



## 7 DAY FORECAST

Friday  
January 23



High: 52  
Low: 32

Saturday  
January 24



High: 48  
Low: 37

Sunday  
January 25



High: 47  
Low: 16

Monday  
January 26



High: 32  
Low: 14

Tuesday  
January 27



High: 44  
Low: 23

Wednesday  
January 28



High: 44  
Low: 18

Thursday  
January 29



High: 38  
Low: 16

# Freezing rain possible this weekend

By Kaitlin Hoskins  
News Editor

A threat of widespread winter weather across Alabama is possible, though the threat has diminished in recent days, but residents in Etowah County and much of North Alabama should remain cautious as freezing rain, icy roads and cold temperatures are expected from Friday night through early next week.

According to Alabama Emergency Management Agency meteorologist Jim Stefkovich, the approaching system will bring mostly rain for much of the state, but ice remains a concern for northern areas, particularly late Sunday and into Monday.

“For most of Alabama this will be simply a big rain event,” Stefkovich said. “The greatest risk of ice accumulation from freezing rain will be over the northwest and northeast corners of the state, but black ice could be an issue for the entire northern half of Alabama Sunday night and Monday as temperatures fall rapidly.”

A Winter Storm Watch is in effect for areas north of Interstate 20 from 6 p.m. Friday through 6 p.m. Sunday.

## Timeline and Expected Impacts

Scattered rain showers are expected to continue across Alabama through Thursday afternoon before tapering off. Precipitation is forecast to redevelop in northwestern Alabama early Saturday morning and spread across the northern half of the state

during the day, becoming widespread Saturday night into Sunday. Rain is expected to end Sunday evening.

Forecasters predict 1 to 3 inches of rainfall across northern Alabama, with lesser amounts farther south.

“This is a very close call of rain versus freezing rain, and it could change,” he said.

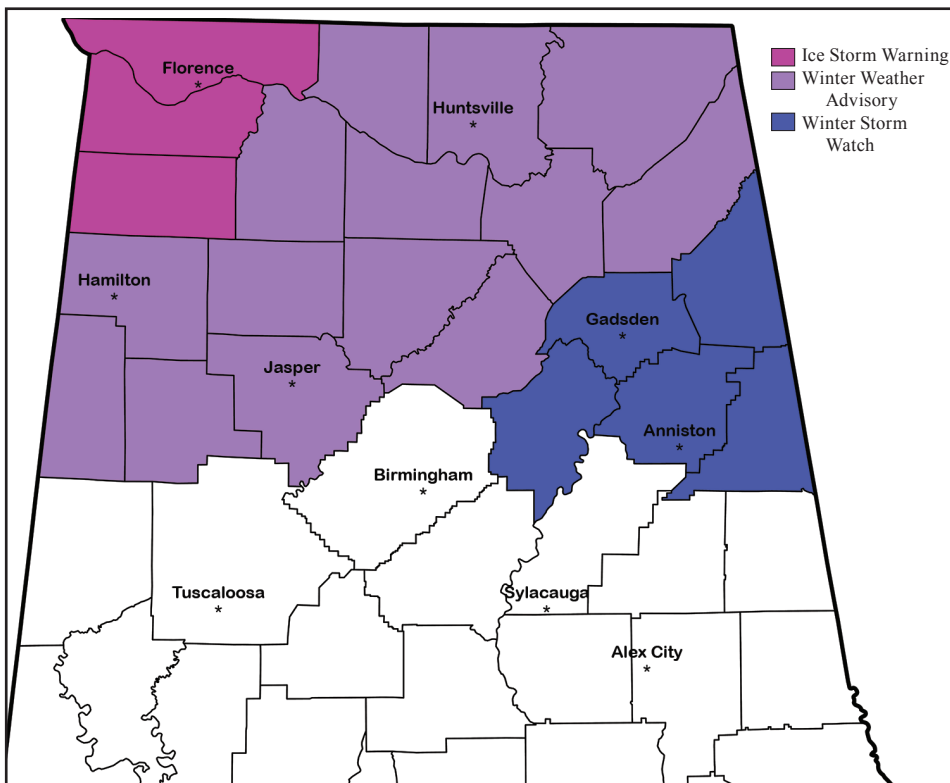
For Etowah County and surrounding northeast Alabama, a cold air damming pattern could increase icing potential late Saturday or Saturday night. A brief warm-up with cold rain is possible Sunday morning, followed by a rapid temperature drop later in the day.

“Icy travel is possible Sunday afternoon through Monday morning due to any freezing rain accumulation and the potential for black ice or a flash freeze,” Stefkovich said.

Ice accumulation across North Alabama is expected to be generally one-tenth of an inch or less, though isolated higher totals remain possible in the far northwest and northeast. Isolated power outages could occur in areas that experience repeated icing.

While a few snowflakes may be seen Sunday afternoon as colder air moves in, significant snow accumulation appears unlikely.

Temperatures will plunge behind the system. By Monday morning, lows are forecast to fall into the teens across North Alabama and the 20s elsewhere, with highs



Monday remaining in the 20s and 30s in northern areas. Single-digit temperatures are possible early Tuesday morning, potentially making it the coldest morning of the season.

Safety and Preparedness

Emergency officials urge residents to take precautions to protect themselves, their homes and their families during the prolonged cold spell.

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# Chamber students explore service, community impact



Submitted photo

Chamber student leadership team poses for a photo.

By Karla McArthur  
Correspondent

The Etowah County Chamber of Commerce team spent a recent school day learning firsthand how nonprofit organizations serve the community, delivering meals, meeting local leaders and visiting agencies that address a wide range of needs.

The experience was part of Nonprofit Day, one of several themed days held throughout the year for a countywide student leadership program. Each month focuses on a different sector, such as health care, public safety, workforce development or government, with students participating in site visits, activities and discussions connected to the theme.

Nonprofit Day stands out from the other monthly sessions because it includes a hands-on service project. This year, as in recent years, students partnered with MANNA — the Metropolitan Area Noon Nutrition Association — Etowah County’s version

of Meals on Wheels.

Instead of traveling together on a bus, the 24 students were divided into small groups and driven by members of the program’s Student Leadership committee. Organizers intentionally placed students from different schools in each vehicle to encourage new connections and conversations.

The groups delivered meals to MANNA clients throughout the county, an experience that has become a highlight of the year for many participants.

“When they bring the meals to someone’s front door, the people receiving them are often surprised to see students instead of their usual delivery person,” organizers said. “It brings smiles to everyone’s faces and inspires the students.”

The project is designed to introduce students to volunteering while showing the direct impact nonprofits have on individuals and families. Organizers said the combination of service, social interaction and real-world re-

sponsibility consistently earns positive feedback from students.

In addition to the MANNA deliveries, students visited several nonprofit and community organizations throughout the day, including Darden Rehabilitation, the James M. Barrie Center for Children, United Way of Etowah County and the Salvation Army.

The group also stopped at the Etowah County Board of Education, where students met with representatives from Neighborhood Bridges, a nonprofit that works with schools to meet students’ immediate needs. Rainbow City Mayor Joe Taylor, who is involved with Neighborhood Bridges, joined the group and spoke briefly about community involvement and service.

Nonprofit Day is the only session during the year that includes a service project. When the group meets again next month, students will move on to a new topic and set of community experiences.

# Gadsden awarded \$2 million to improve Highway 431

Mayor Craig Ford was notified Tuesday, Jan. 20 that the State of Alabama has awarded Gadsden \$2 million in grant funding to improve the intersection of Highway 431 and College Parkway with a focus on safety.

“We appreciate Gov. Kay Ivey and Alabama Department

of Transportation Director John Cooper’s support and selection of this project,” said Ford. “We want our citizens and people driving down Highway 431 to be safe in Gadsden, and this grant will address some of the issues with this intersection.”

The funding comes through ALDOT’s Alabama Transpor-

tation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program-II (ATRIP-II), which addresses critical needs with roads and bridges across the state.

The City of Gadsden has been conducting widespread analysis on street safety through the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant, and the intersection of

Highway 431 and College Parkway emerged as one of the top areas for crashes.

With funding from ATRIP-II, along with a local match of \$342,000, the City will take steps to improve safety, which may include lane shifts, adjusting access to a shopping center at the intersection, and improv-

ing visibility and sight issues for drivers.

“Heath Williamson, our director of engineering, and the entire Engineering Department do a fantastic job for us. This is a great example of identifying a problem and then finding funding to address the issue,” Ford said.

# Noccalula Falls stocked with Rainbow Trout for fishing

Anglers will once again be able to enjoy trout fishing in Gadsden as Black Creek at Noccalula Falls Park has been stocked with approximately 1,000 pounds of rainbow trout, officials announced on Jan. 20. Fishing is expected to begin after the trout acclimate to the creek over the next several days.

The annual trout stocking program, now in its seventh year, allows local residents

and visitors to fly fish without traveling to north Georgia or Tennessee. The project is a partnership between the City of Gadsden’s Noccalula Falls Park, the Rainbow Fly Fishing Club, Rep. Craig Lipscomb and Greater Gadsden Area Tourism.

All anglers fishing in Black Creek are required to have a valid Alabama fishing license and a trout permit. Alabama fishing licenses can be purchased

at Coosa Landing Boat Launch, located at 200 Lake St. in Gadsden, by calling 256-549-4677, or online. An Alabama fishing license must be presented before a trout permit can be obtained.

Trout permits for the 2026 season are available at the Noccalula Falls Campground office, open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or online through the City of Gadsden. Permits cost \$10

for a one-day pass or \$35 for a seasonal pass, which is valid through June 30. Anglers are required to clip the permit to their clothing while fishing. Plastic permit holders are available for purchase.

Fly fishing regulations will be enforced throughout the season. Only fly rods may be used, and anglers must use barbless hooks with artificial bait only. Each angler is limited

to one pole and line. Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk, and fishing is prohibited in the pool directly below Noccalula Falls.

New regulations are in place for the 2026 season. Fishing will be catch-and-release only until April 1, a change from previous years when harvest season began May 1. During harvest season, from April through June, anglers may keep up to five trout per day.

Officials also remind anglers to practice “leave no trace” principles and help keep Black Creek and surrounding areas clean.

Visitors planning a trip to Gadsden can find information on lodging, campgrounds, dining and outdoor recreation at GreaterGadsden.com, which also highlights additional fishing locations and activities such as hiking, mountain biking and golf.



Little Caesars





# NEWS

## JSU awarded grant to expand assault support service

Jacksonville State University has been awarded a \$42,500 grant to expand access to sexual assault support services and establish a new 24/7 crisis hotline serving Calhoun, Cleburne, and Talladega counties.

The funding, awarded through the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), is a subaward passed through the Alabama Coalition Against Rape and the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women. The project, titled Beyond Barriers: Increasing Access to Sexual Assault Services in Unserved Communities, is led by Dr. Tina Deshotels, department head of Sociology and Political Science at Jax State, and coordinated by Donna English.

The grant will support the implementation of a comprehensive, trauma-informed sexual assault services program that provides free and confidential support to survivors. Services include a 24/7 crisis hotline, medical and court advocacy, short-term counseling, safe and confidential transportation, language access, and assistance with Alabama Crime Victims Compensation.

Survivors can access immediate, confidential support by calling (888) 996-1262. The Sexual Assault Crisis Hotline is now online and currently staffed 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

“This grant is about making sure survivors in our communities, especially in rural and underserved areas, have somewhere to turn in their most critical moments,” Deshotels said. “By working alongside local partners, Jacksonville State University is helping ensure that people across Calhoun, Cleburne, and Talladega Counties can access compassionate, trauma-informed support close to home.”

Over the past two years, Jax State has established the foundation for this initiative through funding from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and the community foundation. That work established survivor-centered policies, cross-sector partnerships, regional coordination, and advocate training modules that meet Alabama Coalition Against Rape standards. SASP funding allows the university to move from infrastructure development to full-service delivery, addressing what advocates have long described as a sexual assault services desert in the region.

The program is being implemented in partnership with the JSU Foundation and in collaboration with community organizations, including 2nd Chance, Family Services of North Alabama, and local District Attorney’s Offices. Together, these partners will deliver a coordinated, survivor-centered response designed to be sustainable and accessible across both rural and urban communities.

English, coordinator of the program, emphasized the broader impact of the initiative. “When we include everyone, we protect everyone,” English said.

The initiative will strengthen mutual relationships and enhance a sense of belonging across the region. It will also expand inclusive support services that enhance student success and uphold a culture of accountability.

## Gadsden State releases Fall 2025 honors lists

Gadsden State Community College has released its President’s List and Dean’s List for the Fall 2025 semester, recognizing full-time students for outstanding academic achievement.

To qualify for the President’s List, students must earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average while completing at least 12 credit hours of college-level coursework.

Local students named to the President’s List include Evan Allen, BaileyJane Allred, Kourtney Almond, Rana Alrahifah, Hannah Barber, Denzell Batton, Cameron Boyle, Gabriel Brito, Lily Brown, Carter Calvert, Crimson Campbell, Jesse Clontz, Carter Cook, LaToya Cotton, Blakely Couch, Gabrielle Dixon, Eli Doring, Riley Drenner, Dylan East, Taylor Elrod, Alexis Evans, Wilna Exilhomme, Ollie Finch, Madison Forrester, Clifford Foy, Vanessa Francisco, Jason Fuller, Ivy Gaines, Jacob Gaskey, Chloe Gattis, Olivia Gowens, Cayson Hardy, Maleke Harvey, Jaliyah Hawkins, Derik Henson, Gobran Hijazeen, Tucker Hill, Whitney Jackson, Haley Jaye, Eriunna Johnson, Taylor Jones, Ziyah Lawler, Dillon Machen, Rachel McFadden, Christine Moak, Perry Moak, Jacob Moon, Adison Morgan, Adyson Owens, Roque Palmeringvega, Ethan Patterson, Brenda Payton, Judit Pedro Pascual, Tracey Pham, Alexis Ponce, Jaiden Ramirez, Destinee Ramsey, Sunny Reaves, Lexie Richards, Marion Sigmon, Rachel Sobczak, Coty Spivey, Jordan Thomas, Tanler Thomas Whaley, Saira Vargas Diaz, Ezekiel Voytek, William Womack, Afton Yarnell and Lindsey Zurchin, all of Gadsden.

Also earning President’s List honors were Catherine Anderson, Gracey Beard, Anra Brittain, Campbell Burford, Alyvia Carden, Greyson Carroll, Bradley Lowe, Kathleen McCarthy, Paul Miller, Beau Sigmon, Kaela Snead, Allyson Terrell, Dennis Tucker and Asia Whiteside of Rainbow City; William Anderson, Elanor Battle Krusick, Lauren Boyd, Jasie Brooks, Peyton Burrell, Ashley Bynum, Kyle Chandler, Mya Ellen, Levi Ezelle, Isabella Gray, Tre Jackson, Lacey Nichols, Morgan Prater, Alyssa Streefkerk, Case Townsel, Sheena Wallace and Linsey Zheng of Southside; Michael Anderson, Carlee Barksdale, Elaina Creedon, Lauren Farmer, Dustin Freeman, Josynez Gamez, Kelton Hersman, Sydney Jones, Jaken Lindsey, Natalie Robertson, Sydney Simpson, Samantha Snow, Emily Steapleton, Britney Tidwell, Bailey Tyler, Laura Willoughby, Lilly Willoughby and Laura Wood of Attalla; Josie Blackwell, Michael Coon, Ellie Fountain, Daniel Jackson, Erin Jackson, Alexis Morgan, Natalie Morris, Abigail Payne and Karlee Reed of Hokes Bluff; Franklin Bishop, Hayden Ford, Tyler Green, Colby Hester, Russell Morphis, Grayson Vaughn, Anna Watwood and Mya Willingham of Ohatchee; and Peyton Abercrombie, Blaire Brown, Katherine England, Cadi Harper, Micah Lasseter and Camden Richey of Glencoe.

Students named to the Dean’s List earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, but below 4.0, while completing at least 12 credit hours. Local Dean’s List honorees include Jakodie Bogle, Richard Brown, Anthony Cambron, Riley Carmack, Sydney Childers, Emerald Cole, Billie Cooper, Santos Coronado Marroquin, Gracy-Ann Cothran, Helen Ellithy, Caleb Fleming, Teresa Gamblin, Kaitlyn Garrard, Harper Gohn, Joshua Greene, Paris Greystone, Elijah Hammett, Daijah Hammond, Stephen Hodges, Chrislynn Hoge, Tristen Holcomb, Shamar Huff, Landonrick Hughley, Thomas Jeffers, William Johnson, Pedro Jose Pascual, Erin Kirby, Anneabella Kirkland, Omar Kokash, Ty Layfield, Kimberly Lopez Francisco, Elizabeth Moore, Amya Murrell, Taylor Parmer, Tiffany Patterson, Elian Perez-Rodriguez, Jacob Perry, Andrew Polk, Nia Presley, Emily Rob-

bins, Cortney Sparkman, Amelia St. John, Damia Steward, Zane Stone, Christopher Suggs, Daniel Tack, Katlyn Thomas, Jamya Traylor, Matthew Usry, Barbara Villanueva, Alexis Wade, Justin Waters, Julianne White, Allie Wiggins, Charly Williams, Taveyah Williams, Amy Willoughby, Makayla Wilson, Mallory Womack and Amie Yarbrough of Gadsden.

Additional Dean’s List students include Angelo Alberghina, Ashlyn Bailey, Ciara Bowers-Jones, Cale Bowling, William Herane, Dyamond McCadney, Brynna Oden, Jackson Page, Riley Parker, Isaiah Sanchez, Jackson Wade, William Westman, Wilson White, Marcy Whitt and Kanon Wilson of Rainbow City; Ashlyn Alverson, Meredith Bain, Carsyn Crow, Evan McDonald, Bella O’Byrant, Kyle Patterson, Ava Ramsey, Cody Roberts and Lily Steele of Southside; Raleigh Hampton, William Anderson, Mary Boley, Trevon Caldwell, Marina Domingo Orozco, Ethan Logan, Leidy Lopez, Dakotah Luscinski, Peyton McEnery, Aiden Portwood, Jamie Rakestraw, Kylee Roden, Julia Snead, Virginia Townsend and Braxton Wooten of Attalla; Mason Brown, Matthew Epperson, Carter Godfrey, Elijah Heath, Grace Latham, Aksel McBride and Eric McElroy of Hokes Bluff; Owen Abernathy, Ellie Carden, Drew Donner, Ashlie Easterwood, Elijah Martin, Carson Tittle, Megan Wahl, Samuel Yancey and Alex Zavala of Ohatchee; and Ella Abernathy, Michaela Burt, Anna Christopher, Addison Faulkner, Baylor Langdale and Luke Lasseter of Glencoe.

## Ultimate Elvis Valentine Concert set for February 7

David Lee will bring his annual Valentine’s concert, Ultimate Elvis, to the Pitman Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026. The one-show-only performance begins at 3 p.m., with doors opening at 2 p.m., at the historic venue located at 629 Broad St.

Ticket prices range from \$15 for general admission to \$35 for table seating, with front-row seats available for \$30 and reserved seating for \$25. The first 50 paid reserved ticket holders will receive a Valentine gift from David Lee.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at davidlee.ticketspice.com/pitman2026.

## Mardi Gras Parade set for Feb. 7

The Krewe of Rowdy Revelers will present a Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, at 4 p.m. The parade will feature floats, beads and music along Broad Street in Gadsden.

Entry fees vary by participation type and include \$15 per horse (refuse catch bags required), \$25 for walking-only krewes or groups, \$30 per classic car group or club, \$50 for floats or float sponsors, \$75 for business signage entries and \$150 for corporate entries.

Those interested in participating can sign up online at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKwGDSLk17qCmeEAs-t9bUlp78zO-us1WDLpe7qyI5x4ltvg/viewform>.

For more information, contact Deborah Miller at 205-359-0375 or [deborahmiller72@outlook.com](mailto:deborahmiller72@outlook.com).

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# NEWS

## Faith, sports and service shape Drew Hall’s life and writing

By Karla McArthur  
Correspondent

Born and raised in Gadsden, Alabama, Drew Hall credits family, faith and competition as the foundational forces that shaped his life and career.

Hall is the son of Alan and Karen Hall, both blue-collar workers who emphasized hard work and perseverance while raising Hall and his sister, Heather. He said the steady presence of his grandparents also played a critical role in his upbringing.

“I understand that it is a blessing, and I treat it as such,” Hall said of his family, who remain actively involved in his life.

An avid sports participant throughout childhood, Hall played baseball and basketball through high school. While he describes himself as “average at best” athletically, the competitive environment and sense of team camaraderie left a lasting impression.

“Sports never came easily to me, but I fell in love with competition,” Hall said. “There was nothing better than being on a team and competing with your buddies.”

The most defining influence in Hall’s life came during his youth, when he entered a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He said that decision became the guiding force behind most of his life choices and ultimately led him to ministry. Hall began preaching at age 16, a

passion that continues to guide his work today.

After high school, Hall’s love of sports and faith intersected at Jacksonville State University, where he received a scholarship to manage the baseball team. He later assisted with the university’s baseball, women’s basketball and softball programs, gaining valuable experience while remaining connected to athletics.

Hall aspired to coach and use sports as a platform for ministry, a goal he pursued as a graduate assistant coach at Samford University and later as a teacher and coach at the high school level.

Jacksonville State also proved personally significant. Hall said he formed lifelong friendships during his time there and met his wife, Gena.

“She is still the greatest person I have ever met,” Hall said. “Honestly, she is way out of my league.”

The couple lives in Alabama with their two daughters, Emory Kate and Sadie. Hall has spent 13 years as a classroom teacher and six years as a youth pastor, balancing education, ministry and family life.

In recent years, Hall has expanded his ministry through writing. He published his first book, Tier One Christianity, in 2021, followed by How To Keep It Real in 2024. His most recent book, Cultivated, Commissioned, was released in 2026.

Hall said his motivation to write stems from a calling to step outside his comfort zone.

“God is putting it on my heart to get comfortable with being uncomfortable,” he said.

The writing process has not been without challenges. Hall cited grammar and structure as ongoing struggles, but said the most rewarding moments come when readers share how his work has strengthened their faith.

Influences on Hall’s ministry and philosophy include pastors Louie Giglio, Levi Lusko, David Platt and Ben Stuart, as well as his wife and parents.

Among his proudest accomplishments, Hall said, is having the opportunity to baptize his students and athletes.

Looking ahead, Hall hopes to continue communicating the gospel to broader audiences and is in the early stages of developing his next book.

His advice to others reflects the perspective gained through his experiences.

“Stay in your three-foot world,” Hall said. “Control what you can and trust God with the rest.”

When he is not teaching, coaching or preaching, Hall enjoys watching the Atlanta Braves and University of Alabama athletics, working out, reading and watching movies.

Hall’s books are available at Amazon and Books-A-Million.

### Pets of the Week



Spice

Our first Pet of the Week is Spice, a one-year-old dog who is currently our longest resident at Etowah County Animal Shelter. Spice is incredibly sweet and has been patiently waiting for her forever home. Her adoption is fully sponsored, so she is ready to go home at no cost to her adopter.

Our second Pet of the Week is Coco, also a one-year-old dog and our second longest resident. Coco is sweet, play-



Coco

ful, and full of personality — she loves to have fun and would make a wonderful companion.

Our standard adoption fee is \$60, which includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchip and some free goodies to help adopters get started.

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**Cold exposure:** Prolonged exposure to cold temperatures can lead to hypothermia or frostbite. Residents should limit time outdoors, dress in multiple layers, cover exposed skin, and bring pets indoors. Those without adequate heat should seek warming centers or stay with friends or family if possible.

**Home heating safety:** If power outages occur, residents should use only approved heating sources. Never use ovens, grills, camp stoves or propane heaters designed for outdoor use inside homes or garages, as they can produce deadly carbon monoxide. Fireplaces and wood-burning stoves should be used with proper ventilation, and space heaters should be kept at least three feet away from flammable materials and turned off before sleeping.

**Carbon monoxide awareness:** Ensure carbon monoxide detectors are working and have fresh batteries, especially when using fireplaces or fuel-burning heaters.

**Pipe protection:** To reduce the risk of frozen or burst pipes, residents should wrap exposed pipes, especially those in unheated areas such as crawl spaces or garages. Let faucets drip slowly during the coldest periods, open cabinet doors under

sinks to allow warmer air to circulate, and know how to shut off the main water supply in case a pipe bursts.

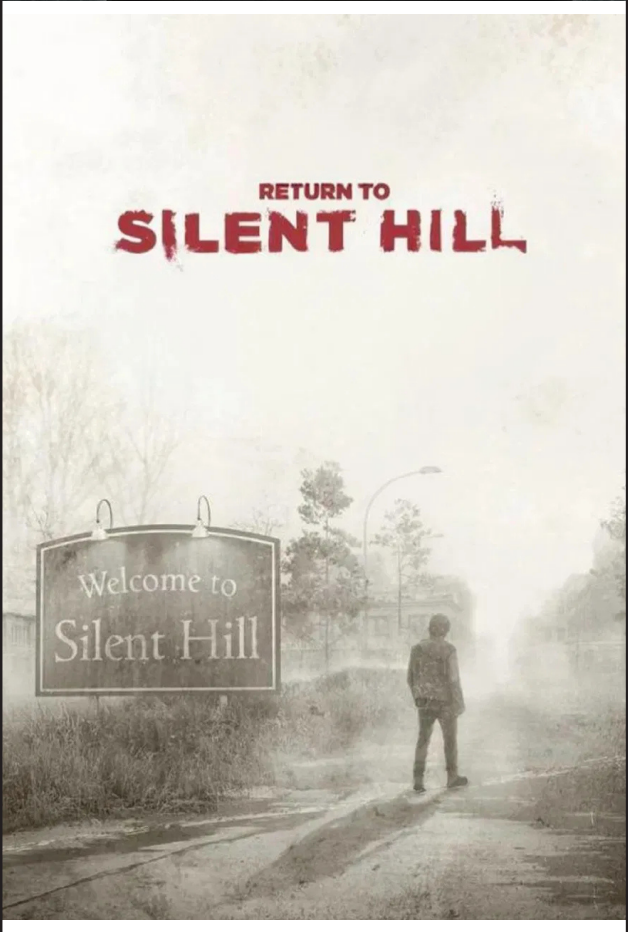
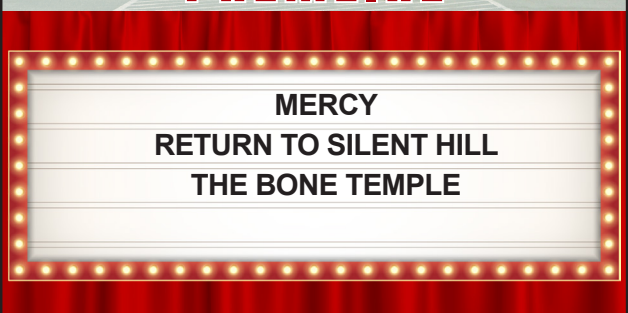
**Travel safety:** Drivers should avoid unnecessary travel during freezing conditions and remain alert for black ice, particularly on bridges, overpasses and shaded roads. Keep an emergency kit in vehicles that includes blankets, water and a flashlight.

**Check on others:** Residents are encouraged to check on elderly neighbors, those living alone, and anyone with medical or heating needs during the cold snap.

**Updates**  
The Etowah County Emergency Management Agency will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as conditions evolve. The latest forecasts and alerts are available at [www.weather.gov/bmx](http://www.weather.gov/bmx)

Questions may be directed to the Etowah County EMA at [ema@etowahcounty.org](mailto:ema@etowahcounty.org)

Because the forecast involves several variables, officials stress that conditions could change and encourage residents to stay informed as the weekend approaches.



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# SPORTS

## Local Scores & Stats

### High School Girls Basketball

**Jan. 15**  
Coosa girls varsity basketball team won Thursday's home conference game against Jefferson Christian Academy (Birmingham), 73-27.

**Jan. 16**  
Gadsden City girls varsity basketball team lost Friday's conference game against Fort Payne, 49-68.

Etowah girls varsity basketball team won Friday's home conference game against Ashville, 58-34. For Etowah, Cali Wadley scored 19 points; Myiricle Alexander had 16; Janny Kate Bennett added nine; and Jalaiah McGhee finished with seven points.

Westbrook Christian girls varsity basketball team won Friday's conference game against Piedmont, 52-37.

Coosa girls varsity basketball team won Friday's conference game against Victory Christian (Pell City), 54-47.

**Jan. 19**

Sardis girls varsity basketball team won Monday's neutral non-conference game against Sand Rock, 66-58.

West End girls varsity basketball team won Monday's home non-conference game against Coosa Christian, 49-35.

Westbrook Christian girls varsity basketball team lost Monday's home non-conference game against Moody, 38-66.

Gadsden City girls varsity basketball team lost Monday's non-conference game against Pleasant Grove, 43-46. For Gadsden City, Jac'Keria Woods scored 21 points; Jadance Poleate had 11; Amauri Bowie added 10; Jaliyah Jones, Naomi Taylor and Ma'Liyah Kennon each scored two; and JaKayla Orr had one point.

**Jan. 20**  
Sardis girls varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's non-conference game against Cherokee County, 46-54.

West End girls varsity basketball team won Tuesday's home non-conference game against Westbrook Christian, 51-34.

Southside girls varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's home conference game against Fort Payne, 34-46.

Glencoe girls varsity basketball team won Tuesday's home conference game against Piedmont,

65-38.

Hokes Bluff girls varsity basketball team won Tuesday's conference game against Oneonta, 43-30.

Etowah girls varsity basketball team won Tuesday's game against Douglas, 45-38. For Etowah, Jalaiah McGhee had 16 points; Alyssa Rudolph, Cali Wadley and Myiricle Alexander each scored six; and Ava Battles added five points.

**High School Boys Basketball**

**Jan. 16**  
Gadsden City boys varsity basketball team won Friday's conference game against Fort Payne, 67-59.

Etowah boys varsity basketball team lost Friday's home conference game against Ashville, 45-60.

Westbrook boys varsity basketball team won Friday's conference game against Piedmont, 53-47. For Westbrook, Brady Carden had 13 points, 12 rebounds and two assists; Titus Jones finished with 11 points, two rebounds, three steals and two assists; Bo Kilgo had nine points, two rebounds, three steals and one assist; and Gavin Slocum added two points, five rebounds, two steals and three assists.

Coosa boys varsity basketball

team won Friday's conference game against Victory Christian (Pell City), 56-28.

**Jan. 19**  
Westbrook boys varsity basketball team lost Monday's conference game against Moody, 59-69. For Westbrook, Brady Carden scored 33 points with 12 rebounds, one steal and one assist; Titus Jones had nine points, one rebound, four steals and seven assists; Bo Kilgo added seven points, two rebounds, one steal and four assists; and Case Burton finished with five points, seven rebounds, one steal and two assists.

Sardis boys varsity basketball team lost Monday's non-conference game against New Hope, 65-76.

West End boys varsity basketball team lost Monday's home non-conference game against Coosa Christian, 63-85.

**Jan. 20**  
Etowah boys varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's non-conference game against Douglas, 44-49.

Hokes Bluff boys varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's conference game against Oneonta, 55-67.

Westbrook boys varsity basketball team won Tuesday's game against West End, 66-34. For Westbrook, Titus Jones had 13

points, two rebounds, two steals and four assists; Brady Carden finished with 11 points, five rebounds, three steals and four assists; Case Burton scored 12 points with two rebounds, one steal and one assist; and Carter Cothran added eight points, three rebounds, one steal and two assists.

Glencoe boys varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's home conference game against Piedmont, 49-59.

**College Basketball Women**

**Jan. 10**  
Gadsden State women's basketball team lost to Wallace State Community College-Hanceville, 44-60.

### College Basketball Men

**Jan. 10**  
Gadsden State men's basketball team lost to Wallace State Community College-Hanceville, 72-75. For Gadsden State, KeShawn Watkins scored 21 points; Jaedin Reyna had 19; Julius Winston and Jayden Parks each added 10; Julien Barnett finished with nine; and Marcus Towns scored three points.



Photos by Alex Chaney/Special to the Messenger

Local varsity (top two photos) and junior varsity (bottom two photos) basketball teams compete in Etowah County Basketball Tournament on Jan. 16.

## Local Schedules

### College Basketball Women

**Jan. 26**  
Calhoun Community College at Gadsden State at 5:30 p.m.

**Jan. 29**  
Gadsden State at Bishop State Community College at 5:30 p.m.

**Feb. 2**  
Shelton State Community College at Gadsden State at 5:30 p.m.

**Feb. 5**  
Gadsden State at Southern Union Community College at 5:30 p.m.

### College Basketball Men

**Jan. 26**  
Calhoun Community College at Gadsden State at 7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 29**  
Gadsden State at Bishop State Community College at 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 2**  
Shelton State Community College at Gadsden State at 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 5**  
Gadsden State at Southern Union Community College at 7:30 p.m.

### High School Girls Basketball

**Jan. 23**  
Southside at Gadsden City at 6

p.m.  
Boaz at Sardis at 6 p.m.  
Hokes Bluff at Etowah at 6:30 p.m.  
Glencoe at Westbrook at 5:45 p.m.  
West End at Susan Moore at 5:30 p.m.  
Gaston at Cedar Bluff at 5:30 p.m.

**Jan. 26**  
Southside at Glencoe at 6 p.m.  
Etowah at Ashville at 6:30 p.m.  
Westbrook at Gaston at 6 p.m.

**Jan. 27**  
Southside vs. Hokes Bluff at home at 6 p.m.  
Paul Bryant at Gadsden City at 6 p.m.  
Geraldine at Sardis at 5:30 p.m.  
New Hope at Etowah at 5:45 p.m.  
Lincoln at Glencoe at 5:30 p.m.

Coosa at Westbrook at 5:45 p.m.

**Jan. 29**  
Sand Rock at Hokes Bluff at 6 p.m.  
West End at Pennington at 5 p.m.  
Coosa vs. Victory Christian at home (time TBA).

### High School Boys Basketball

**Jan. 23**  
Southside at Gadsden City at 7:30 p.m.  
Boaz at Sardis at 7:30 p.m.  
Hokes Bluff at Etowah at 7:45 p.m.  
Glencoe at Westbrook at 7 p.m.  
Gaston at Cedar Bluff at 7 p.m.  
Coosa at JCA at 6 p.m.

**Jan. 26**  
Southside at Glencoe at 7:30 p.m.  
Etowah at Ashville at 7:45 p.m.  
Westbrook at Gaston at 7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 27**  
Southside vs. Hokes Bluff at home at 7:30 p.m.  
Paul Bryant at Gadsden City at 7:30 p.m.  
Geraldine at Sardis at 7:30 p.m.  
New Hope at Etowah at 7 p.m.  
Lincoln at Glencoe at 7:15 p.m.  
Coosa at Westbrook at 7 p.m.

**Jan. 29**  
Sand Rock at Hokes Bluff at 7:30 p.m.  
West End at Pennington at 6:30 p.m.  
Coosa at Victory Christian at 7 p.m.  
Sardis at Fort Payne at 7 p.m.

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# LIFESTYLE

## Discovering our roots at the Genealogy Branch



One of the greatest treasures of the Gadsden Public Library system isn’t measured in circulation numbers or computer usage—it’s measured in stories. Thousands of them. Stories of families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and lives that have shaped Gadsden and Etowah County. Those stories live at our Alabama City Genealogy Branch.

Located at the corner of West Meighan Boulevard and Wall Street in the historic Alabama City section of Gadsden, this unique branch is devoted entirely to family history and genealogy research. Housed in a historic building that has long been part of the Alabama City community, the branch itself is a reminder of Gadsden’s past. Long before digital databases and

online searches, this building served as a place of learning and preservation, and today it continues that mission by safeguarding the records of our shared history.

The Alabama City Genealogy Branch is staffed by three knowledgeable and dedicated professionals: Kevin Graves, Melody Cook, and Fred Moore. Together, they bring decades of experience and a genuine passion for helping patrons uncover their family stories. Whether someone is just beginning their genealogy journey or has been researching for years, the staff provides patient guidance and expert assistance.

What makes this branch truly special is the depth and variety of its collections. One of the most heavily used resources is the Gadsden Times newspaper archive, which dates all the way back to the paper’s beginnings in 1867. These newspapers provide an incredible window into daily life—births, marriages, obituaries, business advertisements, and major events—offering context and detail that can’t be found anywhere else.

Another invaluable collection is the personnel records of the Dwight Cotton Mill, which operated until its closure in 1959. For many families in this area, the mill was

more than a workplace—it was a way of life. These records often provide names, job titles, and employment dates that help connect generations and preserve the legacy of one of Gadsden’s most important industries.

Researchers will also find Gadsden City Indexes, which function much like old phone books but offer far more information. These indexes can reveal addresses, occupations, and household members, helping patrons trace families year by year as they moved, worked, and grew within the city.

City and county probate records are another cornerstone of the genealogy branch. Wills, estate files, and guardianship records often contain rich details about family relationships, property, and personal history that are unavailable elsewhere. These records are especially valuable for research before statewide vital records were consistently kept.

The branch also features an excellent map collection, including historic maps that show how Gadsden and surrounding communities developed over time. Paired with the library’s historic photo collection, these materials allow visitors to see the places their ancestors lived, worked,

and worshiped—sometimes even the very buildings they once walked into.

The Alabama City Genealogy Branch is more than a research facility; it is a place where the past comes alive. It serves genealogists, students, historians, and anyone who has ever wondered, “Where did I come from?”

If you’ve never visited this branch, I encourage you to do so. You may walk in searching for a name or a date, but chances are you’ll leave with a deeper connection to Gadsden and the people who helped shape it. Our history is waiting to be discovered, and the Alabama City Genealogy Branch is the perfect place to begin.

*Craig Scott is the library director of the Gadsden Public Library and a past president of the Alabama Library Association (ALLA). Visit Gadsden Public Library at 254 South College Street in downtown Gadsden next to the U.S. Post Office or Gadsden Public Library Genealogy Branch at 2700 West Meighan Boulevard in Alabama City on the corner of Meighan and Wall Street. Call the College Street branch at 256-549-4699 or call the Genealogy branch 256-549-4688. For more information visit [www.gadsdenlibrary.org](http://www.gadsdenlibrary.org).*

## We don’t need to pretend we know



This week, the weather apps on my phone have been showing me constant weather alerts and warnings. Freezing temps, ice, possible snow have all been mentioned for this weekend. I even heard James Spann say something like “we are overdue — it’s been 30 years” since the blizzard of ‘93. These are the kind of forecasts that make Southerners hover between preparation and disbelief, buy out the milk and bread (yes, I’m guilty of that, too), and generally struggle to keep the panic at bay.. We’ve learned not to trust winter too much here, and for good cause because January in Alabama is a shape-shifter. One day you’re scraping ice from the windshield, the next you’re standing outside in short sleeves, and the day after that you are looking for tornado warnings.

Still, when the forecast turns serious,

memory always turns to “remember when.”

I was young during the Blizzard of 1993, but I remember it clearly. I remember warming water in a pot on the fireplace to make ramen. I remember the whole family camping out in the living room to conserve heat. I even remember our fish tank freezing solid, only to eventually thaw back out with fish still alive! I remember the feet of snow we had piled in the front yard and stepping off the porch into the drift. But, it isn’t just the amount of snow I remember, but the sensations. The sudden quiet all around, inside and out. The way everything and everyone seemed to pause, sound and movement muffled by snow and ice. I remember adults moving with purpose and urgency, checking on neighbors on their four wheelers. I remember candlelight evenings and layers of sweaters and blankets, and the feeling of normal life being suspended.

What I remember most from that experience is not fear, but attention. During that storm, everyone was paying attention: to the weather, to the heating, to each other. We couldn’t rush those snow days, only wait them out. There was no schedule to meet or agenda to work through. We prepared as best as we could, then we waited.

That same uncertainty and planning returns whenever winter weather looms. We

check heaters and pipes, gather blankets, buy groceries that will last, and make lists. Candles? Batteries? Power banks? Pet food? Water? All the things we might need, prepped and ready. We don’t know exactly what is coming, but we remember what came before and we prepare anyway. That is one of the quiet lessons potential winter weather emergencies teach us: uncertainty doesn’t have to mean inaction or panic—it means learning from previous experience and planning for the future.

Robert Frost once wrote, “In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life: it goes on.” These words don’t dismiss uncertainty, hardship or fear; they simply acknowledge the quiet, persistent, often uncertain forward motion of life. Life goes on through storms, through interruptions, and through moments when we don’t have clear answers. Life goes on in the after.

Literature often prepares us for this better than certainty and perfect forecasts ever could.

When we read, we practice living without immediate resolution. We sit with contradictions. We learn to observe before judging. We learn, as Marilynne Robinson writes in *Gilead*, that “this is an interesting planet. It deserves all the attention you can give it.” Attention is a form of care, and of humility.

The older I get, the more intentional I am about protecting space for reading. Not because it gives me all the answers, but because it reminds me that certainty is rarely where wisdom lives.

Albert Camus wrote, “The struggle itself toward the heights is enough to fill a man’s heart.” That struggle to understand, to question, to remain open is what reading trains us to do. It teaches us how to live thoughtfully in uncertain conditions, whether those conditions arrive as political noise, personal grief, or an approaching winter storm.

As we prepare for whatever weather this weekend brings, I find myself grateful for the lessons reading and previous winter weather experiences have taught me. We don’t need to panic. We don’t need to pretend we know exactly what will happen. We prepare and pay attention. We care for one another, and we let the unknown hover without panicking.

That, after all, is how learning happens and how resilience forms. Sometimes, it’s how a childhood memory quietly reminds us that we’ve done this before, and we can do it again.

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## The quiet promise of fresh beginnings



Even though the calendar has already turned and the confetti has settled, I hope your families ended the year surrounded by love and the quiet promise of fresh beginnings. In our home, we welcome each new chapter the same way: gathered around the table, raising our glasses of sparkling juice, and sharing the goals we hope to grow into. It’s a moment of honesty, hope, and excite-

ment; a reminder that even small intentions can bloom into something beautiful.

As we step into this new year together, I wanted to bring you a recipe wrapped in love and enveloped in a little luck. Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bake is one of those meals that feels like a warm welcome. Sweet, savory, and deeply satisfying, it brings harmony to the table with ingredients that work together the way families do: each part simple on its own, but extraordinary when combined. And in many Asian traditions, dishes made with rice and balanced flavors symbolize nourishment, unity, and good fortune! A fitting way to begin a year filled with hope.

**Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bake**

- 2 cups uncooked long-grain rice
- 2 cups chicken broth
- Mixed veggies of your choice (We use a bag of frozen stir fry mix)

- 1 cup water
- 1 lb. chicken thighs or breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
- ½ cup teriyaki sauce (store-bought or homemade)
- 2 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp honey
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp ginger powder
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Sesame seeds and sliced green onions for topping

Preheat your oven to 375 degrees.

In a 9x13 baking dish, add the uncooked rice, chicken broth, and water.

Add your choice of veggies on top.

Season the chicken by tossing the chicken pieces with the teriyaki sauce, soy sauce, honey, garlic, ginger, salt, and pepper. Pour the chicken mixture over the rice and gently stir to distribute evenly. Cover

tightly with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Remove the foil and bake and additional 10-15 minutes until the rice is tender and the chicken is cooked through. Top with a sprinkle of sesame seeds and green onions and enjoy!

May your year be filled with dishes that bring you together, moments that strengthen your bonds, and blessings that unfold in unexpected ways. Here’s to a year of growth, grace, and good meals shared with the ones you love.

*Samantha Hill graduated from Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts with a Culinary Arts degree. Samantha was the sous chef at Gadsden Country Club for two years, but is currently an assistant bakery manager for Publix.*

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# DEVOTIONALS

## Happy meals and missionaries



Recently, I’ve had the sweet opportunity to take my grandchildren who live locally to church with me on Wednesday nights. They are super involved with their parents in their own church, but on Wednesdays, my daughter goes to a Bible study—so I get a treat! Our tradition is to pick a restaurant and grab a quick supper so we can get there early enough for them to play on the playground with the “big kids.”

Last week, they rode with me to pick up two children they had never met. On the way to get them, I told the grands the children’s names and that their newborn sister was still in the NICU. I also casually mentioned that they had never been to church before. As we drove, two things happened: the grandbabies scoped out the restaurants we passed declaring their favorites, and Middle said a sweet prayer for her new friends. Consequently, none of the babies chose McDonald’s. (Sor-

ry, Ronald.)

When our new friends climbed into the car, they were shy at first—quiet, unsure of what to expect. Unprompted, as we pulled back onto the road, my oldest granddaughter asked the little girl where she would like to eat for dinner. Her answer came softly—McDonald’s.

I turned to make eye contact with the grandbabies, bracing for a negotiation. Without complaint—except a tiny protest from Baby Brother who wanted Taco Bell—the decision was made.

What struck me next is something I am not sure I will ever get over—it was the opportunity to see my grandchildren become missionaries at 3, 5 and 6.

Watching them instinctively care for these children reminded me that missionary hearts are often formed long before we ever speak the word mission. Without prompting, they welcomed, guided, and included—living out the love of Jesus in the simplest, purest way.

There was no hesitation or inhibition. They weren’t worried about saying the wrong thing, offending someone, or being rejected. Their questions came from a place of genuine love—wanting to know if their new friends knew Jesus and if they had Bibles of their own. There was no pressure, just sincere care.

In those small moments, I witnessed the

gospel in action.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me...for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14). I realized that my grandbabies weren’t just playing—they were practicing the gospel. They showed hospitality without hesitation, kindness without condition, and joy without expectation of reward.

These small acts of care were a quiet testimony that God uses ordinary moments to shape extraordinary faith. As adults, we often feel we have to teach children how to minister, yet here they were teaching me the simple truth that making disciples comes naturally when our hearts are close to Jesus.

Maybe that is why, as my church prepares for my favorite event of the year—our missions conference—the words of Jesus have been resting heavily on my heart: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19, ESV)

We often hear this verse and picture distant lands, unfamiliar languages and formal mission work. While those things are beautiful and necessary, that Wednesday with my grandbabies—I was reminded that the Great Commission begins much closer to home.

Before we ever go, we must first love. My grandchildren were doing exactly that—making space for others, creating safety, and showing what it means to belong. They were

not prepared by lessons or training manuals; they were prepared by hearts shaped through seeing Jesus lived out every day.

The seeds of world changing faith are often planted in car rides, church hallways and simple acts of kindness.

If we want future missionaries, evangelists and disciple-makers, we have to nurture hearts that reflect Christ long before the calling becomes clear.

That day, God reminded me that He is always at work, shaping lives through ordinary moments.

May we never underestimate what God can do through simple, childlike, faith and love.

Lord, help us see opportunities for missions in our daily lives. Shape our hearts—and the hearts of our children—to love as You love, welcome as You welcome, and go wherever You lead, whether across the street or across the world. Amen.

By the way, if you are looking for a church home, I would love to sit beside you at our church! Make plans to join me at Grace Bible Church in Rainbow City next Saturday, January 31, for dinner at 5 p.m. and fall in love with the Great Commissioner!

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## You matter and so do they

Have you ever wondered if you truly matter? In a world that can make you feel overlooked or insignificant, here’s a truth that changes everything. You matter deeply to God. Not because of what you’ve done. Not because you’ve gotten everything right. You matter simply because you exist. And once you truly grasp that, it changes how you see everyone else.

That difficult coworker. The homeless person on the corner. The family member who keeps making poor choices.

They matter to God just as much as you do. Their souls carry the same eternal value in His eyes. This is where our mission begins. We are not called to decide who deserves God’s love. We are called to see people the way God sees them.

When Jesus encountered Zacchaeus, He didn’t see a corrupt tax collector worthy of judgment. He saw someone worth pursuing. Someone who mattered. Someone whose life could be redeemed. That same heart beats in us today. If people matter to God, they must matter to us.

Life has a way of breaking people. Some brokenness is visible addiction, homelessness, obvious struggle. Other brokenness hides behind success, smiles, and stability. But brokenness is everywhere. And as followers of Christ, we are called to care about the broken, the overlooked, and even those who have been hurt by the church and sworn they’ll never return. God does not give up on them. And neither should we.

Caring doesn’t mean fixing everything. Sometimes it simply means showing up, listening without judgment, and reminding someone they still have worth. Many of us were once the broken ones someone cared about. Someone saw past our mess and refused to give up. Now we get to be that someone for others.

We also cannot ignore the reality of eternity. Heaven and hell are real. Jesus spoke clearly about two paths one wide and easy, one narrow and life-giving. That truth isn’t meant to paralyze us with fear, but to awaken us with urgency. If we believe eternity is real, we cannot stay passive.

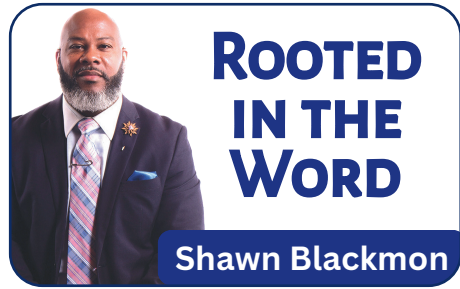
Jesus didn’t die just to inspire us. He died to rescue us. Every person we encounter has the opportunity to choose life. Every conversation, every relationship, every interaction becomes a moment to point someone toward hope. And never forget this. You have a rescue story.

You were once lost and now you’re found. Someone prayed for you. Someone showed up. Someone pointed you to Jesus. Your rescue story is not just your testimony, it’s your calling. If God could rescue you, He can rescue anyone.

This is how the Kingdom moves forward. One rescue at a time. One life touching another.

When emergencies happen, first responders don’t hesitate. They don’t ask who deserves help. They respond because lives are at stake. God is calling us to that same urgency. To stop waiting. To stop deflecting responsibility. To take the mission personally.

God has placed you exactly where you are for a reason. Someone in your world is waiting for a spiritual responder to show up.



The mission matters. The people matter. And today, God is calling you to move.

*Pastor Shawn Blackmon serves as the Lead Pastor of UNITY Church in Attalla, Alabama, where his preaching is real, relevant and rooted in the unchanging Word of God. Beyond the pulpit, he serves as CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama, leading life-changing mentoring initiatives that empower young people across five counties. His leadership bridges the gap between the Church and the community, inspiring collaboration, compassion and lasting transformation.*

### Weekly Bible Verses

“ **Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.** ”

- Matthew 7:7-8 (King James Version)

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# OBITUARIES



Donna Jo Roberts

**RAINBOW CITY** - Donna Jo Roberts, lovingly known as “Donna Jo” and “Gigi,” passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 15, 2026, with her family by her side. She was born on January 17, 1964, in Fresno, California, and most recently resided in Rainbow City, Alabama.

Donna Jo, a proud “Gigi,” she found her greatest joy in her children and grandchildren, pouring her love into every moment she shared with them. She was a dedicated soccer and football mom, and happiest when outdoors—camping, fishing, and enjoying the simple beauty of the Coosa River.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Roberts Sr.; her brother, Keith Roberts; and her beloved granddaughter, Darya Chamanzad.

She is survived by her mother, Carol Roberts; her children, Tiffany Reddy and her husband, Aaron Reddy; and her son, Alireza Chamanzad, and his wife, Atafeh Chamanzad; and her son Omeed Chamanzad. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Reese, Brinley and Lyla, along with many family members, including her siblings Jack Roberts and his wife Lee-Ann, and Cheryl Nethery, and many friends and family who will miss her deeply.

A visitation was held on Sunday, January 18, 2026, followed by a service at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel.

Donna Jo will be remembered for the way she welcomed others, her fierce love for her family, and the warmth she brought into the world.



Eddie Taylor

**ATTALLA** - Mr. Eddie (Snap) Taylor was born in Gadsden, AL on November 13, 1953 to the late Mr. James C. Taylor Sr. and Mrs. Mattie Bell Strong Taylor both of Attalla, AL.

Mr. Eddie (Snap) Taylor, confessed his life to Christ at an early age, he attended the Attalla city school system. Eddie enjoyed cooking big meals, yard work, and the most important thing he loved was his big yard sales.

Eddie was preceded in death by his parents; Mr. James C. Taylor Sr. and Mrs. Mattie Bell Strong Taylor, Brothers; James Taylor Jr., Artis M. Taylor, Sisters; Emma Jean Cameron, and Shelly Ball.

Those left to cherish his memories are his two sisters; Bessie Graves, and Linda Hicks, One Son; Mr. Eddie Dudley, God Son; Isaiah Ray, one brother-in-law; Mr. Henery Ball, all of Gadsden, AL, a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, January 17, 2026 at West Gadsden Funeral Home Chapel.

Douglas Michael Mayo

**GADSDEN** - Douglas Michael Mayo, 70, of Gadsden passed away on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Riverview Regional Medical Center. A Celebration of Life will be held 4pm-6pm, Friday, January 23, 2026 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Ruth Mayo; and brother, Keith Mayo.

He leaves behind his wife, Angela Mayo; daughter, Stacy Mayo Crowder (Kevin); sons, Ryan Allen Mayo (Denise), and Justin Williams (Alicia); grandchildren, Kade Crowder, Lee Crowder, Anna Williams, Jack Williams, Caleb Williams, and Knox Williams; brother, Cliff Mayo; special niece, Summer Sauls; and nephew, Justin Mayo.

Mr. Mayo was a member of College Heights Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Etowah High School. Douglas retired from Honda and was an Iron worker by trade. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, watching Alabama football, and most of all; spending time with his grandchildren. Douglas will be so deeply missed by all of his family and friends.



Jerry Cleveland

**WALNUT GROVE** - Jerry Cleveland, born on March 3, 1940, passed away on January 17, 2026, at the age of 85. He was a resident of Walnut Grove, Alabama.

A visitation was held at Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory on January 22, 2026.

Military honors were conducted at Altoona Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Draysenn Lorenzo Simmons

**ANNISTON** - Draysenn Lorenzo Simmons, of Anniston, AL, passed away Sunday, January 18, 2026 at RMC, surrounded by his parents Rita Wright and Tori Simmons. Please keep the family in your heart and prayers during their time of bereavement.

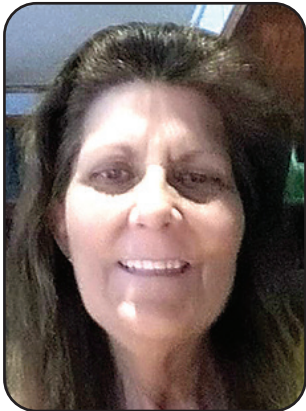
Gabriel Billings

**RAINBOW CITY** - Mr. Gabriel D. Billings, 49, Rainbow City, passed away Sunday, January 18, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Please keep the Billings family in your heart and prayers during their time of bereavement.

James Densmore

In person signing of the book and viewing will be 12noon - 6pm Friday, January 23, 2026 in the chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home for James Densmore.

Celebration of life will be 1:00pm Saturday, January 24, 2026 at Antioch Family Life Center 2103 E. Broad St. Gadsden, Al 35903



Lisa Green Garrett

**ATTALLA** - Lisa Green Garrett, age 63, passed away

on Thursday, January 15, 2026. She was a resident of Attalla, Alabama.

Funeral services for Lisa were held at Morgan Funeral Chapel, Attalla, AL.

Lisa was born and raised in Jacksonville, AL, and graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1980. A dedicated and hardworking barber, she began her career at Ft. McClellan and later she and her family opened their own business, Green's Barber Shop located just outside the Fort on Highway 21. Lisa barbered from 1979 until 2010 when she was forced to retire due to back issues. Known for her strong work ethic, she was once recognized for having the fastest haircut on the Fort.

She loved the outdoors and found joy working in her flower garden, riding her Harley motorcycle and was a devoted Alabama football fan. In 1994, she met her husband, Bill, through CB radio and mutual friends, and they were married in May of 1996.

Anyone who knew Lisa would say she had a heart like no other - kind, generous, and always thinking of others. One of her proud traditions was growing her hair long, then cutting it short and donating to Locks of Love to help children in need. Her life was marked by hard work, love, generosity, and a giving spirit that touched everyone who knew her. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bobby and Sarah Green.

Lisa is survived by her husband, Billy "Bill" Garrett; brother, Barry Green, Jacksonville, AL; nephew, Brandon (Krislyn) Green, Gadsden, AL; niece, Shelby (Jeffrey) Heuer, Tennessee; uncle, Tim (Audrey) Green, Gadsden, AL; a host of nieces and nephews; and special friend, Anita Barksdale.

The family would like to express special thanks to Gadsden Regional Medical Center MICU, Dr. Jack Hasson, Dr. Prime, Centwell Home Health, Gentiva Hospice, Amedysis Home Health Care and neighbors.

Jose Serafin Avila Terrazas

Jose Serafin Avila Terrazas passed away on January 20, 2026, at the age of 64. He was born on September 1, 1961.

Joseph Carlisle

**GADSDEN** - Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Mr. Joseph Carlisle, age 70, of Gadsden, AL, who traded mortal for immortality on Saturday, January 17, 2026. He is survived by his loving family. We ask that you please keep The Carlisle Family and those families that may be going through the same lifted in prayer.

Juanita Wyatt

**TURKEYTOWN** - With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the earthly transition of Juanita Southerlin Wyatt of Turkeytown, who traded time for eternity on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at the age of 69.

Katrina Stephens

**GADSDEN** - Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Miss. Katrina M. Stephens, age 62, of Gadsden, AL, who traded mortal for immortality on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. She is survived by her loving siblings, nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. We ask that you please keep The Stephens Family and those families that may be going through the same lifted in prayer.

Nancy Jane Wallace

**GADSDEN** - Nancy Jane Wallace, born on April 14, 1951, in Tennessee, passed

away on January 16, 2026, at the age of 74. She was a resident of Gadsden, Alabama.



Peggy Shawnee Bowen Whitten

**GADSDEN** - Peggy Shawnee Bowen Whitten, age 58, of Gadsden, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, after a long and courageous battle. Surrounded by love, she showed remarkable strength, grace, and perseverance throughout months of suffering, leaving behind a legacy of resilience and quiet courage.

Peggy was known for her kindness, generosity and love of family, especially her grandbabies. She found joy in her spa days with the girls, watching them play sports, dancing and was there to cheer them on no matter what they were doing. She deeply valued time spent with family and friends. She worked several years at Flowers Bakery Outlet and also at Mountainview Hospital

Despite the challenges faced in recent months, Peggy continued to show love, warmth, and appreciation for those around her.

Peggy is survived by her husband and constant caregiver, David Whitten, son, Magnum Waldrop, daughter Amber (Beau) Bridwell, grandchildren, Makenzie, Brayden, Brynlee, Lilly, and Mia. Sisters, Tammy (Matt) Smith and Gladys Bowen, mother in law, Doris Whitten, and several aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her son, Timothy Scott Bowen, parents, Dennis and Paulette Bowen, grandparents, Red and Helen Bowen, Jimmie and Gladys Thompson. She will be remembered for the impact she had on the lives of many, and for the love that will continue to live on through those who knew her

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Darnell and Doris. Hospice of Alabama; Shelby, Lauren, Jade (Country) Terra, Taylor, Christy, and Brian.

Though Peggy's suffering has ended, the memory will remain forever in our hearts.

Nina Rhea Gattis

Nina Rhea Gattis, born on May 21, 1953, passed away on January 18, 2026, at the age of 72.

Visitation will be from 12pm until 1pm at Morgan Funeral Chapel Friday, January 23, 2026. Graveside Service will be at 1:30pm at Rainbow Memorial Gardens

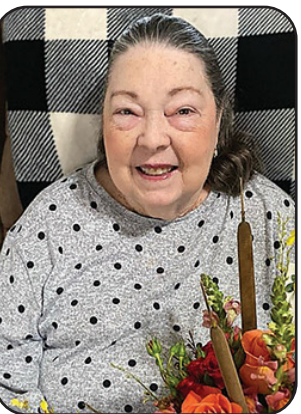
with Pastor Ken Casey officiating.

Mrs. Gattis was from Gadsden and lived here her whole life. She graduated from Gadsden High School. Mrs. Gattis worked at the Etowah County Health Department as a secretary until she retired. She enjoyed watching game shows and shopping at TJ Maxx.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard E. Rhea and Martha Rhea. She is survived by her daughter, Leigh Ann Rhea; and several cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Etowah County Animal Shelter.

Special thanks to McGuffeys Rehab staff, Riverview Regional ICU staff.



Sandra Faye Garmony James

**ATTALLA** - Mrs. Sandra Faye Garmany James, 73, of Attalla passed away peacefully surrounded by family on January 13, 2026. Sandra was a beloved Mom, Mimi, sister, mentor and friend to all who knew her. As the oldest of five siblings her natural ability of caregiving was evident at a very early age. Recognizing that caregiving was her calling in life she decided to pursue a degree in nursing. Sanda attended JSU and obtained her RN licensure in September of 1976. She dedicated over 30 years of service to Gadsden Regional Medical Center with her most notable role being a house supervisor. “Mrs. James” as she was known by her coworkers took great pride in making sure everyone was provided with the highest level of care. Her other greatest accomplishments in life were being a wife to her beloved husband Jimmy and a mother to her only child Jessica Lauren. Sandra’s later years were spent being a devoted Mimi to her grandchildren whom she cherished greatly. Sandra leaves behind a legacy and an imprint on her family that will last for generations to come.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life husband Jimmy James, parents George and Irene Reeves, in laws Bethel and Maverine James, sister Debra Liles, her favorite aunt and uncle Fred and Linda Walker, best friend Caren Ryan and great niece Kylie Brooke Liles. Left to cherish her memories are daughter Jessica (Chris) DeVine, brothers Donald (Derene) Garmany and Steve (Teresa) Garmany, sister JoAnn (Norman) Roberts, brother-in-law Mike Liles, grandchildren Jameson and Alyssa Scissum and

Jaleigh and Damon DeVine, her cousin and chosen sister Gayla Cochran and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service will be held Sunday at 1:00 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Reverend Garry Ford officiating. Burial will follow at Rainbow Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be family and friends. The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Debora Reiland and staff for the many years of dedicated care. Also the entire staff of Enhabit Hospice for providing compassionate care and ensuring all her needs were met. Last but not least her cousin and chosen sister Gayla Cochran who has been a constant companion and caregiver for so many years.

Sandra will always be remembered for her quick wit and giving heart. She often gathered items for various shelters or donated quietly to numerous organizations. In lieu of flowers the family ask that you honor her memory by doing a good deed for someone in need or making a donation to your local shelter.

Robert Jenkins

**GADSDEN** - With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the earthly transition of Robert Lee Jenkins of Gadsden, who traded time for eternity on Sunday, January 18, 2026 at the age of 75. Service to be announced.

Rickey E. Wintermyer

**GADSDEN** - A graveside services was held Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, for Rickey E. Wintermyer, 73, of Gadsden, who died Saturday, January 17, 2026. Terry Wintermyer will officiate.

A lifelong resident of Etowah County, Rickey was a 1972 graduate of Gadsden High School. He served as an umpire of baseball for 20 years, and all the kids loved the way he called strikes and balls. Rickey was liked by everyone that knew him. He was an athlete when he was younger and ran a lot of marathons; he also greatly enjoyed riding bicycles wherever he wen. As he grew older, his health declined and he was admitted to Health Care Nursing Home in Ashville, where he stayed for 5 years until God called him home.

Rickey was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Mary Wintermyer; and brother, Ronald Wintermyer.

He is survived by his brother, Terry Wintermyer; and a host of extended family and friends.

Special thanks to St. Vincent’s East and Health Care Nursing Home in Ashville for all of their loving care.

Timothy P. Wilson

**GADSDEN** - Mr. Timothy P. Wilson, 59, Gadsden, AL, passed away Monday, January 19, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Please keep the Wilson family in your heart and prayers.

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Judge of Probate

January 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Lisa Patterson Sims was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/07/2026 over the Estate of David Keith Mitchell, Jr., deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

January 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Michelle Helm was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/08/2026 over the Estate of Tiara Danielle Helm, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

January 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM BROWN, III, DECEASED  
CASE NO.: 2025-00761

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of JOHN WILLIAM BROWN, III, Deceased, having been submitted to the Honorable Scott W. Hassell, Judge of Probate, by Petitioner, Jason William Brown on the 14th day of January, 2026; Notice is hereby given that all persons contesting said Petition shall file a response thereto with the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902, within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Done this the 15th day of January 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 23, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF: GLENDA SILVEY, DECEASED.  
Case No.: 26-00033

You will take notice that a Petition for Disposition of Remains filed by Collier-Butler Funeral Home and London Pearce, for the disposition of the remains of Glinda Silvey, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 8th day of August, 2025, is set to be heard on the 3rd day of February, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., alleging that there are no known next of kin to take custody of the remains of the Decedent.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this matter or desire to take custody of the remains of the Decedent of the proper disposition, you must file a written response within two (2) days of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Courthouse, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.

DONE THIS THE 20th day of January 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: LEIGH WINECOFF, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED  
Case #: 2025-733

TO: John Winecoff & Clint Wilks, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 11th day of FEBRUARY 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for

hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: BILLY JOE BUGGS, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED  
Case #: 2025-748

TO: Tranita Gentry, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 3rd day of FEBRUARY 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 5TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. MARTIN, DECEASED.  
Case No.: 2025-00467

TO: Madeline Martin; whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court a Petition for Letters of Administration and Appointment of Court Administrator for the Estate of William E. Martin, deceased.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 18th day of February, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to contest the same if you deem proper.

DONE THIS THE 6th DAY OF January 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: NANCY LOCONTO, INCAPACITATED  
Case #: 2025-678

TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY belonging to the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 2nd day of FEBRUARY, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CASE NO.: 2025-00808

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL

JOHN R. COPPER, DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Plaintiff,

V.

ANDREA LACHELL WHISENANT, an individual; TOMAS FRANCISCO, an individual; BECKY NORDGREN, Etowah County Tax Collector; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real

estate described herein, Defendants

NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, AND/OR INTERESTED PARTIES  
ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

You are here notified the State of Alabama, by and through their attorney, John F. Porter, III, Esquire has filed a complaint in writing seeking to condemn for the uses and purposes set forth in said complaint that certain real property located in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION - TRACT 123  
A part of the SE 4 of the SE of Section 11, Township 12-Sm Range 6-E, identified as Tract No. 123 on Project No. RCR-028-759-0002 in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

A house and Lot located at 1508 Sarah Street, Gadsden, Alabama, more particularly described as: Lot Number Six (6), in Block Number One (1), in Manos Subdivision according to the map thereof as recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 249, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication 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 Plaintiff, John F. Porter, III of The Porter Law Group, P.C. at 123 East Laurel Street, Scottsboro, Alabama 35768.

You are further notified that the hearing of said complaint has been set by this Court for February 11th, 2026 at 2:30, at which time you may appear and answer said complaint or file objections thereto if you so desire.

If the application to condemn 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 information on the date and time of such hearing, please contact the Probate Court during regular business hours at 256-549-5375.

This the 5th day of January, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, A municipal corporation Plaintiff, V. GULF STATES STEEL ACQUISITION CORP., An Alabama Corporation; GULF STATES STEEL INC., an Alabama Corporation; SHAWMUT BANK OF CONNECTICUT; ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; and BECKY NORDGREN, Etowah County Tax Collector, and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 2025-00512

NOTICE TO: GULF STATES STEEL ACQUISITION CORP., GULF STATES STEEL INC. OF ALABAMA, SHAWMUT BANK OF CONNECTICUT, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR INTEREST PARTIES CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

You are hereby 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 property located in the county of Etowah, State of Alabama, and described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
A part of the NW of SE 4, Section 8, Township 12S, Range 6E, identified as Tract No. 1 on Project No. STPSU-2815(256) in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the NW of the SE 4 of section 8, T-12-S, R-6-E; thence S09°28'54"W along the west line of the NE ¼ of the SE a distance of 342.17 feet to a point on the permanent easement line (said line offset 71.00 feet left & parallel to centerline of project); thence S20°39'39"W along said line a distance of 54.60 feet to a point on the permanent easement line (said point offset 71.00 feet left & perpendicular to centerline of project at PT station 14+08.21); thence following the curvature thereof and along said line an arc distance of 153.42 feet (said arc having a chord bearing of S22°43'31"W, a clockwise direction, a chord distance of 153.38 feet and a radius of 2129.00 feet) to a point on the permanent easement line (said point offset 71.00 feet left & perpendicular to centerline of project at PC station 13+21.68); thence S24°47'22"W along said line a distance of 24.21 feet to a point on the acquired right-of-way line (said point offset 71.00 feet left to centerline of project) (said point also on the grantor's property line); also being the Point of Beginning of the property herein described; thence S34°56'02"E along the grantor's property line a distance of 47.35 feet to a point on the west present right-of-way line of South 11th Street; thence S24°27'00"W along said present right-of-way line a distance of 101.75 feet to a point on the acquired right-of-way line; (said point perpendicular to centerline of project at station 9+80.52 left) thence N26°54'30"W along the acquired right-of-way line a distance of 31.09 feet to a point on the acquired right-of-way line, said point 71.00 feet left of and perpendicular to South 11th Street PC station 10+60.75; thence following the curvature thereof and along said acquired right-of-way line an arc distance of 9.13 feet (said arc having a chord bearing of N24°32'43"E, a clockwise direction, a chord distance of 9.13 feet and a radius of 1000 feet) to a point on the acquired right-of-way line, said point 71.00 feet left of and perpendicular to South 11th Street PT station 10+69.28; thence N24°47'22"E along the acquired right-of-way line a distance of 228.19 feet to the point and place of Beginning; the above described parcel contains 0.266 acre, more or less.

Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication 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 Plaintiff, J. Lance Smith, Esq., 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 January 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at which time you may appear and answer said complaint or file objections thereto if you so desire.

If the application to condemn is granted by the Court, a Commissioners' hearing will be scheduled within 30 days thereafter to determine damages which may be due to the defendants. For information on the date and time of such hearing, please contact the Probate Court during regular business hours at 256-549-5333.

This the 11th day of December, 2025.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

Lance Smith, Esq.  
200 Chestnut Street  
P.O. Box 129  
Gadsden, AL 35902

January 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In the Small Claims Court of Etowah County, Alabama Case # SM-24-901646 Publication Notice to: Mario Jackson. A Complaint has been filed in this court for amounts owed to Butler Electrical Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$3,278.96,

exclusive of costs and interest, said case being styled as Butler Electrical Contractors v. Mario Jackson. You must file an answer to the Complaint within 30 days of perfection of service by publication. Your answer is to be filed in the Small Claims Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Long & King, LLC  
2100 Club Drive, Suite 150  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
256-442-0201

January 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

In The Matter of the Adoption Petition of JENNIFER DIAL  
CASE NO.: 2025-00449

TO: Unknown father Address unknown

Please take notice that a petition for adoption of a child born to Laura Ann Dial has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above alleging that the identity and/or whereabouts of the biological father of said minor child are unknown and have not been disclosed to the Court. The minor child's date of birth is 04/26/2020. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

Attorney for Petitioner: David King, Esquire  
2100 Club Drive, Suite 150  
Gadsden, AL 35901

Given under my hand this the 14th day of January 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND APPOINTING GUARDIAN AT LITEM COMPLAINT FOR SALE AND DIVISION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CV - 2025 - 900604

CHARLOTTE IVEY PLAINTIFF  
V.  
BRYAN TODD GENTRY and GENISE GENTRY LIPIS DEFENDANTS

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

It is further ORDERED, and ADJUDGED that this case is set for bench trial on April 13, 2026 at 1:30 P.M.,

The subject property is described as follows: All those portions of the SE 4 of the NW 4 of Section 11, Township 11, Range 3 East, which lies North of the center-line of the Locust Fork of the Black Warrior River. Said property being located in Etowah, Alabama.

It is further ORDERED and ADJUDGED that David King is appointed Guardian ad Litem ("GAL") to represent the interest of any unknown Defendants claiming any interest, whether present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or any other interest in and to the real property which is the subject matter of this proceeding. The GAL's fee in

this case shall be taxed by this Court by separate Order at the conclusion of this case.

It is further ordered that attorney Elizabeth Haney, Esq. is hereby appointed Guardian Ad Litem for the defendants', Bryan Todd Gentry & Genise Lane Gentry Lipis in this cause.

DONE this 22nd day of December, 2025.

Cassandra Johnson  
Circuit Clerk of Etowah County

/s/ Brynn T. Crain  
Circuit Judge  
/s/John Morgan Cunningham  
John Morgan Cunningham, Attorney for Plaintiff  
852 Chestnut St.  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
256-546-1953

January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2026

NOTICE OF COURT ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 31-CV-2025-900242.00

AIMEE CAROLE PARKER, Plaintiff,  
V.  
ON-TEII-ON DABREE MCHENRY, Defendant

ORDER AUTHORIZING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND FINDING AVOIDANCE OF SERVICE BY THE DEFENDANT

On the basis of the Affidavit of Process Service and Affidavit of Plaintiff's Counsel filed with the Plaintiff's Motion to Service Defendant by Publication, the Court finds that said Motion is due to be, and it hereby is granted. Moreover, on the basis of the thorough Affidavit of Process Service, the Court makes a specific finding that the Defendant is avoiding service of process.

The Plaintiff shall cause notice as provided by law to be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Etowah County, Alabama. She further shall cause an Affidavit of Publication thereafter to be filed with the Court.

DONE this 4th day of December, 2025.

/s/ GEORGE C. DAY, JR.  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Katie Tait Copeland, Attorney for Plaintiff  
Shunnarah Injury Lawyers  
219 S. 3rd Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
(205)983-8123 – Phone  
ktait@asilpc.com

January 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR BILL TO QUIET TITLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CV-2025-900531  
JOHN D. BAILEY, Plaintiff,  
vs.

A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL ONE: FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER ONE (1), CARLISLE ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK K, PAGE 49, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE RUN NORTH 85 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 39.59 FEET (PLAT), 39.81 FEET (FIELD) TO A POINT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 05 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 81.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 75 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 129.20 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 20 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 103.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 77 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 183.34 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH07 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 133.75 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 368.59 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 05 DE-

GREES 11 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID TRACT EMBRACING A PORTION OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER (SW 1/4), SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL TWO:

FIVE (5) ACRES IN A SQUARE IN THE NW CORNER OF THE NE ¼ OF THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, LYING AND BEING IN ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON. LESS AND EXCEPT THOSE PORTIONS CONVEYED TO MICHAEL KEVIN NIX BY DEED RECORDED IN D-1998-0225; SAVE AND EXCEPT THOSE PORTIONS CONVEYED TO THE EXCHANGE BANK OF ALABAMA BY DEED RECORDED IN D-2001-2176; AND SAVE AND EXCEPT THOSE PORTIONS CONVEYED TO LISSA MADDOX BY DEEDS RECORDED IN D-2001-4039 AND D-2001-4040, SAID DESCRIPTIONS EMBRACING A PORTION OF THE NE ¼ OF THE SW ¼ IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST.

LISSA MADDOX and MAC SMITH, INCLUDING ANY HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF THE SAME AND THOSE WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any person claiming any future, contingent, reversionary, remainder, or other interest therein, who may claim any interest in the above described property Defendant

The Defendant, MAC SMITH, and/or his heirs or next of kin, and any other individuals who may claim an interest in the aforementioned property, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Bill to Quiet Title filed by JOHN D. BAILEY, within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the aforementioned case.

Done the 9th day of January, 2026.

SONNIE J. STEEN  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Joshua B. Sullivan  
Knowles & Sullivan, LLC  
413 Broad Street  
Gadsden, Alabama 35901  
Phone (256)547-7200  
Fax (256)467-6322

January 16, 23, 30 February 6, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

ROBERT DRISKILL, Plaintiff,  
v.  
RACHEL J. ALLEN; ETOWAH COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSION; AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, LIENHOLDERS, OR PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST, Defendants.

CASE NO.: CV-2025-000106.00

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Complaint has been filed in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, by Robert Driskill, seeking to foreclose the right of redemption and quiet title to certain real property located in Etowah County, Alabama.

The property is located at 534 Noojin Street SW, Attalla, Alabama 35954, identified as Parcel No. 16-02-09-3-000-027.000, being part of Lot 1, Block 26, Cloverdale Subdivision, Plat C-46.

Defendants Rachel J. Allen, the Etowah County Revenue Commission, and any unknown heirs or persons claiming an interest in said property are required to answer or otherwise respond within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this Notice, or a judgment by default and final judgment may be entered against them.



This Notice is published pursuant to an Order of the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, entered January 14, 2026.

DATED: January 19, 2026  
ROBERT DRISKILL  
Plaintiff, Pro Se  
3770 Hermitage Drive  
Berkeley Lake, GA 30096

January 23, 30,  
February 6 and 13, 2026

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT  
NO.BR-0205(507)  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on January 30, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Bridge Replacement and Approaches on SR-205 over the Alabama and Tennessee River Railway, LLC (ATN) to include the Re-Alignment of SR-205 and Old Guntersville Gadsden Road. Length 0.700 mi.

The total amount of un-completed work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate.

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In One Hundred Eighty (180) Working Days.  
A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$58.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.  
The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$4,690,977 To \$5,733,416 .

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, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit

bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.  
The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER  
Transportation Director

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.  
STPAA-2826(250)  
ETOWAH AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES, ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on January 30, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Resurfacing (Scrub Seal), Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on Old US Highway 411 from the junction of Broken Arrow Road to the junction of CR-20. Length 5.129 mi.

The total amount of un-completed work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate.

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Sixty (60) Working Days.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$3.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.  
The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$1,478,357 To \$1,806,881 .  
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, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on

the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.  
The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER  
Transportation Director

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.  
STPSU-2815(257)  
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on January 30, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Planning, Resurfacing, Side-walk Improvements, and Traffic Stripe on Walnut Street from the intersection of South 8th Street to the intersection of South 5th Street in Gadsden. Length 0.379 mi.

The total amount of un-completed work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate.

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Sixty (60) Working Days.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$9.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.  
The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$772,817 To \$944,554 .  
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, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.  
The right to reject any or

all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER  
Transportation Director

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

PROJECT:  
Minor League Field Concrete Improvements  
Project No. M-089

OWNER:  
The City of Attalla, Alabama

Separate sealed bids for the construction of the Minor League Field Concrete Improvement Project will be received by The City of Attalla at the City Hall of Attalla at 612 4th Street NW, Attalla, AL, 35954 until 10:00 A.M. CDST on Thursday, January 29, 2026 in the Council Chambers and then at said place publicly opened and read aloud. The project will consist of grading and pouring concrete around the minor league field located at the Attalla Sports Complex located at 102 Case Avenue, Attalla, AL.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the Attalla City Hall or copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from The City of Attalla Engineering Department. Upon request, documents will be shipped after all shipping and handling charges are collected.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest and responsible bidder. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted.

All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

THE CITY OF  
ATTALLA

BY:  
Larry Means, Mayor  
DATE:  
January 6, 2026

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

**ATTALLA CITY CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM  
INVITATION TO BID**

CNP Bid #5-25/26 – Large Equipment: Walk-in freezer  
All submissions related to this Invitation to Bid are to be addressed to:  
Mrs. Donna Giles  
Child Nutrition Director  
Attalla City Schools  
101 Case Avenue  
Attalla, AL 35954  
Telephone: 256-538-8051  
Email:  
dgiles@attalla.k12.al.us  
Deadline:

Invitation to bid must be received on or before 9:00 a.m. CDT on Jan. 29, 2026.  
Bidders are required to clearly mark their envelopes in the lower left corner as follows:  
CNP Bid #5-25/26 Large Equipment: Walk-in freezer  
Envelopes not properly marked will be rejected. Faxed and emailed responses will not be accepted.  
Public Bid opening will be held at 9:00 a.m. CDT on Jan 29, 2026.

January 16 and 23, 2026

**LEGAL NOTICE FOR JOB COMPLETION**

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Hudak Construction Co., Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for A New Medical Office Building For The Department of Rehabilitation Services at 225 East Broad Street, Gadsden, AL. 35903 for the State of Alabama and the City of Gadsden and have made request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify B. Craig Lipscorn, Architect at 442 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL. 35901.

Hudak Construction  
400 W. Meighan Blvd.  
Gadsden, AL 35901

January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026

**JOB COMPLETION**

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, Bob Smith Construction, Inc. hereby give written notice of the completion of a contract with the City of Gadsden, Alabama, for the Gadsden Sports Park, Phase 4, project no. 3519, and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. This notice is to appear for four consecutive weeks beginning January 23, 2026 and ending on February 13, 2026. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Heath Williamson, Architect for City of Gadsden, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902-0267 during this period.

January 23, 30, February 6, and 13, 2026

**JOB COMPLETION**

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, Bob Smith Construction, Inc. hereby give written notice of the completion of a contract with the City of Gadsden, Alabama, for the Gadsden Sports Park Irrigation Pumping Project, project no. 3565, and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. This notice is to appear for four consecutive weeks beginning January 23, 2026 and ending on February 13, 2026. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Heath Williamson, Architect for City of Gadsden, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902-0267 during this period.

January 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 2026

**JOB COMPLETION**

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, Bob Smith Construction, Inc. hereby give written notice of the completion of a contract with the City of Gadsden, Alabama, for the Interior and Exterior Renovations to the City of Gadsden Asphalt Crew Facility located at 1699 Chestnut Street, Gadsden Bid Request No. 3598, and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. This notice is to appear for four consecutive weeks beginning January 23, 2026 and ending on February 13, 2026. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Thomas M. McElrath, Architect, 717 Merit Springs Road, Gadsden, AL. 35901 during this period.

January 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on January 23, 2026 at 10:00 am at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903.

Taneshia Wynn  
Unit 142

Zena Spears  
Unit 149 & 150

Deanna Parker  
Unit 40A

January 16 and 23, 2026

**NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE**

Please take notice Regional Warehousing & Mini Storage located at 3525 Mountain View Dr Southside, AL 35907 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by tenants for default on their Storage Contracts. The sale will occur at the facility on 2/3/2026 at 9:00AM. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

January 23, 2026

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following units will be disposed of on January 31, 2026, on the premises of Attalla Self Storage located at Attalla Self Storage 704 Jones St SE, Attalla, AL 35954

Tazan Z. Edwards  
Unit A14

Attalla Self Storage  
704 Jones St SE  
Attalla, AL 35954

January 23 and 30, 2026

**NOTICE OF SALE**

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Notice is hereby given that a 2006 Chevrolet Truck, VIN#: 2GCE-K13T861157655 will be sold at auction to the highest bidder for cash on February 12, 2026, at 12:00 noon at 1410 Valley Drive, Attalla, AL 35954.

January 16 and 23, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ABANDONED BOAT**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to applicable Alabama law, that an abandoned boat has been found on Neely Lake between the Highway 77 bridge and Canon Creek, Southside/Rainbow City, Alabama area.

The boat is described as follows:  
One unidentified boat

of unknown make and model. The boat has no registration tags, the manufacturer's identification tag has been damaged, and the boat does not have a motor. The boat was found on or about September 30, 2025. The vessel is currently in the custody of Troy Kuenne. Any person claiming ownership of this boat must provide proof of ownership and contact Troy Kuenne at 619-813-2124 within 45 days of the final publication of

this notice. If the boat is not claimed within the specified time period, it will be considered forfeited and disposed of in accordance with Alabama law.

January 16 and 23, 2026

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION**

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

3/20/2026 at 8:00 am

2011 Chevy Silverado 1500  
VIN:  
3GCPKSE38BG137757

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

January 16 and 23, 2026

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on February 27, 2026.

1998 Honda Civic Gray  
VIN: 2HGE-J6671WH508512

UNI AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, LLC  
2501 3rd Street SW  
Attalla AL, 35954  
256-538-6600

January 23 and 30, 2026

**REVISED PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF GADSDEN, AL**

PUBLIC REVIEW OF A DRAFT COPY OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM APPLICATION

PUBLICATION DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD COMMENCES: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026  
PUBLIC HEARING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 AT 10:00AM  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CONCLUDES: THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

The City of Gadsden has prepared a Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) seeking a loan advance on future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations potentially totaling \$4,501,430. To meet the requirements of the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the City will hold a Public Hearing held at 10:00A.M. on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at the City of Gadsden, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. The proposed project aims to significantly enrich the East Gadsden Community Center by introducing an outdoor recreational pool, new re-

stream facilities, and expanded parking, thereby providing residents with increased recreational opportunities, improving accessibility, and supporting community engagement and wellness initiatives.

As required by 24 CFR Part 91. 105 (b) (2), the draft the Section 108 application will be available for a 30-day public comment period beginning Monday February 9, 2026, through Thursday, March 12, 2026. The draft will be available on the City's website at: <https://www.cityofgadsden.com/160/Community-Development>. Hard copies of the document can also be reviewed from during the 30-day public comment period at the City of Gadsden's Community Development Department at 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. Those who may wish to provide comments on the Section 108 loan application may email the City's Community Development Department at [areaves@cityofgadsden.com](mailto:areaves@cityofgadsden.com) or send written correspondence to the City of Gadsden's Community Development Department at the address above until Thursday, March 12, 2026.

The adoption of the Section 108 application was approved by Mayor and Council on October 28, 2025.

No displacement will occur as a result of the activities described herein. Should displacement occur, the City of Gadsden implements the provisions as required by CFR 570.606 (Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance). The City of Gadsden does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, or treatment of, or employment, the programs and activities described herein. An interpreter is available upon request to assist persons with limited English proficiency. Any requests for reasonable accommodation required by an individual to fully participate in any open meetings, programs, or activities of the City of Gadsden's CDBG Office at 256-549-4532 or via email at [areaves@cityofgadsden.com](mailto:areaves@cityofgadsden.com).

January 23, 2026

**REVISADA AVISO PUBLICO  
CIUDAD DE  
GADSDEN, AL**

REVISIÓN PÚBLICA DE UN BORRADOR DE LA SOLICITUD DEL PROGRAMA DE GARANTÍA DE PRÉSTAMOS DE LA SECCIÓN 108 DE LA CIUDAD DE GADSDEN

FECHA DE PUBLICACIÓN: VIERNES, 23 DE ENERO DE 2026  
INICIO DEL PERÍODO DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS: LUNES, 9 DE FEBRERO DE 2026  
AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA: JUEVES, 26 DE FEBRERO DE 2026, 10:00  
FINALIZA DEL PERÍODO DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS: JUEVES, 12 DE MARZO DE 2026

La Ciudad de Gadsden ha presentado una solicitud al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) para el Programa de Garantía de Préstamos de la Sección 108, solicitando un anticipo de préstamo sobre futuras asignaciones de la Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG), por un total potencial de \$4,501,430. Para cumplir con los requisitos del Plan de Participación Ciudadana de la Ciudad, se celebrará una Audiencia Pública a las 10:00 a. m. el jueves, 26 de febrero de 2026 en la Ciudad de Gadsden, ubicada en 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. El proyecto propuesto busca enriquecer significativamente el Centro Comunitario East Gadsden con la incorporación de una piscina recreativa al aire libre, nuevos baños y una ampliación del estacionamiento, brindando así a los residentes más oportunidades recreativas, mejorando la accesibilidad y apoyando iniciativas de participación comunitaria y bienestar.

Según lo exige el Título 24 del Código de Regulaciones Federales (CFR), Parte 91, Sección 105 (b) (2), el borrador de la solicitud de préstamo de la Sección 108 estará disponible durante un período de 30 días para comentarios públicos, desde el Del lunes 9 de febrero de 2026 al jueves 12 de marzo de 2026. El borrador estará disponible en el sitio web de la Ciudad: <https://www.>



cityofgadsden.com/160/Community-Development. También se pueden consultar copias impresas del documento durante el período de 30 días para comentarios públicos en el Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Gadsden, ubicado en 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. Quienes deseen enviar comentarios sobre la solicitud de préstamo de la Sección 108 pueden enviar un correo electrónico al Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad a la dirección areaves@cityofgadsden.com o enviar correspondencia por escrito al Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Gadsden a la dirección antes mencionada hasta el Jueves, 12 de marzo de 2026.

La adopción de la solicitud de la Sección 108 fue aprobada por el Alcalde y el Concejo el 28 de octubre de 2025.

No se producirá desplazamiento alguno como resultado de las actividades descritas en este documento. En caso de desplazamiento, la Ciudad de Gadsden implementará las disposiciones requeridas por el CFR 570.606 (Asistencia para la Reubicación y el Desplazamiento Residencial). La Ciudad de Gadsden no discrimina por motivos de discapacidad en la admisión, el acceso, el tratamiento o el empleo en los programas y actividades descritos en este documento. Hay un intérprete disponible, previa solicitud, para ayudar a las personas con dominio limitado del inglés. Cualquier solicitud de adaptación razonable que requiera una persona para participar plenamente en las reuniones, programas o actividades abiertas de la Oficina del CDBG de la Ciudad de Gadsden, al 256-549-4532 o por correo electrónico a areaves@cityofgadsden.com.

January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to NOAH'S LANDING, LLC, P.O. BOX 894, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902, 415 CRAWFORD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, METRO BANK C/O TONNIE BOICE TURNER, JR., P.O. BOX 1124, ANNISTON, ALABAMA, 36202, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 415 CRAWFORD AVENUE (also known as 421 Crawford Avenue) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Numbers 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Block Number 1 of Kirby's Subdivision being a rearrangement of Lot Number 2 and 4, in Block Number 4 of the Hadley Farms Addition, according to the map or plat of said Re-subdivision recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 241, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 15-06-13-3-000-128.000 PIN# 43148

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

Brian Greer  
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Gadsden, AL 35902  
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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to given to ALIDA MEJIA AND JESUS ADRIAN CABALLERO, 909 PADEN ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF CHARLES MOORE, 1703 KANSAS STREET, E. GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1503 MEADOWBROOK AVENUE (County records list property address as 1402 MEADOWBROOK AVE-

NUE) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lots Number Fifteen (15) through Seventeen (17), Block "D", Unit One (1) Green Pastures Subdivision C-241, Gadsden, Alabama, Section 13, Township 12 South, Range 6 East, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 15-06-13-1-000-186.000 PIN# 42707

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to TWIANA KELLY AND KELLY PONDEXTER KELLY, 1426 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 1505 LULA STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3509, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 1426 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Twenty Five (25) in Block Number One (1) in the Harlem City Subdivision to Gadsden, Alabama, Plat Book "C", Pages 366-367, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 15-01-12-4-000-099.000 PIN# 32497

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to TOMMY DURAN MOORE AND WIFE, PATRICIA MAE MOORE, 1323 AL HIGHWAY 204, WELINGTON, ALABAMA 36279-5084, 311 7TH STREET NORTH, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 311 7TH STREET NORTH in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number 3 and a strip of land of even width, being 25.6 feet in width, off the Southwest side of Lot No. 2, all being in Block "G" of the Bonnie Nowlin Subdivision, according to the plat or map thereof as the same appears of record in Plat Book "D", Page 41, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 15-01-11-2-000-022.000 PIN# 30650

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to LV RENTING, LLC, 2500 N. VAN DORN STREET, APT. 402, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22302-1602, 403 AVALON LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY,

FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 403 AVALON LANE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Two (2) Block "I" in Oakleigh Estates, as recorded in Map Book "G", Page 55, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 10-07-25-3-000-021.000; PPIN: 14305

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to TUSCACAL, L.L.C., 2084 VALLEYDALE ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35244, TUSCACAL, LLC, 1333 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF FIRST BANK OF ALABAMA, PO BOX 797, TALLADEGA, ALABAMA 35161, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 1333 STILLMAN AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Twenty-one (21) in Block Number Eleven (11) in the rearrangement of Blocks Number Eleven (11), Twelve (12) Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), in Goodyear Highlands, according to the map of said Rearrangement recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 293, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-266.000 PIN# 31423

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ROBERT E. BECK and wife, JOYCE M. BECK, 425 BASHER DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 2329 CANSLER AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 2329 CANSLER AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Twelve (12) in Block Number Nine (9) in Oak Park Addition, according to the map or plat thereof as the same appears of record in Book of Town Plats "B", Page 200, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, and being and lying in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-138.000 PIN# 38416

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

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to RONNIE E. BRYANT, 703 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE, ONEONTA, ALABAMA 35121, believed to have or claim an interest in

the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 1006 FAIRVIEW ALLEY (County records list property address as 1010 FAIRVIEW ALLEY) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LOT NUMBER 13, IN BLOCK 3, IN MOORE AND HOPSON ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "B" PAGE 120, IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA AND LYING AND BEING IN GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. Tax ID#: 15-03-07-2-000-045.000 PIN# 38622

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JANIE P. BROOKS, 311 LINCOLN STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, ERNEST L. BROOKS AND BROOKS VENESSABROOKS, 124 WISTERIA DR, CHELSEA, AL 35043-9617, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF THE EXCHANGE BANK OF ALABAMA, 230 NORTH 3RD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 311 LINCOLN STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Eight (8) in Block Number Four (4) in Walnut Park Addition according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Map Book "B" Page 117 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Alabama City (now Gadsden), Etowah County, Alabama together with all improvements located thereon. Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-103.000 PIN# 50303

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to DAVID GANN AND ASHLEY GANN, 428 MADISON CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 428 MADISON CIRCLE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot number Seven (7) in Block Number Two (2) in Woodland Park according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 105, Probate Office, Etowah County, and being and lying in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, subject to the rights, if any, of the City of Gadsden as described in Record Book "359", Pages 455 and 578 and subject to the rights, if any, of the Alabama Power Company as shown by instrument recorded in Deed Record "3-N", Page 263, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, as recorded in Book 723, Page 506, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-395.000 PIN# 50132

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to WILLIAM SOWERS and wife, ETHEL ANN SOWERS, 314 WEBSTER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to DAVID C. HAWKINS, JR., 2809 TRUMAN STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, with potential heirs of the Estates of ODELL ALLEN and BERNICE ALLEN, STEVE ALLEN, a purported heir, 2704 ADAMS STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 2902 PATTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, DAVID CLARENCE HAWKINS JR, 2809 TRUMAN STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 2902 PATTON STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One (1), in the Rearrangement of Lots Nos. 1, 2, 13 and 14 of Block Number 1, in Ellis Addition to the City of Gadsden, as the same appears of record in the Plat Book "F", Page 275, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-068.000 PIN# 39110

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to HIGINIO GONZALO CORONADO CORONADO AND FLORIDA MARRO-QUIN PABLO, 403 VAN COURTLAND STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 411 VAN COURT-LAND STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF MARY ANNA DILL, 1910 A EASTSIDE DR, GADSDEN, AL 35904-4924, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 411 VAN COURTLAND STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-246.000 PIN# 50452 Lot Eighteen (18) in Block Four (4) of West Point Addition to Gadsden, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 140, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in the City of Gadsden (formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and also all fixtures now installed therein.

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to WILLIAM SOWERS and wife, ETHEL ANN SOWERS, 314 WEBSTER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of

Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 314 WEBSTER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot 17, Block 23, Walnut Park Addition to Gadsden, as recorded by map or plat in Plat Book "B", Page 117, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-143.000 PIN# 49868

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the name of the ESTATE OF EUGENE HARRELL, S-8883, and the ES-TATE OF LORENE HARRELL, no estate. The following may have interest in the property: COOSA FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN, LORI JEAN BURTON, 1130 GRANT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, DEXTER DEWAYNE HARRELL, 307 HARDIN CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, VINCENT O'NEAK HARRELL, USP ATLANTA, 150160, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30315, STANLEY JEROME HARRELL, 5101 LAURELWOOD LAND, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35816, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 921 AVENUE F in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Seven (7) in Block Number Twenty-nine (29), in the Gadsden Land and Improvement Company's Thornton Addition as Rearranged by Coosa Land Company, et al., according to the map of said Rearrangement recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 334 and 335, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-091.000 PIN# 16696 Should be assessed with a lien of \$3,195.65 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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Building Official  
City of Gadsden  
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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ESTATE OF HERMAN JONES, SR., Case S-7226, CURTIN JONES, 931 AVENUE F, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, HERMAN JONES, 408 VALLEY ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901 and KIM RODGERS, 931 AVENUE F, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 931 AVENUE F in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lots Number Nine (9) in Block Number Twenty-nine (29), in The Gadsden Land and Improvement Company's Thornton Addition as Rearranged by Coosa Land Company et al, according to the map or said Rearrangement as recorded in Plat Book "B", page 334 and 335, Probate Office and lying and being in Gadsden, Alabama. Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-089.000 PIN# 16694 Should be assessed with a lien of \$3,921.63, for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any

relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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January 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to TRIUMPH THE CHURCH & KINGDOM OF GOD IN CHRIST, 1430 18TH STREET, ENSLEY, BIRMINGHAM, Alabama 35217, 525 EVANS STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 525 EVANS STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot #8, of the Cummings Addition to the City of Gadsden, Alabama and South Half of Lot #2, of the Wright Addition to the Cummings Addition, as shown in Plat Book A, page 269 of Etowah County. Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-357.000 PIN# 16987 Should be assessed with a lien of \$5,407.87, for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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Notice is hereby given to L.A. and DELLA MAE WARREN, C/O HORACE WARREN, 8323 OHIO STREET, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48204, 1148 LITCHFIELD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 1148 LITCHFIELD AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number 32, Block 45 in Garden City Residential Subdivision Number Two (2), as shown by map recorded in Plat Book "C", Pages 410 and 411, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Said property is located at 1148 Litchfield Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35903. Tax ID #: 15-01-11-4-000-204.000 PIN# 31690 Should be assessed with a lien of \$3,780.88, for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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Notice is hereby given to TOBI HARPER, 213 NUNNALLY AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 213 NUNNALLY AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Four (4), In the G. L. Downer Rearrangement of Lot Number Five (5) of Hadley Farms, according to the map of said Rearrangement, recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 143, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and being subject to the rights of Alabama Power







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

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Notice is hereby given to JIMMY D JOHNSON, 3905 TRENTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3905

TRENTON STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 09-07-36-3-000-039.000 PIN# 10415 LTS 1 & 2 BLK 3 BAR-RON ADD PLAT B-49 36-11-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement. Brian Greer BUILDING OFFICIAL City of Gadsden P.O. Box 267 Gadsden, AL 35902 (256) 549-4529

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to GREG HONEYCUTT, 3321 WILLIAMS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to

have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3321 WILLIAMS AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-162.000 PIN# 10666 LTS 5-6 BLK 5 SAM BAILEY ADD #2 PLAT A-445 GADSDEN 36-11-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to DEXTER SMITH & ROSIE L MARSHALL, 411 BECKY ALLEN CIRCLE, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 909 N. 34TH STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-161.000 PIN# 10664 LT 4 BLK 5 SAM BAILEY ADD #2 PLAT A-445 GADSDEN 36-11-5

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to TOMMY JAY KEENER & J R STUDDARD, 834 N. 35TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, FEB-

RUARY 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 834 N. 35TH STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-188.000 PIN# 10694 LT 11 BLK 2 SAM BAILEY 2ND ADD PLAT A-445 GADSDEN 36-11-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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**ORDINANCE NO. O-01-26**

Amending Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that Ordinance No. O-21-25 (Fiscal Year 2026 Budget) is further amended by transferring \$463,000.00 from the Economic Development Fund Balance to account #160-3000-465.70-40 (Land). The funds will be used to purchase property from Gadsden Airport Authority

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 13, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
January 23, 2026

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