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Challenger Center announces briefing room name



Submitted photo

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama has announced a briefing room naming gift from board member Tina Gregerson and her husband, Jimmy Armstrong, reinforcing their long-standing commitment to STEM education and community impact in the region.

The briefing room serves as the starting point for every Challenger mission, where students are introduced to their roles, objectives and expectations before entering the simulated space mission environment. The naming gift ensures the space will continue to support collaboration, preparation and critical thinking for future generations of students.

"Tina and Jimmy's generosity reflects a deep belief in education, opportunity and the future of our region," said Dr. Farrah Hayes, executive director of Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama. "As a board member, Tina already gives her time and leadership to Challenger. This additional investment demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to our mission and to the students we serve."

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Reclassification changes private school championships

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

The Alabama High School Athletic Association has approved a sweeping reclassification plan for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years, restructuring championship play and creating separate postseason classifications for public and private schools.

Under the plan approved by the AHSAA Central Board of Control, the association will move to six classifications for public schools and two classifications for private (independent) schools, ending the seven-class public school system that has been in place since the 2014-15 school year. For the first time, private schools will compete in their own championship classifications statewide.

The restructured model applies only to postseason play, while public and private schools will continue to compete against one another during the regular season.

All state championships will continue to be held at shared championship venues.

Private schools will now be divided into Private Class Double A and Private Class Single A, with classification based strictly on enrollment. The change eliminates the 1.35 enrollment multiplier that had been applied to private schools since 1999 and removes the competitive balance factor added in 2018.

"Through multiple meetings with our private school members, they expressed a desire for greater financial flexibility," said AHSAA Executive Director Heath Harmon. "This model directly addresses those concerns while maintaining fair play for all. Because postseason competition will follow restructured pathways, we are now able toward removing financial barriers for private school eligibility."

Harmon said the new structure means funding sources will no longer affect athletic eligibility

for private schools.

"Funds from the Choose Act, Accountability Act, tuition assistance, teacher reductions, and scholarships will no longer impact athletic eligibility," Harmon said. "Private school members also voiced their desire to remove the 1.35 multiplier and competitive balance adjustments. Private schools will now be classified strictly on enrollment."

As part of the new private school alignment, Westbrook Christian and Coosa Christian have been placed in Private Class Double A, Region 4, where they will compete for postseason championships under the new format.

Public school reclassification places several local schools into new classes and regions. Gaston High School and West End High School are aligned in Class 2A, Region 6, while Etowah High School, Glencoe High School, and Hokes Bluff High School will compete in Class 3A, Region 6.

Sardis High School moves into Class 4A, Region 8, Southside High School is placed in Class 5A, Region 6, and Gadsden City High School will compete in Class 6A, Region 4, the association's largest classification following the removal of Class 7A.

For football, the 2026-27 and 2027-28 alignment places 32 schools in Class 6A, 64 in Class 5A, 64 in Class 4A, 64 in Class 3A, 63 in Class 2A, 63 in Class 1A, 16 in Private Class Double A, and 28 in Private Class Single A.

Harmon said the AHSAA also plans to create additional leadership structures to support private school members, including a Private School Headmaster and Principal Committee, modeled after the association's existing Superintendents Committee, and the designation of an Assistant Director to serve as Private School Director of Championships.

He thanked the Central Board and AHSAA staff for their work on the plan.

"As always, it was a difficult job, but everyone worked together to find the best solution as we move forward," Harmon said. "We believe this is a strong plan, but as with every cycle, we will listen to our membership and make adjustments as needed."

Central Board of Control President Terry Curtis also praised the effort behind the decision.

"I want to thank the Central Board of Control's tireless efforts," Curtis said. "I know they did what they knew was right for kids."

The AHSAA reclassifies schools every two years in accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws. Fall sport alignments have already been released, with winter and spring sport alignments to be finalized following the completion of their respective championship seasons. The reclassification is expected to impact more than 175,000 student-athletes statewide.

Downtown Gadsden chili cook off returns next weekend

The 18th annual Downtown Gadsden Chili Cook Off returns on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Once again, teams will fire up their cooking pots on Broad Street to compete for the win and ultimate bragging rights.

The public is invited to purchase taste tickets to sample the chili entries. Tickets will be available on site for \$1 each or six for \$5. Chili will be ready for sampling at noon and everyone is encouraged to arrive early because the chili can run out quickly.

Teams can begin cooking as early as 7 a.m. and will be located on Broad Street between 4th and 6th Streets.

Judges will be sampling each participating chili to select first, second and third place cash prize winners. The public can cast their votes for the crowd favorite. The winners will be announced at about 2 p.m.

Teams interested in joining can learn more at downtowngadsden.com, or calling the DGI office 256-547-8696. The deadline date for entry is Feb. 5.



Gadsden State unveils new scholarship opportunity

Gadsden State Community College has a longstanding partnership with the schools in Etowah County. Through the Dual Enrollment Program, students in participating schools have the opportunity to take college courses through GSCC and receive high school and college credits simultaneously.

The college consistently offers incentives and scholarship opportunities to incoming freshmen and have just unveiled their new-

est opportunity —The Cardinal Promise.

According to GSCC President Alan Smith, the Cardinal Promise is Gadsden State's initiative aimed at making higher education more affordable and accessible for students. The program reduces financial barriers through discounted tuition rates, scholarships and additional financial support.

Under the Cardinal Promise, 2026 high school graduates who

complete at least six hours of dual enrollment at any institution are eligible to receive a 75 percent reduction in in-state tuition, with an award value of up to \$3,456. High school graduates and GED recipients who have never previously enrolled in college may qualify for a 50 percent reduction in in-state tuition, with awards of up to \$2,304.

To qualify, students must enroll full time, defined as a minimum of 12 credit hours. Award

amounts are based on the 2025-26 academic year tuition rate of \$192 per credit hour and may increase if tuition rates rise.

Students who receive the Cardinal Promise Scholarship may be eligible for renewal during their second year of enrollment. Renewal requires earning at least 24 credit hours during the first year at Gadsden State and maintaining a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher, provided all program requirements are met.

The Cardinal Promise Scholarship may be combined with Peer Tutor, Performing Arts and Gadsden State Community College Ambassador scholarships.

The Cardinal Promise reflects Gadsden State's ongoing effort to expand access to higher education for students across Etowah County and the surrounding area.

For additional information about the Cardinal Promise Scholarship, visit <https://bit.ly/3Z3nIzP>.



NEWS

GSCC to perform Neil Simon's comedy 'Rumors'

Gadsden State Community College's Theatre Program will present the farcical comedy *Rumors* by Neil Simon at 7 p.m. February 26 through March 7 in the Inzer Hall Black Box Theatre on the Wallace Drive Campus.

First performed in 1988, *Rumors* follows four couples attending a dinner party celebrating the tenth wedding anniversary of New York City Deputy Mayor

Charlie Brock. The evening spirals into chaos when Charlie is found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound and his wife, Myra, is missing. The guests scramble to create increasingly elaborate stories to hide the incident before the police arrive, leading to a night filled with confusion, miscommunication, and classic farcical humor.

"This is a show I had the privi-

lege of performing in many years ago while I was in school, and it remains one of my greatest memories as a theatre student," said Joe Fuselli, director of the Gadsden State Theatre Program. "I hope our audiences and these actors enjoy it as much as I did."

The cast includes Joseph Parris as Ken Gorman, Carolyn Humphrey as Chris Gorman, Ian Johnson as Lenny Ganz, Addie Jen-

kins as Claire Ganz, Phoenix Rich as Ernie Cusack, Afton Yarnell as Cookie Cusack, Darius Spears as Glenn Cooper, Diana Alhegazen as Cassie Cooper, Isaac Hardy as Officer Welch, and Daelynn Caldwell as Officer Pudney/Myra.

Tickets are \$8 for the public and \$5 for students and Gadsden State employees. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for all performances, which will be held Thursday, Feb-

ruary 26, Friday, February 27, and Saturday, February 28, as well as Thursday, March 5, Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7, all starting at 7 p.m.

For behind-the-scenes updates, follow the Division of Fine Arts – Gadsden State on Facebook. More information about Gadsden State's Fine Arts Programs is available at gadsdenstate.edu/fine-arts.

GSCC police to host report-writing training seminar

The Gadsden State Police Department, in partnership with the Division of Languages and Humanities at Gadsden State Community College and the Etowah County District Attorney's Office, will host a free report-writing training seminar for local law enforcement, correctional, and public safety officers.

The training will take place on Friday, February 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Gadsden State Science Building Auditorium. The seminar is designed to enhance

officers' report-writing skills, with an emphasis on clarity, accuracy, and professionalism in official documentation.

"Partnering with the Division of Languages and Humanities and the Etowah County District Attorney's Office allows us to approach report writing from both a practical and academic perspective," said Jay Freeman, Chief of Police at Gadsden State Community College. "This collaboration strengthens the quality of the training and ultimately benefits officers, their

agencies, and the communities they serve."

The seminar is open to law enforcement and public safety professionals of all experience levels and will focus on the proper completion of the Alabama Incident/Offense Report, Arrest Report, and Use of Force documentation. Instruction will include scenario-based and video-based exercises to reinforce best practices in professional report writing.

Key topics will include grammar, appropriate use of abbreviations, first-person

versus third-person writing, punctuation, and effective techniques for reviewing reports prior to submission.

This training opportunity reflects Gadsden State's ongoing commitment to professional development and interdisciplinary collaboration in support of public safety professionals throughout the region.

Registration is required for the seminar. To register, contact Emily Feemster Coggins at efeeemster@gadsdenstate.edu or 256-549-8611.

Snead State Community College to host Black History concert

Snead State Community College welcomes special guests to the third annual Black History Concert, and the community is invited to attend.

Dr. Reginald Jackson, Assistant Professor and Director of the Gospel Choir at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, will be the featured guest artist during the concert scheduled for Friday, Feb.

20. The performance will begin at 7 p.m. in Fielder Auditorium, located in the Story Administration Building at 220 North Walnut Street in Boaz.

Dr. Jackson is an accomplished music educator, speaker, and performer from Madison. His dynamic delivery and broad knowledgebase have opened opportunities for him to perform

globally, including locations like Turkey, France, and Japan. He teaches gospel keyboard improvisation and gospel vocal techniques and is experienced on the soprano and alto saxophone, clarinet, flute, piano, and Hammond B-3 organ. He has proficiency in pedagogical tips for playing by ear, Gospel music pedagogy, relevant aural and oral practices, and perfor-

mance styles of sacred music.

Dr. Jackson has worked with Gospel Recording Artist Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Bishop Marvin Sapp, and the Florida State Jazz Ensemble. He has served as faculty with the University of North Alabama, Alabama A&M University, Calhoun Community College, and Oakwood University.

The Black History Concert will

also feature performances by the combined choirs from Snead State Community College and Gadsden State Community College as well as the Snead State Jazz Band.

Admission to the Black History Concert is free. For more information, contact Snead State Community College Music Program Director Dr. Kathleen Ruhleder at kathleen.ruhleder@snead.edu.

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, at 4 p.m. 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.

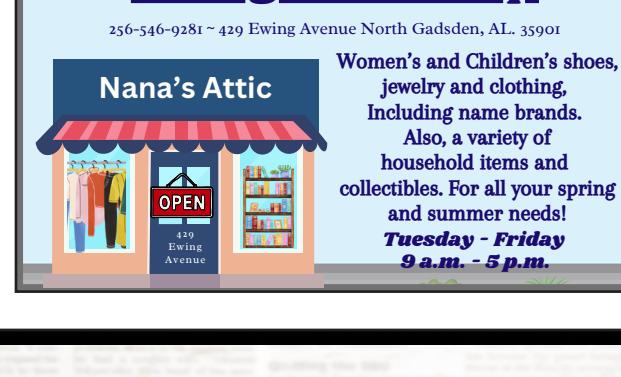
Mardi Gras Parade set for Feb. 7

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/form/s/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkgWGDsLk17qCmeEAs-t9bUlp78zO-us1WDLpe7qyl5x4ltvg/](https://docs.google.com/form/s/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkgWGDsLk17qCmeEAs-t9bUlp78zO-us1WDLpe7qyl5x4ltvg/viewform)

For more information, contact Deborah Miller at 205-359-0375 or deborah-miller72@outlook.com.



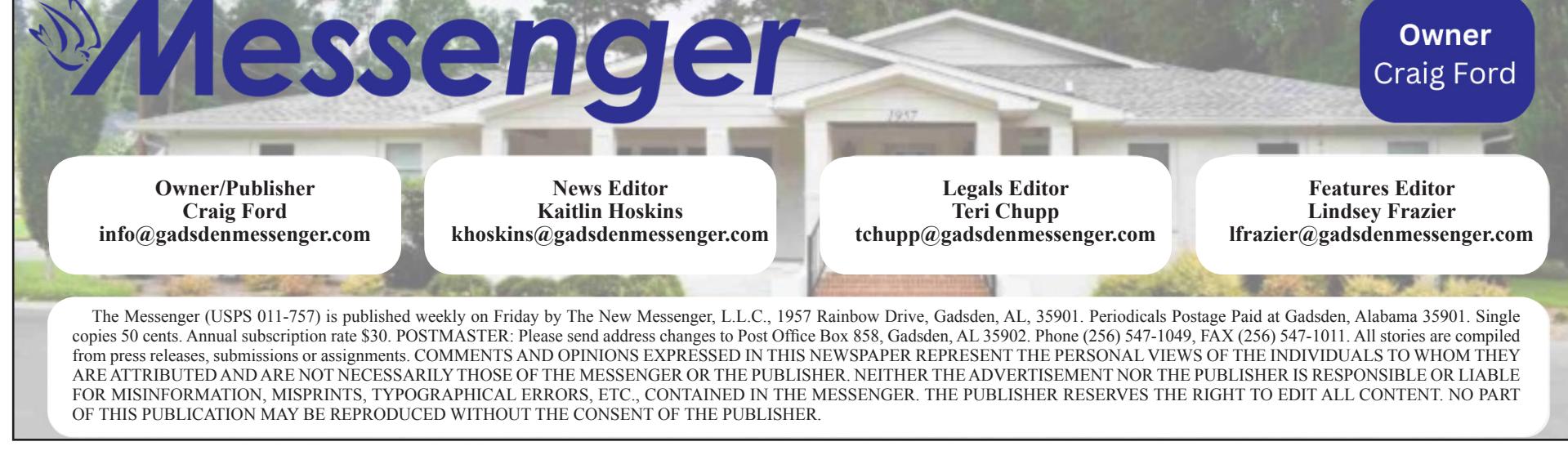
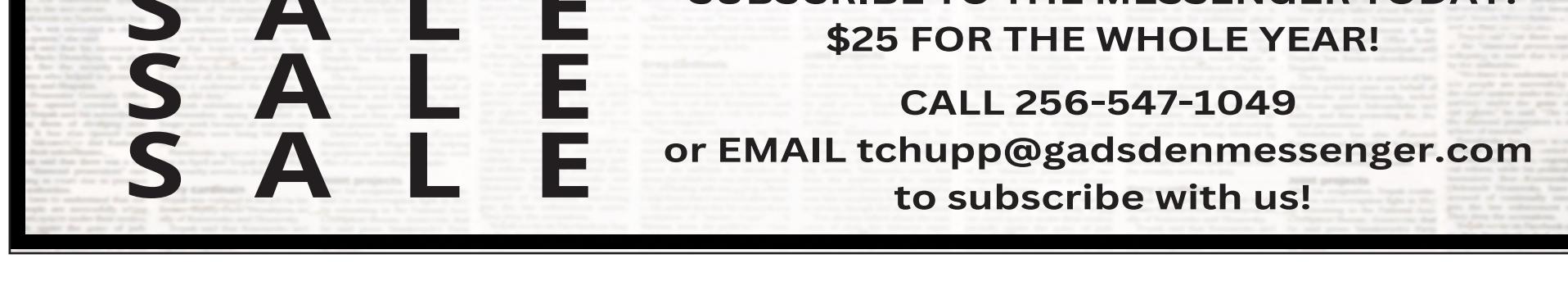
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

The members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Lambda Eta Omega chapter invite the community to join their

Founders' Day Celebration

February 1, 2026, at 3:00 pm,

at The Venue at Coosa Landing, 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. The event will feature guest speaker Nanette Baldwin, South Eastern Region Representative, International Membership Committee. This year marks the chapter's 50th Charter Anniversary, commemorated throughout the year.



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NEWS

IRS opens 2026 tax filing season; free local assistance available

The Internal Revenue Service officially opened the 2026 tax filing season on Jan. 26 and has begun accepting and processing federal individual income tax returns for the 2025 tax year.

The IRS expects approximately 164 million individual tax returns to be filed nationwide before the federal deadline of Wednesday, April 15. Taxpayers can access a variety of tools and filing options at IRS.gov to help prepare and submit their returns.

"As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, the IRS and its employees are excited to once again serve American taxpayers in meeting their tax filing obligations during the 2026 filing season," said IRS Chief Executive Officer Frank J. Bisignano.

Bisignano noted that 2026 also marks the 40th anniversary of electronic filing. He encouraged taxpayers to file electronically and choose direct deposit to speed processing times and refunds.

Filing electronically and selecting direct deposit remains the fastest way to receive a refund. The IRS offers several free options, including IRS Free File for eligible taxpayers, Free File Fillable Forms for those comfortable preparing their own returns, and in-person assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.

More than half of all taxpayers use a paid tax preparer. The IRS advises taxpayers to carefully choose a preparer and avoid unethical "ghost" return preparers who refuse to sign returns.

Most tax refunds are issued within 21 days, although some returns may require additional review. Under Executive Order 14247, the IRS began phasing out paper refund checks in Sep-

tember 2025, meaning most taxpayers must now provide banking information to receive refunds via direct deposit. Taxpayers can track their refund status using the "Where's My Refund?" tool on IRS.gov, the IRS2Go mobile app, or their IRS Individual Online Account.

Refunds for taxpayers claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) are expected to be available by March 2, 2026, for those who file electronically and choose direct deposit. Projected deposit dates will be available by Feb. 21.

Free Tax Preparation Available

Locally, free tax preparation and electronic filing services are available through a partnership between the IRS and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), which serves Etowah, Cherokee and DeKalb counties. The VITA and TCE programs are designed to assist low- to moderate-income taxpayers and senior citizens who may not be able to afford professional tax preparation. Trained and IRS-certified volunteers prepare straightforward federal and state returns at no cost.

RSVP and the IRS have partnered to offer these programs since 1990 in Etowah and Cherokee County. All volunteers are trained and certified before beginning tax preparation.

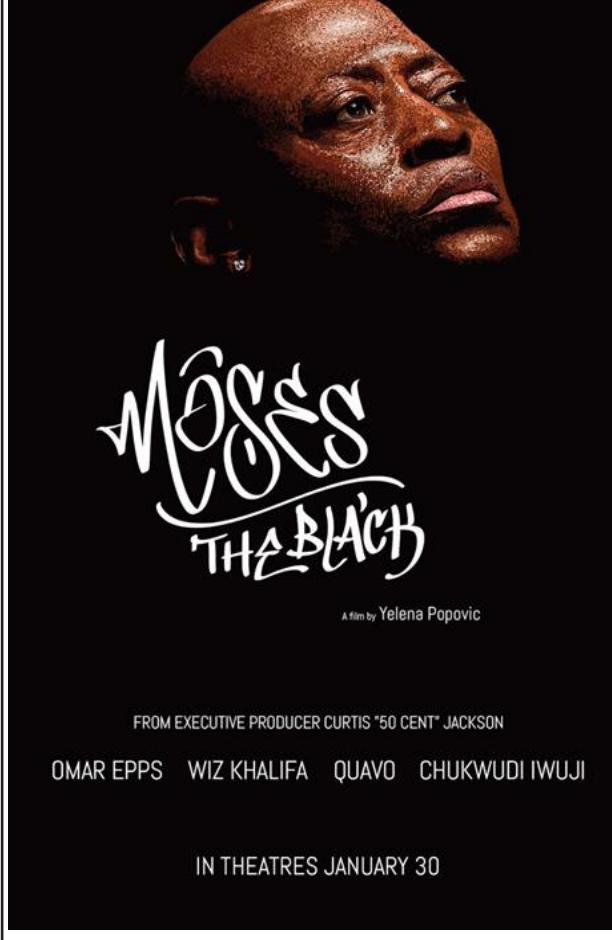
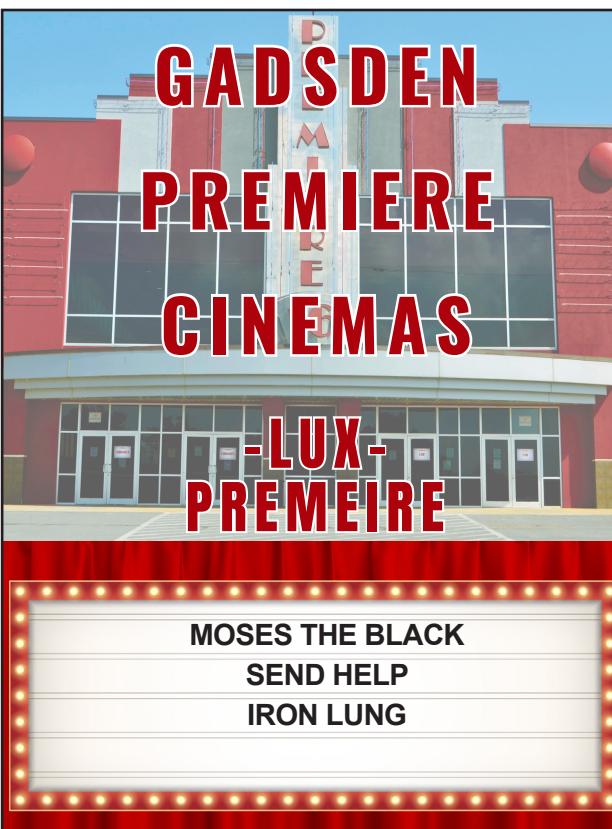
Free tax preparation services are offered at multiple locations across the three counties. In Etowah County, assistance is available at the Etowah County Courthouse, Room 221, located at 800 Forrest Ave. in Gadsden, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the Hokes Bluff Library at 3310 Alford Bend Road on Mondays from noon to 4 p.m.; the Jane Phillips Community Center at 115 Case Ave.

in Attalla on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Rainbow City Community Center at 3702 Rainbow Drive on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; the George Wallace Senior Center in Glencoe on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the East Gadsden Community Center at 921 Wilson St. on select Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

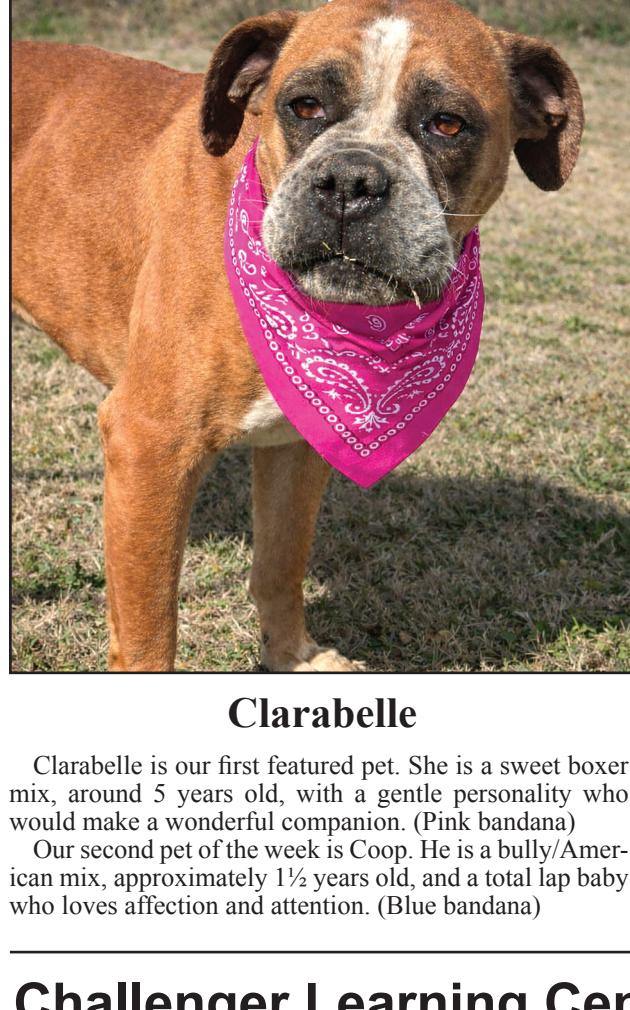
Additional services are available at the Centre Administration Building, located at 260 Cedar Bluff Road in Centre, on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Sardis City Library on select Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m.; the Walnut Grove Senior Center at 5151 Walnut Grove Road on select Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Ft. Payne Council on Aging at 600 Tyler Ave. SE in Ft. Payne on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon by appointment; and the Moon Lake Library at 4607 Alabama Highway 117 in Mentone on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment.

Taxpayers using the free service should bring a photo ID, Social Security cards for everyone listed on the return, birth dates, a copy of last year's tax return, income documents such as W-2s and 1099s, information on any cash income received, daycare payment details if applicable, and bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit.

For more information, residents may contact RSVP at 256-549-8147. RSVP is a federally sponsored program through AmeriCorps and is supported locally by the Etowah County Commission. Its mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and promote civic engagement through volunteer service.



Pets of the Week



Clarabelle

Clarabelle is our first featured pet. She is a sweet boxer mix, around 5 years old, with a gentle personality who would make a wonderful companion. (Pink bandana)

Our second pet of the week is Coop. He is a bully/American mix, approximately 1½ years old, and a total lap baby who loves affection and attention. (Blue bandana)



Coop

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

Come find your best friend!
Etowah County Animal Shelter, 12071 US HWY 278E, Piedmont, AL 36272, 256-494-5422.

Challenger Learning Center briefing room

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Gregerson brings decades of leadership and service to the organization. She is the former owner of Personnel Staffing Inc. and has more than 43 years of experience in the staffing industry, having assumed leadership of the company in 1981. She has received numerous state and national honors for business excellence and community leadership, including recognition from the governor of Alabama, the Gadsden-Etowah County Chamber

of Commerce, the Alabama Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama Girl Scouts.

Gregerson has also served in leadership roles across business and health care organizations and continues to support workforce development initiatives throughout Northeast Alabama.

The Gregerson-Armstrong Briefing Room will serve as a lasting symbol of the couple's dedication to preparing students for future careers

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SPORTS

Glencoe boys win county basketball title; Sardis sweeps girls, JV divisions

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

The Glencoe High School varsity boys' basketball team captured the Etowah County Basketball Tournament championship, highlighted by multiple All-County selections and an MVP honor.

Glencoe players Bryce Borntrager, Grant Smith, Jalen Hunter and Durrell Hampton

were named All-County. Smith was also selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The tournament was held Jan. 12-16 at Southside High School.

In the varsity girls' division, Sardis High School claimed the county title with a 51-28 win over Southside. Sardis' All-County selections included Shelby Abernathy, Mollie Brock, Vada Willmore and Mya Glass. Glass

was named tournament MVP.

Sardis also took top honors in both junior varsity divisions.

All-County selections for the Sardis JV girls team were Brantley Knott, Ava Garris, Ansley Wallace and Macie Cullom. Cullom and Wallace were named co-MVPs.

For the Sardis JV boys, Jibreelle Snow, Jake

Miller, Jud Miller and Bo Martin earned all-

tournament honors, with Snow named MVP.

Additional All-County honorees included

Kinlee Montgomery, Katy Talbot, Kynsley Freeman, Journey Underwood, Bryce Borntrager, Grant Smith, Jalen Hunter, Durrell Hampton, Luke Johnson and Cayden Cofield of Glencoe; Lily Ford, Alexa Cosper, Anderson Hassell, Miles Rickles, Seth Lovell, Hannah Westcott, Avery Loyd, Zoey McKinney, Caden Holderfield, Carson McGraw and Drew Clark of Southside; Noah

Johnson, Bryce Whittaker, Haylen Marbut, Javon Norman, Sarah Ponder, Vila Taliaferro, Victoria Taliaferro and Addison Simmons of Hokes Bluff; Brodi Mass, Austin Raines and Kennedi Nix of West End; and Cody Hasse, Brooklyn Merriman and Marquis Taylor of Gaston; and Levi Martin and Michele Menditto of Sardis.

During the tournament, Etowah County Schools also announced its 2025 All-County football team, along with MVPs for cross country and cheerleading.

Superintendent Dr. Alan Cosby was presented with the Legacy of Leadership Award for his longtime service as a teacher, administrator and superintendent in the Etowah County School System.

Glencoe High School head football coach Bayley Blanchard was named the 2025 Coach of the Year.

Southside and Etowah advance to bowling championships

Southside and Etowah are among the schools in the spotlight as the 11th AHSAA State Bowling Championships open championship play this week in Mobile.

Southside entered the tournament as the Class 6A/7A North Regional champion on the girls' side and competed as a No. 1 seed when play began Thursday morning at Bowlero Bowling Center. Southside also qualified a boys' team for championship play.

Etowah returned to the state championships as the defending Class 1A/5A boys state champion, seeking to repeat its 2025 title. Etowah also qualified a girls' team in Class 1A/5A.

Championship play began Thursday with the double-elimination, head-to-head format. Girls' competition opened at 8 a.m., followed by boys' competition at 1 p.m. Winners' bracket finals in each division are scheduled for late Thursday morning.

As of Thursday morning, Southside's girls' team won their first game at 8 a.m. The results of the Etowah game was not known at the time of publication.

Friday's action resumes with consolation bracket play before state championship matches be-

gin. Girls' state title matches are set for 11 a.m. Friday, with boys' championship matches scheduled for 4 p.m. "If" games, if necessary, will follow immediately in both divisions.

Southside faced Mary Montgomery in Thursday's opening round of the Class 6A/7A girls division, while the Panthers' boys team is slated to take on Hoover in Class 6A/7A boys competition. Etowah opens tournament play against Orange Beach in the Class 1A/5A girls division and Beauregard in the Class 1A/5A boys' bracket.

Several other programs entered the championships as top seeds following regional play. In girls' competition, Thompson (6A/7A South) and Scottsboro (1A/5A North) are regional champions. On the boys' side, Hoover (6A/7A South), James Clemens (6A/7A North), Corner (1A/5A North), and Beauregard (1A/5A South) earned top seeding.

Among notable individual performances, Southside's Cora Clontz finished second at last week's 6A/7A North Regional with a 393 two-game total and previously earned state medalist honors in 2024. Scottsboro's Grace Anderton led the Class

1A/5A North Regional, while Addy Walton of Horseshoe Bend helped guide her team back to the state tournament after earning medalist honors last season.

Three of last year's four defending champions advanced

to this year's field, including Thompson (girls 6A/7A), Scottsboro (girls 1A/5A), and Etowah (boys 1A/5A). Vestavia Hills, last year's boys 6A/7A champion, did not qualify.

All matches will be televised

live on the AHSAA TV Network and streamed on the NFHS Network, with WOTM tv producing the championship finals.

AHSSA contributed to this article.

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LIFESTYLE

'I still believe that people are really good at heart'



Arranging
the
Pieces

Tabitha Bozeman

On my way to work Tuesday morning, I drove much more slowly than usual, as did everyone around me. We were scared of hitting black ice. I noticed right away, though, that from the end of my driveway, to the end of my street, then onto the main thoroughfares, there was well-tempered sand everywhere on the roads. As I came down the mountain, there were a few places where water had puddled up, frozen, then been driven over, dragging water and ice out into the road. The sunrise glared on the water and ice, beautiful and blinding. I looked again and noticed that there was sand piled up in and all around the puddle. Cars were driving through it just fine. Even in the cold, rainy weather, our city workers got out and took care of things before there was a safety hazard. In fact, I noticed them preparing for the cold weather long before it got here: burst pipes were fixed, drains unclogged, sand was loaded and ready. We had reports about what to expect from the city, what the progress was on various projects, where to find warming stations, and

schools were delayed or closed to keep everyone safe.

While we were bundled into our home waiting out the cold weather, the girls and I did a lot of reading because the best place to be when it is 16 degrees outside is under a blanket with a good book. Right now, I have a couple of books going, but I focused most on one called *The Librarian of Saint-Malo*. In it, a young woman who is the local librarian in France during the Nazi invasion navigates love, loss, and complicated moral and philosophical questions. There is a nosy old neighbor who is full of hatred and spite, a German soldier who is complex and evolving, and a young boy who helps with the Resistance. Through it all this young woman is trying to live within the constantly changing guidelines and rules of the invaders, mourn her losses, and hold onto her humanity. After an interaction with a stranger who is forced to leave her young children and flee, she muses that "Something deeper than friendship united us: Neither of us had lost our humanity. Many people think human beings are what is wrong with the world, but the real problem is dehumanization."

This quote has stayed with me as I've borne witness these weeks to murders and outrage, grief and protest, a great coming together and attempts to divide. What we have seen is the furthest thing from "do good to everyone" (Galatians 6:10), "Do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you

devise evil against another in your heart" (Zechariah 7:10), or "For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Galatians 5:14).

However, although this week has been cold, and it has been heavy, there has been beauty in it, too: watching others lend helping hands when a family pet is lost; seeing strangers and acquaintances meet up and encourage one another to keep on keeping on; witnessing empathy and outrage over come fear; hugging a friend on a clear, cold night while the moon is bright overhead; listening to a favorite album by candlelight and reading a good book.

My current read has reminded me that no two people have identical views and ideas about every current issue or debate. No two people are going to agree on every philosophical, theological, or political topic. No two people have the same experiences to shape their worldviews. But every single human is worthy of having their humanity recognized. Every single human deserves more than being treated as *The Other*.

Isabel Wilkerson points out how to avoid this: "It is harder to dehumanize a single individual that you have gotten the chance to know." When we see someone at work or school, in our neighborhood or grocery store, when we have exchanged pleasantries, smiles, and handshakes, we see them in their humanity. The coworker who always asks about your kids, the associate who smiles and asks how your day is when

you grab takeout, the public servant who goes out of their way to be supportive of local events? Those are humans. "Which is why" Wilkerson goes on to say, "people and groups who seek power and division do not bother with dehumanizing and individual. Better to attach a stigma a taint of pollution to an entire group."

This week, I saw many people abdicate their own humanity by denying that of others. But, I saw many, many more humans come together to protect, support, and lift up those who were having their humanity denied. Those moments help us keep ahold of faith in humanity when we need it most.

Gandhi reminds us that "You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty." When the most horrific examples of human behavior are streamed 24/7 on tv and social media, it is easy to lose faith. But, all day, every day, humans are out there, helping one another. Carrying groceries for someone else, holding a baby for a tired parent, making sure the roads are ice-free in frigid, wet weather. Because, at our very core, I believe most of us don't want to live in a world where it is ok to strip someone of their humanity. Like Anne Frank said, "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."

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Cold weather and Creamy Tuscan Chicken



ECHOES
FROM THE
KITCHEN

Samantha Hill

Cold weather has a way of slowing life down, inviting us to curl up with a blanket and a book while the wind rattles outside. On those chilly days, I find myself reaching for the Dutch oven my husband gave me; a gift that's proven endlessly versatile, perfect for everything from slow-simmered stews to quick weeknight dinners. This week, I'm leaning into that adaptability.

Creamy Tuscan Chicken

6 bone in/skin on chicken thighs
Olive oil
Salt and black pepper
1 large shallot, peeled and minced
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup Marsala wine (or dry white wine)
1/4 cup chicken broth
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
1/2 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes

(jarred in olive oil)

1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
2 cups fresh spinach, chopped
1/2 cup cherry tomatoes (cut these in half)
Parsley for garnish

Instructions

Coat the bottom of the Dutch oven (or an iron skillet will work great too) with olive oil and turn the heat on until the pan is hot. Season the chicken with salt and pepper and then cook with the skin side down for about 15 minutes, until the skin is crispy and golden. Flip the chicken and cook on the other side until cooked through. The meat should temp around 160. Set aside chicken on a plate and cover while you make the sauce.

Add the shallot and garlic to the pan and sauté, stirring constantly, for a couple of minutes. Then add the Marsala wine and let it simmer while you scrape the browned

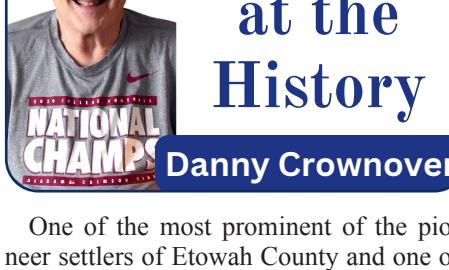
bits from the bottom of the pan. Add the

chicken stock, heavy cream, and sun-dried tomatoes and cook the sauce for a few minutes, allowing it to thicken. Add the cheese and stir until well mixed. Add the chopped spinach and fresh tomatoes to the pan and cook until the spinach has wilted. Add the chicken back into the pan and heat through before serving, garnished with fresh parsley.

From my kitchen to yours, I send well wishes for safety and comfort in the days ahead.

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.

William S. Tillison and pioneer family



Looking
at the
History

Danny Crownover

One of the most prominent of the pioneer settlers of Etowah County and one of its best loved citizens was William S. Tillison, head of a fine and influential family that has many branches in this and other sections of the state.

He was born near McMinnville, Tennessee, and came here as a young man, fresh from long service in the Indian Wars.

He first settled at what later became known as the Tripp Place, the residence being at the corner of Third Street and Ewing Avenue.

He soon moved to what is now known as Tillison Bend where he purchased 258 acres of good land on the Coosa River. Next, he bought the Burger Farm of 200 acres on the west side of the river and then he took over 80 acres in East Gadsden known as the Bud Vison place.

He married Miss Martha McGhee, daughter of a pioneer and prominent family in this section. She died in 1925 at the age of 86 years. They raised 13 children and eight of them were still living in 1949. They were Thomas (Tommy) who was 90 years old; Gus 84; Mrs. Nannie Garrison, 77; Charles 75; R.L. (Bobbie), 73; Mrs. J. W. Grambling, 70; Miss Carie, 68; Lillie, 65. The Children Who died were Frank, Eddie, Julia, Joe And Katie.

Most of Mr. Tillison's descendants resided in and around Gadsden an all of them are widely known and highly respected. He was one of the founders of the old Cove Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Glencoe and was a very religious man.

While he owned and operated a big river

plantation successfully, farming was not his main business for he was a professional well borer. He and his sons, Frank and Edward, drilled many artesian wells in Montgomery and nearby counties, their headquarters being in the city of Montgomery.

Frank carried on up until his death. The Tillison old home is still standing. In the good old days it was noted for its hospitality. The family lived well and their friends were always welcome.

When Will I. Martin was a child, he attended an infarce there which was held in honor of Frank and his bride, Miss Callie Spear, of Ramer, Montgomery County. An infarce is the occasion when the groom brings his bride to his own home for the first time and in the good old days the groom's family put the "little pot in the big one."

The Tillisons certainly served a remarkable feast that day. There were turkey, pork, beef and mutton and all the trimmings. Will I. Martin remembered a great oblong dish in the center of the table that

was heaped with squirrel and dumplings.

During the morning some of the boys went to the river and pulled out a basket that contained about 25 pounds of fish. On that day or at another time, Mr. Tillison had killed a wild turkey or two. There was plenty of game in the Lonesome Bend in those days when the cooking was done in skillets and on spits in a huge fireplace that burned hickory wood.

The kitchen was stone floored and was separate from the main house. In the early days a woman school teacher came to the Tillison Home to board and when she started to write her first letter to her folks, she asked Mr. Tillison the name of the community and he said "just put it down as Lonesome Bend, that's a good name for it." for a long time it was known as such.

Everybody gave Mr. Tillison the courtesy title of colonel, because of his bearing and prominence in the county.

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DEVOTIONALS

Life is a gem — give thanks for it



Sandra Bost

I love C. S. Lewis. I was introduced to him by my 3rd grade teacher. She read The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe to our class. I imagined myself as Lucy. I still do.

I am stuck on that scene in Prince Caspian where the Pevensie children are trying to get to the prince. It's the middle of the night. Lucy senses something stirring in the forest. She investigates and sees Aslan. He motions for her to come to him, but she hesitates. Seeking approval, she tells the others, but they don't believe her. She second-guesses herself and ignores Aslan.

After a treacherous journey (that could have been avoided if Lucy had followed Aslan), they all encounter him again—and he makes everything right.

But I digress.

Even though this icy weather and the state of our nation have me thinking about Narnia and the curse of the White Witch herself, that's not what I wanted to write about.

I did, however, see a quote by Clive Staples Lewis this week while scrolling the

happier parts of social media. It said:

"Everyone begins as a child by hating Weather. You learn the art of disliking it as you grow up. Haven't you ever noticed it on a snowy day? The grown-ups are all going about with long faces, but look at the children—and the dogs? They know what snow's made for."

That made me think about growing up and about seasons again. (You may remember I wrote about seasons in Ecclesiastes 3 the first week of January.)

My daddy is getting married! He has fallen in love with a precious woman that he hopes to spend the rest of his life with. She is beautiful and kind. Strong and no-nonsense. (I love that!) They have lots of things in common. I might have guessed she would be the one the day she pulled me aside after he sang at church and said, "Your Daddy's a gem."

They have made plans to spend their days (and maybe my inheritance) traveling and living out Ecclesiastes 3:13 as they "eat and drink and see and enjoy the good of all [their] labor—it is the gift of God" (AMP). And, I couldn't be more thrilled.

Since the (many) pictures of their lunch dates and adventures have appeared on social media, friends have messaged to check on me. It's been really sweet, because I have had lots of opportunities to think about the gift of this season.

Before Momma went to Heaven, she did one of the kindest, most loving things a spouse can do for another. Out of her deep

love for my daddy, she gave him her blessing to marry again someday, if the opportunity ever arose.

To be clear, I don't think that a widow or widower needs permission to remarry. But as I've watched my daddy navigate these lonely waters, I've come to see how tender—and how freeing—that gift truly was. And, because I knew that was her heart, I've been able to encourage Daddy to move through his grief in whatever way he needed, without hesitation or worry. It has been a comfort to both of us.

And can we talk about the sweetness of watching your parent fall in love? Seeing him come alive with what must feel like a second chance has been such a treasure. There's something tender and sacred about witnessing joy return to someone who thought that chapter of life had already closed.

There are little signs—quiet, unmistakable signs—that let you know love might be blooming again, even in the twilight of life. Their smile changes. It's softer, brighter—almost like you're seeing a younger version of them peek through. They become more hopeful as their grief softens. Not erased, not forgotten—just wrapped in new light. They want to share things. A favorite restaurant, a hobby, a story—love brings out the desire to invite someone into their world.

And in all of it, they create a new world—a new beginning. A beautiful place where Hope floats on the idea that life truly is a

beautiful gift of God. And I am here for it. All. Of. It.

Seasons change. Hearts heal. Joy returns in ways we don't expect. And whether we're in the first chapter or the twilight of life, God keeps giving us new mercies, new stories, new reasons to lift our faces toward Him.

Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is "a time for every purpose under Heaven (NKJV)," and that the simple joys of eating at Oishi, drinking mushroom coffee, falling in love, and playing in the snow are gifts from the hand of a generous God. C.S. Lewis was right—children (and dogs) know what snow is made for. They don't overthink the moment; they delight in it.

So wherever you find yourself today—waiting, grieving, celebrating, or simply watching ice melt off the branches—may you receive this season with that same childlike wonder. May you recognize your life, in every chapter, as a sacred gift from the God who loves you.

Lean into it.

Give thanks for it.

Live it fully.

Because this moment—this very day—is God's good gift to you. A real gem.

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Understand what is at stake

Have you ever had a moment where you looked at someone a family member, a co-worker, a neighbor and suddenly realized they need Jesus? It's not dramatic. It's not forced. It's just clear. In that moment, the arguments, the stress, and the things we usually chase lose their grip. Something deeper comes into focus.

What's at stake.

We're not just sharing space with people. We're walking alongside souls with eternal destinies. And when God opens our eyes to see people the way He sees them, everything changes.

Ordinary conversations become opportunities. Routine encounters become divine appointments.

God helps us see beyond titles, timelines, and surface level talk. He reveals hearts that are searching, souls that are longing, and lives that need the hope only Jesus can give.

This isn't about being pushy or preachy. It's about being aware. Aware that every relationship carries eternal weight. Aware that our presence, our words, and our actions matter more than we realize.

When we understand what is at stake, we pray differently. We listen more carefully. We love more intentionally. We stop rushing through moments that God wants to use.

And here's the truth. This awareness doesn't burden us. It empowers us. It gives

purpose to our days and meaning to our interactions. It reminds us that God has placed us exactly where we are for such a time as this.

Someone in your life needs hope. Someone needs grace. Someone needs Jesus.

And God may have positioned you to be the one who shows them.

Walk in grace. Stand in truth. Live blessed.

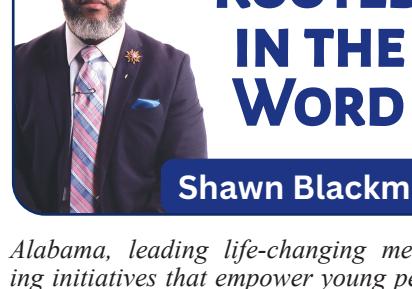
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Alabama, leading life-changing mentoring initiatives that empower young people across five counties. His leadership bridges the gap between the Church and the community, inspiring collaboration, compassion and lasting transformation.

Weekly Bible Verses

“ **And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.** ”

- Mark 9:35-37 (King James Version)



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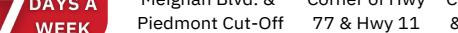
































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OBITUARIES



Betty Sue

McDonough Nelson

ATTALLA - Betty Sue McDonough Nelson, born September 13, 1932, passed away at home on January 21, 2026 at the age of 93. She was a resident of Attalla, Alabama.

A visitation and a chapel service was held on Wednesday, January 28 at Morgan Funeral Chapel and Crematory located at 625 Gilbert Ferry Rd SE, Attalla, AL 35954.

Betty was a 1950 graduate of Etowah High School and a 1954 graduate of Jacksonville State University. Betty spent 30 years as a public school teacher in Montgomery, Alabama. Betty also gave 33 years of service to the Etowah Baptist Mission Center. She was a proud member of the First Baptist Church of Attalla as well as Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Montgomery.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Roy J. Nelson.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Susan and Donna Nelson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Etowah Baptist Mission Center, Alabama City, or First Baptist Church of Attalla. Special thanks given to Adoration Home Health, as well as friends and special neighbors of Attalla.

Dorothy Mae
Womack Oden

GADSDEN - Dorothy Mae Womack Oden, age 96, crossed over the River Jordan into the arms of her Savior and heard the words, "Welcome Home my good and faithful servant," on Friday, January 23, 2026.

Dorothy was born in Gadsden, Alabama on September 29, 1929.

She was preceded in death by her husband Iris H Oden who took her hand in marriage in 1949; mother, Rosa Bell Womack; as well as her brothers and sisters, Ailene Butler, Charles Womack, Ruby Latimer, James Womack and Frances Crosson.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda Todd, Sheila Franklin, Beth Smithson (Howard); grandchildren, Amy Todd, Lisa Todd-Reyna (John), Carey Franklin (Bethany), Melissa Newman (Lucian), Lana Gregg; great-grandchildren: Jimmy Todd, Jesse Todd, Iris Reyna, Gabriel Reyna, Marissa Perez (Abraham), Savanah Wilson (Brandon), Joey Franklin, Aria Esser; great-great-grandchildren, Charlotte Perez and Eli Wilson.

Dorothy graduated from Emma Sansom High School.

She was an active member of Alabama City Church of God, she taught Sunday School and was an active member of the choir most of her life. She was also an active member of the ladies' ministries. She and her husband, Iris, were proud members and helped to grow the church.

One of Dorothy's proudest achievements, which took her years to complete was the Alabama City Church of God History book. She cited numerous events that led to the building and history of the church.

Dorothy was a Master Gardener and loved to spend time with her flowers. Especially the row of Iris.

The family wishes to extend a very special thanks to all the ladies that cared for Dorothy in her final days, Sharron Tarvin, Mary Hernandez, Paula Murray, Kaci Connolly, and Annie Guest.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alabama City Church of God, "Debt reduction."

A visitation and a funeral service was held at Alabama City Church of God on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Ethel Mae Beck

SOUTHSIDE - Ethel Mae Beck, 90, of Southside, passed away on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at her home.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Gary Lynn Curvin

GADSDEN - Gary Lynn Curvin, born on April 28, 1962, passed away on November 8, 2025, at the age of 63. He was a resident of Gadsden, Alabama.

George Hann

MARTINSVILLE, VA. - With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the earthly transition of George Washington Hann of Martinsville, VA, formerly of Gadsden, who traded time for eternity on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at the age of 74.

Services: January 31, 2026, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~ Etowah Chapel, 401 N. 9th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Celebration of Life: February 1, 2026, 2:00 PM, Adams-Buggs Funeral Service in the Chapel, located at 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL, 35901. The final resting place will be Forrest Cemetery, located at 700 S 15th St, Gadsden.

Interment following funeral service: February 1, 2026, Lincoln Hill Cemetery, 408 Miller Ave, Gadsden, AL 35903.

Henry Hardy

GADSDEN - With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the earthly transition of Henry Louis Hardy of Gadsden, who traded time for eternity on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at the age of 85.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Henry Louis Hardy, please visit our floral store.

Public Visitation: January 31, 2026, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~ Etowah Chapel, 401 N. 9th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Celebration of Life: February 1, 2026, 2:00 PM, Friendship Baptist Church, Gadsden.

Interment following funeral service: February 1, 2026, Rainbow Memorial Gardens, 1440 W Grand Avenue, Gadsden, 35904.

Janette Rivette Budlong

GADSDEN - Janette Rivette Budlong passed away on January 21, 2026, at the age of 87. She was born on November 26, 1938. Janette was a resident of Gadsden.

He leaves behind his wife, Angela Mayo; daughter, Stacy Mayo Crowder (Keviin); 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

Jean Beard Trimble, born on October 11, 1926, passed away on January 21, 2026, at the age of 99.

A visitation was held on January 27, 2026, at Collier-Butler Funeral Home, located at 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901, followed by a funeral service. Rev. Charles Smith will officiate. Burial followed at Forrest Cemetery in Gadsden.



Jewell Haun Ross

Jewell Haun Ross, age 95, affectionately known as "Juice" by her family, passed away on January 23, 2026.

She is preceded in death by her parents, George W. and Myrtice Poole Haun, husband, Guy Ross Sr., and infant daughter Judith Kay Ross.

She is survived by her son, Guy Ross Jr. (Robbie), granddaughters Jennifer Srawn (Chad) and Julie Malamud (David). She is also survived by her great-grandchild, Conner. Sister, Sylvia Petty, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Jewell was a member of North Gadsden Baptist Church.

The family would like to express our deepest gratitude to Brandi Howard and caregivers Angie, April, and Vickie. Thanks to Amedisys Hospice for their compassionate care and guidance during Jewell's illness.

A funeral service was held on January 27, 2026, at Collier-Butler Funeral Home in the Chapel, located at 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL, 35901. The final resting place will be Forrest Cemetery, located at 700 S 15th St, Gadsden.

Joel Wyatt

With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the earthly transition of Joel Wyatt of Harrisburg, PA, formerly of Turkeytown, who traded time for eternity on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at the age of 58.

Public Visitation before service: January 31, 2026, 11:00 AM, Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~ Etowah Chapel, 401 N. 9th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Celebration of Life: January 31, 2026, 12:00 PM, Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~ Etowah Chapel, 401 N. 9th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Interment following funeral service: February 1, 2026, Rainbow Memorial Gardens, 1440 W Grand Avenue, Gadsden, 35904.

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 (Keviin); 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.

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be so deeply missed by all of his family and friends.

Johnny Glenn Crane

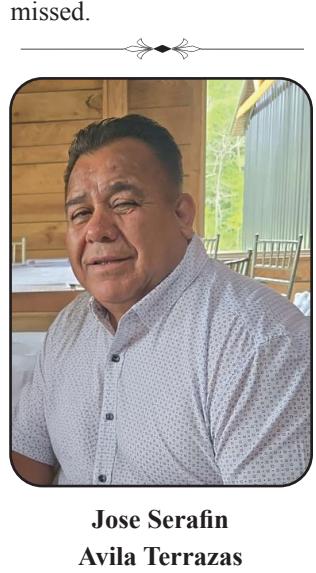
HOKES BLUFF - Funeral service for Johnny Glenn Crane, 78, of Hokes Bluff was held 2pm Thursday, January 29, 2026 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with Gary McCurdy officiating.

Mr. Crane passed away on Monday, January 27, 2026 at Jacksonville Health and Rehab.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Cathy Crane; and parents, Charles and Maybell Crane.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Tracie (Michael Shane) Stephens; sons, Matthew Crane; grandchild, Katie Perkins; sisters, Betty Bradley, Kathy Ellzey, June Renfroe, Faye Dinston, and Connie Simonton; brother, David Crane; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Johnny was a member of Fairview Baptist Church; where he was a Sunday school teacher and deacon of the church. He graduated from Hokes Bluff High School and retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber. Johnny served in the US Army and was a Vietnam Veteran; he will be so deeply missed.

Jose Serafin
Avila Terrazas

ATTALLA - Jose Serafin Avila Terrazas of Attalla was born September 1, 1962, passed away at home in Apaseo El Alto, GTO Mexico on January 20, 2026. He was a resident of Attalla, AL.

In his free time he loved spending time with his family going to eat and shopping. He was a person who if you need something, he would give you the shirt off his back. He loved watching his favorite soccer team play America and going to watch his favorite Football team Alabama with his son.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Ann Avila and parents, Macario Avila Jimenez and Ma Felix Terrazas Rico and many other family members in heaven. He is survived by his daughter, Erica Lee Avila (Vega); sons, Jose Serafin Avila Jr., Javier Avila, Joel Avila, Ricardo Avila; grandchildren, Hunter Murl McGowen, Emily Ray Avila, Luis Angel Vega, Jose Serafin Avila III, Jovanni De Jesus Vega, Cali Grace Avila, Amari Rose Avila; brothers and sisters, Amelia Avila Terrazas, Adelina Avila Terrazas, Salvador Avila Terrazas, Uriel Avila Terrazas, Jaime Avila Terrazas and Imelda Avila Terrazas.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to her caregivers, Emilie Huddleston, Jennifer Sheppard, and Veronica Brasher, for the exceptional care they provided.

In lieu of flowers, donations

may be made to the Northeast Etowah County Community Center.

Douglas Michael Mayo

GADSDEN - Douglas Michael Mayo, 70, of Gadsden passed away on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Riverview Regional Medical Center.

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 (Keviin); 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.

Funeral services were planned for Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 2:30pm at Morgan Funeral Chapel. Burial at Rainbow Memorial Gardens.

Louis Groce

Viewing for Mr. Louis Groce was held Thursday, January 29, 2026 in the Chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home.

Celebration of life services will be 1:00 pm Friday, January 30, 2026 at the Pine Grove Baptist Church.

500 Drew Ave, Lincoln, AL. Burial in the Adjoining Cemetery.

Mary Sue Grissom

Mr. Grissom, age 89, passed away peacefully on January 25, 2026. A graveside service was held at 2:30 pm on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at Forrest Cemetery.

Mr. Grissom was preceded in death by his wife, Cathy Crane; and parents, Charles and Maybell Crane.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Tracie (Michael Shane) Stephens; sons, Matthew Crane; grandchild, Katie Perkins; sisters, Betty Bradley, Kathy Ellzey, June Renfroe, Faye Dinston, and Connie Simonton; brother, David Crane; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Johnny was a member of Fairview Baptist Church; where he was a Sunday school teacher and deacon of the church. He graduated from Hokes Bluff High School and retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber. Johnny served in the US Army and was a Vietnam Veteran; he will be so deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cathy Crane; and parents, Charles and Maybell Crane.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Tracie (Michael Shane) Stephens; sons, Matthew Crane; grandchild, Katie Perkins; sisters, Betty Bradley, Kathy Ellzey, June Renfroe, Faye Dinston, and Connie Simonton; brother, David Crane; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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He was preceded in death by his wife, Cathy Crane; and parents, Charles and Maybell Crane.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Tracie (Michael Shane) Stephens; sons, Matthew Crane; grandchild, Katie Perkins; sisters, Betty Bradley, Kathy Ellzey, June Renfroe, Faye Dinston, and Connie Simonton; brother, David Crane; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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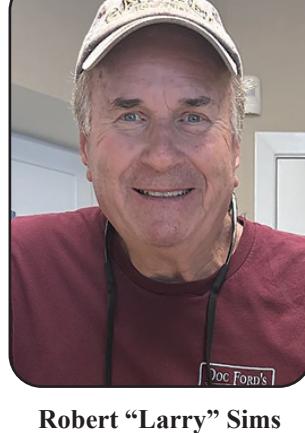
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OBITUARIES



Robert "Larry" Sims

Robert "Larry" Sims, lovingly known as "Pawpaw," passed away on January 23, 2026, at the age of 75, in Birmingham, Alabama, due to complications from cancer treatment.

Larry was born on March 4, 1950, in Gadsden, Alabama. He carried a lifelong reputation for being a leader, a loving husband and father, a kind and selfless friend, and the family jokester.

In 1970, Larry married Sherry Sims. They shared 27 years together and raised two children, Chris Sims and Leisa Lunsford, until Sherry's passing in 1997. In 2002, Larry married Jackie Sims, his devoted wife of 23 years.

After retiring from Goodyear, Larry and Jackie moved to the beach, but he continued building businesses. Larry loved life, his family, New Orleans, Mardi Gras, and Jimmy Buffett. He and Jackie enjoyed traveling, including their trips to Cuba, Hawaii, and the Dominican Republic. Even though he did not like the weather and always returned home with a cold, he looked forward to their annual trip to Ohio for the Christmas holidays. He also loved riding his golf cart through the neighborhood, stopping to visit friends and neighbors, and especially enjoyed the phone calls and visits with his lifelong friend, John Graham.

To his 15 grandchildren, he was simply "Pawpaw," a

role he cherished deeply.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lee Sims; his mother, Margaret Sims; his late wife, Sherry Sims; and his grandson, Pierce Lunsford.

Larry is survived by his wife, Jackie Sims; his children, Chris (Tonja) Sims and Leisa (Tim) Lunsford; his stepchildren, Gary (Rebecca) Brown, Lesli (John) Fowler, and Lindsay (Bobby) Brown; his brother, Kenneth (Donna) Sims; and his 15 grandchildren. He will be so deeply missed by his family and numerous friends around the country.

Funeral services were held on January 28, 2026, at Collier Butler Funeral Home, 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Navarre Beach Fire Department, with "Larry" in the comment line, 1413 Utility Drive, Navarre, FL 32566 or Venmo @navarrebeachfire .

Rickey Kyle

A viewing for Rickey Kyle will be 12 - 6pm Friday, January 20, 2026 in the chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home.

Celebration of life will be 1pm Saturday January 31, 2026 at First Baptist Church Gadsden, AL 1411 Meadow Brook Ave.

Sophia Yvette Owens

Sophia Yvette Owens went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Sophia was a 1988 graduate of Glencoe High School.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Norma McElroy.

Sophia is survived by her husband, Jay Owens; father, Dallas (Renae) McElroy; aunt, Marie Dunn; cousins, Lee Parr, Cade (Erin) Parr, Patty (Bobby) Partridge, Lee (Tab) Partridge, Lisa (Evan) Johns; and a host of more.

The family would like to

to thank the wonderful doctors and nurses of UAB St. Vincent's East and the staff of Aveanna Home Health.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Sharon Freeman

A viewing of Mrs. Sharon Freeman was held Thursday, January 29, 2026 in the Chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home.

Celebration of life services will be 11 am Saturday, January 31, 2026 at the Mission Baptist Church, 1115 Tuscaloosa Ave, Gadsden, AL. Burial will be at Mt. Zion B.C. Cropwell Cemetery.

Samuel Bynum

In person signing of the book and viewing will be 12 - 6pm Friday, January 30, 2026 in the chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home. Celebration of life will be 1pm Saturday January 31, 2026 at First Baptist Church.

Rodriguez Crook

GADSDEN - With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the earthly transition of Mr.

Rodriguez Garcia Crook of Gadsden, who traded time

for eternity on Wednesday,

January 21, 2026 at the age of 68.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Rodriguez Garcia ("Rickey") Crook, please visit our floral store. Service to be announced.

Terry Green

Mr. Terry Green was born September 5, 1986 to Virginia Green Clayton (Myra Alcorn) and James Kevin Handley.

Terry loved wrestling, MMA Boxing, Basketball, and spending his time with his family and kids.

He was proceeded in death by his grandparents; Leon and Vicki Parker, and his grandfather; Charles Green Sr.

He leaves to cherish his

loving memories his mom; Virginia Green Clayton and Myra Alcorn, his father; Kevin (Tina) Handley, one daughter; Kendra Green, sons; Joshua Green and Tray Allison, one granddaughter; Odaye Allison, sisters; Leanne Handley, Kimberley Trail, Michelle Sexton, Megan Buttram, Tessa Summers and Brandy Hawkins, brothers; Zachary Hawkins, Jeffery Green, Jobo Green, Chris Jones, Dylan Hawkins, Matt Hawkins, aunts; Stephanie Green, Kathy Johnson, Jenny Cain, Sharron Hawkins, uncles; Charles, Joey, Jeff, Willie Green, Micheal and Rusty Parker, and Nevin Johnson, in-laws; step father - Mike Hawkins, special friends Crystal Flowers, Samantha Bailey, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Celebration of life was held 1:00 pm Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at Circle Of Life 108 Heath Rd. Pastor Bubba Letherwood Eulogist. Burial Garner Cemetery.

Sue Gobble

Funeral services will be held at 2pm Tuesday, January 27th, 2026, at Village Chapel Funeral Home, for Sue Gobble, 69, of Gadsden, who died Wednesday, January 21st, 2026. Minister Brooks Boyd will officiate. Burial will follow at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Sue was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, and she was a member of Glencoe Church of Christ. Her favorite hobbies were cross stitching, plastic canvas, and she was a very talented cook.

Mrs. Gobble was preceded in death by her parents, Lonnie and Thelma Lankford; and siblings, L.C., Marvin, Larry, Edward, James, Pearl, Bobbie, Lou, Margaret, and Martha; grandchild, Keaton.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Gobble; son, Kevin (Kadance) Gobble; grandkids, Jayden, Cyrus, Alona; sister, Louise

(Ralph) Johnson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to everyone who cared for her at Northside Healthcare, and a very special thank you to the staff of Riverview Regional Medical Center.



Timothy Roal Foucart

Timothy Roal Foucart, known affectionately as Tim by friends and family, was a beacon of intelligence, hardiness, and courage throughout his remarkable life. Born on February 12,

1955, in the industrious city of Pontiac, Michigan, Tim's journey was one of unwavering faith, boundless curiosity, and resolute bravery. On January 24, 2026, Tim's earthly chapter concluded in the peaceful town of Gadsden, Alabama, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire and motivate all who were blessed to cross his path.

To know him was truly to love him. He was an honest, loving, devoted, and hard-working husband who cherished his wife for 44 won-

derful years. Together they raised nine children, each of whom he deeply loved and treasured.

Although he did not follow a traditional career path

or retire from a company, he was widely known for

his entrepreneurial spirit and exceptional skills as a handyman and backyard mechanic. There truly wasn't anything he couldn't fix. He was an honorable, intelligent man who poured his knowledge, wisdom, and life lessons into his children and grandchildren. What he gave our family was far more valuable than money — the memories we share with him are priceless.

He taught us how to survive, how to work hard, and how to be better people. His greatest hope was that his children would grow to be better than he ever was.

He was an incredible father in ways he never had to be, and his love showed in everything he did.

He loved his CB radios, proudly going by the handle "Blue Goose," and he found joy in tinkering and perfecting anything he touched. Meticulous and skilled, he took pride in doing things the right way.

Above all, he was a devoted grandfather, a patient teacher, and a loving presence in the lives of his grandchildren. They adored him deeply and will forever carry the lessons, laughter, and love he shared.

He was a good man — one whose legacy lives on through the family he loved so dearly.



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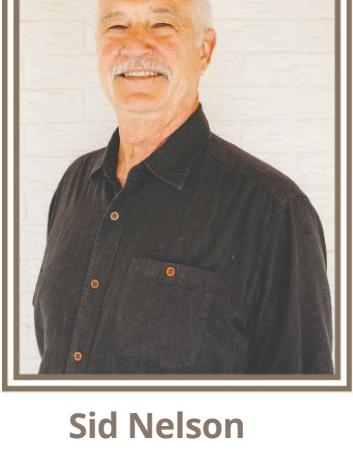
Jody Sizemore



Ponda Jones



Halee Sims



Sid Nelson



Skyler Clonts



Melissa Ortiz



Scarlett Green

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate
January 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

John D. Floyd was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/18/2025 to the Estate of Johnny Eugene Haggard, Sr., deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

January 30, February 6, and 13, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: DOROTHY ANN BALL, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

CASE # 2026-00022

To: Christy Brown, whose whereabouts are unknown

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

DONE THIS THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 30, February 6 and 13, 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 FRANCIS-CO, 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:

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:

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

DONE THIS THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 30, February 6 and 13, 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

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DONE THIS THE 6th 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:

PUBLICATION NOTICE
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-12S, R-6E; thence S09°28'54"W along the west line of the NE % of the SE a distance of 342.17 feet to a point on the permanent easement line (said line offset 71.00 feet left & perpendicular 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 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 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 offset 71.00 feet left 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 193.17 feet to a point on said present right-of-way line; thence S34°27'17"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 offset 71.00 feet left to centerline of project at station 9+80.52 left) thence N24°18'03"E along the acquired right-of-way line a distance of 60.75 feet to a point on the acquired right-of-way line; (said point offset 71.00 feet left to centerline of project at 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 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°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, Alabama, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35901 and the attorney for the Plaintiff, John F. Porter, III, Esquire, Probate Office, and lying and being more fully 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:

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

DONE THIS THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 30, February 6 and 13, 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

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,

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.

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,

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,

January 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 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

**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 Lipscomb, 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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage unit will be disposed of February 20, 2026 on the business premises of Huff's Mini Storage. Huff's Mini Storage is located at 608 Gilbert Ferry Road, Attalla, AL. 35954.

Renee Marshall
Units #1 & #9.

Huff's Mini Storage
608 Gilbert Ferry Road
Attalla, AL. 35954.

January 30, February 6,
13, and 20, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage unit will be disposed of on February 6, 2026 beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the business premises of B&J Thrift Store and Mini Storage at 1101 Hwy 77, Attalla, AL. 35954.

C. Bohannon
Unit 41

B&J Thrift and Mini Storage
1101 Hwy 77
Attalla, AL. 35954
256-485-8656

January 30 and February
6, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units will be auctioned on February 11, 2026 beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the business premises of Southtowne Mini Warehouses, Southtowne is located at 199 Woodland Drive, off of Steele Station Road in Rainbow City, AL. 356906.

Roosevelt Johnson
Unit 49

Candance Nance
Unit 171

Lisa Tuck
Unit 194

Kenneth Maltbie, Jr.
Unit 336

Janis Poleate
Unit 407

Sky Smith
Unit 451

Jerry White
Unit 502

Fatima Bibb
Unit 512

Kathryn Floyd
Unit 545

Stefenie Propst
Unit 540, 742, 1& 5-9

Joe Gielarowski
Unit 577

Vonetta Byers
Unit 598

Monica Smith
Unit 513

Danielle Mead
Unit 619

Elizabeth Jacobs
Unit 697, 83-11 & 83-13

Chris Smith
Unit 715

Jacob Cornelius
Unit 717

Chris Patterson
Unit 775

Steve Meeks
Unit 817

Suzanne Moon
Unit 818

Bryan Charlton
Unit 827

Angela Nelson
Unit 13-11

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

January 30 and February
6, 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

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-02-26**

Ordering Abatement of
Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 414 HENDERSON STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot number Twenty (20) in Block Number Nineteen (19) in Walnut Park Addition to City of Gadsden as recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 117, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-190.000
PIN# 49919

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to LOUIE OGLE, JR. (deceased), 414 HENDERSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, with potential heirs: BOBBIE LEE OGLE, 413 HENDERSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, VERA RICHARDSON 413 RICHARDSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, JIMMY OGLE, 413 HENDERSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, CINDY OGLE, 421 LONGSHORE DRIVE, ANNISTON, ALABAMA 36206, DEANNA McDILL, 285 CREEKSIDE CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, and RANDY OGLE, 5836 WHITESVILLE ROAD, BOAZ, ALABAMA 35957.

Now, Therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF GADSDEN, AL-

ABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that

the structure constitutes

a nuisance in violation of

the City Code and should

be abated.

2. The Building Official

is authorized to abate the

nuisance by removing or

repairing said structure

and to give notice of this

decision in accordance with

the City Code.

Adopted by the City

Council of Gadsden on

January 6, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

SON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904. Now, Therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF GADSDEN, AL-

ABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that

the structure constitutes

a nuisance in violation of

the City Code and should

be abated.

2. The Building Official

is authorized to abate the

nuisance by removing or

repairing said structure

and to give notice of this

decision in accordance with

the City Code.

Adopted by the City

Council of Gadsden on

January 6, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-07-26**

Ordering Abatement of
Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at

1415 ODESSA STREET

in District 1 in the City of

Gadsden, more particularly

described as:

Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6 of

Rearrangement of Blocks

1, 2, 3, and 4 in Sunny-

side Addition, recorded in

Plat Book C, Page 407,

Etowah County, Alabama.

Now, Therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF GADSDEN, AL-

ABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that

the structure constitutes

a nuisance in violation of

the City Code and should

be abated.

2. The Building Official

is authorized to abate the

nuisance by removing or

repairing said structure

and to give notice of this

decision in accordance with

the City Code.

Adopted by the City

Council of Gadsden on

January 6, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-07-26**

Ordering Abatement of
Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at

1218 ALABAMA AVENUE

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-15-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1101 GLEN IRIS DRIVE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 8 BLK J GLEN IRIS ADD TO HIGHLAND ADD PLAT B-217 32-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-057.000
PIN# 19753

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to STATE OF ALABAMA, P.O. BOX 327210, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36132. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-16-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1209 GRANT AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 3 BLK 43 GARDEN CITY SUB #2 PLAT C-410 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-132.000
PIN# 31000

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to FREE RANGE PROPERTIES LLC, 915 OLD PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906-4821. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-17-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 2308 HILL AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 5 BLK 10 OAK PARK ADD PLAT B-200 GAD GOVT LT 10 6-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-106.000
PIN# 38380

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to FARRELL WILLIAMS, 2308 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-18-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 10 LAUREL ROAD in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 130 PARCEL 3 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F-555 GADSDEN 31-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-346.000
PIN# 18771

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to SANDRA BECK, 915 OLD PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906.

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-19-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 2820 EAST MEIGHAN BOULEVARD (County lists property address as 2820 Fields Avenue) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 24-28 BLK B MAY-FAIR EST PLAT C-273 GADSDEN 24-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-24-1-000-015.000
PIN# 45099

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to FREE RANGE PROPERTIES LLC, 915 OLD PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906-4821.

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-20-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1703 PIERCE AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BEG NE COR LT 5 BLK 44 CRESCENT HEIGHTS OR SOUTH GAD PLAT B-314 TH NW 150 ALONG S ROW OF MARSHALL ST TH SW 65 TH SE 150 TO W ROW OF PIERCE AVE TH NE 54 ALONG ROW TO POB BEING LT 5 & PT LT 4 BLK 44 CRESCENT HEIGHTS OR SOUTH GAD PLAT B-314 & PT ANNULLED ALLEY GADSDEN 8-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-325.000
PIN# 39552

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to TONYA CELESTE AGAN, P.O. BOX 157, PINSON, ALABAMA 35126.

Now, Therefore, BE IT

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-21-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1302 RANDALL STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BEG NW COR LT 11 WRIGHTS COURT PLAT E-229 TH E 105S ALONG S ROW OF RANDALL ST TH S 130S TH W 112S TH N 130 TO POB BEING PT LTS 10-11 WRIGHTS COURT PLAT E-229 8-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-1-000-369.000
PIN# 40239

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ROGER LUBIN, 500 SEWELL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3646.

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-22-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 2820 EAST MEIGHAN BOULEVARD (County lists property address as 2820 Fields Avenue) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 24-28 BLK B MAY-FAIR EST PLAT C-273 GADSDEN 24-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-24-1-000-015.000
PIN# 45099

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to JUAN JUAN, 1300 RANDALL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-5057.

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-23-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 805 ROSEWOOD LANE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 3 BLK C OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 25-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-3-000-113.000
PIN# 14397

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to GRAND PROPERTIES AND DESIGN, LLC, P.O. BOX 82, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902, JESSIE J MARRIE, 805 ROSEWOOD LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-24-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 500 SEWELL STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 32 BLK D MILLER HIGHLANDS PLAT D-31 14-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-3-000-050.000
PIN# 44221

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to MARC GARET MILNER, 1102 BROOKSIDE DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3646.

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 6, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-25-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1626 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 15 BLK 3 HARLEM CITY SUB PLAT C 366-7 GADSDEN SEC 12 TWP 12S R 6E

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-249.000
PIN# 50455

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to STATE OF ALABAMA, P.O. BOX 327210, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36132.

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

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

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

marked, shall be retained by the building official.

(4) Certificate of Occupancy.

a. It shall be unlawful to use or occupy or permit the use or occupancy of any building or premises, or both, of part thereof, hereafter created, erected, changed, converted, or wholly or partly altered or enlarged in its use or structure until after a certificate of occupancy (required by the building code of the city) shall have been issued therefor by the building official, stating that the proposed use of the building or land conforms to the requirements of this chapter.

b. No nonconforming structure or use shall be renewed, changed, or extended, until a certificate of occupancy shall have been issued by the building official. The certificate of occupancy shall state specifically wherein the nonconforming use differs from the provisions of this chapter.

c. No permit for erection, alteration, moving or repair of any building shall be issued until an appli-

cation has been made for a certificate of occupancy, and the certificate shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of this chapter upon completion of the work.

d. A temporary certificate of occupancy may be issued by the building official for a period not exceeding six months during alterations or partial occupancy of a building pending its completion.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on January 20, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Prequalification Proposals from General Contractors shall be submitted and will be received on behalf of the Owner by Robins & Morton; submit electronically Attn: William Byrd at williamb@robinsmorton.com or delivery to 400 Shadys Creek Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35209; UNTIL 5:00PM LOCAL TIME; ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026, for the Gadsden Athletic Center Project. Bid Re-

GADSDEN ATHLETIC CENTER PROJECT – MULTI-PRIME PACKAGES (SITWORK 3622, ATHLETIC FIELDS 3623, POOL 3624, MECHANICAL 3625, ELECTRICAL 3626, AND GENERAL WORKS 3627) CITY OF GADSDEN GADSDEN, ALABAMA

Prequalification proposal requirements may be obtained from Robins & Morton, by written request via email or mailed on the Contractor's company letterhead.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all prequalification and/or proposals, waive technical errors, and/or abandon this process if, in their judgment, the Owner's best interests will be pro-

Sealed proposals for each respective bid package will be received by the City Clerk, City of Gadsden, Alabama, at the City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Room 411, Gadsden, Alabama, until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 3, 2026, for the Gadsden Athletic Center Project. Bid Re-

quest Numbers 3622, 3623, 3624, 3625, 3626, 3627 located in the City of Gadsden, Alabama.

Bids submitted prior to the bid opening by mail shall be directed to "City Clerk, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, Alabama 35902-0267" or in person delivered to the office of the City Clerk, Room 401, City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any and all bids.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the above time and place. Specifications and contract documents are open to the public for inspection at the City Hall. Electronic (pdf) specifications and contract documents can be obtained at no cost through Robins & Morton's Building Connected Platform by requesting the invitation by email at williamb@robinsmorton.com. All bidders must be prequalified with Robins & Morton on the date to submit a bid. Bids received from non-Qualified bidders will be rejected.

The bidder shall file with his bid either a cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank, payable

No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The bidder must comply with all requirements of the public works bid law Section 39-2-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.

Any bidder, whether a

resident or non-resident of the State of Alabama, must comply with all applicable provisions of Section 34-8-1, et. seq., Code of Alabama, 1975, including requirements for licensing as a general contractor and the necessity to show evidence of license before the bid will be considered by the awarding authority. A current license number must be included on the bid.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at 1500 West Meighan Boulevard, Gadsden, AL 35901; Time & Date 2/17/26 @ 10:00 AM, to review the project and answer Bidder's questions. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference IS NOT REQUIRED but highly recommended FOR ALL PRIME CONTRACTOR BIDDERS (and any subcontractors) intending to submit a proposal.

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

THE CITY GADSDEN, ALABAMA
Craig Ford, Mayor
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 30, February 6, and 13, 2026

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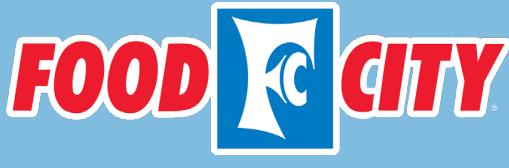
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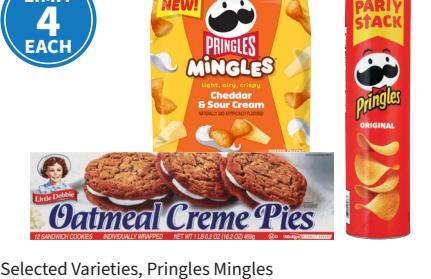
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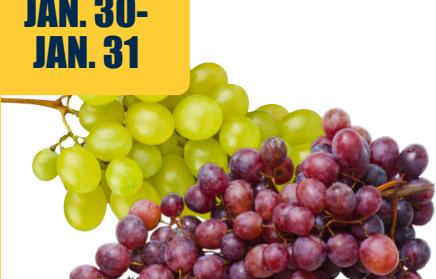
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