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Rainbow City dance studio wins national awards

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor

Dream big, shine bright, work hard. Those are the values Ensley Russell and her staff at The Warehouse Dance Company teach their students, who earned 13 awards at the ShowStopper Dance Competition in Nashville over the weekend.

“We are most proud of the dancer’s growth and professionalism,” Payton Russell, Ensley’s husband and operations director at the studio, said in an email to the Messenger. “Beyond the awards, they demonstrated discipline, teamwork and strong technical improvement throughout the weekend.”

The 13 awards were earned by 10 different dancers, who received three for duets, in the contemporary and musical theater categories, and 10 for solos across different categories.

“Competitive dance requires rigorous weekly training,” Payton said in the email. “Dancers balance school and other commitments while preparing routines judged on technique, precision, and performance quality and artistry. It’s both athletic and artistic.”

The results from this competition further motivated the girls, who have already begun preparing for the next event, which includes three more competitions and a performance in a Walt Disney World parade, the studio said.

Winning the awards proved that their hard work paid off, Chloe Wilson, a student at the dance company and one of the award winners, said.

“This studio is filled with nothing but supportive voices and positive vibes,” Wilsons said. “Going into my second compe-

tion season with the Warehouse Dance Company, I felt so excited, with a side of nervous jitters, but those got calmed fast by the best teacher, Ensley.”

Lily Platt, student and Wilson’s duet partner, said Ensley has a way of creating excitement instead of nervousness before their performances.

“A year ago, I would have never predicted that Chloe and I would win 1st place at our biggest competition,” Platt said. “I am so grateful to be on a team that gives me endless support, meaningful relationships and so much fun. I love Ensley, and I love the Warehouse Dance Company.”

Ensley said she grew up dancing and going to dance competitions. She spent time in New York City studying with the Radio City Rockettes, the Broadway Dance Center and Dance Molinari, a Broadway-based dance theater company.

After she graduated from high school, she took a break from competitions while she attended Highlands College, where she studied ministry arts with a focus on family ministry.

“We got married, and I just knew,” Ensley said. “As soon as I graduated, I was just like, ‘I have to get back into dance. I have to do this thing.’”

In August 2022, after some deliberation with her family and encouragement from her mom, Sunshine Williamson, at 19, Ensley decided to open her own dance studio. Unsure of where to locate or how many students to plan for, her church, Gadsden Christian Fellowship, offered her a space to start, which they quickly outgrew.

“We had 36 in our first semester,” Ensley said. “Then our second semester, we over doubled that. We had 68. Then our next semester, we had 165. It was blowing up. We need a bigger location fast because we



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have no room.”

That’s when Ensley and her husband, Payton Russell, found the warehouse on Sutton Bridge Road, a one-story open canvas. With the help of a contractor, Ensley and Payton converted the space into a two-story, four-room dance studio, she said.

Ensley had her studio, but she said competitions were always where her heart was. She started small with six girls and three competitions, and then the number more than doubled to 14 in 2025, she said.

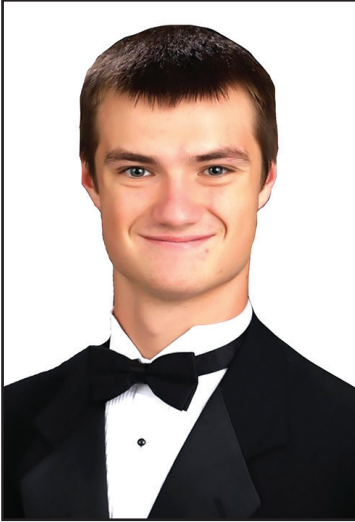
More than 25 girls are now on the team that competes from January to May, traveling once a month to competitions in different cities.

Alongside her four instructors, the studio teaches 33 classes each week, ranging from Tumbling Tots to Acro Dance 103. Each year, the studio has two recitals, one in May and one in December. Additionally, there is a summer class in June and July.

“This studio has filled me with so much gratitude for dance, Ensley, and everyone who plays a role in the amazing atmosphere that The Warehouse Dance Company creates,” Wilson said. “It truly is a special place.”



Brodey Wood



Cooper Gomez



Hannah Westcott



Tanner Griggs



Kevin Rodriguez

Local students recognized as scholarship nominees

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

Several Etowah County students have been recognized for their achievements in academics, athletics and service through nominations for the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship program, an honor that highlights excellence in character, leadership and performance both in the classroom and in competition.

Brodey Wood, a senior at Westbrook Christian School, was selected as the school’s Bryant-Jordan Scholarship nominee and serves as the valedictorian for the Class of 2026.

Wood, the son of Dr. and Mrs.

Michael Wood, has maintained a 4.52 GPA throughout high school. He has been active in Key Club and the Student Government Association, serving as a class representative from his freshman through junior years before being elected vice president as a senior.

A three-sport varsity athlete, Wood has competed in football, basketball and track and field. As captain of the football team, he recorded more than 1,000 all-purpose yards and earned Class 3A Region 6 first-team all-region and second-team all-area honors. In track and field, he placed third in the state in javelin as a sophomore and second as a junior. He holds the school record with a

throw of 176 feet, 9 inches and is currently ranked among the top five in the state.

School officials cited Wood’s athletic performance, academic success and strong character in his nomination.

Cooper Gomez was recognized as a scholar-athlete for his leadership, service and accomplishments in both athletics and academics.

As a student at Glencoe High School, Gomez has participated in varsity football, basketball and baseball and serves as a county-wide leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also holds leadership roles as Future Farmers of America treasurer, Key

Club president and a Peer Helper, and has served in multiple class officer positions throughout high school.

His community involvement includes volunteering with the Etowah County Special Olympics, participating in Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed builds, serving with his church’s media team and speaking at faith-based and community events.

Athletically, Gomez earned multiple all-county, all-region and all-area football honors at linebacker and received the David Burgess and David Holmes Champion Team Award. Academically, he has earned numerous distinctions, including Col-

lege Board National Recognition Program honors, HOBY Leadership participation, multiple subject awards and top scores on Advanced Placement exams. He was also named a Bryant-Jordan Scholar-Athlete Regional Winner in 2026.

Hannah Westcott, a senior at Southside High School, was nominated for academic achievement. She participates in volleyball, basketball and tennis and is active in numerous student organizations, including ASTRA, FBLA, Key Club, the Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy, Student Council and the National Honor Society.

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NEWS

State House passes bill to curb bus driver shortage

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

The Alabama House of Representatives passed a bill in late January that would allow retirees to work full-time as bus drivers if certain stipulations are met.

HB 138, sponsored by Kenneth Paschal, R-Pelham, would allow state retirees to return to work as full time bus drivers while continuing to receive retirement benefits.

“It’s a bill to address the bus drivers’ shortage that we have throughout the state of Alabama,” Paschal said on the House Floor. “It has a sunset of 2030. That’ll give us an opportunity to come back to assessment and reevaluation.”

Under the bill, anyone who is retired under the Employees’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Retirement System will be allowed to return to work with employ-

ers who participate in either system while still maintaining their retirement benefits if they have drawn retirement benefits for 12 consecutive months and if compensation doesn’t exceed \$30,000.

Ryan Hollingsworth, executive director of School Superintendents of Alabama (SSA), said in an interview Monday that the bus driver shortage has been an issue for several years.

“I’ve been in Montgomery now eight years in this role, and the bus driver shortage has been there for almost the entire time,” he said. “So if they are yelling a little louder, ‘Hey, we really need bus drivers.’ I just hear ‘bus driver shortage,’ and that’s been consistent.”

The bill passed the House 103-0. “Bus driver shortage is a critical issue all across the state, transportation is a big issue, and this is a great solution for that,” House Ways and Means Education Chair-

man Danny Garrett, R-Trussville, said to Paschal during debate on Thursday

Paschal said the bill originated from one of his constituents who is a retiree and part time bus driver who wanted to do the job full-time but was unable to because of the law.

Hollingsworth said there is a substitute bus driver shortage as well.

“I was in Marion County, and we would have, maybe, in a community where you had elementary and high school and you ran the buses for those two schools. So that in that community, we may only have one substitute bus driver, and so if you had a couple of drivers, especially during the flu season or whatnot, if you had a couple of drivers that had to miss then, then we don’t even have enough bus drivers to cover all the routes,” he said.

Some school systems will hire what they call a “permanent substitute driver,” or a

bus driver who is hired on by the school system full-time to drive for multiple school routes.

Nationally, the bus driver shortage has gotten better, but only marginally. According to a recent study from the Economic Policy Institute, a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank, the number of bus drivers increased by roughly 2,300 (1.1 percent) from 2024 to 2025, it’s still down 9.5 percent from 2019.

Hollingsworth said this bill could help with both shortages.

“I think Rep. Paschal heard his communities that he represents, that’s been an issue that we’ve been talking about, he always comes to our district legislative meetings. We have one a year in district five that he’s located, and he responded to that,” Hollingsworth said.

The bill moves to the Senate. If passed, the bill would go into effect Oct. 1.

State population slows amid immigration crackdown

By Ralph Chapoco
Alabama Reflector

A new report found that immigration and domestic migration helped Alabama grow despite continuing net natural population loss, and that the Trump administration’s anti-immigration policies may slow that growth down.

The population in the state increased by about 1 percent in 2025, according to an analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data published Thursday by the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama. But the report found a significant slowdown in growth last year amid President Donald Trump’s attacks on immigration.

“The surprising finding is the rate of growth in the previ-

ous year then the fall off,” said Thomas Spencer, senior research associate with PARCA, in an interview Friday of the decline in immigration numbers.

Immigration, both domestic and international, has played a critical role in not only stabilizing the state’s population numbers, but also in increasing it. Without the influx of people moving into the state, according to the findings in the report, Alabama’s population would likely stagnate or even decline.

Since the COVID pandemic, Alabama has seen negative net population change. In 2020, as the coronavirus pandemic began, about 1,600 more people died than were born in the state, according to PARCA. That trend continued into 2021, when the

natural population declined by almost 12,000.

Then in 2022, the number declined again by about 9,000 before stabilizing for a few years. In 2025, there were more than 2,100 more deaths than births.

Migration, both domestic and international, made up the difference. According to PARCA, domestic migration into Alabama went from 13,000 people in 2020 to more than 27,000 in 2022 and peaked near 30,000 in 2023.

“Alabama has benefited over the last number of years with a strong labor market with lower unemployment rates, lower rates than the national unemployment rate,” Spencer said.

However domestic migration then fell to 25,000 in 2024 and to 23,300 last year.

International immigration into the state declined even more dramatically. Alabama’s rate of immigration is small compared to the rest of the country: according to the U.S. Census, about 4.5 percent of the state’s population in 2024 was foreign-born, compared to 14.8 percent in the nation as a whole.

But like domestic migration, international immigration to Alabama jumped in the early part of the decade, going from almost 2,000 people in 2021 to more than 12,600 in 2023 and peaking in 2024 when more than 22,000 people immigrated to Alabama.

That number fell precipitously last year, when just 9,000 immigrants moved to Alabama, a decline of almost 60 percent from the previous year.

Spencer attributes the population change to the country’s immigration laws that began during the end of President Joe Biden’s administration and continued more dramatically with President Donald Trump.

“The ability to claim asylum that began in the Biden administration and has carried on to the Trump administration has ratcheted down,” Spencer said.

He also cited the Trump administration’s anti-immigrant policies, including the use of deportations. According to The New York Times, the Trump administration deported 230,000 arrested within the country last year and another 270,000 at the border, more than the Biden administration did in four years.

GSCC to host college-wide Black History Month celebration

Gadsden State Community College will host a college-wide Black History Month Celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, at 1 p.m. on the Wallace Drive Campus at Meadows. The event is open to students, employees, and members of the community.

The celebration will honor the

history, culture, and contributions of Black Americans while bringing together the Gadsden State community for a shared moment of reflection and celebration. Attendees can expect a meaningful program highlighting the importance of Black history and its lasting impact on education, culture,

and society.

“This event reflects our commitment to honoring history and bringing our campus community together,” said Mr. Ricky Tillis, director of the Gadsden State HBCU Valley Street Campus. “Black History Month provides an opportunity to recognize the

achievements and contributions that continue to shape our communities.”

The program theme, “Building Futures Through Education: Celebrating Black History, Workforce Innovation, and Community Engagement,” is directly inspired by the mission of Gadsden State

Community College. It reflects the college’s commitment to education, workforce development and community impact and captures a shared vision for the college-wide Black History Month program.

For more information about campus events and activities, visit www.gadsdenstate.edu.

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Richardson named Gadsden's new Director of Parks and Rec



Mayor Craig Ford has announced that Durell Richardson will serve as the City of Gadsden's new Director of Parks and Recreation.

Richardson brings nearly a decade of experience to the role after having previously served as Gadsden PARD's Athletics Supervisor.

"I'm excited to see Durell leading our Parks and Recreation Department," said Mayor Craig Ford. "With the ongoing expansion of the Gadsden Sports Park and the upcoming construction of the Gadsden Athletic Center, sports and other activities are growing quickly in our city. It's important that we offer people of all ages an opportunity to have fun and stay active, and Durell has the skills and experience to keep us moving forward."

Richardson holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Faulkner University along with more than nine years of experience in parks and recreation leadership and athletic programming.

He is also a proud recipient of the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) District IV Gene Cornett Merit in Recreation Award.

Richardson will continue overseeing citywide programs and signature events, including the Veterans Day Parade, Christmas Parade, and multiple sports programs.

"Throughout my career, I've been dedicated to providing high-quality recreational opportunities for the Gadsden community, and I'm honored to continue doing that as the new PARD Director," Richardson said. "I look forward to continue leading with a focus on integrity, accountability, inclusion and service."

Tax Season Information

Local free tax filing help available

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.

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.

For more information, residents may contact RSVP at 256-549-8147.

SOUTHSIDE EVENT

Mayor to host business breakfast

Southside Mayor Joey Statum will host a special business owner edition of Breakfast with Joey, sponsored by Etowah Chamber, on Feb. 16.

The breakfast event will be held at the Southside Community Center from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

All local business owners are welcome to join in. Breakfast will be provided, free of charge, thanks to Etowah Chamber.

Statum has hosted Breakfast with Joey several times since taking office. Check Southside's Facebook page for

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She serves as an ASTRA officer, vice president of FBLA, NHS historian and senior class chaplain. Westcott attends Church of the Highlands and plans to attend Auburn University in the fall, where she intends to pursue a career in the medical field.

Tanner Griggs, also a senior at Southside High, was nominated as an athlete-scholar.

A resident of Rainbow City, Griggs competes in track and field and cross country, focusing on long-distance running. He attends Southside Baptist Church and plans to major in neuroscience at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Griggs said he credits his success to the support of his family, friends and community.

Kevin Rodriguez, also a senior at Glencoe High School, was selected as a scholarship nominee based on academic achievement. Rodriguez played varsity football throughout his high school career and played basketball during his freshman and sophomore years. He plans to play golf during his senior year.

Rodriguez earned All-Etowah County honorable mention honors in football during his freshman and junior years. He was selected as one of the team captains for the football team and received the leadership award.

He has maintained a 3.5 GPA and plans to attend Gadsden State Community College to study industrial automation.

School leaders said the students represent the high standards of achievement and character across local schools and exemplify the qualities the Bryant-Jordan program seeks to recognize.

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LIFESTYLE

Loving well does not have to be confined



Valentine’s Day is this weekend, and it’s a holiday society seems to have a love/hate relationship with. It can feel overly commercialized, or it can serve as a lovely opportunity to remind those we love how special they are. It can invite us to pamper ourselves and remember that loving who we are matters, too. It can also prompt us to consider the many forms of love in our lives—and to celebrate them. Most often, though, Valentine’s Day feels like a One Size Fits All moment of judgment over whether or not someone has a romantic partner. Yet even a cursory Google search reveals multiple definitions of the word “love,” and the very first entry is “strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties, such as maternal love for a child.” Romantic love actually takes a back seat in the order of definitions, appearing second as “affection or tenderness felt by lovers,” followed immediately by “affec-

tion based on admiration, benevolence, or common interests between friends.” Love, it turns out, is a complex and varied mix of relationships and emotions.

In my classes this week, we focused on several literary devices specific to poetry. Literary devices are both tools and containers; constraints often create opportunities to build, adjust, and rebuild. Limitations require creative thinking—working with what you have, where you are, in the moment. That can feel uncomfortable when we are learning a new hobby, practicing a skill, or mastering the structure of an essay. Yet the devices we choose—and the ones we set aside—not only shape what we create, but clarify our purpose.

In similar ways, the forms our love takes with friends, family, and partners shape how we express and understand it. Literary devices do not eliminate limitation; they teach us how to work within it. Love often does something similar when we do the best we can, where we are, with what we have. Rarely do we have ideal conditions for showcasing our love. We love after long work shifts. We love through illness. We love within budget constraints. We love imperfect people, and our love itself is imperfect. Like poetry, love is often more powerful when shaped by sustained intention rather than momentary extravagance. Just as poetry is not merely emotion

spilled onto a page, love is not simply a performance reserved for a holiday. There are tools, constraints, and containers we can use to build, refine, and hold both our love and the people we cherish.

Among the devices we discussed were enjambment, rhyme, and diction. Enjambment invites the reader to find meaning in one line, then continue into the next where that meaning deepens. A pause, a continuation, an unfolding—this movement adds rhythm and texture to a poem. It can emphasize sound, heighten emotion, or suggest the passing of time. The device itself is specific, but its application is wide. Rhyme is another deceptively simple tool. Most of us think we know what “rhyme” means, but there are multiple kinds. End rhyme gives poetry its familiar sing-song quality, like a nursery rhyme. Internal rhyme appears unexpectedly in the middle of lines and stanzas. The words still echo each other, but they work differently to serve the poet’s purpose. Then there are eye rhymes—words that look like they should rhyme but do not, like “rain” and “again”—and approximate or slant rhymes, where sounds nearly match but remain slightly off. These echoes create rhythm, mood, and image in subtle ways. Again, one over arching device, but many ways to use it.

Diction is one of my favorite devices to explore with students because they im-

mediately recognize it when I say, “It’s not what you say, it’s...” and they finish with, “how you say it.” Our words are powerful, and we all understand that we can say one thing while meaning something entirely different. Words—like “love”—carry multiple meanings. Denotative meaning refers to a word’s dictionary definition (which, as we’ve seen, can be layered and complex), while connotative meaning encompasses the social, emotional, and cultural weight a word carries.

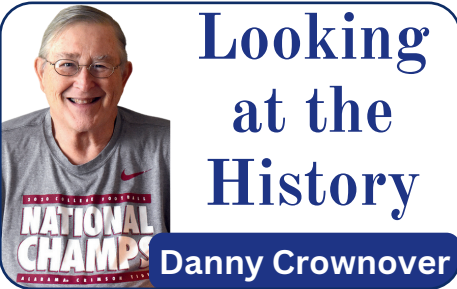
I used to read love poems and assume they were written only to, for, and about romantic love. But the longer I love those I love, the more I recognize how widely those poems apply—to maternal love, familial love, soul-friend love, and romantic love alike. As one of my favorite poets, E.E. Cummings, wrote:

“I carry your heart with me (I carry it in my heart) I am never without it.”

Loving well does not have to be confined to one idealized version; it renews, evolves, and shifts as our roles and relationships change. And just as there is beauty in the structures of poetry, there is depth and richness in the ways we shape and express love in everyday life.

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Runaway train in Gadsden and a heroic stop



Back in the early 1890s Gadsden was startled when a wild locomotive came dashing through town going east at full speed, heading for the L. & N. bridge across the Coosa River.

The noise of the racing engine was terrific and everybody was frightened over what might happen if a wagon or buggy should be on the bridge, which was then

used as a combination railroad and vehicular structure.

As it passed along Locust St. Folks rushed out to see what was going on and some of them saw that no engineer and no fireman was aboard. The engine was wild with its throttle wide open.

Doc Hughes, a fine African-American citizen, happened to be sitting on his front porch in East Gadsden, barefooted, and being a retired railroad fireman, he realized that even a single wagon or buggy might mean the destruction of the bridge with considerable loss of life.

If nothing like that happened, he instantly realized the necessity of stopping the engine. He lived close to the railroad and he ran as fast as he could to the track, just in time to swing aboard the engine.

Having been a fireman, he knew how to run the locomotive and proceeded to

reverse the throttle. As it was, he was not able to bring the engine to a full stop until after it had passed Cobb City. He then calmly ran it back to town and delivered it to the trainman at the Ninth Street yards.

What occurred was that a switch engine collided with a freight train at a curve just west of twelfth street and at a point opposite the old league baseball park.

Just before the collision the engineer reversed his throttle and he and his fireman jumped to safety. The impact of the two trains caused the switch engine to start backwards and, in a few seconds, it was racing full speed back toward the business section and through it at every ounce of speed it could muster.

In climbing aboard, Doc Hughes exercised his skill and experience gained in long service for the L. & N. Railroad, but at that he was slammed around violently and

for a short time he felt that he would not be able to hold on.

It was a daring deed and probably saved some lives as the locomotive had a full head of steam and might have continued all the way to Anniston.

The L. & N. Gave Doc Hughes full credit for his heroic and daring act and gave him a lifetime job which, in effect, was a pension.

Doc was a fine citizen. His word was as good as his bond and had credit in any store in Gadsden. He had many friends in the city and county.

Dock Hughes was born around 1867 in Alabama and died in East Gadsden on March 4, 1946.

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Valentine’s Day means stirring up love



When I think back to Valentine’s Day as a child, I remember sitting in a colorful classroom waiting for those tiny paper cards to land in my shoebox. Each one, covered in cartoon hearts and silly puns, felt like a small promise that someone had thought of me. As we grow older, the paper valentines fade away, but the desire for

those sweet gestures remains. Now, instead of exchanging cards, I’ve found that food has become my love language. Cooking for my family and sharing a homemade meal feels like giving the adult version of those childhood valentines; heartfelt, intentional, and made to be savored.

That’s why on Valentine’s Day, rather than battling the crowds in noisy restaurants, my husband and I choose the comfort of our own kitchen. We turn on music and move in an easy, familiar rhythm as we work side by side, crafting something special together. This year, we’re making a rich Cheesesteak Tortellini in a silky provolone sauce, a dish as indulgent as the moment deserves. And after creating a meal this luxurious, it only feels right to end the night with something equally decadent: chocolate. Sharing that rich, roman-

tic dessert with my forever Valentine, my husband, is the part I cherish most. It’s our chance to slow down, savor the sweetness, and celebrate love in the most delicious way we know how.

Molten Chocolate Lava Cakes for Two

4 Tbsp. Unsalted butter
3 oz. semi-sweet chocolate (chopped)
2 Tbsp. Granulated sugar
1 large egg
1 large egg yolk
1 tsp. Vanilla extract
A dash of salt
2 Tbsp. All-purpose flour
Cocoa powder (for dusting the ramekins)

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Butter two 6oz. Ramekins and dust with cocoa powder to prevent sticking. In a heat-safe bowl, melt butter and chocolate together in

the microwave in 20-second bursts stirring each time until smooth. Whisk in the sugar, then the egg and egg yolk until glossy.

Add vanilla and salt. Gently stir in the flour just until it disappears. Do not over-mix. Divide batter evenly between ramekins. Bake 11-13 minutes, until the edges are set, but the center still jiggles slightly. Let the cakes rest for a few minutes, then carefully invert them onto plates. Serve warm! You can serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and/or fresh raspberries or strawberries.

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

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DEVOTIONALS

‘Be still, and know that I am God’



Memoir Musings

Sandra Bost

It’s been a busy week again and I seem to have caught a bug from one of my favorite grandbabies. (I have five grandbabies, and exactly five favorites!)

Anyway, I dug this out of my archive from last February. It’s about the circus, which didn’t come to Birmingham this time—or anywhere near the South, for that matter. It seems like it was a busy time last year, too.

Maybe I need to practice what I preach. Nevertheless, here is a piece from Feb. 5, 2025.

The circus came to Birmingham last weekend after an eight-year hiatus. We didn’t make it this time, but just knowing it was back stirred memories—vivid, colorful, larger than life.

I remembered our trip in 2016, when we

drove to Atlanta to say “farewell” to the elephants—our daughter’s favorites. And I remembered my own childhood in Northwest Georgia, when the circus meant our annual pilgrimage to the Omni in Atlanta.

If I close my eyes, I can still hear the classic announcement: “Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls...” I can smell the livestock, taste the cotton candy, and feel my fingers frozen around a rainbow snow cone. I see my sister and me waving those fiber-optic flashlights with unrestrained joy. It felt, truly, like the greatest show on Earth.

At least until 1982.

That was the year the beautiful aerialist—who swung high above us, suspended only by her hair—fell. Her clasp slipped. The colosseum froze. For the first and only time I can remember, complete silence fell over the crowd. Immediately the clowns and elephants rushed the ring, creating a wall around her while medics worked. She survived—and even returned to her act years later—but that moment has stayed with me.

It’s strange how memories work. You can go years without thinking about something, and then suddenly a sound, a scent, or a single image brings everything rushing back in full technicolor. Sometimes

those memories are gifts—little reminders of where we’ve been and what has shaped us. It is good to remember. It is good to sit quietly, letting our thoughts settle into what Wordsworth called “pensive mood.”

But lately, my mind has been anything but pensive.

It has felt more like...a circus.

Three rings, all active at once. Trapeze artists swinging. Clowns blasting from cannons. Motorcyclists zooming inside the globe. And the ringmaster singing improvised songs made from words people are saying to me. (Okay, maybe that part is just me.)

I’ve struggled to focus. Blank documents have stared at me for hours. I’ve tried walking, drinking water, limiting sugar, tackling chores, searching for inspiration—anything to quiet my mind. Nothing has been working.

Until one morning, when I turned on the radio.

Not a podcast. Not talk radio. A contemporary Christian station—something I rarely listen to, because I am always trying to maximize productivity. (As if.)

As the lyrics drifted through the room, my mind began to clear, layer by layer. And suddenly a familiar verse rose up inside me, gentle and steady:

“Be still, and know that I am God.” — Psalm 46:10

Be still.

Not just sit down. Not just stop moving. But be still—in spirit, in mind, in heart.

I wanted to argue—I have been still!--but the peace was so sweet, so unexpected, so grounding, that I simply let it wash over me.

Because the truth is, in the striving and juggling of daily life—the information overload, the pressure to perform, the constant hum of responsibility—we forget to be still.

We forget that The God who is not only with us, but as Scripture says, is before all things, and in Him all things hold together (Colossians 1:17).

It’s that “before all things” that catches me.

Before my plans.

Before my schedule.

Before the anxieties and expectations for the day—God is already there.

He knows the beginning and the end of my day. He knows what I hope to accomplish, but He also knows what truly matters. He knows the things that overwhelm me. And He knows how to quiet the circus when I cannot.

Maybe you’re in a circus season too.

Are you positioned for His vision

There are times in life when we feel like God is silent. Circumstances don’t make sense, answers seem delayed, and direction feels unclear. In those seasons, our first instinct is often to complain, retreat, or assume God has stopped speaking. But Scripture shows us a different response.

The prophet Habakkuk lived during a dark and confusing time. Corruption was everywhere, injustice seemed to win, and many questioned where God was. Yet instead of walking away, Habakkuk positioned himself to hear from God. He stood watch. He made space. He listened with expectation. He understood something powerful. Sometimes the issue is not that God isn’t speaking. Sometimes we are not positioned to receive.

Positioning yourself spiritually is intentional. It means creating room for prayer, worship, Scripture, and quiet reflection. Just like adjusting your phone to find better reception, you may need to adjust your spiritual posture to clearly receive what God

is saying. When you position yourself expectantly, you are declaring that you believe God still speaks and that His plans are still good, even when life feels uncertain.

But hearing from God is only the beginning. When God gives vision, He also gives instruction. He told Habakkuk to write the vision down and make it plain. Writing it down turns a fleeting thought into a firm direction. Feelings can fade, but what is written can be revisited when doubt tries to creep in. Putting vision on paper is an act of faith. It is saying, “I believe this matters, and I am making room for it.”

Clarity also matters. God’s vision is not meant to be confusing or complicated. If it cannot be understood, it cannot be followed. The most powerful callings are not the most elaborate ones. They are the clearest ones. When vision is simple, others can support it, pray for it, and even run alongside you in it.

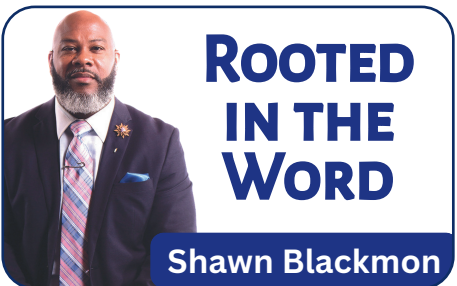
And that leads to another truth. Vision is never meant to stay trapped with one person. God’s plans are bigger than individual

comfort. The vision He gives you for your family, your work, or your ministry is meant to reach beyond you. When you share what God has placed in your heart, others become carriers of it. What began as a personal revelation becomes a shared mission.

Finally, we must remember that God’s vision is not a suggestion. It is a strategy. Too often we treat divine direction like an optional idea instead of a committed plan. Delays can tempt us to give up, but slow does not mean stopped. God’s timing is intentional. When He gives vision, He also gives the power and provision to fulfill it. Our role is to stay committed, stay prepared, and stay faithful even in the waiting.

God still speaks. He still directs. He still calls. The question is not whether He has a vision for your life. The question is whether you are positioned to receive it, willing to write it, ready to share it, and committed to follow it.

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OBITUARIES



Thomas Lee Graham

With deepest sorrow we announce the passing of Mr. Thomas Graham.

Please remember his family in your prayers.

VISITATION: 5 PM - 7 PM, Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at Galilee Baptist Church - 904 S. 16th Street - Gadsden, AL 35901.

SERVICE: 1 PM, on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at Galilee Baptist Church - 904 S. 16th Street - Gadsden, AL 35901.

REPAST: GOL Activity Center - 603 E. Broad Street - Gadsden, AL 35903

INTERMENT: 11 AM on Friday, February 13, 2026, at Alabama National Cemetery - 3133 Hwy 119 - Montevallo, AL 35115.

Walter Mark Densmore, Sr.

Walter Mark Densmore, Sr. was born June 5, 1948, to the late Rev. Frank and Dorothy Summerville Densmore.

He was a proud graduate of Carver High School, Class of 1967. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he served honorably for many years before retiring, a testament to his dedication and love for his country.

He was united in marriage to Emma Jones, and from this loving union two children were born, whom he cherished deeply.

A man of strong passions and joyful spirit, he was an avid Alabama Crimson Tide fan—“Roll Tide” was more than a saying to him—and a lifelong, die-hard wrestling enthusiast.

Most importantly, he accepted Christ at an early age and lived a life rooted in faith. He was ordained as a deacon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (East Gadsden). He later joined and served as a devoted and faithful servant of Christ at Fellowship Baptist Church remaining steadfast in his commitment to God and the church until his passing.

He departed this life on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham, Al.

He was preceded in death by his parents Dorothy and Frank Densmore and brother Oscar Densmore.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, wife Emma Jones Densmore, children Tuquita. (Dejuan) James, Walter Mark Densmore Jr. brothers, Bishop Larry (Helen) Poole Sr., Bishop Michael (Stacey) Densmore; sisters Julius Ann Tolbert, Tamatha Witherspoon grandchildren, Dr. Chelsea (Anthony) Amerson, Ashley (Remington) Patterson, Quinton Densmore, Zanya Densmore. Great grandchild Naomi Amerson, Sister in laws: Doris (Charley) James, Betty (Edwin) Kirby, Patricia (James) Parker, Glenda (Ronzaleski) Roberson, Carolyn (Anthony) Hudson, one brother in law David (Dorothy) Jones and a host of nieces and nephews and extended family.

Ruby “Angie” Campbell

Ruby “Angie” Campbell, 76, of Hokes Bluff, passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026 at Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

A visitation for Angie was held Thursday, February 12, 2026 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home.

Angie was preceded in death by her daughter, Jane Wells Edwards; and parents,

Ottis and Rebey Carr.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Joseph Campbell; daughter, Liza Vicky Snow; sons, Kevin Wells, and Hank Wells (Leslie); grandchildren, Kala Starr, Amber Dale, Christian Wells, Dylan Wells, Dylan White, Tyler White, Jachin Wells, and Olivia Snow; and 1 great-grandchild, Cameron Jarrells.

Angie will be so deeply missed by all that knew and loved her.



Velma Kay Ford

Velma Kay Ford, born November 29, 1941, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2026, at the age of 84.

A visitation was held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Crestwood Memorial Funeral Home. A funeral service followed at 12:00 p.m., with burial immediately afterward at Crestwood Cemetery.

Velma was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She deeply loved her family and cherished traveling to visit her grandchildren, as well as exploring national parks and historical sites. A gifted cook with a generous heart, Velma was known for her “open-door” policy—anyone was welcome to stop by for a good meal and warm company.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Floyd and Virginia L. Baird, and her mother-in-law, Eva Ford.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Robert J. Ford; her children, Gregory S. (Cheryl) Ford, Jenny Ford (Tim) Barrett, Robert Darrell (Laurie) Ford, and Jeffrey Dale (Amanda) Ford; her grandchildren, Lindsey Ford, Garrett (Abigail) Ford, Kelsey Barrett, Emerson Barrett, Isabella Barrett, Sydnee Ford (Mike) Snider, Jesse Estes, Harrison Ford, Mattie Kate Ford, Logan Sanders, and Wyatt Sanders; and her great-grandchildren, Ford Snider and Adeline Ford. She is also survived by her siblings, Janice Baird (Randy) Kilnowitz, Mike (Debbie) Meade, and Lisa (Tim) Albrecht.

Pallbearers will be Gregory A. Ford, Brandon Ford, Brian Winningham, and Johnny Floyd.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Whorton Bend Memorial Church, 2757 Whorton Bend Road, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Pastor Joe Dismuke of Whorton Bend Memorial Church, as well as the entire staff of Gadsden Health and Rehab Center—especially Zoe and Mo—for their compassion, love, and exceptional care.



Arturo “AJ” Ramos Jr.

RAINBOW CITY - Arturo “AJ” Ramos Jr., 43, of Rainbow City, Alabama, passed away on February 4, 2026. After hard fought battle with cancer. Born on October 7, 1982, AJ lived a life full of volume, heart, and

fierce love for the people he called his own.

AJ was a devoted husband, proud father, beloved son, and the kind of uncle and friend who showed up — loud, stubborn, and completely unforgettable. Beneath his tough edges was a deeply loyal and caring man. Those who truly knew him loved him fiercely, because he loved just as hard in return.

He found peace and joy on the water, especially with a fishing pole in his hands. Whether it was catfishing close to home or heading out for deep sea fishing, those moments were where he felt most himself.

AJ is survived by his wife of 17 years, Sommer Ramos, and their four daughters, Lindsey, Kadence, Kenna, and Kora Ramos, who were the center of his world. He also leaves behind his mother, Alma Alba (Jose); his father, Remigio Morales Jr.; his two best friends, Brent Wagner and Glenn Moore Jr.; and a large circle of adopted family and friends who became family by choice and love.

He was preceded in death by Olga Morales.

AJ’s presence was big, his love was bigger, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

A small celebration of life will announced at later time.

Special thanks to Ashley and Savannah with Aveanna Hospice, Dr. Outlaw and his oncol-ogy team at Kirklin.

In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to family memorial fund CashApp \$SommerRamos or Venmo @Sommer-Ramos or donate to cancer research fund of your choice.



Betty Lavern Treece Smith

GADSDEN - Betty Lavern Treece Smith, a longtime resident of Gadsden, Alabama, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2026.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Robert and Anna Sue Treece; her devoted husband, Quentin Smith; and her brother, Cecil Treece (Betty Lou).

Betty is lovingly survived by her children, Dale Smith (Janet); Samantha Smith, Paul Smith (Lyn), and by her cherished grandchildren, Carolyn Smith and Anna Sue Smith, who brought her great joy.

Betty was a devoted homemaker whose life was centered around caring for her family. She found comfort and happiness in simple pleasures, spending quiet hours reading, knitting, and crocheting, often creating heartfelt pieces for those she loved. Her gentle spirit, steady presence, and kind heart will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be entrusted to Collier-Butler Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Friday, beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 12:00 a.m., with Pastor Dee Dowdy officiating. Burial will follow at Rainbow Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to American Heart Association or Wounded Warrior Project, in honor of Betty’s generous and caring nature.

Dana Williams

GADSDEN - Dana Lynn Kerr Smith Williams, 61, of Gadsden, passed away on Monday, February 2, 2026 at Gadsden Health and Re-

hab. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Billy Wayne Williams; father, Lynn Kerr; mother, Lana Umberger Payne; brother, Stephen C. Payne; and grandparents, Vernon and Martha Prater.

She leaves behind her sister, Jana Golden (James); brother, Justin Keer; nieces and nephews, Amanda (Jon) Miller, Lainey (Justin) Roberts, and Grant Golden; great nephews, Zane and Miles Miller; step-father, Ron Smith; and loved and remembered by many other family and friends.

Dana was born July 29, 1964. She is a graduate of Litchfield High School, class of 82. She got her nursing degree from Gadsden State Community College. Dana loved to take care of people and was a light to all that knew her. Always looking out for her family, especially her sister; willing to fight anyone who hurt her. She was selfless, humble, funny, and loved Jesus. She never complained about her circumstances; there was no one like her. She accepted her circumstances and not one time in her 30 years ask “why” or wanted to give up. She wanted to live. She was such a brave and strong woman. Dana loved God and everyone knew it. Every night, Jana, Dana’s sister prayed to make her a light to others; and she was such a light.

Dana had not walked in 30 years due to multiple sclerosis. But God has now given her new legs; she will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Special thanks to Dr. Reiland and Gadsden Health and Rehab for providing excellent care.

Deloris Fay Harrison

WALNUT GROVE - Deloris Harrison, age 88 of Walnut Grove passed away Thursday, February 5, 2026 at Shepherds Cove Hospice.

She is survived by her siblings; Don Garrard, Jackie Garrard (Janice) and Jimmy Garrard and a host of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; General and Naomi Garrard, seven brothers and two sisters.

Her funeral service was held Saturday, February 7, 2026 at Etowah Memorial Chapel and she was laid to rest at Altoona Walnut Grove Cemetery. Bro. Andrew Mikkelsen, Bro. David Raley and Bro. Jon Raley officiated her service.



Charles Ridgeway Sr.

SOUTHSIDE - Charles Edward Ridgeway Sr., age 87, passed away on February 8, 2026. He was a resident of Southside, Alabama (35907).

Charles proudly served his country after joining the United States Navy in 1955, completing 12 years of service as a Machinist Mate, First Class. He greatly enjoyed sea duty and served aboard many ships and a submarine, including the USS New Jersey and the SSN-579 Swordfish. His favorite assignment was aboard the CV-21 USS Boxer, an aircraft carrier. His naval service was a source of great pride and lifelong memories.

On March 31, 1959, Charles married the love of his life, Dorothy Izella Huff. Together, they shared 66 years of marriage, building a life grounded in faith, devotion, and family. They were

blessed with seven children, along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, all of whom they loved and cherished deeply.

Charles was a faithful member of City Church (Church of God) for over 30 years. He loved his church and church family dearly, and his faith was a steady foundation throughout his life.

Following his military service, Charles worked for over 67 years in air conditioning and refrigeration, a career marked by dedication, skill, and a strong work ethic. He valued his career with Mary G. Harden & company for over 30 years. He especially enjoyed the friendships he built with his work acquaintances at Wittichen Supply Co.

Outside of work, Charles was an avid reader who enjoyed quiet reflection. He loved spending time in his shop, watching westerns and historical documentaries, and tending to his annual garden, where he took pride in growing and canning vegetables for the winter months.

Charles lived in the North Gadsden community for over 35 years prior to his retirement, where he established deep roots and lasting relationships. Following retirement, he made his home in Southside.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claudia Thompson and Chalmus Ridgeway (Dan); and his brothers, Horace Ridgeway and Billy Thompson.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy Izella (Huff) Ridgeway; his children, Charles E. Ridgeway Jr. (Charlie), Micki Ridgeway Bunton (Wayne), Thomas Ridgeway (Jeanette), Mercedes Ridgeway Lyle (Vann), Michelle Ridgeway Fowler, Monica Ridgeway Irwin (Don), and Melissa Ridgeway Beaird (Brent); his grandchildren, Brannon Ridgeway, Melanie Traylor (Wade), Joshua Steapleton (Brooke), Nathan Warren (Rachel), Drake Ridgeway (Amber), Brandi Warren Skaggs (Brent), Katie Fowler Green (Marco), Drew Ridgeway (Jennifer), Heather Fowler Rejeck, Rachel Dawn Steapleton, Brooklynn Ridgeway Sitz (Tyler), Morgan Beaird Ulrich (Seth), Trey Irwin (Au-tum), Darcy Kate Irwin Bishop (Mason), and Miley Belle Beaird; and 30 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his brothers, Bobby Thompson (Annette) and Harvey Thompson (Joanne); and his sisters, Mary Gene Alford (Justin), Irene Aldridge, and Kathy Long (Robert), along with many other family members, friends, and his church family.

Charles’s life was one of service, faith, hard work, and simple joys. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, faithful church member, and a man who valued family, work, and time well spent.



Doris Green Shew

Doris Green Shew, age 94, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 8, 2026.

Doris was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and faithful servant of Jesus Christ. She was married for 55 blessed years to her beloved husband, Reverend W. Clyde Shew. Together they joy-

fully served in ministry, sharing the love, redemption, and truth of Christ with all they met. She was a true prayer warrior, shining the light of Jesus’ love and a steady source of encouragement to countless lives.

She was the loving mother of three precious children, grandmother to five, and great-grandmother to eleven, the great joys of her life.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, Elbert and Alice Green; her husband, Reverend W. Clyde Shew; and her daughter, Sharon Shew Mayo.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Shew Davis (Dr. J. Rick Davis), and her son, Jeffrey C. Shew (Martha K. Shew).

She is also lovingly remembered by her grandchildren: Jennifer M. Hutchinson (Nathan Hutchinson), Heather D. Ratliff (Jeffrey C. Ratliff), Dr. Matthew J. Davis (Jennifer P. Davis), J. Ad-am Shew, and Joshua P. Shew (Jenna W. Shew); and by her cherished great-grandchildren: James “Hutch” Hutchinson, R. Hayes Hutchinson, Harper Hutchinson, Holden Hutchinson, Aiden Ratliff, Evan Ratliff, James Davis, Caleb Davis, Whit Shew, Bennett Shew, and Graham Shew.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alabama Baptist Children’s Home or Mission Dignity – Guidestone. Services are entrusted to Collier-Butler Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Crestwood Cemetery, with visitation at 10:30 a.m. and the service at 11:00 a.m.

Eddie Ellis Jr.

Eddie Charles Ellis Jr. was born on July 29, 1979, to the union of Eddie Charles Ellis, Sr. and Johnnie Mae Dukes-Cuff in Miami, Florida.

Eddie enjoyed fast cars, racing, and living life on his own terms brought him genuine joy. He deeply loved his children, and his grandchildren held a very special place in his heart.

While words cannot fully capture the depth of our loss, we find comfort in the memories we shared, the love that remains, and the hope that peace now surrounds him.

Eddie was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, John T. Dukes and Lois Dukes; paternal grandparents, TJ Ellis Jr and Addie Ellis, stepmother Beatrice Ellis, sister Tiffany Rene El-lis-Hayes, and nephew Rakim Lubin.

Left with wonderful memories to cherish: Four loving children, Quintenia Ellis, Quanecia Ellis, Kylen Ellis and Winter Ellis-Johnson; three grandkids, Qari Borden, Qaomi Parker, and Quest Desmond; mother, Johnnie Mae (Abner Cuff), father, Eddie Ellis Sr; three sisters Sabrina (Shawn) Bleasdel, Lashun Goldware, Veronica (Vincent) Looney; three brothers, Sedric Dukes, Michael Cuff, and Gerry Benson; six aunts, Yvonne Raines, Sheila Dukes, Patricia Williams, Ruby Williams, Adrienne Lynn Ellis, and Sheila (Randy) Duckett; one uncle, James C. Ellis, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

Jaxon Lee Luster

Our precious angel, Jaxon Lee Luster, was born into the arms of Jesus on February 10, 2026. Though his time on earth was brief, he touched our hearts forever.

Jaxon is survived by his father, Daniel Luster; his mother, Beth Ammerman; brother, Jayse Luster; and sister, Presley Luster.

Though we never got to see his first smile or hear his sweet laugh, Jaxon’s presence filled our hearts with love and hope. His tiny footprints have left an everlasting mark on our souls.

OBITUARIES

Glenda Silvey

GADSDEN - Glenda Silvey, born on September 18, 1950, passed away on August 8, 2025, at the age of 74. Glenda was a resident of Gadsden, Alabama.



Luther Cleo White

SOUTHSIDE - Luther Cleo White, born on December 11, 1947, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at the age of 78. He was a resident of Southside, Alabama.

Luther spent most of his childhood in different countries due to his dad being in the military. He graduated high school in France. Luther spent 6 years in the Army National Guard, followed by 16 years, working at Northfolk railroad. He enjoyed playing the guitar even up to the time of his sickness. Luther loved being a father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walton and May White; brother, Jimmy White; and grandson, Colby White.

Luther is survived by his wife, Patricia White; daughter, Tina Amberson; sons, Michael (Amy) White, and Matthew White; grandchildren, Ashley (Russell) Shelley, Leslie (Josh) Parrish, Makenzi White, and Cameron White; and great-grandchildren, Kaden, Jace, Jhett, and Jaxon.

Pallbearers will be Cameron White, Josh Parrish, Russell Shelley, Andrew Kimbril, Cody Ham-mett, and Kaden Shelley.

Special thanks to Holly from Pro Health, Southside Police and Fire Medics.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at Morgan Funeral Chapel from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. A chapel service followed at 2:00pm. Graveside service was held at Williams Southside. Danny Hammett officiated.



Olen Danny Minton

Olen Danny Minton, age 76, passed away on February 3, 2026. He was born in Gadsden, Alabama, raised in Attalla, and spent the majority of his life on Straight Mountain.

From a very young age, Danny was known for his strong work ethic and dedication. He began working as a paperboy and gas station attendant and continued working throughout high school. He was a proud graduate of Etowah High School, Class of 1968, becoming the first in his family to earn a high school diploma.

In 1969, Danny enlisted in the United States Army and honorably served his country during the Vietnam War. Following his military service, he began a long and dedicated career with the Goodyear Tire Company in Gadsden, where he worked for 33 years before retiring.

During his retirement, Danny found joy in spending time outdoors, working

in his yard, and completing various projects. He was an avid sports fan, especially of Alabama football, and enjoyed traveling with his beloved cousin, Robert. Danny also had a generous spirit and took pride in giving to various charitable organizations.

Danny was loved and cherished by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Olden Harding Minton; his step-mother, Mae Minton and mother Rella Chumley; grandmother, Belle Minton; brothers, Clifford Moore and Donnie Wayne Minton; and sisters, Gwenlyn Minton and Lisa Klein.

He is survived by his son, Scott Minton; daughter, Leslie Minton; grandson, Trevor Duncan; sisters, Vickie Gilliland, Sue Brothers and Becky Hill; brothers, Derriel Anderson and Johnny Chapman; aunt, Betty Payne; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Vickie Gilliland, Candi Minton, Donnie and Ka-ren Minton, as well as Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory, for their care and support.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospitals.

Service Information

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Village Chapel Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery in Attalla, AL. Donnie Minton Jr. will officiate.

Jonathan "Clay" Bartlett

Jonathan Clay Bartlett passed away February 6, 2026 after an extended illness.

He is preceded in death by his son, Jonathan "Cody" Gordon, his parents, J.C. Bartlett and Audrey Reagan and his brother, Danny Bartlett.

Left to cherish the memory of Clay is his fiancé, Debbie Cate, his daughter, April Wood (Lenny), his sister, Trudi Christopher (Laney), his brother Conrad "Bud" Bartlett (Sandra), his bonus daughter, Misty Story (Daniel), his grandchildren, August and Landon Hamrick, Summer Johnson (Seth), Cayden Davis, Brayden Davis, Kelly Davis (Logan), Savanna Davis (Charlie), Caitlyn Davis (Kamden), Chris Young, Zack Wilbanks, Desireah, Cheyenne and Jonah Wood, his special grand-daughter, Brooklyn Story, a host of nieces and nephews and his special friends, Rick Taylor, Barbara Morton (Joey) and Michael Davis (Candy).

Clay was a die-hard Alabama fan. He loved Jesus and his church family at Gadsden Christian Fellowship Church. He was employed at KTH Products in Leesburg, Alabama. He enjoyed watch-ing Nascar Racing, watching John Wayne movies and reading western books. He will be deeply missed.



Shelbie Jean McCray

Shelbie Jean McCray, born on October 30, 1949, passed away on February 6, 2026, at the age of 76.

She was a devoted and loving wife of 57 years, a cherished mother and a proud Mawmaw whose

family was the center of her world. She found joy in chaos of family life, but also in the quiet moments- losing herself in a good book, crafting, painting, and sewing with skill passed down through years of patience and love. She had a natural gift for taking care of others and was always there with a helping hand, a listening ear, or a comforting presence. Her kindness, creativity, and selfless spirit will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Pauline Tidwell; siblings, Wayne Tidwell, Lejoyn Tidwell, Janell Hammonds.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis McCray; daughters, Christy (Mitchell) Murphree, Amanda (Terry) Baker; grandchildren, Beth (Drew) White, Carmen Murphree, Grayson Baker and great grandchildren, Parker and Landry White.

Hershel Glen Nelson

GADSDEN - Hershel Glen Nelson, of Gadsden, Alabama, passed away on February 10, 2026, at the age of 84. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, Glen lived a full and adventurous life, grounded in family, service, and a deep love of the outdoors.

Born on January 5, 1942, in Gadsden, Alabama, Glen proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force. Following his service, he spent much of his working life at Good-year, where he built a strong career and lasting friendships.

An avid outdoorsman, Glen found great joy in hunting, fishing, snow skiing, and scuba diving—always chasing the next adventure with energy and enthusiasm. Whether in the woods, under the sea, or on the slopes, he embraced life with boldness and curiosity.

Glen is survived by his beloved wife, Jan Nelson; his daughter, Larissa Nelson Bockenek (Jeff); his son, Michael Nelson (Melanie); and his cherished grandchildren: Lindsay Bailey, Jessie Bockenek, Benjamin Bockenek Alonso, Dalton Nelson, and Madison Nelson. He was also blessed with four great-grandchildren, who brought him much joy.

His legacy of love, laughter, and a life well lived will be carried on by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be held at 11:00 a.m., followed by the service at 12:00 p.m. at Collier Butler Fu-neral Home, on Friday, February 13, 2026.

Joe Hope

GADSDEN - With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the earthly transition of Joe Rufus Hope of Gadsden, who traded time for eternity on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at the age of 77. We ask that you keep his family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time.

Visitation: Friday, February 20, 2026, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~ Etowah Chapel, 401 N. 9th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Homegoing Celebration: Saturday, February 21, 2026, 11:00 AM, Alabama City Church of God, 2816 Sansom Ave, Gadsden, AL 35904.

Interment Service: Saturday, February 21, 2026, Rainbow Memorial Gardens, 1440 W Grand Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35904.

Joseph Patrick McDuffie

GADSDEN - Joseph Patrick McDuffie, 61, Gadsden, died on Monday, February 2, 2026.

Joseph was a sweet, caring man with a big heart. He loved his family most of all, and he greatly enjoyed fish-

ing and taking trips to the casino. He had a great sense of humor and was a known jokester.

Mr. McDuffie was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney Earl and Melba Ann McDuffie; and brother, Johnny McDuffie.

He is survived by his children, Steven McDuffie, Tim Boyles, Elizabeth (Dago) Armenta, Karissa McDuffie, Mallorie (Zack) Taylor, Haden McDuffie; grandchildren, Diego Armenta, Leonardo Armenta, Antonio Armenta, Kassie Taylor; siblings, Frances Barton, Laura McBurnett, James George, Rebecca Spinks, Melissa McDuffie, Sidney McDuffie, Audrey Nelson; pet dog and best friend, Forrest; and a host of extended family.

Leland Nichols

GADSDEN - A memorial service will be held Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026, at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, from 1p.m. until 3 p.m. for Mr. Leland Nichols, age 67, of Gadsden, who passed away Tuesday, February 3, 2026. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Nichols was preceded in death by his father, James Earl Nichols; mother, Jessie Mae Wycuff Nichols; daughter Leighann Nichols; brothers, Bill and Buddy Nichols.

His is survived by his wife, Amy Nichols; daughter, Kimberly (Blake) Maxwell; step-son, Cody Bailey; grandchildren, Cyrus and Madison Lumpkin; nieces, Pam Kilgo and Ponda (Chad) Jones; nephew, Morgan Nichols; great niece, Jessica Freemster; mother-in-law, Joyce Howell; sisters-in-law, Kimber-ley Bartel and Lori Howell; brother-in-law, Gordon Scott;special friends, James, Rhonda, and Baya Taylor.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your local animal shelter.

Marion Kay Ashley

GADSDEN - Marion Kay Ashley, born on March 27, 1944, in Alabama, passed away on February 1, 2026, at the age of 81. Marion was a resident of Gadsden, Alabama.

Martha Burrell

It is with sadness but great rejoicing that we announce the passing of our mother and grand-mother, affectionately known to all as Nana, on Saturday, February 7, 2026. She is now safe and whole again in the arms of Jesus.

Martha Lanelle Cullum Burrell, 89, was born on August 28th, 1936 to Lester and Clara Cullum. She was one of ten children born to them.

She was raised in Fort Worth, Texas before moving to Alabama to raise her family here. She was a hard worker who spent many years at the Wrangler/Blue Bell factory in Oneonta, but her children and grandchildren were her heart. She was dedicated to caring for any and all of them when she was able. She had a deep faith in God and was saved at the age of 7 at Lena Pope Home in Texas. She spent many years at White Springs Baptist Church in Rainbow City before moving her membership to Aurora Baptist Church and eventually to Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Altoona, where she was a Sunday School teacher and VBS leader. She eventually moved back to White Springs Baptist Church. While she has not been able to attend recently, her faith re-mained strong and her membership remained at White Springs Baptist Church.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory a wonderful legacy in her children and grandchildren which includes her daughters and sons-in-law,

Donna and Donald Self, Tammy and David Bryant, Anna Marie and Allen Lancaster; her son, Perry Burrell; 13 grandchildren, Rachel (David) Mayer, Jessica (Jason) Espey, Brittany (Scott) Schwendemann, Jason (Jane) Bryant, Brandy (Carl) Fultz, Trevor (Kayla) Lancaster, Allen (Jennifer) Bullard, Nick (Alura) Burrell, Eric Burrell, Kori (Ryan) Brown, Shane (Destiny) Burrell, Kyle Burrell, Savanna (Jagur) Teet; 24 great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Kelton, Jonathan, Noah, Kyra, LeAnna, En-slee, Makayla, Jolie, Jacob, Harper, Miranda, Phoenix, Cohen, Abram, Lilee Anna, Alina, Declan, Blaze, Jemma, Liam, Jonah, Aribella, and Lincoln; one great-great granddaughter, Oakleigh; sister, Linda Spiers; and a host of nieces and nephews, many still in the state of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings; her youngest son, David Burrell; and her infant daughter, Mary Denise.

She will be greatly missed, but praise the Lord, she is no longer suffering from the effects of dementia and heart disease. Flowers are appreciated but in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's and dementia prevention organizations or your favorite charities.

Special thanks to Southern Care New Beacon Hospice, especially Alyssa, Tiffany, Savannah, Jon, Chris, Claire, Jenna, Joy, Chrissey, Glenda, and all who have assisted in her care the past several months. Also, thanks to Healing Hearts Home Care, specifically Jessica, Lexi, and Lynn. The care, concern, and support you all have shown to her will never be forgotten by this care-giver.

Hazel Ruth Jeffers

Hazel Ruth Jeffers, age 93, passed away on January 29, 2026. She was born on December 29, 1932, in Conway, Arkansas.

At a young age she move to Uvalde, Texas where she was raised.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Lewis K. Jeffers; her son, Larry Jeffers; her grandson, Chris Jeffers; and her granddaughter, Alexis Ojeda.

She is survived by her loving children:Dianna Ojeda; Lewis A. Jeffers and wife Teresa; Mike Jeff-ers and wife Linda.

She is also survived by her grandchildren: Alysse Ojeda; Jacob Jeffers and wife Gina; Brittney Blanton and husband Mike; Tonia Birmingham and husband Anthony.

She is further survived by her great-grandchildren: Eli Blanton; Tyler Birmingham; Curtis Birmingham; and Jeremiah Birmingham, Janessa Ojeda Aydn Pagonia.

Hazel lived briefly in Bogalusa, Louisiana, Mobile, Alabama, Oneonta, Alabama, and Cullman, Alabama, before settling in Gadsden, Alabama, where she lived for the past 63 years.

She was a faithful member of Paden Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for over 50 years. She also taught kindergarten for many years, touching the lives of countless children with her patience, love, and faith.

Hazel and her husband Lewis lived in Cherokee Estates, where they raised their four children and built a home centered on faith and family.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Gadsden Health and Rehab Nursing Home, where Hazel spent the last two years of her life, and especially to her aide, Brittany, who loved and cared for her during this time.

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SPORTS

Wrestlers qualify for State Meet, Feb. 12-14

Oak Mountain’s boys emerged Saturday with 238 points and claimed the AHSAA Class 7A North Super Section wrestling title at Birmingham’s CrossPlex Bill Harris Arena over arch-rival Thompson, which finished second with 221 points. Athens totaled 297.5 points to capture the Class 7A North boys’ Super Section title.

In Montgomery, where the South Super Section was held at Garrett Coliseum, Daphne squeaked out the 7A Section title with 203.5 points – two better than runner-up Auburn, which had 201.5 points. Mountain Brook captured the Class 6A boys’ South Section by just two points as well, out-pointing runner-up Gulf Shores, 195.5 points to 193.5.

The Class 6A/7A girls’ competition also concluded Saturday with defending state champion Thompson claiming the North section crown with 152.5 points. Daphne posted 170.5 points to win the South section title.

The 2026 Super Section competition, which began Thursday, concluded Saturday afternoon with qualifiers advancing to next week’s 71st AHSAA State Wrestling Championships.

In classes 1A-4A, 6A, and 7A Super Section boys’ divisions, the

top six finishers in each weight class at each site qualify for the state tournament set for Huntsville’s Von Braun Center Feb. 12-14. In Class 5A boys’ and both girls’ divisions, the top four finishers in each weight class qualify for next week’s state tournament in their division.

On Friday, Alexandria High School captured the AHSAA Class 1A/4A North Section Boys’ team wrestling championship at the Birmingham CrossPlex Bill Harris Arena amassing 299.5 points over the two-day competition which concluded Friday. Arab totaled 234 points emerging as the Class 5A North Region winner.

Defending Class 1A/4A state champion Tallassee posted 238 points at Montgomery’s Garrett Coliseum to claim the AHSAA South Section title Friday. Elmore County capture the Class 5A South Section crown with 238 points.

Dadeville posted 158 points to claim the AHSAA Girls’ South Section Class 1A/5A title at Garrett Coliseum on Friday, and defending state champion Weaver amassed 230.5 points to win the North girls’ Clas 1A/5A Section crown.

Defending AHSAA state wrestling champions from include

2025 winners include: GIRLS: Thompson (6A/7A) and Weaver (1A/5A); and BOYS: Thompson (7A); Athens (6A); Scottsboro (5A); and Tallassee (1A/4A).

Final team scoring and individual championship match results from the 2026 North and South Super Sections are listed below. Complete results were compiled by Trackwrestling from both Super Section meets.

WRESTLING BOYS’ NORTH SECTION RESULTS
At Birmingham CrossPlex, Bill Harris Arena, results through Saturday, Feb. 7.

CLASS 7A NORTH BOYS’ FINAL TEAM SCORING (TOP 10)

Oak Mountain	238.0
Thompson	221.0
Bob Jones	208.5
Vestavia Hills	188.0
Huntsville	184.5
Hewitt-Trussville	168.5
Hoover	132.5
Grissom	102.0
Sparkman	63.0
Tuscaloosa County	33.0

CLASS 6A NORTH BOYS’ FINAL TEAM SCORING (TOP 10)

Athens	297.5
Pell City	232.5
Gardendale	179.0
Jasper	178.0

Southside 148.5
Mortimer Jordan 146.5
Fort Payne 118.0
Hartselle 103.0
Clay-Chalkville 94.0
Pinson Valley 76.5

CLASS 6A NORTH BOYS’ CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION FINALS
Norris (Southside Gadsden) 31-6, Sr. over Amonte Fleming (Mortimer Jordan HS) 23-5, Sr. (Dec 9-4)
Eli Carter (Southside Gadsden) 31-6, So. over Caleb Barry (Buckhorn) 30-5, So. (Dec 8-3)

CLASS 5A NORTH BOYS’ FINAL TEAM SCORING (TOP 10)

Arab	234.0
Hayden	194.5
Scottsboro	194.0
Corner	153.5
Moody	104.5
Lincoln	96.0
Springville	91.5
Brewer	69.5
East Limestone	68.5
St. Clair County	33.5

CLASS 1A/4A NORTH BOYS’ FINAL TEAM SCORING (TOP 10)

Alexandria	299.5
Weaver	229.0
St. John Paul II	163.0
Deshler	156.0
Ashville	143.0

White Plains 135.5
Piedmont 129.0
Randolph 116.0
Brooks 105.0
Shoals Christian 104.0

WRESTLING GIRLS’ NORTH SECTION RESULTS
At Birmingham CrossPlex, Bill Harris Arena. Results through Saturday, Feb. 7.

CLASS 6A/7A GIRLS’ NORTH FINAL TEAM SCORING (TOP 10)

Thompson	152.5
Grissom	143.0
Sparkman	134.0
Hewitt-Trussville	90.0
Huntsville	85.0
Tuscaloosa County	65.5
Oxford	57.5
Mae Jemison	46.0
Florence	44.0
Gardendale	43.5

CLASS 1A/4A GIRLS’ FINAL TEAM SCORING (TOP 10)

Weaver	230.5
Alexandria	177.0
Lincoln	111.0
Piedmont	87.0
East Limestone	84.0
Ashville	75.5
Leeds	69.0
Moody	61.0
Arab	55.5
St. John Paul II	50.0

Courtesy of AHSSA

Local Scores, Stats & Schedules

High School Girls Basketball

Feb. 6
Southside defeated Gadsden City 41–34 in a playoff game. Madison Tinker led Gadsden City with 14 points. Amauri Bowie added 12 points, Naomi Taylor scored five, and Jac’Keria Woods finished with three points.

Etowah defeated Ashville 61–37. Myricle Alexander led the Lady Blue Devils with 15 points. Jalaiah McGhee and Cali Wadley each scored 12 points, followed by Maggy Bennett with seven and Janny Kate Bennett with six.

West End defeated Southeastern 45–33 in a playoff game.

Hokes Bluff defeated Oneonta 43–24 in

a home playoff game.

Coosa Christian defeated Victory Christia

Feb. 7
Sardis defeated Crossville 88–8 in a playoff game.

Glencoe defeated Ohatchee 63–37 in a home playoff game.

Westbrook Christian defeated Piedmont 29–24 in a playoff game.

Cedar Bluff defeated Gaston 73–43 in a playoff game.

Feb. 9
Hokes Bluff edged Etowah 36–34 in a home conference game.

Fort Payne defeated Southside 67–44 in a playoff game.

West End defeated Cleveland 36–33 in a playoff game.

Appalachian defeated Coosa Christian 54–30.

Feb. 13 — State Tournament Semi-Finals
Southside vs. Mountain Brook
Sardis vs. Russellville
Hokes Bluff vs. St. John Paul II
Glencoe vs. Asbury
West End vs. North Sand Mountain
Coosa Christian vs. Ider

High School Boys Basketball

Feb. 7
Westbrook Christian defeated Piedmont 47–40 in a tournament game. Brady Carden led Westbrook with 17 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Case Burton added 13 points, five rebounds, two blocks and one assist. Titus Jones finished with eight points, four rebounds, two steals and one assist, and Bo Kilgo had seven points, five rebounds and five assists.

Feb. 9
Sardis defeated Douglas 77–43 in a home tournament game.

Feb. 10
Westbrook Christian defeated Glencoe

63–52 in a tournament game. Case Burton led with 18 points, nine rebounds, one steal and two blocks. Brodey Wood added 15 points, three rebounds, two steals and three assists. Titus Jones had 14 points, five rebounds, two steals and three assists. Brady Carden finished with 10 points, five rebounds, three steals and three blocks. Bo Kilgo contributed five points, seven rebounds and 10 assists.

Feb. 14 — State Tournament Semi-Finals
Gadsden City vs. Huffman
Sardis vs. Lawrence County
Glencoe vs. Whitesburg Christian Academy
Westbrook Christian vs. Asbury
Coosa Christian vs. TBA

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Hokes Bluff and Etowah High School Girls Basketball teams faced challengers on Feb. 6. Hokes Bluff defeated Oneonta, 43-24. Etowah defeated Ashville, 61-37.

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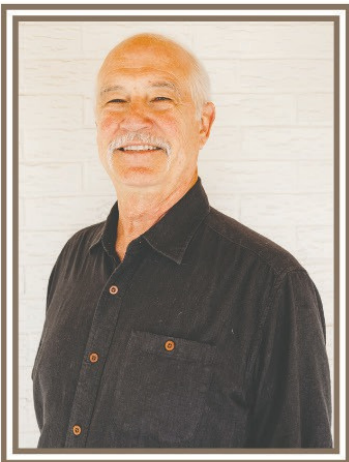
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Mary Ammons, an unmarried woman, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Federal Bank, A FSB. its successors and assigns, on May 26, 2023, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3558414; the undersigned AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on March 18, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: A tract of land described as beginning in the South line of Chestnut Street at the Northwest corner of what is known as the Old Tolson residence lot, formerly owned by C.E. Snead; said point supposed to be 147 feet West of the intersection of the South line of Chestnut Street with the West line of Ninth Street; and from thence running in a Southerly direction and along the West line of the old Tolson residence lot a distance of 153 feet, more or less, to a point which is 40 feet North of the Northeast corner of that certain lot conveyed by Alice E. Guice and husband, C.L. Guice, to W.L. Watson, dated February 17, 1926, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Record 4-P, Page 388, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, said point being 40 feet North of said Watson lot measured along the East line of the Watson lot produced in a Northerly direction; thence in a Westerly direction and parallel with the North line of said Watson lot to a point which is 36.4 feet West of the West line of the old Tolson residence lot measured along the line parallel with the South line of Chestnut Street; thence in a Northerly direction in a direct line to a point in the South line of Chestnut Street; thence in an Easterly direction and along the South line of Chestnut Street a distance of 47 feet to the point of beginning, and being a portion of the Northwest ten acres of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 12, South of Range 6, East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Subject to rights of parties in and to the joint driveway and garage which are located on the above described property.. Property street address for informational purposes: 942 Chestnut Street , Gadsden, AL 35901. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you

understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-09689-SC-AL

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Brad Scott Wilson and wife, Sylenia Belle Wilson, to River Bank & Trust on the 12th day of July, 2016, said mortgage being recorded at Instrument #: 3436841, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and the undersigned, by reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable, and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given, that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Dana L. Rice, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the Courthouse door in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 2nd day of March, 2026, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Lots 50 & 51 in Indian Hills Estates, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "J", Page 134, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

PARCEL 2: Lot 19, River Hills Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book "J", Page 65, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, lying and being in Southside, Etowah County, Alabama. ALSO for a point of beginning: Commence at the NW corner of Lot 19, River Hills Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "J", Page 65, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence run South along the West boundary line a distance of 140.00' to the point of beginning; thence continue South along the West boundary line a distance of 34.12' to an iron pin set and an existing wood fence; thence run Southeasterly in a direct line and along wood fence a distance of 218.25' to the SE corner of Lot 20; thence run in a Northeasterly direction and along radius line a distance of 40.00' to the NE corner of Lot 20; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the South line of Lot 19 a

distance of 214.85' to the point of beginning. Said tract embracing a portion of the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 in Section 32, Township 13 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama. Containing 0.21 acres more or less.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. RIVER BANK & TRUST

BY: Dana L. Rice, Its Attorney Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, PC P. O. Box 129 Gadsden, AL 35902

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by CYNTHIA DAY BUCKLES and KRAIG BUCKLES, wife and husband, on the 10th day of February 2025, to FIRSTBANK, as recorded in Instrument Number 3587431 in the office of the Probate Judge of Etowah County, Alabama; FIRSTBANK, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, FIRSTBANK, as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on March 4, 2026, the following described real and personal property situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land described as follows: To reach the point of beginning, commence at a point where the East line of Keener Road intersects the North line of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter in Section 20, Township 10 South, Range 7 East; thence run North 87 degrees 30 minutes East along said North line 313.10 feet to a point; thence run South 42 degrees 07 minutes East a distance of 236.60 feet to a point, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence from said point of beginning, continue South 42 degrees 07 minutes East a distance of 480.00 feet to a point on the Northwest line of Tabor Road; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the Northwest line of Tabor Road a distance of 110.00 feet to a point; thence run North 42 degrees 07 minutes West a distance of 480.00 feet to a point; thence run in a Northeasterly direction a distance of 110.00 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning of the above-described tract of land embracing a portion of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 10 South, Range 7 East, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2025 Clayton 76' x 16' manufactured home, Serial No. SAD033972ALAC;

together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale.

Kristofor D. Sodergren Attorney for FirstBank ROSEN HARWOOD, P.A.

2200 Jack Warner Pkwy Ste 200 P.O. Box 2727 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403 (205) 344-5000

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Keith Pitman Toney, a married man and, Rita Lynn Toney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns dated February 26, 2010; said mortgage being recorded on March 2, 2010 as Instrument No. 3328332 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3397536 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on March 18, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT NO. 10 OF THE FIRST ADDITION TO GREEN MOUNTAIN LAKE HOMES AS RE-

CORDED ON PLAT BOOK "H", PAGE 117, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 2095 Broughton Springs Road, Southside, AL 35907.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 22-02543AL www.foreclosurehotline.net

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February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Justin Jacobs, an unmarried man, to Family Savings Credit Union on the June 21, 2024, said mortgage being recorded at Instrument #3576390 Mortgage Records, Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and the undersigned, by reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable, and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given, that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Dana L. Rice, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in the rear entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse door (being the door facing the back parking lot) in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama,

during the legal hours of sale on, March 9, 2026 the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Lots 3 and 4, as shown on map of the Rearrangement of Block B, Southmont Addition, Attalla, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book H, Page 83, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

Family Savings Credit Union Dana L. Rice, Its Attorney Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C. P. O. Box 129 Gadsden, Alabama 35902 (256) 543-3664

February 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Larry E Rogers, A Married Man and Amanda Rogers to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for MortgageAmerica, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 28, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on August 31, 2007 as Instrument No. 3278528 and re-recorded as Instrument No. 3282282 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3603244 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on March 18, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 1 AND ALL OF LOT NUMBER TWO (2) IN BLOCK NUMBER TWO (2), IN BROOKLINE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "D", PAGE 141, PROBATE OFFICE, AND LYING AND BEING IN GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 702 Tidmore Bend Rd, Gadsden, AL 35901. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any

matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 25-07479AL www.foreclosurehotline.net The Messenger 02/13/2026,02/20/2026 ,02/27/2026 25-07479A

February 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Barbara McCurdy, Unmarried woman and Deric W. Cline, Unmarried Man, to Regions Bank , on May 9, 2022, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on May 26, 2022, as Document Number 3541089. Regions Bank , the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on March 5, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

THE FOLLOWING LANDS AND PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, LYING IN CITY OF SOUTHSIDE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA TO WIT: PARCEL ONCE COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, AND RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, 466.70 FEET TO AN EXISTING PK NAIL; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE 834.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 38 DEGREES

40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 45.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST. 330.38 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 38 DEGREES 39MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 45.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY 330.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. PARCEL TWOCOMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPOKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, AND RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, 466.70 FEET TO AN EXISTING PK NAIL; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE, 879.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST. 112.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST, 330.38 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 112 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST. 330.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST. ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. PARCEL THREECOMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, AND RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, 466.70 FEET TO AN EXISTING PK NAIL; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE 991.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST. 234.42 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER. OF DEED BOOK 1199, PAGE 635, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 330.50 FEET TO AN EXISTING PINCH PIPE ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 234.41 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY 330.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. More commonly known as: 3601 Smith Rd, Southside, AL 35907-0835

This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

Regions Bank ("Transferee")
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
244 Inverness Center Drive
Birmingham, AL 35242
Phone: (801) 355-2886

February 13, 20, and 27, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jerry Haney was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/15/2025 to the Estate of Martha Faye Haney, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Cassandra Elizabeth Smith Hall was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/13/2026 to the Estate of Reginald Kirkland Smith, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Harold Weaver and Daryl Weaver was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 01/13/2026 to the Estate of Irene Ball Weaver, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Collin Wells was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/14/2026 over the Estate of William Bryan Wells, III deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

David L. Clokey, Jr., and Carol Clokey Calahan was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 01/14/2026 to the Estate of Billie G. Clokey, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Ellen G. Hawkins was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/14/2026 to the Estate of Joseph Allen Hawkins, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Christopher Brian Freeman was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/14/2026 to the Estate of Larry Wayne Freeman, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Sheryl Parker was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/14/2026 to the Estate of Harry Parker aka Harry L. Parker, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jennifer Long was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/15/2026 over the Estate of Hursteen E. Williams, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Michel Hayward Chandler was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/15/2026 to the Estate of Margie Fay Chandler, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jennifer Long was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/15/2026 over the Estate of Lorette Williams, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

George D. King, III aka George Dodgen King, III was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/15/2026 to the Estate of Lynn Hawkins King, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 6, 13, and 20, 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 & CONSERVATORSHIP 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 and 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 THE MATTER OF: ODIS L. MCGUIRE, INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2025-639

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 day of MARCH 2026 at 2:30p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 29TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: JEREMY GOBLE, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2026-00057

TO: Terry Roberts and Dawn Roberts, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the day 17th of March 2026 at 2:30pm. 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 30th DAY OF January 2026

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: CATHY HICKS, AL-

LEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2025-680

TO: Toni Harvell, Jennifer Rowland and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 4th day of March 2026 at 3:00p.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 30th DAY OF January, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

NOTICE TO: Unknown Father
ADDRESS: unknown

You will take notice that a Petition to Change Name of Minor Child born to Courtney Smith (Douglas), was filed on the 16th day of December, 2025, Minor Child's birth date is 02/16/2020.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be and appear before this Court on the 31st day of March, 2026, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the Petition should not be granted to Courtney Smith.

This the 2nd day of February 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026

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

Notice to: Any unknown family members whose whereabouts are unknown

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Dale Richter and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Dale Richter was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 9TH day of FEBRUARY 2026.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 17TH day of MARCH 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

February 13, 20, and 27, 2026

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CV - 2025 - 900604

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

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

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

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

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

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

DONE this 22nd day of December, 2025.

Cassandra Johnson
Circuit Clerk of Etowah County

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

January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

Notice is hereby given that a Complaint has been filed in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, by Robert Driskill, seeking to foreclose the right of redemption and to quiet title to the following described real property located in Etowah County, Alabama:

Property Address: 534 Noojin Street SW, Attalla, Alabama 35954
Parcel No.: 16-02-09-3-000-027.000
Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 26, Cloverdale Subdivision, Plat C-46, Etowah County, Alabama.

Case No.:
CV2025-000106.00

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

Robert Driskill, Plaintiff,
Pro Se

January 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CV - 2026 - 900048

GRACE DARLENE WHITLOCK and JUSTIN WHITLOCK PLAINTIFFS
v.
BARBARA CAROL PITTS AND

THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

To reach a point of beginning for the herein-after described parcel of land, commence at the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence run South 88 degrees 00 minutes West, along the South line thereof, 30.08 feet to a point in the West line of Turner Road; thence run North 02 degrees 14 minutes East along said West line, parallel with the East line of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, 1,150.15 feet to a point; thence run South 84 degrees 20 minutes West, 789.6 feet to a point, which is the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence from said point of beginning deflect 180 degrees left and run North 84 de-

grees 20 minutes East 100 feet to a point; thence deflect left and run North 02 degrees 14 minutes East 277.43 feet, more or less, to a point on the South line of Rocky Ford Road 80-foot right of way; thence Westerly along the South line of Rocky Ford Road 100 feet, more or less, to a point which is North 02 degrees 14 minutes East from the point of beginning; thence deflect left and run South 02 degrees 14 minutes West 277.43 feet, more or less, to the South property line, the point of beginning, and embracing portions of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 of SE 1/4) in Section Seven (7), Township Twelve (12) south, Range Eight (8) East of Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama.

AND

Fictitious Defendants A-D, whose identities and whereabouts are unknown, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the lands described herein DEFENDANTS

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

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The address of the subject property is 7903 Rocky Ford Road, Gadsden, AL 35903. The PIN for the subject property is 23258. A person with a right to redeem the property may do so at any time prior to the entry of final judgment in this action by filing a timely answer or motion in the court. A judgment quieting title may cause a person with an interest in or claim on the property to lose their interest or claim. Any person claiming an interest in the property may appear in this action. Any person who is entitled to redeem may request that the property be sold at public auction. IN SUMMARY, IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO LOSE ANY INTEREST OR EQUITY, OR BOTH, YOU MAY HAVE IN THE PROPERTY, YOU MUST TAKE ALL REQUIRED MEASURES TO APPEAR IN AND RESPOND TO THIS TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE ACTION.

Done the 5th day of February, 2026.

Jason Knowles, Attorney for Plaintiffs
413 Broad Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
256-547-7200

February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 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

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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

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January 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 2026

**ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS**

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 2:00pm CST, Monday, March 2, 2026 for Football Stadium Lighting Renovations at Southside High School and Hokes Bluff High School: at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Etowah County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Digital documents are available from the Architect at no cost. Request via email. Only general contractors who have been ap-

proved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures will be eligible to bid for the Project. Submit prequalification request on a form AIA A305, Contractor's Qualification Statement. Prequalification packages are due at the office of the Architect by 12pm CST on Monday, February 23, 2023. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect ; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted. Etowah County Board of Education (Awarding Authority)
B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 256-390-5657, craig@bclarch.com (Architect)

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February 13, 20, and 27, 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

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
ABANDONED
VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2017 GMC Acadia Vin #1GKKN-NLS8HZ187617 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 3/28/2026 The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

February 6 and 13, 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 03/20/2026 at 8:00 am.

2005 Nissan Sentra
VIN: 3N1CB-51D65L567137

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

FEBRUARY 6 AND 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
AUCTION OF
ABANDONED
VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that the Kelton Wrecker LLC will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicles:

2004 KIA SPECTRA
VIN:
KNAFE121745036815

2016 CHEVROLET EQUINOX
VIN:
2GNALCEK2G6273800

The public auction will be held at Kelton Wrecker LLC located at 1625 Forrest Ave Gadsden AL 35901 at 8:00 AM on 04/14/2026. The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low and may postpone the public auction until another time and place. In addition, the seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

February 13 and 20, 2026

**NOTICE OF
PROPOSED
VACATION OF AN
ALLEY RUNNING
BETWEEN 904 &
924 EAST BROAD
STREET**

A declaration has been received by the City of Gadsden for the vacation of an alleyway, described as follows:

BEGIN AT A MARK IN CONCRETE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHEASTERLY R/W OF EAST BROAD STREET (50'R/W) AND THE NORTHWESTERLY R/W OF A 10' ALLEY MARKING THE SW CORNER OF LOT (6), MRS. ANNIE COLLIER FREEMAN'S REARRANGEMENT OF BLOCK 9 OF SOUTH ADDITION TO EAST GADSDEN, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "C", PAGE 357 IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, THENCE ALONG SAID R/W OF SAID 10' ALLEY N68°57'49"E 400.47' TO A 1/2" REBAR CAPPED (CA-50439-LS) AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHWESTERLY R/W OF A 10' ALLEY AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY R/W OF MCKISSACK STREET (R/W UNKNOWN), THENCE S47°27'56"E 11.17' ALONG SAID R/W OF MCKISSACK STREET (R/W UNKNOWN) TO A 1/2" REBAR CAPPED (CA-50439-LS) AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY R/W OF MCKISSACK STREET (R/W UNKNOWN) AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY R/W OF A 10' ALLEY, THENCE S68°57'49"W 405.27' ALONG SAID R/W OF 10' ALLEY TO A COTTON SPINDLE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY R/W OF A 10' ALLEY AND THE NORTHEASTERLY R/W OF EAST BROAD STREET (50' R/W), THENCE ALONG SAID R/W OF EAST BROAD STREET (50'R/W) N22°01'16"W 10.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.09 ACRES MORE OR LESS. A resolution granting assent to this vacation will be considered by the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 90 Broad Street. Objections to the passage of the resolution will be heard at that time. A map of the proposed vacation will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Engineering Department, third floor, Room 302, City Hall.

Iva Nelson
City Clerk

January 30, February 6, 13, and 20, 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 willamb@robinsmorton.com or delivery to 400 Shades Creek Pkwy. Birmingham, AL 35209; UNTIL 5:00PM LOCAL TIME; ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026, for:

Iva Nelson
City Clerk

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

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GADSDEN ATHLETIC CENTER PROJECT – MULTI-PRIME PACKAGES (SITEWORK 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 promoted.

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 Request 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.

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 distributed at no cost through Robins & Morton's Building Connected Platform by requesting the invitation by email at willamb@robinsmorton.com. All bidders must be prequalified with Robins & Morton in order 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 to the City of Gadsden, Alabama, or a bid bond executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make such bonds in Alabama, in an amount equal to the lesser of five percent (5%) of the bid or ten thousand (\$10,000).

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any and all bids. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for the satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bond in the amount required by Section 39-1-1(a), Code of Alabama 1975, and evidence of insurance as required by the bid documents within ten (10) days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract. 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. This is a tax-exempt contract. By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the state of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party

found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

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

**NOTICE TO
CONTRACTORS
FEDERAL AID
PROJECT
NO.IM-1059(454)
DEKALB AND
ETOWAH COUNTIES,
ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on February 27, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Roadway Safety Improvements (Traffic Sign Replacement) on I-59 from the SR-77 Interchange (Exit 181) to the Georgia State Line.

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

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Fifty (50) Working Days.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$29.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

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

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

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract. The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$647,537 To \$791,434 .

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director

February 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE
CITY OF ATTALLA**

The City of Attalla will hold Public Hearings to discuss the remedies for Nuisance/Abatement cases that will come before the Attalla City Council on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Public Hearings will be held at 612 4th Street NW, Attalla, Alabama. The following addresses will be discussed.

413 Rothrock Avenue, SW, Attalla, al 35954
629 Hammond Avenue, Attalla, al. 35954
516 Noojin Street, SW, Attalla, al 35954

Mandy Cash
City Clerk

February 6 and 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-64-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1115 GRANT AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 11 BLK 38 GARDEN CITY SUB NO 2 PLAT C-411 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-190.000
PIN# 31125

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 SAMUEL & MISTY SOLANO, 1115 GRANT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-65-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 2713 LOOKOUT AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BEG SW COR LT 1 A L SMALL ADD PLAT B-355 TH E 63.6 ALONG N ROW OF LOOKOUT AVE TH N 133 TH W 14.33 TH N 62 TH W 54.9 TH S 195 TO POB LT 1 & PT LT 2 BLK 1 A L SMALL ADD PLAT B-355 GADSDEN 31-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-2-000-089.000
PIN# 18311

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 JESSICA COLLINS, 2713 LOOKOUT 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 February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-66-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 311 7TH STREET NORTH in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number 3 and a strip of land of even width, being 25.6 feet in width, off the Southwest side of Lot No. 2, all being in Block "G" of the Bonnie Nowlin Subdivision, according to the plat or map thereof as the same appears of record in Plat Book "D", Page 41, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-2-000-022.000
PIN# 30650

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to TOMMY DURAN MOORE AND WIFE, PATRICIA MAE MOORE, 1323 AL HIGHWAY 204, WELINGTON, ALABAMA 36279-5084, 311 7TH STREET NORTH, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1.The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-67-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 415 CRAWFORD AVENUE (also known as 421 Crawford Avenue) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Numbers 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Block Number 1 of Kirby's Subdivision being a rearrangement of Lot Number 2 and 4, in Block Number 4 of the Hadley Farms Addition, according to the map or plat of said Re-subdivision recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 241, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-06-13-3-000-128.000
PIN# 43148

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to NOAH'S LANDING, LLC, P.O. BOX 894, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902, 415 CRAWFORD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, METRO BANK C/O TONNIE BOICE TURNER, JR., P.O. BOX 1124, ANNISTON, ALABAMA, 36202
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1.The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-68-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 428 MADISON CIRCLE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot number Seven (7) in Block Number Two (2) in Woodland Park according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 105, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, subject to the rights, if any, of the City of Gadsden as described in Record Book "359", Pages 455 and 578 and subject to the rights, if any, of the Alabama Power Company as shown by instrument recorded in Deed Record "3-N", Page 263, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, as recorded in Book 723, Page 506, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-395.000
PIN# 50132

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to DAVID GANN AND ASHLEY GANN, 428 MADISON CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1.The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.
2.The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-69-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1333 STILLMAN AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Twenty-one (21) in Block Number Eleven (11) in the rearrangement of Blocks Number Eleven (11), Twelve (12) Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), in Goodyear Highlands, according to the map of said Re-arrangement recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 293, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to TUSCACAL, L.L.C., 2084 VALLEYDALE ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35244, TUSCACAL, LLC, 1333 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF FIRST BANK ALABAMA, PO Box 797, Talladega, AL 35161.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1.The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-70-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 909 N. 34TH STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 4 BLK 5 SAM BAILEY ADD #2 PLAT A-445 GADSDEN 36-11-5

Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-161.000
PIN# 10664

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 DEXTER SMITH & ROSIE L MARSHALL, 411 BECKY ALLEN CIRCLE, 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 February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-71-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1200 CHRISTOPHER AVENUE (County records list property address as 0 Fourth Street) in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 6 & 9 & PT LTS 7-8 HILL & CANSLER ADD BLK 9 PLAT B-193 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-007.000
PIN# 37008

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 ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH, INC., 323 SOUTH 12TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALALBAMA 35901.
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1.The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2.The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-72-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1532 FORREST AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 29 & 31 BLK 4 W A CROCHERON SECOND ADD A-101 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-229.000
PIN# 36833

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 DADD INVESTMENTS, LLC, 134 AUDREY LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-8836, MRDA, LLC, 134 AUDREY LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1.The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2.The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-73-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1237 GOOD-YEAR AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BEG SW COR LT 81 RIVERVIEW EST PARCEL 1 PLAT C-402 TH NE 108.2 TH SE 159.85 TH NE 133.5 TO S ROW OF GOOD-YEAR AVE TH SE 73.02 ALONG ROW TH SW 154.92 TH SW 169.59 TH NE 40 TH W 100.18 TO POB BEING PT LTS 77-81 & 101-102 RIVERVIEW EST PARCEL 1 PLAT C-402 GADSDEN 12-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-12-2-000-056.000
PIN# 32072

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 RANDALL J. & AMANDA SHAW HUMPHREY, 1237 GOODYEAR AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1.The Council finds that the 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 February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-74-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 4 HINSDALE AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 101 CONE MILLS PARCEL #4 PLAT F-57 31-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-282.001
PIN# 97149

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 ASHLEIGH & w/ TIFFANY PHILLIPS, 4 HINSDALE 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

February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-75-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 25 LAKEFRONT AVENUE (County records list property address as 25 LAKEFRONT STREET) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LOT 103 CONE MILLS CORPORATION PARCEL NO 5 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK F PG-59 IN CITY OF GADSDEN ALA IN GOVT LOT 2 6-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-06-1-000-005.000
PIN# 37540

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 MARY A GARGUS, 1510 OWENS STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1.The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2.The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-76-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 604 MAGNOLIA AVENUE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 5 BLK 4 CRESTVIEW LAND CO ADD PLAT D-145 15-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-05-15-1-000-144.000
PIN# 41526

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 GAMES & TOURNAMENTS UNLIMITED, LLC, 605 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1.The Council finds that the 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 February 3, 2026

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-77-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 124 PARK STREET (County records list property address as 0 Park Street) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 9 BLK 2 EASTLAND PARK SUB B-229 GADSDEN SEC 14 TWP 12S R 6E

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-1-000-228.000
PIN# 43576

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, PO. BOX 327210, MONTGOMERY, 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 February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-78-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 114 PENN DRIVE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 8 BLK 4 THE HIGHLANDS C-263 GADSDEN SEC 15 TWP 12S R 6E

Tax ID#: 15-05-15-1-000-037.000
PIN# 41415

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 KERRY MARSHALL, 35 MILL ROCK DRIVE N.W., CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA 30121, ADAM SPRINKLE, 114 PENN DRIVE, 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 February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-79-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 2921 SHAHAN AVENUE (County records list property address as 2923 SHAHAN AVENUE) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 7 BLK 16 SMITHS 1ST ADD PLAT B-158 1-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-180.000
PIN# 49316

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 February 3, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-80-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1007 VINSON AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 18-20 BLK 2 TOMMIE VINSON ADD TO EASTVIEW PLAT C-189 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-1-000-124.000
PIN# 30458

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 DAVID PANKEY, 5789 MORRIS AVENUE, HOKES BLUFF, ALABAMA 35903-4879.
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 February 3, 2026

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

February 13, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Notice of Public Hearing for the Creation of a Tax Increment District in the City of Gadsden

The City of Gadsden plans to create a Tax Increment District (TID) for the purpose of encouraging the revitalization of various neighborhoods. The proposed TID would generally cover the following areas: Downtown, East Broad Street, Hoke Street (from East Broad to Litchfield), Forrest Avenue (from 10th Street to Wall Street), 12th Street/Noccalula Road (from West Meighan Boulevard to Irby Boulevard), Tuscaloosa Avenue, Rainbow Drive (from Dallas Street to South 4th Street and areas along the east bank of the Coosa River (from 7th Avenue East to the I-759 Bridge). A map showing the proposed district boundaries may be viewed in the Department of Planning and Engineering, which is located in Room 302 at Gadsden City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. A public hearing will be held concerning the TID on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at Gadsden City Hall. For additional information, residents may contact Nick Hall 256-549-4521. Written comments may be emailed to nhall@cityofgadsden.com or mailed to: The City of Gadsden Attn: Nick Hall P.O. Box 267 Gadsden, Alabama 35902

February 13 and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Notice of Public Hearing for the Amendment of a Tax Increment District in the City of Gadsden

The City of Gadsden plans to create a Tax Increment District (TID) for the purpose of encouraging the revitalization of the airport and surrounding neighborhoods. The proposed TID would generally cover the following areas: the current airport TID, the Northeast Alabama Regional Airport, the Gadsden Commerce Center, Alabama Highway 77 (Gilbert Ferry Rd), Airport Rd, and Steel Station Rd. A map showing the proposed district boundaries may be viewed in the Department of Planning and Engineering, which is located in Room 302 at Gadsden City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. A public hearing will be held concerning the TID on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at Gadsden City Hall. For additional information, residents may contact Nick Hall at 256-549-4521. Written comments may be emailed to nhall@cityofgadsden.com or mailed to:

The City of Gadsden
Attn: Nick Hall
P.O. Box 267
Gadsden, Alabama
35902

February 13 and 20,
2026

**LEGAL ZONING
NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on February 25, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the City of Gadsden will hold a regularly scheduled public hearing in the Council Chamber at City Hall, First Floor, 90 Broad Street to give all persons who desire an opportunity to be heard, in opposition to or in favor of, the following requests:

Final Plat presentation for a proposed creation of a New Subdivision on property described below:

A tract of land lying in and being a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter in Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a spike found, at the purported Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian; Thence run N89°55'04"E for a distance of 30.00' feet to a capped rebar found at the Eastern R.O.W of Oakland Dr.; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; Thence, leaving said R.O. W, run N89°55'04" "E for a distance of 170.00' feet to a capped rebar found; Thence run N89°55'04"E for a distance of 321.36' feet to a capped rebar found at the Western R.O.W of Whorton Bend Rd.; Thence run, along the said R.O.W, S45°25'13"E for a distance of 307.51' feet to a point; Thence run, along the said R.O.W., S49°16'57"E for a distance of 99.48' feet to a point; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; Thence run, along the said R.O.W., S56°20'28"E for a distance of 93.48' feet to a rebar found; then leaving said R.O.W., run S52°54'29"W for a distance of 434.12' feet to a rebar found; then run N68°02'33"W for a distance of 110.80' feet to a rebar found; then run N11°27'08"E for a distance of 280.08' feet to a rebar found; then run N56°02'6'58"E for a distance of 212.76' feet to a rebar found, said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described :Containing 2.36+/- acres, more or less Subject to the existing rights of way for public roads, utility lines, easements, and restrictions whether recorded or not.(Property address being 1170 Oakland Drive).

"A request to rezone the following described properties from DC, Downtown District to HC, Highway Commercial District: Parcel 1(pin 33773)

A parcel of land, fifty feet in width, on the present Northeast line of Henry Street, and extending to Maighan Boulevard, and having a frontage of approximately 74 feet on Meighan Boulevard, such parcel hereby conveyed having a Southeast boundary line approximately 101.5 feet and a North-west boundary line of approximately 47 feet; and being all of Lot 6, Block "a" of Fitz Gerald's Survey of the R. B. Kyla Addition, as per plat recorded in Book of Town Plats "A", on Page 153, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, except that part of Lot 6 which was conveyed co the First Baptist Church in Gadsden by a deed from Edwin L. Goodhue and wife, dated Sept, 22, 1953; and the parcel here conveyed, being further described as beginning at a point in the Southeast line of Lot 6 which is 5 feet Northeastly as measured along the line of Lot 6, from the original line of Henry Street; thence Northeastly along the Southeast line of Lot 6, a distance of 101.5 feet, more or less, to Meighan Boulevard; thence North 82 degrees 56 minute West, along Meighan Boulevard a distance of 74 feet, more or less, to the Northwest line of Lot 61 thence Southwestly along the Northwest line of Lot 6, a distance of 47 feet, more or less, to the present line of Henry Street; Parcel 2 (pin 33774)

Begin at the most Westerly corner of Lot No. 2, Block "B", of the Kyle Henry Street Plat as recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 153, in the Etowah County Probate Office, and run North 55°00'00" East along the Northerly line of Lot No. 2 a distance of 124.44 feet to an iron pin found; thence run South 75°46'20" East a distance of 3.38 feet to an-iron pin found; thence run South distance 12°42'20" East a distance of 15.47 feet to an iron pin found; thence run South 77°12'20" East as of 39.87 feet to an iron pin found; thence run North 35°10'40" East a distance of 131.00 feet to an existing right-of-way monument and the intersection of the Southerly right-of-way line of Meighan Boulevard and the Southerly right-of-way line of Lister Lane; thence run South 61°37'20" East along the Southerly right-of-way line of Lister Lane a distance of 66.67 feet to an iron pin found; thence run South 28°24'40" West a distance of 110.01 feet to an iron pin found; thence run North

of Oakland Dr.: thence, leaving said R.O.W. run N89°55'04"E for a distance of 170.00' feet to a capped rebar found; Thence run N89°55'04"E for a distance of 321.36' feet to a capped rebar found at the Western R.O.W of Whorton Bend Rd.: thence run, along the said R.O.W, S45°25'13"E for a distance of 307.51' feet to a point; thence run, along the said R.O.W., S49°16'57"E for a distance of 99.48' feet to a point; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; thence run along the said R.O.W., S49°16'57"E for a distance of 99.48' feet to a rebar found; thence run, along the said R.O.W., S56°20'28"E for a distance of 93.48' feet to a rebar found; then leaving said R.O.W., run S52°54'29"W for a distance of 434.12' feet to a rebar found; then run N68°02'33"W for a distance of 110.80' feet to a rebar found; then run N11°27'08"E for a distance of 280.08' feet to a rebar found; then run N56°02'6'58"E for a distance of 212.76' feet to a rebar found, said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described :Containing 2.36+/- acres, more or less Subject to the existing rights of way for public roads, utility lines, easements, and restrictions whether recorded or not.(Property address being 1170 Oakland Drive).

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73°28'20" West a distance of 41.93 feet to an iron pin found; thence run North 77°13'53" West a distance of 2.48 feet to an iron pin found; thence run South 28°00'40" West a distance of 193.82 feet to an iron pin found on the Northeastly right-of-way line of Henry Street; thence run along the Northeastly right-of-way line of Henry Street and along a curve to the right having a Delta = 38°20', Tangent = 81 feet, a distance of 38.88 feet measured along the chord of said curve having a chord bearing of North 39°19'00" West to an iron pin found; thence continue along the Northeast-erly right-of-way line of Henry Street North 34°30'20" West a distance of 125.35 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being Lot No. 2 and a portion of Lot No. 1, Block "B" of the Kyle Henry Street Plat, as recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 153, in the Etowah County Probate Office, and a portion of the NW ½ of the SE 4, Section 4, T-12-S, R-6-E, lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and containing 0.629 acre, more or less.

Parcel 3 (pin 33775)

A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at the point of inter section of the easterly line of Seventh Street with the t southwestly line of Herry Street, as presently located, and from thence run in a southeasterly direction and along the present southwest line of Henry Street a distance of 10.5 feet to a point of curve; thence continue in a southeasterly direction, and a curve along the southwest-ly line of Henry Street, as presently located, along the left having a central angle of 41 22 and a radius of 259.7 Feet e a distance of 166.33 feet to a point in the north right of way line of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louts Railroad, now the Louisville and Nashville Railroad; thence in a westerly direction and along the northerly right of way line of said railroad a distance of 308.5 feet to a point, in the east line off Seventh Street: thence in a northerly direction and along the east line of Seventh Street a distance of 203.5 fent to the paint of beginning, said description embarking within its boundaries all of Block "A" " of Kyle Henry Street Plat, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", page 153, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; and a portion of the northeast of the R southwest quarter and e portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter in Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of Huntsville Meridiam, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel 4 (pin 34107)

A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the northerly, or northeasterly line of Lister Lane which is 152.3 feet from the westerly line of North Sixth Street, said point being the southwest corner of that certain tract conveyed by Belie Ragland et al to Trustees of Sweet Home Methodist Church, by deed dated 25th July, 1960, and recorded in Book 789, Page 347, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama and from there run in a north-westerly direction and along the northeasterly Line of Listers Lane of a distance of 50 feet, a more or less, to the southwest corner of that certain tract conveyed by Walter Dennis et al to Jessie L. Webb by deed recorded in Book 696, Page 45, said Probate Office; thence run in a northerly direction and along the easterly line of said Webb lot a distance of 85 feet, more or less, to a point in the southerly right of way line of Meighan Boulevard, otherwise known as Project No. U-208 (7); thence run in an easterly direction and along the southerly line of said Maighan Boulevard along a curve to the right a distance of 57.2 feet, more or less, to a point of tangent; thence run in an easterly direction and along Meighan Boulevard a distance of 22.58-feet to the northwest corner of the church lot described in book 789

page 347, above referred to thence deflect at angle of 89 " 31' to the right and run in a southerly direction and along the west line of said Church lot a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the South-east Quarter (SE 1/4) in Section Four (4), in Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) (6) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gadsden, Etowah. County, Alabama, and possibly a portion of Lot Number Two Hundred Eighty-One (281) of the Original Survey of Gadsden. The foregoing description embraces the, same lands conveyed by Home Owners Loan Corporation to Kattie Thomas and Cleveland Thomas by deed dated 16th January, 1939 and recorded in Book "3-N", page 374, Probate office, Etowah County, Alabama except that portion now embraced in Meighan Boulevard PARCEL #2 A Lot or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in northerly or northwest line of Listers Lane which is 202.5 feet the northerly, or northwest- measured along the north-west Line of Listers Lane from the westerly, measured along Street, said point of Listers Lane, from the westerly line of North Sixth street. And point being the southwest by Walter Deunis et being al to the southeast corner of that certain tract conveyed Jessie L. Webb, by deed recorded. in Book 696, Page 451, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and from thence run in a northwesterly direction ton and along the northeasterly line of Listers Lane a distance of 85.5 fest to the southeast corner of thar certain tract conveyed by Dorris Herron to Glen Andrewe, by deed dated 25th January, 1971, and recorded in Book 1119, pages 39, and Probate Office; thence deflect an angle of 75 35 to the right and run in a northerly direction and along the east line of said Andrews lot a distance of 56.18 feet to a point in the southerly right of way line of Meighan Boulevard, otherwise known as Project No. U-208 (7); thence run in an west direction and along the southerly line of said Meighan Boulevard distances of 77 feet, more or less, to the east line of the Wabb tract describe in Book 696, page 451 thence run in a southerly direction line of said Webb tract direction and along the cast Webb tract a distance and along the east line of said Wabb tract! a distance of 05 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of the Northwest Quartar (NW 1/4) 1/4) of the South-east Quarter (St 1/4) in Section Four (4), Township Twelve (12) South, Hange S Parcel 5 (pin 34108)

A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the northeast line of Listers Lane, which said point is 288.7 feet northwest-erly, measured along said northeast line of lister's Lane, from the westerly line of North 6th Street, said point being the sour west corner of the Jessie L. Webb lot as described in a deed from Walter Dennis, et al, to Jessie L. Webb, recorded in Book "696", Paga 45, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and from thence run in a northerly direction and along the westerly line of said lot a entrance of 57 feet, more or less, to a point in the southwestly right of way line of Meighan Boulevard, otherwise known as Federal Project No U-208(7): thence run in a north-westerly direction and along the southwest-erly U-208)1thine of Meighan Boulevard, right of way line of said Meighan Boulevard a distance of 20 feet, more or run less, in to a point where said right of way line turns abruptly southwest thence southwestly direction and along the right of way line of said Meighan Boulevard a distance of 42 feet, more or less, to a point in the north easterly line of Listers Lane; thence run in a south-easterly direction and along the northeast line

of said listers Lane a distance of 40 feet to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of the Northwest Quarter (NW of the Southeast Quarter (SE) in Section Four (4), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Ala Abama, and being those portions not embraced in Meighan Boulevard of that certain lot conveyed by Crittic Dennis to Hazel Dennis Taylor, by deed dated 4th August, 1939, and recorded in Book "6-6-B", page 34, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and being one and the same property described an Parcel No. 3 in that certain deed recorded in Bock "134" page 698, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel 6 (pin 34110)

For a point of beginning to describe the property herein start at a point in the West line of the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 which is 200 feet Southerly, measured along the West line of said forty, from the Northwest comer thereof, said point being in the Southwest line of Lister's Lane and being North 62 degrees 50 minutes West 602.4 feet, measured along the Southwest line of Lister's Lane, from the Northwest line of North Sixth Street and from said point run North 62 degrees 50 minutes West and along the Southwest line of Lister's Lane a distance of 4.5 feet to the North-east corner of that certain lot conveyed by Era Brummett and husband, Lon Brummet, to Kyle Realty Company, a corporation, by deed dated 16th May, 1951, and recorded in Book 471, Page 73, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence deflect an angle of 100 degrees 56 minutes to the left and run South 16 degrees 14 minutes West and along the Easterly line of said Kyle Realty Company lot a distance of 30 feet to a point in the Southerly right-of-way line of the New Meighan Boulevard, known as Proj. U-208(7), and which said last mentioned point is the point of beginning of the lot herein described, and from said point of beginning continue South 16 degrees 14 minutes West and along the Easterly line of said Kyle Realty Company lot a distance of 102.8 feet to a point, thence deflect an angle of 91 degrees 35 minutes to the left and run South 75 degrees 21 minutes East a distance of 24 feet to a point in the West line of said NW1/4 of the SE1/4; thence in a Southerly direction and along the West line of said forty a distance of 9.7 feet to a point; thence South 74 degrees 00 minutes East a distance of 21 feet to a point, thence North 27 degrees 10 minutes East a distance of 130 feet to a point in the Southwest line of Lister's Lane, said point being where the Southerly line of the New Meighan Boulevard intersects the Southwest line of Lister's lane; thence North 87 degrees 30 minutes West and along the Southerly line of said New Meighan Boulevard a distance of 74 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the South-east Quarter (SE1/4) and a portion of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) in Section Four (4), Township Twelve (12) South of Range Six (6) East of Huntsville Meridian, and a portion of Lot Number Two Hundred Eighty-two (282) in the Original Survey of the City of Gadsden, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel 7 (pin 34114)

A tract of land described as beginning at the southeast: corner of Lot No. 281 in the Original Survey of Gadsden and from thence run in an easterly or southeasterly direction along the southerly line of said lot a distance of 180 feet to a point; thence run in a north, or northeasterly direction at an exterior angle. Of 89 32' a distance of 95.8 feet, more or less, to the southerly line of listers Lane; thence in a westerly or northwesterly direction along the southerly line

of said Listers Lane a distance of 180 feet to the point of intersection of the westerly line of said lot produced; thence in a southerly or southwesterly direction and along the westerly line of said lot produced to the point of beginning and embracing a portion of Lot No. 291 of the Original Survey of Gadsden which lies south or southwest of Listers Lane and also embracing a portion of a tract of land bounded on the south by the north line 11 of the Original Survey of Gadsden, on the no on the north or northeast by the southerly line of Listers lane, and on the west or northwest by the westerly line of said lot No. 281 produced, and being and lying in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. (Property address being 630 West Meighan Blvd and surrounding).

Final Plat presentation for a proposed Re-Plat on property described below:

LOT 1
A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 4.72 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, A PORTION OF WHICH LYING IN LOTS 12 & 13 OF THE DR. O.R. EATMAN FARM, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "C", PAGE 153, COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE, AND BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 07 EAST, HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, CITY OF GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:BEGIN AT A 5/8" REBAR MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD (50' R/W) AND THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BURNS PARK ROAD (50' R/W); THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BURNS PARK ROAD N72°22'35"E FOR 436.81 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR; THENCE N72°25'42"E FOR 50.70 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR; THENCE N70°34'24"E FOR 153.04 FEET TO A CAPPED 5/8" REBAR (3 NOTCH GROUP CA-0026-LS); THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY S21°17'21"E FOR 390.45 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE S75°03'31"W FOR 463.58 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY N46°44'59"W FOR 415.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (property address being 200 Burns Park Road)

Chapter 130 Zoning Ordinance proposed "text" amendments to Section 130-9, General Site Development and Design Standards; Section 130-11, Parking and Mobility; Section 130-12, Landscaping and Buffering; Article VI, Development Review Procedures; Section 130-26, Measurements.

February 13, 2026.

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Bid Documents are open to the public for inspection at the City Hall, Room 301, City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama, Alabama AGC / ISQFT Plan Room; Dodge Project Data; and Construct Connect. Electronic copies of Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect through email request only. Sub-contractors and vendors should obtain digital copies through the General Contractor. No printed hard copies of bid documents will be issued. Requests for Bid Documents should be submitted to Kevin Bryant, kbryant@dadot.com. In order to submit a bid, all General Contractor bidders must use the procedures above and attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting and having done so, will be placed on the Architect's Official Bidders List. Bids received from bidders who obtained Bid Documents through any other method and are not on the Architect's Official Bid List will be rejected.

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

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Bidders must certify that they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any

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