Coach Shane Marshall. "The team's dedication and hard work have paid off." Snead State President Dr. Joe Whitmore said, "The team's achievement reflects the excellence we strive for at Snead State, both in athletics and academics. The Lady Parsons have excelled this season, and we're excited to have them showcase their skill at the National Tournament." Athletic Director Casey Underwood, "Securing a spot in the National Championship is a significant achievement for the team this season. We look forward to supporting them as they compete on the national stage."



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# Snead State hosts commencement for student-athletes

They work hard in and out of the classroom. They exemplify discipline and sportsmanship. They support their team on weekends and holidays. When they sign up to be a Parson, they commit to a high level of excellence.

The Snead State Community College student-athletes saw the results of their dedication and commitment during a special Commencement Ceremony held Tuesday, May 6, at Plunkett-Wallace Gymnasium.

Representing the baseball, cheer, women's basketball, men's basketball, men's golf, softball, tennis, and volleyball teams, the 50 graduates crossed the stage to receive their Associate in Science degrees.

Snead State Community College President Dr. Joe Whitmore addressed the student-athletes and guests during the ceremony.

"To be a student-athlete is to live a life of balance, commitment, and sacrifice. You've risen early for practice, stayed up late to study for exams, pushed through injury, and persevered through pressure. Through it all, you've learned something that reaches far beyond the field or court – how to endure, how to overcome, and how to trust God with every part of your journey.

"You're stepping into a world that desperately needs leaders of character, resilience, and compassion. The values have shaped you on the field – teamwork, perseverance, humility, and sacrifice – are the same values that will shape you into leaders in business, education, ministry, medicine, and beyond. Never underestimate the power of a life lived with excellence and integrity," said Dr. Whitmore.

The special Commencement Ceremony for the athletes was first held a few years ago to recognize those on the College's spring sports teams who were unable to attend the formal Commencement ceremony because they were playing in tournaments. This year, graduating athletes from all ath-

letic programs were recognized.

Dr. Whitmore chose the special occasion to remind the students of how their role of athletes will relate to their role as graduates.

"Your identity is not rooted in your wins or your stats or your accomplishments, because those are temporary. Your identity is rooted in Christ. Life beyond college doesn't always come with clear goals or a scoreboard. But remember: God doesn't just prepare you for the spotlight. He prepares you for the struggle. And the same God who carried you through the early mornings, tough losses, and long seasons, will go before you in whatever comes next."

The Class of 2025 student-athlete graduates includes:

- Baseball**
- Connor Aderholt of Shelby, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Tucker Gregory Cagle of Cullman, Associate in Science in Exercise Science
  - Joseph "JoJo" Nieto Garrison of Hartselle, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Nathan "Nate" Ezekiel Scott Guyse of Madison, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Maxwell Edward Hanson of Piedmont, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Aaron "Jack" Jackson Hayes of Piedmont, Associate in Science in Business
  - William Davis Kilpatrick of Boaz, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Kurt William Kizer of Trussville, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Blake Alexander Moon of Guntersville, Associate in Science in Math Education
  - Jackson Wade Ollis of Trussville, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Bryn Evan Peacock of Columbus, Ga., Associate in Science in Exercise Science
  - Benjamin Nicholas Pearman of Alabaster, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Tyler Wyatt Sanderson of Huntsville,

- Associate in Science in Business
  - Tyler Douglas Waley of Boaz, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Cade Rylan Whorton of Boaz, Associate in Science in Aerospace Engineering
- Cheer**
- Bailee Kay Battles of Albertville, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Molly Grace Bayne of Boaz, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Rebecca Chaffin of Douglas, Associate in Science in English/Language Arts Education
  - Aubrie Cornelius of Geraldine, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Jayden Ledbetter of Boaz, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Lexie Ann Lee of Albertville, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Kathryn Elizabeth Norton of Boaz, Associate in Science in General Education
- Women's Basketball**
- Jaleigh DeVine of Attalla, Associate in Science in Exercise Science
  - Emma Garcia of Fairview, Associate in Science in Political Science
  - Kaitlyn Hill of Susan Moore, Associate in Science in General Education
  - La'Mya Shantayisa Selina McGrue of Oxford, Associate in Science in Computer Science
  - Paris Nichole Morgan of Ripley, Miss., Associate in Science in Biology
- Men's Basketball**
- Jordyn Tymir Turner-Durley of Florence, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Josiah Harding of Riverview, Fla., Associate in Science in Pre-Nursing
  - Kendarius Lamar Irvin of Pleasant Grove, Associate in Science in General Education
- Men's Golf**
- Carson Andrew Jones of Boaz, Associate in Science in Exercise Science
  - Kane Henderson Standridge of Moulton,

- Associate in Science in Mechanical Engineering
- Softball**
- Campbell Adams of Ragland, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Sarah Anne Bowling of Hartselle, Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education
  - Alexis "Lexi" Taylor Brewer of Henagar, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Allie Elizabeth Graydon of Helena, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Ella Grace Hood of Collinsville, Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education
  - Jayda Michelle Lacks of Boaz, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Sophie Ellen Latta of Oneonta, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Leigha Kaylan Martin of Oneonta, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Victoria Elizabeth Mauterer of Helena, Associate in Science in Social Studies Education
  - Armoni Sharay Perry of Piedmont, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Leah Madalyn Swafford of Cropwell, Associate in Science in Family and Consumer Sciences
- Tennis**
- Mary Elizabeth Adams of Albertville, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Lauren Alea Chaffin of Douglas, Associate in Science in Elementary Education
- Volleyball**
- Alena Lanea Godwin of Harvest, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Cadence Liles of Rainsville, Associate in Science in General Education
  - Gracie Rena Manley of Addison, Associate in Science in Industrial Engineering
  - Chloe Lizabeth Stephens of Sand Rock, Associate in Science in Special Education
  - Jacey Kendal Stephens of Sand Rock, Associate in Science in Elementary Education

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# QUALITY WATER REPORT FORDS VALLEY & HWY. 278 WATER CO-OP

## Year ending 2024

We are pleased to provide you with this year’s Quality Water Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The source of our water is Tawana Springs. Chlorine is added to the water as disinfectant and the required residual is maintained to protect your drinking water from any possible outside contaminants.

We have a source water protection plan, which has a delineated protection area. Potential contaminant sites have been identified and marked on map and there is a source water committee in place with representatives from the area on the committee. The protection area has been marked and we are working to reduce potential contaminant sites. As part of the Public Awareness portion of this program a meeting was held to make information available to the public and answer questions. Turnout was small but informative.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm excluding holiday, at the Coop office at 9529 Hwy 278 East. If you have any question about this report, please contact Felix Firestone at (256) 492-5886.

Fords Valley & Hwy 278 Water Co-Op routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. This table shows the results of our Monitoring for the period January 1 through December 31, 2024, and or the most recent. All drinking water including bottled drinking water may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It is important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations that may not be familiar. To assist you in understanding these terms we have provided the following definitions. Part per Million (PPM) or Milligrams Per Liter (mg/l) equal to one part in a volume of million - one minute in two years Part Per Billion (ppb) or Microgram Per Liter equals to one part in a billion- one minute in 2 years

- Picocuries Per Liter (pCi/l) a measure of radioactivity in water
- Millirem’s Per Year (mrem/yr) measure of radiation absorbed by the body
- Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) million fibers per liter is a measure of asbestos fibers that are longer than ten (1 0) micrometers Nephelometric Turbidity- Units (NTU) measure of clarity of water, five (5) NTU is just noticeable to the average person
- Action Level concentration of a constituent which if exceeded, triggers treatment or the requirements which the water system must follow.

**Technique (TT)** is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water  
**Maximum Contaminant Level** maximum allowed (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to the MCLG’s as feasible using the best available treatment technology  
**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** “The Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG’s allow for a margin of safety

**Variance & Exemptions (V&E)** State or EPA permission not to conduct this test or to meet an MCL treatment technique under certain conditions.  
We are proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The data presented represents the most recent testing done in accordance with applicable regulations. There have been no monitoring violations.  
All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water possesses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. People who are immuno-compromised such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV/AIDS positive or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required

We at the Fords Valley & Hwy 278 Water Co-Op work around the clock to provide top quality water to each tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are at the heart of our community, our way of life and our children’s future.

Please review the tables below:

### Table of Primary Contaminants 2024

At high levels some primary contaminants are known to pose a health risk to humans. This table provides a quick glance of any primary contaminant detections.

CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMOUNT DETECTED
<b>Bacteriological</b>		
Total Coliform Bacteria	< 5%	ND
Turbidity	TT	0.15
Fecal Coliform & E. coli	0	ND
<b>Radiological</b>		
Beta/photon emitters (mrem/yr)	4	ND
Alpha emitters (pci/l)	15	1.70
Combined radium (pci/l)	5	ND
Uranium(pci/l)	30	ND
<b>Inorganic</b>		
Antimony (ppb)	6	ND
Arsenic (ppb)	10	ND
Asbestos (MFL)	7	ND
Barium (ppm)	2	.120
Beryllium (ppb)	4	ND
Bromate(ppb)	10	ND
Cadmium (ppb)	5	ND
Chloramines(ppm)	4	ND
Chlorine(ppm)	4	1.50
Chlorine dioxide(ppb)	800	ND
Chlotite(ppm)	1	ND
Chromium (ppb)	100	ND
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	0.086
Cyanide (ppb)	200	ND
Fluoride (ppm)	4	ND
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	ND
Mercury (ppb)	2	ND
Nitrate (ppm)	10	0.10
Nitrite (ppm)	1	ND
Total Nitrate & Nitrite	10	0.10
Selenium(ppb)	50	ND
Thallium(ppb)	2	ND
<b>Organic Chemicals</b>		
Acrylamide	TT	ND
Alachlor(ppb)	2	ND
Atrazine(ppb)	3	ND
Benzene(ppbv)	5	ND
Benzo(a)pyrene[ PHAs](ppt)	200	ND
Carbofuran(ppb)	40	ND
Carbon Tetrachloride(ppb)	5	ND
Chlordane(ppb)	2	ND
Chlorobenzene(ppb)	100	ND
2,4-D	70	ND
Dalapon(ppb)	200	ND
Dibromochloropropane(ppt)	200	ND
0-Dichlorobenzene(ppb)	600	ND
p-Dichlorobenzene(ppb)	75	ND
1,2-Dichloroethane(ppb)	5	ND
1,1-Dichloroethylene(ppb)	7	ND
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene(ppb)	70	ND
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene(ppb)	100	ND
Dichloromethane(ppb)	5	ND
1,2-Dichloropropane(ppb)	5	ND
Di-(2-ethylhexyl)adipate(ppb)	400	ND
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthlates(ppb)	6	ND
Dinoseb(ppb)	7	ND
Dioxin[2,3,7,8-TCDD](ppq)	30	ND
Diquat(ppb)	20	ND
Endothall(ppb)	100	ND
Endrin(ppb)	2	ND
Epichlorohydrin	TT	ND
Ethylbenzene(ppb)	70	ND
Ethylene dibromide(ppt)	5	ND
Glyphosate(ppb)	700	ND
Haloacetic Acids(ppb)	60	ND
Heptachlor(ppt)	400	ND
Heptachlor epoxide(ppt)	200	ND
Hexachlorobenzene(ppb)	1	ND
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene(ppm)	1	ND
Lindane(ppt)	200	ND
Methoxychlor(ppb)	40	ND
Oxamyl [Vydate](ppb)	200	ND
Pentachlorophenol(ppb)	1	ND
Picloram(ppb)	500	ND
PCBs(ppt)	500	ND
Simazine(ppb)	4	ND
Styrene(ppb)	100	ND
Tetrachloroethylene(ppb)	5	ND
Toluene(ppm)	1	ND
TOC	TT	0.77
TTHM(ppb)	80	3.75
Toxaphene(ppb)	3	ND
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)(ppb)	50	ND
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene(ppb)	70	ND
1,1,1-Trichloroethane(ppb)	200000	ND
1,1,2-Trichloroethane(ppb)	5	ND
Trichloroethylene(ppb)	5	2.1
Vinyl Chloride(ppb)	2	ND
Xylenes(ppm)	10	ND

### Table of Secondary and Unregulated Contaminants

**Secondary Drinking Water Standards** are guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. ADEM has Secondary Drinking Water Standards established in state regulations applicable to water systems required to monitor for the various components. **Unregulated contaminants** are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMOUNT DETECTED
<b>Secondary</b>		
Aluminum	0.2	ND
Chloride	250	ND
Color (PCU)	15	ND
Copper	1300	0.0039
Foaming Agents	0.5	ND
Iron	0.3	ND
Magnesium	75	ND
Odor (T.O.N.)	5	ND
Silver	7	ND
Sulfate	7	ND
Total Dissolved Solids	6	ND
Zinc	6	ND
<b>Special</b>		
Calcium	N/A	ND
Carbon Dioxide	N/A	ND
Manganese	0.05	ND
pH (SU)	N/A	ND
Sodium	N/A	ND
Specific Conductance (umhos)	<500	ND
Temperature (*C)	N/A	ND
Total Alkalinity	N/A	ND
Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	N/A	ND
<b>Unregulated</b>		
1,1- Dichloropropene	N/A	ND
1,1,2,2- Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND
1,1- Dichloroethane	N/A	ND
1,2,3 - Trichlorobenzene	N/A	ND
1,2,3 - Trichloropropane	N/A	ND
1,2,4 - Trimethylbenzene	N/A	ND
1,2,4- Trichlorobenzene	N/A	ND
1,3 - Dichloropropane	N/A	ND
1,3 - Dichloropropene	N/A	ND
1,3,5 - Trimethylbenzene	N/A	ND
2,2 - Dichloropropane	N/A	ND
3- Hydroxycarbofuran	N/A	ND
Aldicarb	N/A	ND
Aldicarb Sulfone	N/A	ND
Aldicarb Sulfoxide	N/A	ND
Aldin	N/A	ND
Bromobezene	N/A	ND
Bromochloromethane	N/A	ND
Bromodichloromethane	N/A	1.7
Bromoform	N/A	1.1
Bromomethane	N/A	ND
Butachlor	N/A	ND
Carbaryl	N/A	ND
Chloroethane	N/A	ND
Chlorodibromomethane	N/A	ND
Chloroform	N/A	3.3
Chloromethane	N/A	ND
Dibromochloromethane	N/A	1.1
Dibromomethane	N/A	ND
Dichlorodifluoromethane	N/A	ND
Dieldrin	N/A	ND
Fluorotrichloromethane	N/A	ND
Hexachlorobutadiene	N/A	ND
Isoprrylbenzene	N/A	ND
M-Dichlorobenzene	N/A	ND
Methomyl	N/A	ND
Metolachlor	N/A	ND
Metribuzin	N/A	ND
MTBE	N/A	ND
N - Butylbenzene	N/A	ND
Naphthalene	N/A	ND
N-Propylbenzene	N/A	ND
O-Chlorotoluene	N/A	ND
P-Chlorotoluene	N/A	ND
P-Isopropyltoluene	N/A	ND
Propachlor	N/A	ND
Sec - Butylbenzene	N/A	ND
Tert - Butylbenzene	N/A	ND





QUALITY WATER REPORT FORDS VALLEY & HWY. 278 WATER CO-OP

Year ending 2024

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Table of Detected Drinking Water Contaminants								
CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	Range	Amount Detected		Likely Source of Contamination		
				Bacteriological Contaminants	January - December 2024			
Turbidity	0	TT		0.15	NTU	Soil runoff		
Inorganic Contaminants								
January - December 2024								
Chlorine	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	1.0	-	1.9	1.5	ppm	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper (2022)	1.3	10 Sites AL=1.3	No. of Sites above action level 0	0.15	0.086		ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (2022)	0	10 Sites AL=1.3	No. of Sites above action level 0	0.001		ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits	
Nitrate (as N)	10	10	0.05	-	0.15	1.10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Organic Contaminants								
January - December 2024								
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	0	60	ND	-	ND	ND	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	N/A	TT	ND	-	ND	ND	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Total trihalomethanes (TTHM)	0	80	ND	-	7.50	3.75	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Ford’s Valley Lead Service Line inventory was completed and submitted before October 16, 2024 as required by EPA and a copy is in the office for customer viewing.

UCMR 5 monitoring was conducted by Ford’s Valley Water Cooperative throughout 2024 as required by EPA.

Ford’s Valley Hwy 278 Water Cooperative Unregulated Contaminant Rule 5 (UCMR5) Contaminants		
Contaminants	Unit Msmt	Level Detected
lithium	ppb	ND
11Cl-PF3OUdS	ppb	ND
4:2 FTS	ppb	ND
6:2 FTS	ppb	ND
8:2 FTS	ppb	ND
9Cl-PF3ONS	ppb	ND
ADONA	ppb	ND
HFPO-DA	ppb	ND
NFDHA	ppb	ND
PFBA	ppb	ND
PFBS	ppb	ND
PFDA	ppb	ND
PFDoA	ppb	ND
PFEESA	ppb	ND
PFHpA	ppb	ND
PFHpS	ppb	ND
PFHxA	ppb	ND
PFHxS	ppb	ND
PFMBA	ppb	ND
PFMPA	ppb	ND
PFNA	ppb	ND
PFOA	ppb	ND
PEOS	ppb	ND
PFPeA	ppb	ND
PFPeS	ppb	ND
PFUnA	ppb	ND
NEtFOSAA	ppb	ND
NMeFOSAA	ppb	ND
PFTA	ppb	ND
PFTTrDA	ppb	ND

For more information contact:

Tyler Gidley  
Fords Valley & Hwy 78 Water Cooperative 9529 US Highway 278-E  
Piedmont, AL 36272  
(256) 492-5886







Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

April 25, May 2, 9, and 16,  
2025

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT OF ETOWAH  
COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:  
JENNIFER ANNE  
BROTHERS, INCAPACI-  
TATED  
Case #: F12,976

TO: Any interested party  
Please take notice that a  
PETITION TO APPROVE  
THE SALE OF REAL  
PROPERTY belonging to  
the above referenced  
incapacitated individual  
was filed in the Office of  
the Judge of Probate, and  
further, that the 1st day of  
JULY 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 14TH  
DAY OF MAY 2025

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

May 16, 23, and 30, 2025

**PUBLICATION  
NOTICE**

MICHAEL BYRD  
VS.  
DUSTIN GRANT QUICK

CASE NO.:  
DV-2024-900848  
District Court of Etowah  
County, AL

DUSTIN GRANT QUICK,  
Defendant, must answer  
the Complaint filed by  
MICHAEL BYRD, Plain-  
tiff, within 14 days from  
the last date of publica-  
tion, case number CV-  
2023-900080, filed in the  
District Court of Etowah  
County, by seeking relief  
by the 15th day after the  
last date of publication or  
thereafter a judgment of  
default may be rendered  
against him in the District  
Court of Etowah County,  
Alabama.  
Dated April 23, 2025

Jacob A. Millican  
Attorney at Law  
827 Chestnut Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
(256) 547-3221

April 25, May 2, 9, and 16,  
2025

**LEGAL NOTICE**

In the Circuit Court of  
Etowah County, Alabama  
Case # CV-19-900097  
Drum v. King, et al Pub-  
lication Notice to: James  
L. Jenkins, Jr., Laura Jen-  
kins, Chrissie Jenkins  
A Petition has been filed  
in this in regards to your in-  
terest, if any, in the prop-  
erty located at 6560 Scen-  
ic Highway, Gadsden,  
AL 35904. You must file  
an answer to the Petition  
within 30 days of perfec-  
tion of service by publi-  
cation or face judgement  
by default. Your answer  
is to be filed in the Circuit  
Court of Etowah County,  
Alabama 801 Forrest Ave.  
Gadsden, AL 35901. Do  
ne this 2nd day of May,  
2025. Cassandra John-  
son COURT CLERK, Phil-  
ip W. Williams, Jr., Esq.  
Attorney for the Plaintiff,  
2100 Club Dr., Ste. 150,  
Gadsden, AL 35901 (256)  
442-0201.

May 9, 16, 23, and 30,  
2025

**PUBLICATION  
NOTICE**

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT OF ETOWAH  
COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITY OF GADSDEN, AL-  
ABAMA,  
A municipal corporation  
Plaintiff,  
CASE NO.:  
2025-00246  
v.  
HATTIE MAE TARYLOR,  
possibly known as HAT-  
TIE MAE TRAYLOR,  
deceased; MICHAEL A.  
TRAYLOR, an individual;  
BECKY NORDGREN,  
Etowah County Tax Col-  
lector; and any and all oth-  
er unknown heirs, claim-  
ants or interested parties  
claiming any right, title,  
estate, lien, or interest in  
the real estate described  
herein,  
Defendants.  
NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN  
HEIRS, CLAIMANTS,  
AND/OR INTERESTED  
PARTIES  
ADDRESS: UNKNOWN  
You are here notified the  
City of Gadsden, by and  
through their attorney, J.  
Lance Smith, Esquire has  
filed a complaint in writing  
seeking to condemn for  
the uses and purposes  
set forth in said complaint  
that certain real prop-  
erty located in the County  
of Etowah, State of Ala-  
bama, and described as  
follows:  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION –  
TRACT 3  
T.C.E.  
A TEMPORARY CON-  
STRUCTION EASE-

MENT CONTAINING  
0.005 ACRES, MORE  
OR LESS, BEING A  
PORTION OF THE  
PROPERTY IDENTI-  
FIED BY CURRENT  
TAX PARCEL NUMBER  
1503051000037.000,  
AND LYING IN THE  
NORTHEAST QUARTER  
OF THE NORTHEAST  
QUARTER OF SEC-  
TION 05, TOWNSHIP  
12 SOUTH, RANGE 06  
EAST, HUNTSVILLE ME-  
RIDIAN, CITY OF GADSD-  
DEN, ETOWAH COUN-  
TY, ALABAMA, AND  
BEING MORE PARTICU-  
LARLY DESCRIBED AS  
FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCE AT THE  
INTERSECTION OF  
THE WEST RIGHT-OF-  
WAY OF TUSCALOO-  
SA COURT AND THE  
NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY  
OF JACKSONVILLE  
STREET, BEING THE  
SOUTHEAST COR-  
NER OF LOT 4 OF THE  
IKE TRAMMELL AND  
BROTHERS ADDITION,  
AS RECORDED IN PLAT  
BOOK A, PAGE 65, IN  
THE PROBATE OFFICE  
OF ETOWAH COUN-  
TY; THENCE LEAVING  
SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-  
WAY OF TUSCALOO-  
SA COURT N43°01'16"E  
FOR 165.03 FEET TO  
THE POINT OF BE-  
GINNING; THENCE  
S80°25'09"E FOR  
6.03 FEET; THENCE  
N14°17'34"E FOR  
0.70 FEET; THENCE  
N15°35'30"E FOR  
48.98 FEET; THENCE  
N78°47'29"W FOR  
6.02 FEET; THENCE  
S15°34'24"W FOR 49.85  
FEET TO THE POINT OF  
BEGINNING.  
Please be advised that  
you have thirty (30) days  
of the date of the last pub-  
lication to file an answer  
or other response with  
the Clerk of the Probate  
Court of Etowah County,  
Alabama, P.O. Box 187,  
Gadsden, AL 35902 and  
the attorney for the plain-  
tiff J. Lance Smith, 200  
Chestnut Street, Suite A,  
P.O. Box 129, Gadsden,  
AL 35902.

You are further notified  
that the hearing of said  
complaint has been set  
by this Court for June 30,  
2025 at 2:00, at which  
time you may appear and  
answer said complaint or  
file objections thereto if  
you so desire.  
If the application to con-  
demn is granted by the  
Court, a Commissioner's  
hearing will be scheduled  
within 30 days thereafter  
to determine damages  
which may be due the  
defendants. For informa-  
tion on the date and time  
of such hearing, please  
contact the Probate Court  
during regular business  
hours at 256-549-5375.  
This the 1st day of day of  
May 2025.

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

May 9, 16, 23, and 30,  
2025

**PUBLICATION  
NOTICE**

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT OF ETOWAH  
COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITY OF GADSDEN, AL-  
ABAMA,  
A municipal corporation  
Plaintiff,  
V.

WILLIE JOHNSON, de-  
ceased; TOM JOHNSON,  
deceased; ANNIE MAE  
JOHNSON, deceased;  
LARRY JOHNSON, an  
individual; ROSA LEE  
FULLER, an individual;  
BECKY NORDGREN,  
Etowah County Tax Col-  
lector; and any and all oth-  
er unknown heirs, claim-  
ants or interested parties  
claiming any right, title,  
estate, lien, or interest in  
the real estate described  
herein,  
Defendants.  
CASE NO.: 2025-00253

NOTICE TO: ROSA LEE  
FULLER AND ANY OTH-  
ER UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
CLAIMANTS, AND/OR  
INTERESTED PARTIES  
ADDRESS: UNKNOWN  
You are here notified the  
City of Gadsden, by and  
through their attorney, J.  
Lance Smith, Esquire has  
filed a complaint in writing  
seeking to condemn for  
the uses and purposes  
set forth in said complaint  
that certain real prop-  
erty located in the County  
of Etowah, State of Ala-  
bama, and described as  
follows:  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION –  
TRACT 18  
P.D.E.  
A PERMANENT DRAIN-  
AGE EASEMENT CON-  
TAINING 0.01 ACRES,  
MORE OR LESS, BEING  
A PORTION OF LOT  
21 OF CUMMINS AD-  
DITION, AS RECORDED  
IN PLAT BOOK A,  
PAGE 269, IN THE  
PROBATE OFFICE OF  
ETOWAH COUNTY,  
CUMMINS ADDITION,  
AND IDENTIFIED BY  
CURRENT TAX PARCEL  
1502042000145.000,  
LYING IN THE NORTH-  
WEST QUARTER OF THE  
NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SEC-

TION 04, TOWNSHIP  
12 SOUTH, RANGE 06  
EAST, HUNTSVILLE ME-  
RIDIAN, CITY OF GADSD-  
DEN, ETOWAH COUN-  
TY, ALABAMA, AND  
BEING MORE PARTICU-  
LARLY DESCRIBED AS  
FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCE AT A 2"  
CRIMPED TOP PIPE AT  
THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-  
WAY OF TUSCALOO-  
SA AVENUE, BEING THE  
SOUTHWEST CORNER  
OF LOT 21 OF CUM-  
MINS ADDITION, AS  
RECORDED IN PLAT  
BOOK A, PAGE 269, IN  
THE PROBATE OFFICE  
OF ETOWAH COUNTY;  
THENCE ALONG SAID  
NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY  
OF TUSCALOO-  
SA AVENUE S67°40'07"E  
FOR 10.08 FEET TO THE  
POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE LEAVING SAID  
NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY  
OF TUSCALOO-  
SA AVENUE N44°31'41"E  
FOR 76.52 FEET; THENCE  
S08°04'21"W FOR  
16.83 FEET; THENCE  
S44°31'41"W FOR 59.06  
FEET TO A POINT AT  
THE NORTH RIGHT-  
OF-WAY OF TUSCALO-  
OSA AVENUE; THENCE  
ALONG SAID NORTH  
RIGHT-OF-WAY OF  
TUSCALOO-  
SA AVENUE N66°53'51"W  
FOR 10.74 FEET TO THE  
POINT OF BEGINNING.  
T.C.E.

A TEMPORARY CON-  
STRUCTION EASE-  
MENT CONTAINING  
0.009 ACRES, MORE  
OR LESS, BEING A  
PORTION OF LOT 21  
OF CUMMINS AD-  
DITION, AS RECORDED  
IN PLAT BOOK A, PAGE  
269, IN THE PROBATE  
OFFICE OF ETOWAH  
COUNTY, CUMMINS  
ADDITION, AND IDENTI-  
FIED BY TAX PARCEL  
1502042000145.000,  
LYING IN THE NORTH-  
WEST QUARTER OF THE  
NORTHWEST QUARTER  
OF SECTION 04, TOWNSHIP  
12 SOUTH, RANGE 06  
EAST, HUNTSVILLE ME-  
RIDIAN, CITY OF GADSD-  
DEN, ETOWAH COUN-  
TY, ALABAMA, AND  
BEING MORE PARTICU-  
LARLY DESCRIBED AS  
FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCE AT A 2"  
CRIMPED TOP PIPE AT  
THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-  
WAY OF TUSCALOO-  
SA AVENUE, BEING THE  
SOUTHWEST CORNER  
OF LOT 21 OF CUM-  
MINS ADDITION, AS  
RECORDED IN PLAT  
BOOK A, PAGE 269, IN  
THE PROBATE OFFICE  
OF ETOWAH COUNTY;  
THENCE ALONG SAID  
NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY  
OF TUSCALOO-  
SA AVENUE S67°52'06"E  
FOR 4.69 FEET TO THE  
POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE LEAVING SAID  
NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY  
OF TUSCALOO-  
SA AVENUE N44°31'41"E  
FOR 85.31 FEET; THENCE  
S08°04'21"W FOR  
8.41 FEET; THENCE  
S44°31'41"W FOR 76.52  
FEET TO A POINT AT  
THE NORTH RIGHT-  
OF-WAY OF TUSCALO-  
OSA AVENUE; THENCE  
ALONG SAID NORTH  
RIGHT-OF-WAY OF  
TUSCALOO-  
SA AVENUE N67°29'42"W  
FOR 5.39 FEET TO THE  
POINT OF BEGINNING.

Please be advised that  
you have thirty (30) days  
of the date of the last pub-  
lication to file an answer  
or other response with  
the Clerk of the Probate  
Court of Etowah County,  
Alabama, P.O. Box 187,  
Gadsden, AL 35902 and  
the attorney for the plain-  
tiff J. Lance Smith, 200  
Chestnut Street, Suite A,  
P.O. Box 129, Gadsden,  
AL 35902.

You are further notified  
that the hearing of said  
complaint has been set  
by this Court for June 30,  
2025 at 2:00, at which  
time you may appear and  
answer said complaint or  
file objections thereto if  
you so desire.

If the application to con-  
demn is granted by the  
Court, a Commissioners'  
hearing will be scheduled  
within 30 days thereafter  
to determine damages  
which may be due the  
defendants. For informa-  
tion on the date and time  
of such hearing, please  
contact the Probate Court  
during regular business  
hours at 256-549-5375.

This the 1st day of May  
2025.

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

May 9, 16, 23, and 30,  
2025

**NOTICE  
OF COMPLAINT**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF ETOWAH COUNTY  
ALABAMA

CARLA GREEN, PLAIN-  
TIF  
V.

CASE NO.: CV-2025-  
900222.00

HEIRS OF LOLA MAE  
HAYES, whose identities  
and whereabouts are un-  
known  
and  
Lots 18 and 19, in Block  
2, of Glenn Addition, as  
recorded in Plat Book "B",  
Page 0, in the Probate  
Office of Etowah County,  
Alabama.

and  
Fictitious Defendants  
A-D, whose identities  
and whereabouts are un-  
known, and any other  
persons claiming any pre-  
sent, future, contingent,  
remainder, reversion, or  
other interest in the lands  
described herein , DE-  
FENDANTS  
The Defendants, whose  
whereabouts are un-  
known, and any other  
persons claiming any pre-  
sent, future, contingent,  
remainder, reversion, or  
other interest in the lands  
described below, must  
answer Plaintiff's Com-  
plaint filed in the above  
referenced court and case  
number within thirty (30)  
days of the completion of  
the publication or thereaf-  
ter a judgment of default  
may be rendered against  
you in the above-styled case.  
The subject property is  
described as follows:  
Lots 18 and 19, in Block  
2, of Glenn Addition, as  
recorded in Plat Book "B"  
Page o, in the Probate Of-  
fice of Etowah County, Al-  
abama. (922 First Street  
NE, Attalla, AL 35954)

Done this the 5th day of  
May 2025

Cassandra Johnson,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of Etowah  
County

May 9, 16, 23, and 30,  
2025

**NOTICE  
OF COMPLAINT  
FOR BILL TO QUIET  
TITLE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF ETOWAH COUNTY,  
ALABAMA  
DARRELL GREEN,  
Plaintiff,  
V.  
CV-2024-900079.00  
C. D. HOOKS or fictitious  
defendants, A-Z, including  
any Persons claiming any  
future, contingent,  
reversionary remainder, or  
other interest in the be-  
low-described property or  
who may claim an interest  
in such, and  
A Parcel of land described  
as: T/S-2018-277 (C/S  
31-19-0210) SE 50 LT 3  
BLK 29 ATTALLA ORIG-  
INAL SURVEY PLAT  
A-226-3-12-5 T/S 1999-7,  
T/S 2002-302, D-2006-  
3247083 T/S 2011-24  
(RED-5-13-13)  
TAX PARCEL NO. 16-02-  
03-1-000-117.00  
The Defendants, C.D.  
HOOKS, and/or their  
heirs or devisees, and any  
other individual  
who may claim an inter-  
est in the aforementioned  
property, whose where-  
abouts are unknown,  
must answer the Bill to  
Quiet Title filed by DAR-  
RELL GREEN within thirty  
(30) days of the comple-  
tion of the publica-  
tion or thereafter a judg-  
ment of default may be  
rendered against you in  
the aforementioned case.  
Done the 28th day of April  
2025.

Cassandra Johnson  
Etowah County Circuit  
Court Check

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

May 2, 9, 16, and 23,  
2025

**LEGAL  
PUBLICATION  
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the City of  
Rainbow City, Alabama's  
Appropriate Municipal  
Official, pursuant to Ordi-  
nance No. 565, has made  
a finding that a building lo-  
cated on the following de-  
scribed property is a dan-  
gerous building because it  
is unsafe to the extent that  
it is a public nuisance and  
is subject to demolition:

STREET ADDRESS:  
113 Turman Street, Rain-  
bow City, AL 35906  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:  
Lot Number Eight (8) in  
Westminster Estates,  
according to the map or  
plat thereof recorded in  
Plat Book "I", Page 64,  
Probate Office, Etowah  
County, Alabama.

PARCEL IDENTIFICA-  
TION NUMBER:  
15-09-30-0-001-110.000

INTERESTED PARTIES:  
Gerald Dekoff Yenkey  
Steven Contris  
Alabama Department of  
Revenue  
Any and all other un-  
known heirs, claimants or  
interested parties claiming  
any right, title, estate, lien,  
or interest in the real es-

tate described herein.  
All persons interested in  
said property are hereby  
notified that if the unsafe  
or dangerous condition  
is not remedied by dem-  
olition of said building on  
said property within 45  
days of April 21, 2025, the  
demolition will be accom-  
plished by the City and  
the cost thereof assessed  
against said property. In  
the meantime, it is or-  
dered that said building  
and said property be and  
remain vacated.  
A public hearing as pro-  
vided for by Section 8(a)  
set forth in Ordinance  
No. 565 will be held on  
this matter in the Council  
Chambers at the Rainbow  
City Hall, 3700 Rainbow  
Drive, Rainbow City, Ala-  
bama, on June 23, 2025,  
at 5:00 p.m. Anyone in-  
terested in the status of  
these proceedings should  
inquire with the Rainbow  
City Clerk at (256) 413-  
1217 or at 3700 Rainbow  
Drive, Rainbow City, Ala-  
bama.

April 25, May 2, 9, and 16,  
2025

**STATE OF  
ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
REVENUE  
COLLECTION  
SERVICES DIVISION**

INVITATION FOR BIDS  
FOR THE SALE OF  
PROPERTY  
LOCATED IN ETOWAH  
COUNTY, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given  
pursuant to Section  
40-29-23(b), Code of  
Alabama 1975, that the  
Alabama Department of  
Revenue is accepting  
sealed bids for the sale  
of the following real prop-  
erties described below,  
acquired as a result of  
a Sheriff's Sale. Sealed  
bids shall be submitted  
online at: <https://www.ebuy.alabama.gov>, until  
the closing date and time  
of 11:59 p.m., Friday, May  
30, 2025, at which time  
all bids will be opened  
and read in the Collection  
Services Division. Bids  
will not be accepted after  
the above stated date and  
time.  
Brief Description of prop-  
erty offered:  
H/S BASE YEAR BEG  
NE COR SE 1/4TH SW  
1/4TH W 434.35 TO N  
ROW OF PILGRIMS  
REST RD THE SE 472.9  
ALONG ROW TH N  
169.55 TO POB LYING IN  
SE 1/4 SW 1/4 10-13-6  
1987 WILL, 1523-  
85,1574-167, 1991  
WILL, 1693-313, 2013-  
25 D2000-1034, D-2000-  
1981, D-1015-3413417  
(ROS).

The property is located  
at or near 4490 Pilgrims  
Rest Rd, Southside, AL  
35907; Parcel Identifica-  
tion Number: 21-02-10-  
0-001-069.000; as de-  
scribed in Sheriff's Deed  
Instrument# 3567094.  
The parcels are being of-  
fered "as is" and "where  
is" without recourse  
against the State of Ala-  
bama Department of Rev-  
enue. It is the responsibil-  
ity of the bidder to inspect  
the property conditions  
before submitting a bid by  
driveby only, without tres-  
passing on the property in  
any manner. Bidders must  
agree to all terms listed  
online before submitting a  
bid. If you wish to bid on  
this property, please com-  
plete the Sealed Bid Form  
online.  
The minimum bid for this  
parcel is \$35,000.  
EACH bid submitted on-  
line must be accompanied  
by an EFT bid deposit  
payment of ten percent  
(10%) of the total amount  
of the bid. Any bid sub-  
mitted without payment of  
the bid deposit will not be  
considered. The deposits  
of unsuccessful bidders  
will be returned following  
the bid closing date.  
NO BID SHALL BE  
RECEIVED FOR ANY  
REASON ANY TIME AF-  
TER THE ADVERTISED  
DEADLINE. IT SHALL BE  
THE SOLE RESPONSIBIL-  
ITY OF THE BIDDER TO  
ENSURE ACTUAL  
RECEIPT OF THE BID  
BY THE COLLECTION  
SERVICES DIVISION  
PRIOR TO THE ADVER-  
TISED DEADLINE.

The Alabama Department  
of Revenue reserves the  
right to withdraw the prop-  
erty from sale at any time  
and the right to reject any  
or all bids.  
For more information  
about the sale contact:  
Alabama Department of  
Revenue  
Collection Services Divi-  
sion Sealed Bid Sale  
P.O. Box 327820  
Montgomery, AL 36132-  
7820  
Telephone: (334) 242-  
1229

May 2, 9, and 16, 2025

**NOTICE TO  
CONTRACTORS STATE  
PROJECT NO.  
ATRP2-28-2024-235  
ETOWAH  
COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be re-

ceived by the Director  
of Transportation at the  
office of the Alabama  
Department of Transpor-  
tation, Montgomery, Ala-  
bama until 10:00 AM on  
May 30, 2025 and at that  
time publicly opened for  
constructing the Intersec-  
tion Improvements (Ac-  
celeration and Turn Lane  
Extensions) and Traffic  
Signal Installations on  
SR-1 (US-431) at Green  
Valley Road in Glencoe.  
Length 0.350 mi.  
The total amount of un-  
completed work under  
contract to a contractor  
must not exceed the  
amount of his or her qual-  
ification certificate.  
The Entire Project Shall  
Be Completed In Fifty (50)  
Working Days. A 3.00%  
DBE Contract Obligation  
Is Required.  
A Bidding Proposal may  
be purchased for \$5.00.  
Plans may be purchased  
for \$16.00 per set. Plans  
and Proposals are avail-  
able at the Alabama  
Department of Transpor-  
tation, 1409 Coliseum  
Boulevard, Room E-108,  
Montgomery, AL 36110.  
Checks should be made  
payable to the Alabama  
Department of Transpor-  
tation. Plans and Propo-  
sals will be mailed only up-  
on receipt of remittance.  
No refunds will be made.  
Minimum wage rates for  
this project have been  
pre-determined by the  
Secretary of Labor and  
are set forth in the adver-  
tised specifications. This  
project is subject to the  
contract work hours and  
Safety Standards Act and  
its implementing regula-  
tions.  
Cashier's check or bid  
bond for 5% of bid (max-  
imum - \$50,000.00) made  
payable to the Alabama  
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tation must accompany  
each bid as evidence of  
good faith.  
The bracket range is  
shown only to provide  
general financial infor-  
mation to contractors  
and bonding companies  
concerning the project's  
complexity and size. This  
Bracket should not be  
used in preparing a bid,  
nor will this bracket have  
any bearing on the de-  
cision to award this con-  
tract.  
The Bracket Estimate  
On This Project Is From  
\$1,394,436 To \$1,704,311  
The proposed work shall  
be performed in conform-  
ity with the rules and reg-  
ulations for carrying out  
the Federal Highway Act.  
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are on file in Room E-108  
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ation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract. The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$9,595,436 To \$11,727,755. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids. The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation. The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, non-discrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER  
Transportation Director

May 9, 16, and 23, 2025

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS**

INTERIOR RENOVATIONS to the ETOWAH COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE FACILITY for the Etowah County Commission Gadsden, Alabama Etowah County Bid No.: FY 2025-14

Sealed proposals will be received by the Etowah County Commission, Gadsden, Alabama, at the Etowah County Courthouse, 800 Forrest Avenue, in the County Commission Meeting Room, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 29th, for Interior Renovations to the Etowah County Road Maintenance Facility located at 333 Nassau Street (Intersection of Fifth St. and Tuscaloosa Ave.), Gadsden, Alabama. Bids submitted prior to the bid opening by mail shall be directed to Etowah County Commission, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901 or in person delivered to the offices of the Etowah County Commission, Gadsden, Alabama. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the above time and place. The bidder shall file with his bid either a cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank, payable to the Etowah County Commission, Gadsden, Alabama, or a bid bond executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make such bonds in Alabama, in an amount equal to the lesser of five percent (5%) of the bid or ten thousand (\$10,000). Bid Documents are open to the public for inspection at the Etowah County Commission Offices, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama; Alabama AGC / ISQFT Plan Room; McGraw Hill Construction; and Construct Connect. Electronic copies of Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect upon request of same by email. The same process is applicable to subcontractors and vendors. No printed hard copies of bid documents will be issued. Requests for Bid Documents should be submitted to tom@tm-marchitect.com. In order to submit a bid, all General Contractor bidders must use the procedures above to procure Bid Doc-

uments and having done so, will be placed on the Architect's Official Bidders List. Bids received from bidders who obtained Bid Documents through any other method and are not on the Architect's Official Bid List will not be accepted or opened. General Contractors who obtain bid documents and wish to withdraw from the Official Bidders List must do so in writing to the Architect prior to the bid date. Thomas M. McElrath, Architect, makes no guarantee of bid documents obtained by Contractors and Vendors from sources other than the issued documents provided by the Architect. Contractors and Vendors who base their pricing from bid documents obtained otherwise, either in part or whole, do so at their own risk. A Mandatory Attendance Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the Project Site. All General Contractor Bidders expecting to submit a bid shall have a knowledgeable representative at this meeting. Scope of Work includes, but is not limited to, interior renovations of an existing +/- 5,000 s.f. P.E.M.B. facility to include placement of a new concrete topping slab, construction of new interior wood stud and drywall partitions, lay-in ceilings, LVT flooring, painting, casework cabinetry, new P.E.M.B. liner panels, new electrical lighting, power and auxiliary service, new HVAC, new plumbing, hollow metal frames, wood doors and hardware. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any and all bids. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for the satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount required by Section 39-1-1(a), Code of Alabama 1975, and evidence of insurance as required by the bid documents within ten (10) days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The bidder must comply with all requirements of the public works bid law Section 39-2-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975. Any bidder, whether a resident or non-resident of the State of Alabama, must comply with all applicable provisions of Section 34-8-1, et seq., Code of Alabama, 1975, including requirements for licensing as a general contractor and the necessity to show evidence of license, before the bid will be considered by the awarding authority. A current license number must be included on the bid submission envelope. Bid submissions that do not show the G.C. License number on the outside of the sealed bid will not be opened. THIS IS A TAX-EXEMPT CONTRACT Bidders must comply with the President's Nos. 11246 and 11375 which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must also comply with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and Section III of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u. By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the state of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom. The successful bidder will provide proof of enrollment in the Federal E-Verify Program and in compliance with the Beason-Hammon Act (Act 2011-535).

Bidders must certify that they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must also certify they will make facilities handicap accessible to the extent required by law.

ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama

256-549-5300  
THOMAS M. McELRATH, ARCHITECT.  
717 Merit Springs Road, Gadsden, AL 35901  
256-490-8244

May 9, 16, and 23, 2025

**INVITATION TO BID**

Schmidt Environmental Const., Inc. is currently accepting proposals from suppliers & subcontractors for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project for the Reece City Water Department. SECI is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage MBE/DBE/WBE participation. For more information regarding this project or other projects SECI is currently bidding check out our website www.schmidt-eci.com, email admin@schmidt-eci.com, or call (334) 887-0334.

Schmidt Environmental Construction, Inc.  
P.O. Box 369  
Auburn, AL 36831-0369  
P: 334.887.0334  
F: 334.887.0335  
schmidt-eci.com

May 16, 2025

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF ATTALLA**

The City of Attalla Will Hold Public Hearings To Discuss The Remedies For Nuisance/Abatement Cases That Will Come Before The Attalla City Council On Monday, May 19, 2024 At 5:00 P.M. Public Hearings Will Be Held At 612 4th Street Nw. Attalla, Alabama. The Following Addresses Will Be Discussed.

402 Hughes Avenue  
Attalla, AL 35954  
1005 2nd Street  
Attalla, AL 35954  
320 Fairfax Street SW.  
Attalla, AL 35954  
613 5th Avenue NW.  
Attalla, AL 35954  
111 Hughes Avenue  
Attalla, AL 35954

Mandy Cash  
City Clerk

May 16, 23, and 30, 2025

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the Content of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on May 23, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at 474 George Wallace Drive Gadsden, AL. 35903.

Antwon Wright – Unit 70

May 16 and 23, 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 6/27/2025 at 8:00 am

2021 Toyota Corolla S  
VIN: 2T1BU4EE1CC788600

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

May 9 and 16, 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 July 4, 2025.

2010 Ford Fusion  
VIN: 3FAHP0JA9AR347503

2012 Nissan Altima  
VIN 1N4AL2AP9CN408528

2001 Lexus GS 300  
VIN JT8BD69S710126389

2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee  
VIN 1J8GR48K67C652379

2005 Hyundai Santa Fe  
VIN: KM8SC13E95U029151

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

May 9 and 16, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 1997 Nissan P/U vin#1N6SD16SX-VC351142 The public auction will be held at 109 N 26TH ST, GADSDEN, AL 35901 at 10:00am on 06/11/2025 The Seller shall have a

right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

May 9 and 16, 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 June 20, 2025.

2004 Mazda Mazda6  
VIN: 1YVHP-80CX45N21009

UNI AUTOMOTIVE GROUP  
2507 3RD ST SW  
ATTALLA AL 35954

May 16 and 23, 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 June 27, 2025.

2001 Lexus RX 300 (White)  
VIN: JTJG-F10U310094136

UNI AUTOMOTIVE GROUP  
2507 3RD ST SW  
ATTALLA AL 35954

May 16 and 23, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. R-178-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 515 N. 16TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: A lot or parcel of land described as beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 1, of the Patrick Addition, and from thence running in a northerly direction and along the west line of said lot a distance of 60 feet; thence in a easterly direction and parallel with the south line thereof a distance of 100 feet to the East line of said lot; thence in a southerly direction and along the east line of said lot a distance of 60 to the southeast corner of said lot; thence westerly along the South line of said lot a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning; and embracing the south 60 feet of Lot Five (5) in Block (1), of the Patrick Addition, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Book of Town Plats "A", Page 11, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, said lot lying and being situated in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 10-09-32-3-000-153.000  
PIN #: 19657

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to SONYA N. BIGELOW, 512 N. 16TH STREET, 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 May 6, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. R-179-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 247 13TH STREET S. in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Numbers One (1) and Two (2), in Block Number Three(3), in SHAD-DOWLAND ADDITION, according to map or plat thereof as the same appears of record in Plat Book "C", pages 74-75, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County Alabama; save and except for those portions thereof described as beginning where the North-east line of Fuller Street intersects the Southeast line of Ralls Avenue, and from thence run-ning in

a northeasterly direction and along the Southeast line of Ralls Ave-nue a distance of 50 feet to the northeast line of Lot #2; thence in a south-easterly direction and along the northeast line of Lot #2 a distance of 68.3 feet; thence in a southwesterly direction and parallel with the southeast line of Ralls Avenue a distance of 50 feet to the Northeast line of Fuller Street; thence in a northwesterly direction and along the Northeast line of Fuller Street a distance of 68.3 feet of Lots #1 and #2, in Block #3, in SHADDOWLAWN ADDITION, according to the map or plat thereof as hereinabove described, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-02-10-4-000-247.000  
PIN #: 36247

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to LAKEWOOD PROPERTIES & DEVELOPMENT, LLC, P.O. BO 742, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, subject to the rights of redemption, if any, of REGIONS BANK, 200 BROAD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 247 13TH STREET S., GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, and LAVAUGHN-DRA G. LANE, and their respective heirs, successors, and/or as-signs, 247 13TH STREET S., GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, subject to a mortgage in favor of REGIONS BANK, 200 BROAD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, MYUNA KIRBY, 1403 MULBERRY AVENUE, ANNISTON, ALABAMA, 36201. 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 re-pairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 6, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. R-180-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 2216 CLAYTON AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly de-scribed as: Lot Number Six (6) in Block Number Three (3) of the Goodwater Heights Addition to Alabama City (Now Gadsden, Alabama), save and except all minerals and mining rights in, under and upon same, being in Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to JESSICA NICHOLSON, 712 5TH AVENUE SW, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954, 2216 CLAYTON AVENUE, 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 May 6, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. R-181-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

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

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

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to MICKEY JONES, 74 NEWMAN STREET, COLLINSVILLE, ALABAMA 35961, 1502 KYLE 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 re-pairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 6, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. R-182-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1321 RIVER STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Twelve (12) in the property of William Chandler situated in the East End Addition to East Gadsden, Alabama as recorded in Plat Book B, Page 13, in the Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-01-11-3-000-432.000  
PIN #: 31275

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to RALPH ELDRIDGE NEWKIRK, 1321 RIVER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, MILTON CHAPMAN (tax interest), 803 SLACK STREET, GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA 35901, RALPH E NEWKIRK, II & VERMA T RIGBY, 1321 RIVER 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 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 May 6, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. R-183-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1624 FORREST AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

COM INT E ROW OF 16TH ST & S ROW OF FORREST AVE TH W 246.35 ALONG FORREST AVE TO POB TH W 102.96 ALONG ROW TH SW 285.29 TO N ROW OF PUBLIC RD TH E 152.09 ALONG ROW TH N 281.36 TO POB BEING LTS 10 & 12 & PT LTS 7-9, 11 & 13 BLK 3 W A CROCHERON'S 2ND ADD PLAT A-101 GADSDEN 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-230.000  
PIN# 36767

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given ADAM NICHOLAS BREDEN, 6603 OLD FORD VALLEY ROAD, GADSDEN, 35905. 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 May 6, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. R-184-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 306 GRADY STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 17 BLK 15 WALNUT PARK ADD B-117 1-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-226.000  
PIN# 49957

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given ALICE FAYE GOINS, 306 GRADY 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.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 6, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. R-185-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1023 GLENDALE AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly de-scribed as:

Lot Number Eight (8) in Block Number Five (5) in Glendale Subdivision to East Gadsden, according to the Map thereof as recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 53, in Probate Judge's Office of Etowah County, Gadsden, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-06-13-2-000-124.000  
PIN# 42938

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to GIRT DAVENPORT, JR., 3286 BLUE RIDGE CIRCLE, APT. 7, STOCKTON, CALI-FORNIA 95219, 1023 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.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 6, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. R-186-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 310 8TH STREET NORTH in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 9 & NE 1/2 LT 10 BLK G BONNIE NOWLIN SUB PLAT D-41 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-2-000-042.000  
PIN# 30629

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 BARBARA JOYCE DAVIS, 310 NORTH 8TH 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 May 6, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-187-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 202 13TH STREET S in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly de-scribed as:

LTS 1-2 WILLIAM CHANDLER RE-SUR PLAT B-13 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-441.000  
PIN# 31266

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 ASAEEL CEFERINO FELICIANO MATIAS AND IDALIA CORONADO MATIAS, 202 S. 13TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3036.

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 May 6, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-188-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 505 S. 16TH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number 1 in block D in Elliott Addition number 4, according of the map thereof as recorded in Plat Book B page 179, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-3-000-096.000  
PIN# 36963

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to DORISSA LEANN ROOKS, 2237 MEDARIS ROAD NW, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35810, 3619 JUDD AVENUE NW, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35810, 505 S. 16TH STREET, 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 May 6, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-189-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1318 ALABAMA STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particular-ly de-scribed as:

LT 11 BLK 3 TALLMAN ADD PLAT A-258 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-1-000-246.000  
PIN# 36571

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given HOUSE OF FIRE CHURCH, P.O. BOX 166, HORTON, ALABAMA 35980.

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 May 6, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-190-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1319 CANSLER AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particular-ly de-scribed as:

LT 10 BLK 7 HILL & CANSLER ADD PLAT A-74 GADSDEN 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-406.000  
PIN# 37523

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 MARCOS AND CELESTINA LORENZO, 1319 CASLER AVE-NUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 1319 CANSLER AVENUE, 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.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 6, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-191-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 513 HENDERSON STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particular-ly de-scribed as:

LT 2 BLK 21 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-160.000  
PIN# 49888

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 TAMMIE MANCIL (Aka TAMMY MANCIL) 513 HENDERSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-2311.

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 May 6, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-192-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 12 LONER AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly de-scribed as:

LT 135 CONE MILLS PARCEL #3 PLAT F-55 LESS W 15S 31-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-351.001  
PIN# 18777

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 ARNULFO ALEXANDER MENESES MARTINEZ, 12 LONER AVE-NUE, 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.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 6, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-193-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 69 WEST TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 33 CONE MILLS PARCEL #2 PLAT F-53 GADSDEN 36-11-5

Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-041.000  
PIN# 10530

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 HENRY WYNN, 1339 4TH 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 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 May 6, 2025.  
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-194-25**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 70 WEST TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-013.000  
PIN# 10501

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 TARA GILBERTSON, 70 WEST TUSCALOOSA AVENUE, 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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