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STATE OF THE CITY



Kaitlin Hoskins | Messenger

Ruth Moffat, left, and Mayor Craig Ford, right, discuss projects in Gadsden during the State of the City address on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, at the Venue at Coosa Landing.

‘We’re not done yet’ 91 projects underway in Gadsden

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

GADSDEN — Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford and the City of Gadsden played host to guests at the annual State of the City presentation on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026.

The Venue at Coosa Landing was transformed into a showroom. The walkway inside the ballroom was flanked with posters on easels showing some of the 91 projects the city is working toward completing — including the Gadsden Athletic Center, Coosa Harbor development off U.S. Highway 411, the rerouting of U.S. Highway 411 and a new city hall complex on Broad Street.

On the other side of the room, a showcase of shiny new vehicles drew attention. A firetruck, a large grapple truck, two police cruisers, two police motorcycles and two police bicycles were on display.

Ford and Ruth Moffat, the city's director of community engagement and social services, took to the stage to discuss progress across the city. During the hour-long presentation,

Moffat, who stepped into a moderating role for the evening, asked Ford questions about projects, plans, accomplishments and hurdles.

Ford and Moffat discussed a variety of topics, including the financial state of the city, a recently secured \$140 million bond, staffing, collaboration with state and local officials, clean-up efforts across the city and improvements to both the police and fire departments.

Ford praised the work of the city's first responders, including fire Chief Vance Brown and police Chief Lamar Jaggars, and informed the crowd that when he took office, both departments were understaffed, but now, one was fully staffed and one was nearing full staff.

New fire stations were discussed as well. One being the fire station on Rainbow Drive in the Clubview area, and one that will be built along the Coosa River under the Meighan Boulevard bridge. That new station will include a water rescue unit and will be “state of the art,” according to Ford. The city was awarded \$6.5 million in federal funding dollars for the

new river station which will replace stations no. 1 and 6.

Ford also mentioned raises for city workers, the creation of city-led paving crew and the city's relentless effort to secure federal funding.

“We go to D.C. and beg for money,” Ford said. “It’s your money. It is taxpayer money that we are trying to bring back to Gadsden.”

On the topic of funding, Ford and Moffat praised the previous administration for the fiscal responsibility they practiced.

“The previous administration left us in a great fiscal position,” Ford said. “We had money to do these things thanks to Mayor Guyton and that city council.”

In addition to securing federal and state grant funding and having a good fiscal foundation, Ford's administration has raised the city's revenue by 37 percent.

Perhaps the biggest revelation of the night, apart from a brief teasing of a new industry partner coming to Gadsden, was the acceleration of the Interstate 759 corridor project.

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Gadsden offering an Amnesty Day

The City of Gadsden is offering an Amnesty Court Day on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The court office will remain open through lunch for Amnesty Day. The amnesty program provides an opportunity for those with certain municipal court charges to clear their cases without concern of being physically arrested.

Amnesty is offered to all individuals who have received traffic, misdemeanors, failed to appear, owe fines, has a warrant and any pending charges. On Amnesty Day, Judge Welch will accept one half of the amount that is owed to the court (has to be paid

in full that day) and the court will remit the balance owed.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of this program may do so by appearing in court on March 25, 2026. Only cases that have been previously adjudicated are eligible for this promotion. Pre Trial Diversion cases are not eligible for Amnesty Day. Typically, the cases eligible for consideration for Amnesty are failure to appear in court and defendant's that owe fines and fees.

For any information concerning the Amnesty Day procedure call the court office at 256-549-4595.



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Riley Green to perform at the AMP

Jacksonville native and multi-PLATINUM, ACM and CMA Award-winning singer-songwriter, Riley Green and Friends will come to The AMP Gadsden on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m.

Green and special guests will perform an all-acoustic set featuring several special guests following his celebrity golf tournament benefitting Green's charity, the Buford Bonds Foundation.

“The City is honored that Riley chose The AMP for his benefit concert,” said Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford. “Riley Green is no stranger to Gadsden, and this is an incredible opportunity for residents to see top-tier talent right here in their hometown. And it's all for a good cause.”

Prior to the concert on April 14, the RTJ Golf Trail at Silver Lakes will host the Riley Green & Friends celebrity golf tournament.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Buford Bonds Foundation. Established in 2023 in honor of his grandfathers, Buford Bonds supports nonprofit organizations around the country which help those who need it the most, with previous donations to The Recording Academy's fire and hurricane relief efforts, Folds of Honor, and more.

Proceeds from this event specifically will be earmarked for local charities and projects.

“I'm looking forward to coming home and raising some money for the community that helped me get my start,” Riley Green said.

The Riley Green & Friends acoustic concert at The AMP Gadsden will be the first event to showcase the amphitheater's upgraded seating that's been designed to enhance the overall concert experience.

“We've been focused on making big improvements to our historic, riverfront amphitheater,” Ford said. “Now, it's more inviting for visiting artists and creates an even better experience for our guests. We can't wait for everyone to see what's new.”

Tickets, if any remain, can be purchased at <https://tickets.eventhub.net/e/rileygreen-friends>. This link will also be available through www.cityofgadsden.com.



Little Caesars



NEWS

Area students named to various honors lists

Several area students have earned academic honors for the Fall 2025 semester at colleges and universities across the region.

At Troy University, Gwendolynn Carson of Southside, Kirstyn Mattox of Gallant, Madelyn Strain of Rainbow City and Elise Townsel of Glencoe were named to the Provost's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2025-2026 academic year. The Provost's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who complete at least 12 semester hours and achieve a grade point average of 3.65 or higher.

Freed-Hardeman University celebrated 91 graduates during its 156th commencement ceremony in December. Among them was Emma Gallagher (Wyatt) of Southside, who graduated with an Associate of Applied Science in Psychology.

Lawson State Community Col-

lege announced Lydia Smothers of Attalla was named to the Fall 2025 Dean's List, while Trey Thornton of Attalla earned a spot on the President's List for the same term.

The University of West Alabama recognized numerous local students for academic achievement. Named to the Fall 2025 President's List were Sarah Fautette of Attalla; Nicole Fletcher, Robin Fortenberry and Sabrina Trimble, all of Gadsden; and Jennifer Landrum of Hokes Bluff. The Dean's List included Maddie Alred, Elijah Dunn and Kenzie Entrekin, all of Gadsden; Kourtney Bailey of Altoona; April Battles and Anna Colvin, both of Southside; Addisyn Kilgore and Alaina McSpadden, both of Rainbow City; and Emily Thompson of Attalla.

At Georgia Southern University, Abigail Hopper of Rainbow City was named to the Fall 2025

President's List, which requires a 4.0 grade point average while carrying at least 12 hours.

The University of Alabama recognized area students on several academic honor rolls. Named to the UA Early College Director's List were Janelle Ford of Altoona; Madi Gaskin of Attalla; Baylor Wilborn, Lilly Troncale, Owen Beason and Sophia Martinez, all of Gadsden; Dante Scorzo and Lily Barnes of Rainbow City; Jaidyn Gatlin of Glencoe; Miah Falotico of Southside; and Olivia Kelley of Boaz.

For the Fall 2025 term at UA, students earning President's List honors (4.0 GPA) included Preslee Hubbard and Jacey Huff of Attalla; Trinitee Andrews, Ak Ashley, Stinson Cooper, Anya Daguman, Jacob Kelley, Brian Matias, Ian McClantoc, Elle Sims and Anchi Tran, all of Gadsden; Mia Jenne and Braxton

Johnson of Glencoe; Ally Acker, Aleks Colvin, Aubrey Davis, Harry Glenn and Rylea Milam, all of Rainbow City; and Chloe Smedley of Southside. Students named to the Dean's List (3.5 GPA or higher) included Rocko Sainsbury of Altoona; Addison Brown, Karli Bush, Katie Bush, Sassy Carter and Zachary Elrod of Attalla; Kameron Baba, Chad Cagle, Michael Connally, Grant Golden, Betsy Howard, Nathan Kalemba, Cate Larkin, Anna Lee, Bella Lee, Alex Moland, Garrett Morgan, Cori Nelson, Grant Porter, Peyton Powers, Emily Ann Price, Mary Rickles, John Roberts, William Roberts, Maleigh Rudder, Abby Schomburg, Lexie Seawright, Lilah Seawright, Ian Shah, Liana Shah, Holly Swafford, Andrew Warren, Gage Wiemann and Ansley Wilborn, all of Gadsden; Kimora Jenkins of Lincoln; Alexis Abel, Justin Ayala Soltero, Carson Chmielewski,

Daniel Dennis, Sydney Hughes, Lauren McCoy and Cameron Norton Norton of Rainbow City; and Emma Long, Mattie Maini, Abigail Owens and Tammy Co-field of Southside.

Mississippi State University announced Rachel Reynolds of Rainbow City, Lucas Kilgro and Joshua Terrell of Gadsden were named to the Fall 2025 Dean's List, while Jane Ayres of Southside earned President's List honors.

At the University of Mississippi, Allison Haller and Lillian Powers, both in the B.B.A. in General Business program; Evelyn Millican, in the B.A. in Allied Health Studies program; and Rebekah Taylor, in the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences program, all of Gadsden, were named to the Fall 2025 Chancellor's Honor Roll, which recognizes students earning a semester GPA of 3.75 to 4.0.

JSU's Victory Workforce Development Services recognized by MSEP

Jacksonville State University's Victory Workforce Development Services has been formally inducted into the Department of War's Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) during a two-day ceremony in Washington, D.C., marking a significant national recognition of the University's commitment to military spouses and their families.

The Military Spouse Employment Partnership is a highly selective national initiative that connects military spouses with meaningful employment opportunities, career advancement, and long-term economic stability. Acceptance into the partnership requires a rigorous vetting process, with only a limited number of employers, non-profits, and educational institutions selected each year.

"As an Air Force Veteran, this moment is deeply personal to me," said

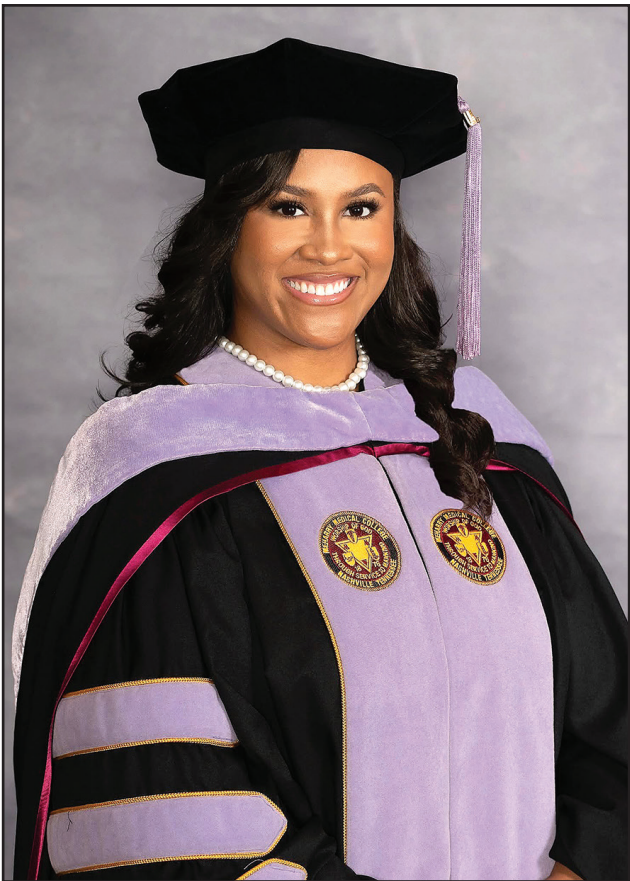
Christine Franklin, Victory Workforce Development Services Specialist at Jax State. "Being inducted into the Department of War's Military Spouse Employment Partnership is not just a professional milestone for Victory Workforce-it represents our unwavering commitment to the families who stand behind those who serve. Military spouses make incredible sacrifices, and this partnership allows us to expand meaningful career opportunities that honor their resilience, talent, and dedication. I am incredibly proud of our team and our partners, including Jacksonville State University, for standing together in support of our military community."

Victory Workforce representatives and Jax State President Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the induction events, officially joining a nationwide

network dedicated to strengthening the military spouse workforce.

"As a military-friendly institution, Jax State is proud to stand alongside the men and women who serve our nation and the families who support them," President Killingsworth said. "Victory Workforce represents the very best of who we are-meeting people where they are, removing barriers, and helping build futures through education and opportunity. It was a privilege to be in Washington with our team to celebrate this incredible milestone."

In addition to its MSEP designation, Victory Workforce is also a partner in the Spouse Ambassador Network (SAN), further reinforcing its commitment to military spouses and their families through advocacy, workforce development, and community engagement.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Brooklyn L. Sims, DDS, MS, a 2016 graduate of Gadsden City High School, graduated from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in 2025. She now works at Anniston's Quality of Life.

She earned a Master of Science in Biomedical Science from Meharry Medical College in 2021 and a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Fisk University in 2020.

Sims is the daughter of Eddie and Daphne Sims. She hopes to one day open a practice in Gadsden.

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Pictured front left is Dr. Martha Lavender; front right is Maj. Gen. Eric Crabtree, president of the Gadsden State Cardinal Foundation; back left is Hillary Folsom, director of advancement and alumni relations at Gadsden State; and back right is Gadsden State President Alan Smith.

Former GSCC president establishes scholarship to support future students

The Gadsden State Cardinal Foundation proudly announces Dr. Martha Lavender, former president of Gadsden State Community College, has established the Dr. Martha and Tim Lavender Endowed Scholarship to benefit graduates of Hokes Bluff High School.

Dr. Lavender's generous gift will create a permanent source of scholarship support for deserving students from Hokes Bluff High School who choose to continue their education at Gadsden State. As an endowed scholarship, the fund will be invested to generate annual earnings, ensuring that students will receive financial assistance not just today, but for generations to come.

Dr. Lavender, who served as president of Gadsden State Community College from 2015 to 2020 and dedicated her career to expanding educational opportunities in the region, said the scholarship reflects both her personal commitment to students and her gratitude for the community she has long served.

"Education changes lives, families, and entire communities," said Dr. Lavender. "I have seen firsthand the difference that access to higher education can make. It is my hope that this endowed scholarship will remove financial barriers for students from Hokes Bluff High School and encourage them to pursue their goals with confidence."

Endowed scholarships are designed to exist in perpetuity. The principal of the gift remains intact, while a portion of the investment earnings is awarded annually to students. This sustainable model ensures that the donor's legacy continues to create opportunity year after year. The scholarship will begin its award for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Hillary Folsom, director of advancement and alumni relations for the Gadsden State Cardinal Foundation, emphasized the lasting significance of Dr. Lavender's gift.

"Endowed scholarships represent one of the most powerful investments a donor can make in education," Folsom said.

"Because the funds are permanently invested, they provide reliable, long-term support for students. Dr. Lavender's generosity will impact not just one student, but countless Hokes Bluff graduates for decades to come."

Scholarship support is often the deciding factor for students balancing academic aspirations with financial realities. By establishing this endowed scholarship, Dr. Lavender ensures that students from her community will have continued access to affordable, high-quality education at Gadsden State.

The Gadsden State Cardinal Foundation works to secure private resources that enhance educational opportunities, support student success, and strengthen the college's impact across its service area. Gifts such as Dr. Lavender's help the Foundation fulfill its mission while honoring a legacy of leadership and service. For more information about the Cardinal Foundation, visit cardinalfoundation.org.

JSU to receive \$10 million in federal funding

Jacksonville State University will receive \$10 million in federal earmarked funding secured through the office of U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, supporting expanded advanced manufacturing initiatives and enhanced law enforcement training on campus.

The funding includes \$6.5 million for the future home of the Center for Manufacturing Support, \$2 million for the Additive Manufacturing Training and Innovation Lab, and \$1.5 million for the Law Enforcement Training Center. University leaders said the investment strengthens Jax State's ability to prepare students for high-demand careers while serving industry and public safety partners across Alabama and beyond.

"We are deeply grateful to Congressman Rogers for his continued support of Jacksonville State University and the work we are doing to strengthen our state," said Jax State President Dr. Don Killingsworth.

Rep. Rogers, a JSU alumnus, called the funding a critical investment in Alabama's Third District. "I am proud to see this funding going to my alma mater, Jacksonville State University," Rogers said. "I consider it a critical part of my job in Washington to ensure as much investment as possible goes to Alabama's Third District."

The combined \$8.5 million for manufacturing programs builds on \$2.7 million received last year to construct the Additive Manufacturing Innovation and Training Lab. New funding will add reverse engineering and advanced metrology technologies, helping manufacturers recreate obsolete parts, digitize legacy components and extend the life of critical equipment.

"The funding we are receiving is such a blessing," said Kaleb Littlejohn, Executive Director for the Center for Best Practices in Law Enforcement. "It truly grows our ability to have a positive impact on the law enforcement community and to provide essential training that makes our communities safer."

The \$1.5 million for the Law Enforcement Training Center will expand specialized training for agencies across Alabama and nationwide, further strengthening public safety efforts.

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Ford described the state's progress, including the state's acquisition of land along the interstate's route and he stated that contractors will be on site starting in November of this year.

"I always hear 'when is 759 coming?' 'What about 759?' and y'all it's happening," Ford said. "As God as my witness, 759 is getting done."

At one point, Ford became emotional when discussing the growth of Gadsden.

"I grew up here, right down on Hoke Street." He said. "I came back to Gadsden. I was one of those who finished with the military and said 'I want to go home.' I love this city. And to see the growth... it's overwhelming."

Ford credited the success of his administration thus far to the city employees and the city council, stating "nothing would get done without them."

The night's theme was transformation. At one point a small potted bamboo plant was brought on to stage.

Ford said his pastor had once mentioned the growth stages of bamboo, a plant that Ford jokingly said was "ugly." Ford said his pastor taught that bamboo trees remain the same size for five years, with "no progress."

He compared that to how life, and city governance, often works and feels. He said he felt that way in the past years of his first administration.

"You feel like nothing's happening, you feel stuck and like you're falling behind."

Bamboo, however, has a transformation that seems to burst into life out of nowhere. The trees, which are growing roots underground and out of sight, in the sixth year grow as high as 90 feet.

And he promised that's about to happen in Gadsden. "For four years, we've been building roots," he said. "In the next 90 to 180 days, you're going to see cranes all over this city."

After a round of applause, Ford continued.

"Just sit back and wait and watch, in the next two years this city will be transformed," he said. "You're not going to recognize it."

During the presentation, a video played on a large projector screen that highlighted various projects and plans. Toward the end of the video, a text on screen said "We're not done yet."

Ford echoed that sentiment when the video ended, stating, "We're not done yet. We're just getting started."

GSCC hosts college-wide Black History Month celebration honoring legacy

Gadsden State Community College hosted a college-wide Black History Month Celebration on February 18, 2026, at its Wallace Drive Campus, bringing together students, faculty, staff and community partners for a meaningful program recognizing heritage, achievement and continued progress.

Serving as master of ceremonies was Andy Green, Dean of Student Services. College President Alan Smith delivered opening remarks and recognized special guests in attendance.

During the program,

Ricky Tillis, Valley Street Campus Director, presented the Community Leader Impact Honors. The recognition honored three Alabama men whose determination led them to participate in the historic 1963 March on Washington. Honorees included Robert Lee Avery Jr., Robert Frank Thomas, and James Foster Smith.

The Gadsden State Show Band provided several musical performances throughout the celebration, contributing to the program's energetic atmosphere.

Student engagement remained a central focus of

the event. Sana McCarther delivered a powerful spoken word performance highlighting themes of resilience and identity.

Four students presented reflections honoring influential figures in Black history and their lasting impact: Morgan Raines, Salon and Spa Management student, reflected on entrepreneur and philanthropist Madame C. J. Walker; Sana Gray, Nursing student, honored pioneering nurse Mary Eliza Mahoney; Malaysia McCullough, Diagnostic Medical Sonography student, presented on physician and trailblazer

Dr. Helen Octavia Dickens; Jacques Walker, student athlete and General Studies student, reflected on baseball legend and civil rights advocate Jackie Robinson.

The keynote address was delivered by Cleophus Thomas Jr., Esq., who shared personal reflections on Black history and discussed the profound influence it has had on his life and professional journey.

A highlight of the program was an impactful presentation by Elder Michael Verges, who delivered a powerful rendition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic "I Have a Dream" speech.

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Etowah JROTC robotics teams compete well at national level

Etowah High School JROTC's VEX V5 Robotics teams delivered an outstanding performance at the Kalahari Classic JROTC National Championship, competing against Army JROTC programs from all 50 states and four U.S. territories.

JROTC Cadets from EHS JROTC Team 31218W, The Moderately Sized Wave, (Charlie Craft, Jaxon Legendre, Jaxson Griffin and Sadie Brannon) earned the title of Victory Division Champions, received the prestigious Amaze Award, and finished as JROTC National Finalists. The team posted an 8-0 qualification record, completed an undefeated

14-0 run in division play, and concluded the championship with a 14-2 overall record.

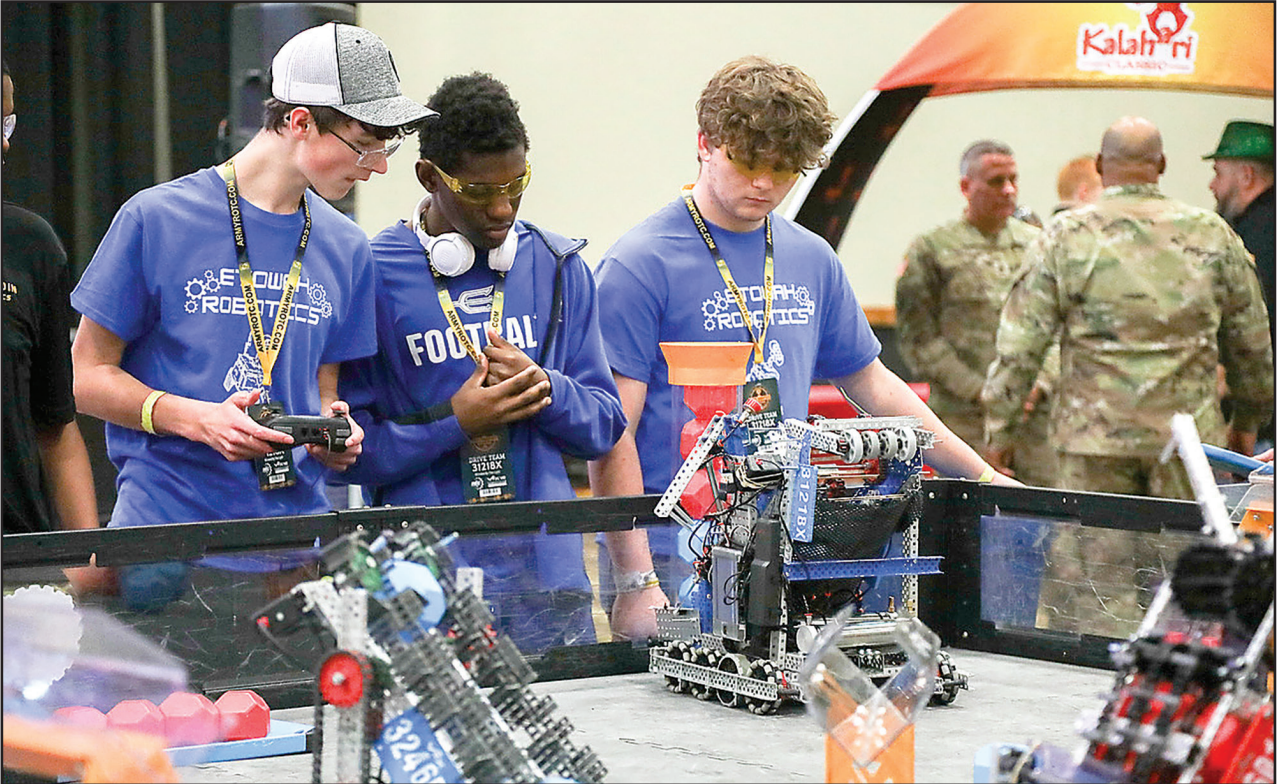
Based on this performance, Team 31218W has qualified to compete in the 2026 VEX V5 World Championships in St. Louis, Missouri, in April 2026.

EHS JROTC Team 31218X, Blinded By the Light (Caleb Battles, Brayden Morgan, Deuntavis Thomas, Gabriel Taylor, and Jalissa Swain), which competed in the Freedom Division and demonstrated strong program depth. The team finished 5-3 in qualification matches, ranked 23rd out of 40 teams, qualified for

championship play, and concluded the event with a 5-4 overall record.

The program's success reflects a team effort—driven by dedicated coaching, disciplined student leadership, and the steady support of the Attalla City Board of Education, Etowah High School and the Etowah Army JROTC program.

A special thanks is given to Genia Craft, a retired Etowah County Educator, who gives hours of her personal time to teach, coach and mentor, not only these JROTC cadets, but the Robotics program at both Duck Springs Elementary, Etowah Middle School.



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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.

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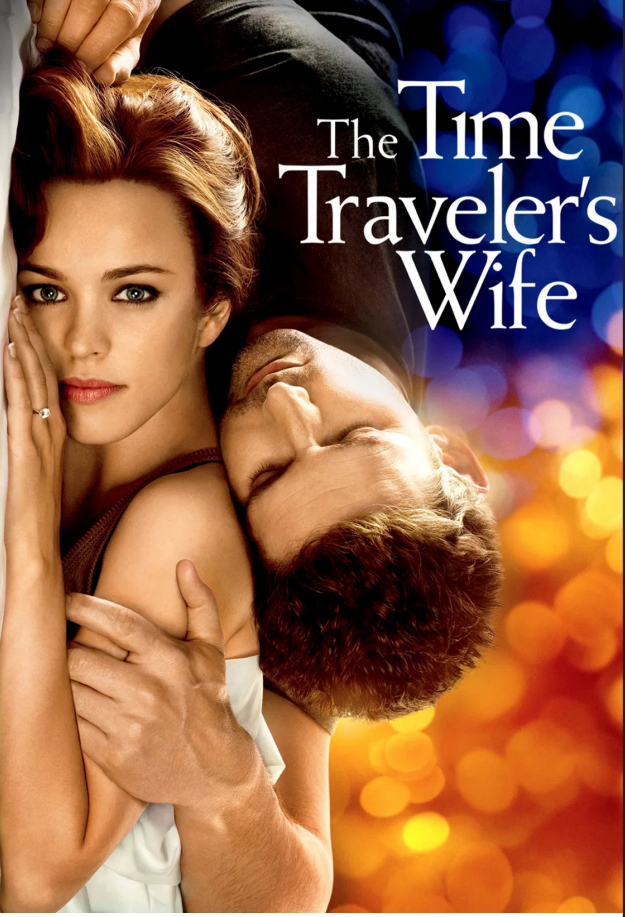
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The Gadsden Country Club introduces nine 2025 *Bal d'or* honorees

The Bal d'Or Club honored nine young ladies by presenting them at the club's 64th Annual Ball on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at the Gadsden Country Club. Photography was provided by Jessica Trammel of Gadsden. The Bal d'Or Club was pleased to welcome into membership Mrs. Nathan William Blong, Mrs. John Hilliard Catanzaro, Mrs. Taylor Holland, Mrs. John Lancaster, Mrs. Cody Robinson, Ms. Jordan Elizabeth Ryle, Mrs. Casey Wigley, and Mrs. Michael Wilson. The evening's festivities were coordinated by the Bal d'Or Board of Governors, which includes Mrs. Catherine Martin, Chairman; Mrs. Kirkland Back-Cunningham, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Alie Causey, Secretary; Mrs. Kelly Kemp, Treasurer; Mrs. Barbara Condra, Publicity Chairman; Mrs. Denise Welch, Invitations Chairman; Mrs. Syndee Isbell, Food and Beverage Chairman; Mrs. Kathy Roberts, Decorations Chairman; Mrs. Kristin Greer, Music Chairman; Mrs. Amy Gladden, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Deana Williams, Past President. The nine debutantes were presented wearing traditional long white dresses and gloves, a compliment to the black tuxedos worn by their fathers and escorts. Each presentee carried a delicate calla lily tied with a gold ribbon. Musical entertainment was provided by Lucky Town.

Miss Kameron Baba is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Baba of Gadsden. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jacobs. She attends The University of Alabama, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Marketing on the Pre-Law Track through the Culverhouse College of Business. She has been named a UA Dawson Family Foundation Scholar as well as the Elizabeth Wilson Moore and Jackson Watts Moore Endowed Scholar, and currently holds a 3.8 GPA. At the Capstone, Miss Baba is actively involved in Chi Omega Sorority, Nu Beta Chapter, where she serves as New Member Educator for more than 140 members and was honored as the Model Initiate her freshman year. She is also a member of Capstone Men & Women, serving as an official university ambassador, hosting campus tours, university events, and VIP guests. She was recently selected to join the University of Alabama Capitol Scholars Program, where she will engage in public service, policy study, and governmental leadership in Washington, D.C. Beyond campus, she was also chosen from over 300 applicants nationwide to represent the United States as a student ambassador to the Sant'Anna Institute in Sorrento, Italy. She has served as a counselor for Alabama Girls State, guiding high school delegates in leadership, government, and civic engagement. Professionally, she works with the University of Alabama Office of External Affairs in the President's Office as a student assistant and as a fitness instructor at True40, where she leads group workouts and encourages community wellness. Dedicated to service, Miss Baba volunteers with Reading Allies in Tuscaloosa, mentoring students to strengthen literacy skills. She is also actively involved in various philanthropic and community programs through her sorority and the university. Escorting Miss Baba were Mr. Andrew James Warren of Gadsden, Mr. John Michael Chandash of Vestavia, and Mr. Jordan Ahmad Nowell of Gadsden.



Carly Nicole Patterson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley John Patterson. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Michael Patterson, Mr. Charles Graham Murray and the late Regina Murray, all of Gadsden. Miss Patterson attends the University of Auburn where she studies management, minors in entrepreneurship, and is pursuing a certificate in financial planning. She is an active member of Tri Delta sorority and is Vice President of her business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi. Escorting Miss Patterson were Mr. Wesley Cole Patterson, Mr. Bray Stevenson Denney, and Mr. Dillon Christopher Machen.



Cecilia Loraine Perkins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Perkins. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Gloria Allenstein and the late Mr. Myron Allenstein and Mrs. Donna Perkins and the late James Charles Perkins, Sr. Miss Perkins is a graduate of Gadsden City High School and currently attends The University of Alabama, where she is pursuing a Bachelors Degree in the College of Human Environmental Science with a Major in Apparel and Textiles with a concentration in Fashion Retailing and a minor in Consumer Science. At the University, Miss Perkins is an active member of the Zeta Chapter of Kappa Delta sorority, where she serves on the rush team and supports the chapter's national philanthropies, Prevent Child Abuse America, UA Crossing Points, and the Girl Scouts of America. She is also a member of the UA Fashion Association and Not On My Campus, an organization dedicated to eliminating sexual violence and advocating for survivors. Through these organizations, Miss Perkins is engaged in numerous philanthropic and outreach efforts that serve both her campus and the greater community. She is escorted by Everett Hastings Roberts of Gadsden, Mason Brian Coley of Gadsden, and her brother William Scott Perkins of Gadsden.



Mallory Caitlyn Lacy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Michael Lacy. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beamon Richard Gortney of Ashland and Mr. Jerry Lee Lacy of Pickens, Oklahoma and Mrs. Sheryl Anne Baxter of Malone, Florida. Miss Lacy attends Auburn University where she is pursuing a double major of Architecture and Interior Architecture. She has been named to the Dean's List of the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction. She has recently completed an internship with Goodwyn Mills Cawood Design Firm, where she practiced under Healthcare, planning hospitals and recovery clinics. She is an active member of Kappa Delta Sorority, where she serves as a Reference Chairman and Computer Analyst Assistant of Recruitment. She is also a member of the American Institute of Architecture Students, where students receive counseling

and collaborate with upperclassman. Escorting Miss Lacy were Mr. Connor Michael Lacy, William Stinson Cooper, and Evan Thomas Partridge all of Gadsden.



Liana Grace Shah is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Manish Shah. She is the granddaughter of Ms. Ila Shah of Dallas, TX, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Milam of Attalla, the late Mr. Allen Howard of Ohatchee and the late Mr. Nikhil Shah of Dallas, TX. Miss Shah attends the University of Alabama where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business degree at the Culverhouse School of Business, with a double major in Finance and Economics. She has been named to the Dean's List and is a member of the Alabama Finance Association. She is a Crimsonette in the Million Dollar Band where she is devoted to serving the community on and off the field. She contributes her time to "Our Boots, Our Batons, Our Purpose" which raises funds to support families with cancer in the Tuscaloosa area. She is a member of the Phi Mu Fraternity where she has served on several committees and serves actively in philanthropy supporting The Children's Miracle Network. She is a fashion consultant for Effie's Inc., a social media content creator for Bash Pilates Tuscaloosa, and is a dance and baton instructor. She is a member of Church of the Highlands. Escorting Miss Shah were William Bledsoe Kemp V of Gadsden, Mr. Charles Thomas Martin of Vestavia Hills, and Mr. Ian Jackson Shah of Gadsden.



Lauren Garrett McCoy is the daughter of Ms. Shannon LeAnne Millican and Mr. Shawn Patrick McCoy. She is the granddaughter of Ms. Charlotte Millican and the late Mr. Gene Millican, II of Gadsden, and Ms. Ursula Popovich and the late Mr. Calvin Popovich of Tampa, Florida. Miss McCoy attends The University of Alabama, where she has been named to the President's List numerous semesters while pursuing a double major in Communications and Political Science on the pre-law track, with plans to practice law as an attorney one day. She currently works as a legal runner at Phelps, Jenkins, Gibson, and Fowler LLP in Tuscaloosa. In the summer of 2025, she served as a Congressional Intern for Congressman Robert Aderholt in Washington, D.C. She is a proud member of the PSI chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, where she is actively involved in philanthropic and sisterhood events. In addition, she is a dedicated member of Best Buddies and the Common Ground Club. Deeply engaged in her community, Miss McCoy regularly participates in food drives through the Beat Auburn Beat Hunger initiative and volunteers at the Tuscaloosa Metro Animal Shelter. Escorting Miss McCoy were Mr. Timothy Cash McCoy, Mr. Brodie James Cornelius, and Mr. William Hamilton Roberts, all of Gadsden.

Romie Evelyn Means is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Scott Means. She is the granddaughter of Judy Dawson Crain and the late Phillip Jon Crain of Gadsden, as well as Larry Pascal Means and the late Karen Gidley Means of Attalla. She is currently pursuing a degree in Hospitality with a concentration in Event Planning at the University of Alabama. A member of the Alpha Upsilon chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, Miss Means actively participates in philanthropic and sisterhood events. Throughout the fall semester, she contributes to Turning Point Tuscaloosa, a organization that assists survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault. In the spring, she supports The Tuscaloosa Safe Center, a 24/7 sexual assault crisis center. Additionally, Miss Means is involved in The University of Alabama's B+ Program, which provides financial assistance to families facing childhood cancer. She also participates



in UA's Best Buddies Program, which offers friendship and mentoring to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Escorting Miss Means were Mr. Ethan Seth Daffron, Mr. John Hiller Roberts, and Mr. William Reid Tumlin, all of Gadsden.



Miss Rachael Marie Wilson is the daughter of Dr. Glenn Lee Wilson and Ms. Kate Pagel Wilson. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drake Adams of Dahlonega, Georgia, and Ms. JoAnn Maddox Wilson of Andalusia, Alabama. Miss Wilson is a student at the University of South Alabama, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences with a concentration in Pre-Health Professions. Prior to her studies at South Alabama, she played two seasons of collegiate volleyball at Coastal Alabama Community College in Bay Minette, AL and graduated with an Associate of Science degree. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Pre-Dental Society, South for St. Jude, and the Biomedical Sciences Society. Dedicated to service, Miss Wilson devotes her time to South Serves, participating in numerous community projects throughout the South Alabama region, and volunteers with the Prodissee Pantry food distribution center in Spanish Fort, AL. Escorting Miss Wilson were Mr. Thomas Wade Skaggs Jr., Mr. Nolan Lee Fairley, and Mr. Colton Scott Cornelious, all of Gadsden, Alabama.



LIFESTYLE

Discover GPL’s new book lending machines



At the Gadsden Public Library, we’re always looking for new ways to bring library services closer to the people we serve. Last year, we took an exciting step in that direction by opening two new, non-staffed library branches—without adding new buildings or expanding staff hours. Instead, we introduced something a little different: library lending machines for books and movies.

These machines, called LibCabinets, were purchased from Lyngsoe Systems and function as fully automated mini-libraries. Each LibCabinet is well stocked with a wide variety of materials, including fiction and non-fiction for adults, books for teenagers and children, and a good selection

of videos to borrow as well. There truly is something inside for readers and viewers of all ages.

Using a LibCabinet is easy and convenient. All that’s required is a valid Gadsden Public Library card. Simply scan your card, browse the selections, and make your choice. Books and movies checked out from either LibCabinet are loaned for 14 days, just like many of our materials at the main library.

Returns are just as flexible. Items borrowed from the LibCabinets may be returned directly to either lending machine or brought back to the main Gadsden Public Library, whichever is most convenient.

One LibCabinet is located at the Carver

Community Center, installed in the activity area near the pool tables and ping pong tables and close to the gymnasium. It’s a great place to grab a book or movie while already spending time at the center. Address is: 1030 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901

The second LibCabinet is located at the East Gadsden Community Center, where it can be found in the Teen Room just off the main lobby. This location makes it especially accessible for teens and families who regularly use the center. Address: 921 Wilson Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35903

Both LibCabinets are available during regular hours at their respective community centers, expanding access to library



materials beyond the walls of the Main Library in downtown Gadsden. For those who don’t yet have a library card, cards are available at the Gadsden Public Library during regular business hours, and our staff will be happy to assist.

These book lending machines are one more way the Gadsden Public Library is working to meet people where they are—bringing reading, learning, and entertainment directly into community spaces. If you haven’t tried one yet, I encourage you to stop by, give it a try, and see just how easy it is to use.

Your library is always finding new ways to serve you—and sometimes, it even comes in the form of a lending machine!

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

Giving up cynicism and defeatism for Lent



Lent has begun. As a religious observance, Lent is a period of 40 days of spiritual purification and self-reflection. Lenten, or Lent, comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “lencten” which means “to lengthen”. The season of Lent starts during the darkness of winter, just as the days are beginning to lengthen and before Spring officially arrives. Plants that have huddled dormant through the winter begin to push through the soil and reach for the sun, and our attention lengthens to more than immediate concerns of warmth and winter safety.

Although Lent can be a period of sacrificial acts like fasting or giving up something as a way to remember our physical and spiritual limitations, it is also a time for growth from the same limitations. We limit ourselves every day in one way or another. We limit our peace when we only focus on the things that make us anxious. We limit our connection

to others when we hold grudges or refuse to see different perspectives. We limit our accomplishments when we believe we have no agency. By choosing to give up something during Lent, many of us are choosing to jolt ourselves out of the numbness of routine and survival that tends to narrow the scope of our attention. How many times have we all realized we don’t even remember passing the places we see each day on our drive to work because we were stuck in our own heads, worrying about something? We can have “good” days and still barely be able to remember many details of them. This is just part of the human experience. But, awareness can help us experience things more vividly. Change is a mechanism by which we can increase our awareness.

Anyone who has ever given up coffee for a few weeks knows the first morning without it feels sharper somehow. We notice the absence. Then, we notice the habit. We notice how often we reach for it automatically. The same is true of scrolling, complaining, rushing. When we interrupt a pattern, even briefly, we become aware of how much of our lives run on autopilot. That awareness is uncomfortable at first. But, it is also clarifying. It reminds us that habits are repeated choices, and choices can be made intentionally.

Some friends and I were discussing what we plan to give up for Lent. This year, it feels

a little more challenging than previous years. The news is one long nightmare of “you can’t make this up” day in and day out these days. Most days, I feel like it takes every bit of my attention and concentration to not be overwhelmed by it all. Even good days feel a little like this. These are the times when I realize I am narrowing my focus to a kind of survival mode: take care of my family; get to work; teach well; get home; cook dinner; get everyone to bed; begin again the next morning. Self-reflection, spiritual purification, paying attention to anything unnecessary can feel absolutely impossible sometimes. Those are the moments that make Lent so valuable. We face limits we don’t choose every day. Unchosen limitations often lead to frustration, doubt, and fear. Chosen limits, however, offer an opportunity to remove mental and emotional clutter and clarify what is important to us.

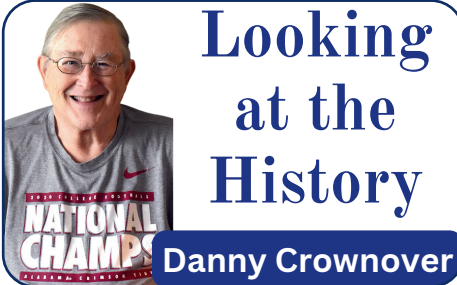
Maybe this year Lent isn’t about proving we can endure without chocolate or social media. Maybe it’s about giving up the numbness of survival in a noisy world. Maybe what we give up is cynicism, the relentless rush, the quiet assumption that we have nothing meaningful to offer. Maybe we give up putting off little acts of kindness until a more convenient time comes around. After all, kindness does not have to look dramatic. Sometimes, it looks like pausing before responding; sometimes it looks like

letting someone merge in traffic without being resentful. Other times, it looks like sending the text you’ve been meaning to send, or dropping a note in the mail. It looks like assuming good intentions before assuming the worst. In anxious times, kindness can feel naïve, even weak. But in reality, it requires attention and restraint. It requires that we not surrender to irritation or despair. Kindness is, in its own quiet way, an act of resistance against the narrowing of our human experience and our hearts.

Observing Lent is a spiritual tradition rooted in faith, but its wisdom extends beyond any one denomination. Lent offers an invitation to examine what shapes us and to choose differently where we can. This year, I am giving up cynicism and defeatism. I am choosing to move through the noise and distraction of daily life with intentional kindness. As the days slowly lengthen and the light lingers a little longer each evening, perhaps our attention can lengthen too. Beyond headlines, beyond hurry, and beyond habit. Sometimes the small, intentional limits open the widest spaces in our schedules, in our conversations, and in our hearts.

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Wild reception for first steamboat here



Legend has it that the wild reception of the first steamboat on the Coosa River when it reached Gadsden on July Fourth, 1845, was duplicated at Rome, Ga., and all along the stream, in fact, although there were few people in this part of the country at that time.

Captain James Lafferty, who brought the “Coosa” here and negotiated with the early settlers for making a landing place at the foot of Broad Street, continued on to Rome in due time.

Word had reached that place, which was nothing but a trading post at the time, that a strange craft with smoke boiling out of a tall stack and with a deep throated whistle was picking its way over shoals and an uncharted channel to Georgia.

About 100 woodsmen gathered on a bluff to watch for the boat.

One of the men, Bill Bogan of Cedar Bluff, climbed up on a hill and, being the only “educated” man in the lot, he read the letters on the pilot house which were U.S.M. Coosa.

They meant that the boat would carry the United States mail and that its name was “Coosa,” but Bogan pronounced it “Use Em Susy” and that’s what it was called by many of the old timers for years to come.

However, Bogan’s companions called it the “Varmint” and it was also known by that name for a long time.

Captain Lafferty had no channel markings and no knowledge of the river from Greensport, 20 miles below Gadsden, to a distance of about 156 miles’ He was an experienced riverman, having brought his little craft down the Mississippi from Cincinnati, where it was built, to New Orleans and thence built to New Orleans and thence to Mobile.

He then sailed it up the Alabama to Wetumpka where it was knocked down and transported overland by ox teams to Greensport, where it was put together again.

On arriving at Gadsden, he struck a sharp bargain with the boosters of this place which was being considered as a town site, but had not been named. He landed what was known as Walker’s ferry which was at the point where Coosa Street now runs to the river.

The boosters wanted the landing at what is now Broad Street and they offered to give him one third of the 221 lots proposed for a town site to make his official landing at the latter place, also to name the new town Lafferty, but he declined that honor.

Legend also has it that the steamboat Coosa had much to do with developing this section because it provided transportation and encouraged farming.

Col. William Smith, one of the founders of Rome, built the first steamboat at that place. but it was never operated. He had been to the legislature and tried his best to get the legislature to make Rome a terminus for the state railroad. He was led to believe that he had succeeded in that project and built a boat named William Smith. It was launched without the machinery being aboard.

Just as he was about to put the finishing touches on the craft he got news that the state railroad was going to Chattanooga



and would leave Rome out in the cold. At about the same time the boat sank.

Some accused Col. Smith of boring holes in the bottom of the Smith and allowed it to go to the bottom of the Coosa, because of his disgust at losing the railroad.

He merely laughed when the subject was mentioned. The Smith was never floated and its hull stuck up above the surface of the water for many years.

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DEVOTIONALS

Update pending — sanctification in progress



I have been thinking a lot about my little iPhone 12 mini lately. Mostly because it overheats every single day, and won't hold a charge worth a toot. It is a renewed one I bought three years ago—already a few generations behind when I got it.

The phone itself was first released back in November 2020, and yet here we are in 2026 and it's still ticking—between hot flashes. It came loaded with iOS 17 when I bought it, but now it's prompting me to update to iOS 26.2.1.

There's only one problem: I don't have enough storage to download it. But that's beside the point.

The point is, my phone keeps getting newer on the inside even as the outside grows older. The hardware ages. The body shows the nicks from being dropped at least twice a day. The battery isn't what it used to be. But the operating system—the part that actually shapes how the phone functions—keeps getting refreshed. Version after version, update after update, silently

rewriting what the device can do.

And the other day, it occurred to me: that's us! That's the Christian life.

While the outside keeps aging, the inside—the spirit, the heart, the character—is being renewed, as 2 Corinthians 4:16 says, “day by day.”

That thought stayed with me, because a few days later, I found myself replaying a moment in my mind, the way we all do sometimes. You know those internal “rehearsals”—going over the things that were said, how we could have responded differently, how maybe we should have responded better.

In the middle of that mental rerun, I heard myself say, almost out loud, “Well, the old me would have...”

And I stopped.

Because in the situation I was replaying, by the grace of Jesus, I had responded well—patiently, calmly, kindly. Far better than a previous version of myself would have handled it. On any normal day, I might not have noticed. But in that moment, I realized something profound:

As Christians, the longer we walk with the Lord, the newer we become.

We talk often about being “a new creation” in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), and sometimes we treat it as a one-time event—something that happened the moment we gave our lives to Jesus. And yes, in that moment, something definitive did happen. God changed our spiritual ad-

dress. He took us from death to life, from darkness to light, from lost to found.

But while our salvation is instant, our transformation is ongoing.

Ephesians 4:22–24 urges believers to “put off your old self... and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God.” What's fascinating is that Paul writes this to Christians who already belong to Jesus. Meaning? Even believers who are saved still have an old self trying to rise up—and a new self that still needs to be put on daily.

Not because Christ's work is incomplete, but because God is continually shaping us into Christ's image.

Sanctification is not a snap of the fingers. It's a thousand small choices, a thousand Holy Spirit nudges, a thousand moments of responding differently than the “old me” would have.

And often, we don't see it happening in real time.

We notice it the way children grow: slowly, invisibly, subtly... until suddenly you look at them and think, “When did you get so tall?”

Similarly, we look at our own reactions and think, “When did Jesus change me like that?”

When you responded with patience where anger used to live — when you chose grace where bitterness once felt natural — when you breathed deeply instead of lashing out — when you walked away

from gossip you once would have entertained — that's not personality or maturity alone. That's Jesus.

That's the new creation taking shape.

And here's the beautiful part; every time you notice that the “old me” would have done something different, it's not a sign of how far you still have to go. It's evidence of how far God has already brought you. You are not who you were. And you're not yet who you will be. But Jesus is faithfully guiding every step in between.

You are being remade in the quiet places—in thought patterns no one hears, in attitudes no one sees, in split-second decisions that look small on the outside but are miraculous on the inside. It's sanctification in real time. It's the slow, steady miracle of becoming more like Jesus.

And the good news is this: He's not finished with you. Not even close. The old you is becoming the new you, and the new you will soon become an even newer you, all by the work of Jesus.

And if my little 12 mini can keep running on updates it barely has space for, imagine what God can do with you!

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The land of promise is still there

Have you ever noticed how two people can walk through the exact same situation and come out telling completely different stories? One sees defeat. The other sees possibility. One walks away discouraged. The other walks away determined.

Scripture gives us a clear example of this. Twelve spies explored the same Promised Land. They saw the same vineyards, the same fortified cities, and the same giants. Yet ten came back filled with fear while two returned filled with faith. Nothing about the landscape changed. The only difference was perspective.

And that same choice stands in front of us every single day.

We can look at our circumstances through the lens of limitation, or we can look at them through the lens of God's power. The challenges in your life are

real. The obstacles are not imaginary. But they do not have to define your outcome. What you focus on will shape what you believe is possible.

When we see through fear, every problem looks bigger than our strength.

When we see through faith, every giant becomes smaller than our God.

Perspective is powerful because it influences action. The ten spies saw obstacles and froze. Joshua and Caleb saw the same obstacles and moved forward with confidence because they trusted God's promise more than their own eyes.

The Promised Land did not disappear because ten people doubted. It was still there, waiting for those willing to believe. In the same way, God's promises over your life have not changed because circumstances look difficult. Opportunity

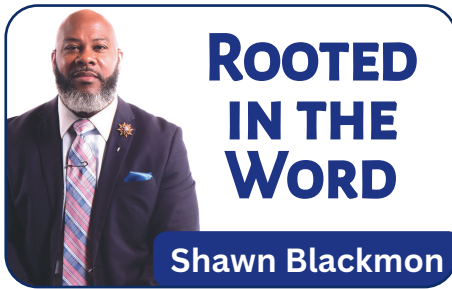
still exists. Purpose is still calling. The promise is still standing.

When you choose to see life through God's eyes, obstacles become opportunities to trust Him more deeply. Giants become reminders of His greatness. And challenges become stepping stones instead of stopping points.

The land of promise is still there. The question is not whether it exists. The question is how you choose to see it.

Walk in grace. Stand in truth. Live blessed.

Pastor Shawn Blackmon serves as the Lead Pastor of UNITY Church in Attalla, Alabama, where his preaching is real, relevant and rooted in the unchanging Word



of God. Beyond the pulpit, he serves as CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama, leading life-changing mentoring initiatives that empower young people across five counties. His leadership bridges the gap between the Church and the community, inspiring collaboration, compassion and lasting transformation.

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OBITUARIES



Jerry Reed McGinnis

GADSDEN - Visitation and Funeral services for Mr. Jerry Reed McGinnis, age 89, of Gadsden, Alabama, were from 12 - 2 pm, Monday, February 16, 2026, at Collier Butler Funeral Home. Pastor Ricky Smith officiated. Burial followed at Crestwood Cemetery.

Mr. McGinnis passed away on Thursday morning, February 12, 2026, after an extended illness.

Mr. McGinnis graduated from Gadsden High School, Class of 1955, then attended the University of Alabama and obtained a degree in Commerce and Business Administration. He then married the love of his life, Sherre. He owned McGinnis Construction Company.

He faithfully attended services as long as he was able as a member of Hokes Bluff First Methodist Church. In retirement, he and Sherre enjoyed traveling, college football, keeping up with friends, Gold Tiger, and being a supportive "Co-Pilot" to members of Pilot International and the Alabama District.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Nellie McGinnis.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sherre Arnold McGinnis, daughters Deborah (Joe) Sanders, and Amy (Antone) Courtney, Brother-in-law Walter (Linda) Arnold, niece, Mari Paige Minyard, God- daughters, Maggie Briscoe Brown and Kathryn Briscoe.

Special thanks to his caregivers from Compassionate Comforters: Amanda, Christi, Christy, Clara, Courtney, Drake, Katie, Kourtney, Leah, Susan and Teresa, and the staff of Enhabit Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: Hokes Bluff First Methodist Church, 3001 Alford Bend Road, Hokes Bluff, AL 35903, OR Alabama District / Pilot International, c/o Kay Chandler, District Treasurer, 104 Jackson Way, Decatur, AL 35603, OR your favorite charity.



Alan C. Lancaster

GADSDEN - Alan C. Lancaster, 69, of Gadsden died on Monday, February 16. Although Alan had experienced chronic serious health conditions for years, his death was unexpected. A memorial Requiem Eucharist will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, 156 South Ninth Street, Gadsden, at 12 Noon on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026, with the Rev. John Bagby officiating.

Alan was preceded in death by his parents J.T. and Iva Lancaster, his brother Dewey Ralph Lancaster, and his nephew Michael Lancaster.

He is survived by his partner of twenty years, Robert Layne Nichols; by his brother and sister-in-law Lanny and Karen Lancaster, Gadsden; niece Katie Lancaster (Josh) Houser, Helena, AL; nephew Leslie (Donna) Lan-

caster, Huntsville; nephew Ryan Lancaster, Albertville; and several grand nephews and nieces.

Alan retired from the state of Georgia where he worked as an auditor, and later from his retirement job as financial secretary of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, where he remained a faithful member until his death. He was known for his accounting skills, his humor, and his integrity, and he developed many close friendships during his career.

The family will receive friends at a reception immediately following the memorial service, and they request no flowers. Memorials may be made to the Church of the Holy Comforter.



Billy C. Gamel

GADSDEN - Graveside Funeral service for Billy C. Gamel, 87, of Gadsden was held, Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery at 2:00 PM with Ken Boyd officiating the service.

Mr. Gamel passed away, Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at his home surrounded by his family.

He is preceded in death by his son, Billy C. Gamel, his parents BC and Elizabeth Gamel, his son in law, Mark Alford and his sister, Carolyn Miller.

Left to cherish the memory of Mr. Gamel is his loving wife of 70 years, Jean Gamel, his daughter, Loretta Alford of Hokes Bluff, his son Robert Gamel (Annette) of Girdwood, Alaska, his grandchildren Taylor Gamel (Carmen), Gibson Gamel and Whitney Alford, his great grand-child, Denali Jones, his sisters, Betty Howell, Diane Anderson, and Judy Gamel and his brothers Donnie Gamel and Ricky Gamel.

Mr. Gamel served his Lord faithfully and Pastored several churches in Calhoun, Cleburne, and Talladega Counties. He served his country in the United States Air Force. He was the local owner of Safeguard Business Systems. He will be deeply missed.

Betty Jean Stanfield

GADSDEN - Betty Jean Stanfield was born on April 8, 1944, in Gadsden, Alabama, and passed away on February 14, 2026, at the age of 81. She was a resident of Madison, Alabama.

Visitation was held at Morgan Funeral Chapel in Parlor C on February 19, 2026, from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. A chapel service followed at Morgan Funeral Chapel.

The committal service took place at Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory, located at 625 Gilbert Ferry Rd SE, Attalla, AL 35954, on February 19, 2026, at 3:30 pm.



Deborah Cooper Johnson

GADSDEN - Deborah "Debby" Cooper Johnson,

age 69, of Gadsden, Alabama, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on February 12, 2026.

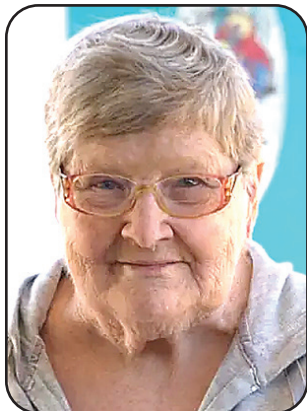
Funeral service for Debby was held Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with Thomas Cooper officiating. Burial followed at Youngs Chapel Cemetery.

Debby was preceded in death by her parents, George "Junior" Cooper and Launa Cooper, and her beloved son-in-law, Thomas Farmer; and brother-in-law, Todd Jacobs.

Left to cherish her memory are her best friend and loving husband of 50 years, Steve John-son; her daughters, April Farmer and Amanda Barron; and her treasured grandchildren, Autumn Barron, JJ Barron, and Rilee Farmer. She is also survived by her siblings, Thomas (Lisa) Cooper, Lisa Cooper Williams, and Susan Jacobs; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins who loved her dearly.

Debby was a 1975 graduate of Gaston High School. Despite health challenges in recent years, she remained as active as possible and lived her life to the fullest. Her greatest joy was her family, especially supporting her grandchildren at sporting events and band competitions—she was always their biggest fan.

Debby will be remembered for her strength, her devotion to her family, her faith, and the love she poured into everyone around her. Her legacy of love and perseverance will live on through those who were blessed to know her.



Glenda Jean Helms

GADSDEN - Funeral service for Glenda Jean Helms, 88, of Gadsden was held Monday, February 16, 2026 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Elliott officiating the service. Burial followed at Union #3 Cemetery.

Ms. Helms passed away on Friday, February 13, 2026 at her home.

She is preceded in death by her husband, FC Helms; parents, Homer Lee and Ora Stapler Lee; 1 brother; and 3 sisters.

Left to cherish the memory of Glenda are her daughter, Diane Thomack; grandchildren, Chris Gannon (Crystal), and Angela McDaniel (Bobby); great-grandchildren, Taylor Gannon (Reed), Dylan McDaniel, and Katie McDaniel; a host of nieces and nephews; and special friend, Wanda Cagle.

Ms. Helms was a member of Croft Ferry Baptist Church. She attended Hokes Bluff High School. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family; especially her daughter, grandkids, and great-grandkids. Glenda will be so deeply missed.

Flowers will be accepted or donations can be made to the Alzheimer's or Cancer Association.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Ball Play Bend Fire Department and Southern Care New Beacon Hospice; especially nurses, Erica and Tee.

Donna Susan Works

GADSDEN - Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, February 20, 2026, at Village Chapel, for Donna Susan Works, age 59, of Gadsden, who passed away Monday, February 16, 2026.

Reverend Phillip Robertson will officiate. Burial will follow at Rainbow Memorial Cemetery. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Works was a loving wife and mother. Donna was very dedicated to her family and her job. She will be truly missed.

Mrs. Works was preceded in death by her mother, Sarah Wise; father, Geraldine Wise; and sister, Debbie Hope.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Timothy Works; son, Brandon Works; sisters, Carol Anthony and Cindy Pierce; brothers, Greg and Randy Pierce; and a host of nieces and nephews

Pallbearers will be: Brandon Works, Bud Hope, David Works, Tony Castonan, Ray Freeman.



Billie Carolyn Gates

Jennifer Anne Brothers, 58, passed away peacefully on February 15, 2026 at home in Chelsea, Alabama surrounded by her loving family.

Jennifer was born in Gadsden, Alabama to parents James Edward and Hazel L. Brothers. She attended Westminster Christian School in Gadsden. When she was a teenager, she was a foreign exchange student to Spain. Jennifer was extremely fluent in Spanish and enjoyed traveling and cooking. After a tragic accident at the age of 16, Jennifer spent the majority of her life in Gallant where she was lovingly and devotedly cared for by her family.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her parents, James Edward Brothers and Hazel Lee Brothers. She is survived by her two sisters, Rachel Tripp and Amy Gates, and many nieces and nephews.

The family held a private burial at Bethlehem Baptist Church on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to the Alabama Head Injury Foundation or Spain Rehabilitation Center at UAB.



Billie Carolyn Gates

John W. Malcom (Billy) passed away unexpectedly on February 7, 2026 at the age of 35.

Our family was not expecting for Billy's life to be cut so short so soon. We are all devastated by this huge loss and he will be forever missed. He was born with a naturally sweet and kind soul. He had a heart of gold and would help anyone that needed help no matter who they were or where they came from.

Billy found his greatest joy in the simple quiet moments of life whether he was casting a line in the ocean or on the lake. He loved going to the Bahamas often taking his cousin Tyler or even one of his friends with him to enjoy fishing, snorkeling, and looking for sand dollars.

His passion for fishing was more than a hobby; It was his way of connecting with the world. He had a love for the outdoors and a gentle spirit that embraced all creatures. Often rescuing snakes, squirrels, turtles, birds, and even baby opossums. He also loved to cook, always creating his own recipes. He was also very artistic, making things out of odd shaped trees and branches he would find in the woods.

Billy was preceded in death by his dad Al Malcom, who taught him his love for fishing. He missed him deeply every single day since then.

Billy will always be remembered with much love by his heartbroken mom Tina Lester, his older sister Liz Malcom, his younger brother Paul Lester, his grandmother Faye McGinnis, his favorite aunt Liz McGinnis, and a long list of deeply saddened aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. He also leaves behind his dogs, Cooper, Belle and Lexi who are now missing all of the long walks he took them on every day and his chickens; Ricky, Lucy and Ethel, whom he loved caring for.

Billy was also greatly loved and will be greatly missed by the many friends he made during his life's journey.

Due to Billy's private nature, cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time.

A Special Thank You to the Etowah County Sheriff's Department in helping with Billy's search.

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, no sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." - Revelation 21:4.

John Patrick Dillard

GALLANT - Funeral services were held Thursdays, February 19, 2026, at Village Chapel, for John Patrick Dillard, age 62, formerly of Virginia and currently residing in Gallant, who passed away Monday, February 15, 2026. Reverends Nolan Clackley and Mark Martin officiated. Interment followed at Conn Cemetery.

John was a 1982 graduate of Etowah High school. He worked as an Attalla fireman for 17 years and later retired from Honda Manufacturing with 19 years service. Mr. Dillard enjoyed many hobbies; music, classic cars, watching movies, and especially Notre Dame Football. He was a faithful member of Stowers Hill Baptist Church. John loved his family very much and Lori was the light of his life.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clois Dillard; grandparents, Sam and Besie Dillard, and Albert and Josephine Carron; grandson, Lucas Pennington.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Dillard; children, Caitlin (Ian) Crocker, Shawn Dillard, Jamey (John) Pennington, Timothy (Ashley) Dillard, and Nicole (Nick) DeLoach; grandchildren, Navi Jade Crocker, Olivia Pennington, Fynn Pennington, Daniel Dillard, Emmett Dillard, Gabe Dillard, Cole Kirby, Alexa-Jade Jones, Lilli Kate DeLoach; mother, Audrey Dillard; siblings, Robert (Connie) Dillard, Lisa Dillard, Scott (Amy) Dillard, Paul Dillard, Becky (Scott) Grantland; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

Leland Nichols

GADSDEN - A memorial service will be held Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026, at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, from 1 p.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, Kimberley 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.



Loyd "Red" Watkins

Loyd "Red" Watkins was born on April 13, 1931, in Alabama and passed away on February 14, 2026, at the age of 94.

Born in Berry Alabama red grew as a high school football star. After high school, he served in the US Army as an infantry soldier. He went on to establish a full recreational program for the youth and serve as a union officer at Goodyear tire and rubber Company for 29 years. He was called to preach in 1989. He served as pastor of Heath Baptist Church in Glencoe, Alabama. And lastly at North Weaver Baptist in Weaver, Alabama.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Joyce Dean Watkins and Inez Jenkins Watkins and three sons, Johnny Ray Watkins, Loyd Dean Watkins Jr. and Danny Lee Watkins.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Finley Watkins, and three sons Ronald L. Watkins, Darrell W. Watkins, Robert T. Davis, and a daughter, Lucille Davis. Many nieces, nephews and brother-in-law's.

A visitation was held February 18, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Collier-Butler Funeral Home located at 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, Alabama.

A funeral service followed at the same venue in the Chapel on February 18, 2026.

Loyd Ray Watkins was laid to rest at Flatwoods Cemetery.

Dale Butler and Joey Jones officiated.

Graveside officials were Frank Fritz and Ray Madison.

Pallbearers were Frank Fritz, Adam Watkins, Seth Balo, Colton Harris, Johnathan Turner and Josh Chandler.

Vanessa Brown

Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Mrs. Vanessa A. Gaddis-Brown, age 70, of Dallas, Ga. formerly of Gadsden, AL, who traded mortal for immortality on Thursday, February 12, 2026. She is survived by her loving family. We ask that you please keep The Brown Family and those families that may be going through the same lifted in prayer.

A public viewing will be held Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 11 a.m. to noon at Prestige Memorial Funeral Home, 2412 Sansom Avenue in Gadsden. A Celebration of Life will follow at noon at the funeral home, with interment immediately afterward at Rainbow Memorial Gardens, 1440 W. Grand Avenue in Gadsden.

OBITUARIES



Patricia Ann Petty

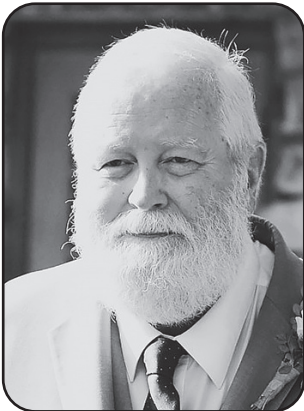
GADSDEN - Patricia “Trick” Ann Petty, 82, of Gadsden, Al, passed away on February 13, 2026 at Gadsden Regional surrounded by her loved ones. Born on April 15, 1943 in Gadsden Al, Trick was known for her love of crafting, quilting, crocheting, Alabama football, Dr. Pepper and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by parents, P.H. and Pauline Petty and sister Frances Helms.

She is survived by her brother Jimmy (Jean) Petty, nieces Misha (Phillip) Stephens, Meleia (Jason) Walker, Benetta (Kenny) Nunnelley, nephew Terry (Virginia) Helms, cousins Renee, Craig and Todd Snead and a host of great nieces and nephews and cousins who loved her dearly.

A service was held at Collier Butler Funeral Home. Visitation Tuesday Feb. 17, 2026 from 1-2pm followed by a Celebration of Life at 2pm. Graveside followed at Rainbow Memorial Gardens.

Special thanks to Gadsden Regional MICU nurses Maddie, Audrey, Justin, Anna and Tanner and Elizabeth Hyatt and Shelby Farlow with Hospice of Alabama.



Rodney M. Robinson

Rodney Mitchell Robinson passed away peacefully on February 12, 2026, at the age of 74 in Memphis, Tennessee, with his wife of fifty years, Robin, by his side.

He was born in Gadsden, Alabama, on March 19, 1951, to Arthur Patrick Robinson and Allie Marie Bowling Robinson. He attended Cory Elementary, Litchfield Junior High, and Gadsden High School, graduating in 1969. He went on to attend Jacksonville State University and the University of Alabama, earning his degree in 1974. An early claim to fame came when he opened the famed Buffalo Bar with Paul Piazza, becoming the youngest person to receive a liquor license in the state of Alabama. He later served as a firefighter with the Gadsden Fire Department for 25 years, rising to the rank of commander and serving as president of Local 454.

He married Robin (Holston) Robinson on May 30, 1976. He was a fun and loving father to his three girls, Rachel Marie Robinson (David Fuller), Amanda Lea Robinson (Joachim Moortgat), and Emily Virginia Robinson Warren (Will Warren). He was a proud grandfather to four grandchildren — Virginia Anne Warren (5), Cypress Nathaniel Fuller (5), Penelope Rebecca Warren (3), and Robinson William Warren (4 months) — all of whom inherited his trademark dimples. He is also survived by his brother, Barry “Oscar” Robinson (Jane Robinson), who was as much his buddy

as his brother; their afternoons on the pontoon were among the happiest moments of his later years.

He lives on through his family, his many lifelong friends, and all the stories he told us over the years.

Visitation will be held at Collier Butler Funeral Home on Friday, February 20, 2026 from 3:00-4:30 p.m., followed by a brief service.

He will be buried at Union Hill Cemetery the following day in the presence of his family.



Sherrill Cook

GADSDEN - Funeral service for Sherrill Cook “Captain Cook”, age 77, of Gadsden was held 2pm Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with Phillip Swindell officiating. Burial followed at Rainbow Memorial Gardens.

Sherrill passed away on Monday, February 16, 2026 at his home.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James Cook and Eva Jenkins; chosen daughter, Tanja Harden Hanson; brothers, Bill Cook, and Charlie Cook; sisters, Annie Ruth Powell, and Doris Eilene Cash.

Mr. Cook is survived by his wife, Reba Cook; daughter, Talina Cook (Eric Williams); chosen daughter, Danielle Powell; grandchildren, Tasha Smith (Jeremy), Gavin Filmore, Angelina Guest, and Bradley Guest; great-grandchildren, Tessa and Jathan Smith; brothers, John Cook (Barbara), and Carl Cook; as well as many nieces and nephews; also special friend, Johnny Burttram; and special family and friends, Buddy and Glenda Bowen, Mattie and Randall Mayne.

Mr. Cook served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He attended Ducks Springs Baptist Church and loved his church family. He enjoyed watching western shows and wrestling. Sherrill was a “PawPaw” to every child he came in contact with and he will be greatly missed.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Gadsden Regional Medical Center, Encompass Rehab, Amedisys Home Health, Gentiva Hospice, and Dr. Bally, Dr. Castillo, and Dr. Echeverri.



Tammie Waters Walden

ATTALLA - Tammie Waters Walden, age 64, of Attalla, Al passed away peacefully on February 13, 2026.

A Graveside Service was held at Rainbow Memorial Gardens Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 12 pm.

She was born on May 13, 1961 to the late Clifton Ross Waters Sr. & Mother Lilah Grace Waters. Also preceded in death by her Beloved Husband, Johnny McKay Walden; Brother Craig Rodney Waters, Sisters Pamela Kay Hayes & Cheryl Ann Waters. Also, Nephew

Colton Trevor Maloy.

Tammie is survived by her Loving Children, Brandon Lee Franklin(Holley), Joshua Blake Walden(Tashia), and Adam Christopher Walden(Jeana). She was a Proud and Devoted Grandmother to Clint Elliot, Brody Franklin, Allysa(Blake) Habyan, Chloe Smedley, Lillah Walden & Liam Walden. Great Grandchildren, Colt Kidd, Hudson Habyan. Tammie is also survived by her Siblings. Brothers, Ross Clifton Waters Jr. & Michael Gewayne Waters. Sister, Debbie Roberts, along with many extended family members and dear friends who loved her deeply.

A special thanks is given to her Sister Debbie Roberts & her Chosen Daughter, Dana Sims & a Special Thank you to Brian Harbin for the compassionate care shown to Tammie. Also, her close friend Debra Allen Perryman and the entire family for surrounding her with love and support.

Tammie was a graduate of Etowah High School & furthered her Education at Gadsden State Community College.

Tammie worked in Healthcare, where she faithfully served and cared for others. Tammie was known for her strength, but even more for her deep love. She was a Provider, a Caregiver, and someone who naturally put others before herself. Tammie was kind to everyone.

Tammie’s greatest joy was her family. Wherever her Children and Grandchildren were — that is where she wanted to be. Tammie constantly reminded those around her that family is the most important gift in life.

Tammie was a woman of Christian Baptist faith, and her life reflected compassion, service, and devotion to those she loved. Her care for people extended beyond her home and into her everyday life. Tammie will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Special Thanks to all Attalla First Responders & Grandview Regional Medical Center, Dr. William Thompson & Entire Staff of Birmingham, Al.



Patricia Ann Petty

GLENCOE - Thomas Harold Smith Sr. of Glencoe died at his home on February 13, 2026, at the age of 100 after a protracted illness.

A visitation was held at Collier-Butler Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 11:00am. Bro. Donny Yarbrough the Pastor of First Baptist Church of Glencoe, officiated. Eulogies were delivered by his nephew Wayne Smith and his grandson Joseph York. A Private family interment was held at the Mausoleum at Crestwood Cemetery immediately after the service.

Harold is preceded in death by Lurlene Brown Smith, his wife of 71 years; his parents Mattison Griffin Smith and Nancy Akridge Smith; his son Thomas Harold (Hal) Smith Jr.; his grandson Dr. Jake Adam York; and his siblings James (Geneva) Smith; Pauline (Robert) Love; Charles (Betty) Smith.

Harold was born and raised in Southside on the family farm. He joined the United States Navy just weeks before he graduated high school in 1944. After Basic training he was assigned to the USS New York, “The Gray Ghost of

the Pacific”. He saw action on the pacific front ass the New York transported Marines to Iwo Jima and Okinawa. His ship was targeted by Japanese suicide pilots but with minimal damage to the ship. He was honorably discharged in 1946. His service in World War II is honored by an embossed brick in a courtyard of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, La.

After he returned from naval duties, he met and married Lurlene, moved to Glencoe and began his forty-year career with the gas company, cumulating as supervisor of commercial/industrial ALAGASCO clients in a territory that included Gadsden, Anniston, Auburn-Opelika, and the gas well in Fayette County.

Harold was active at First Baptist, Glencoe where he was a member for over 70 years and served as deacon, Sunday School Director, and sometime song leader. He was very involved in the VFW Lodge 10408 and always helped placing the flags in the median of US 431 during patriotic and civic holidays. He served as lodge quartermaster for many years. He was also a mason and received his 70th year membership recognition pin. He was inducted into the Etowah County Patriots Hall of Honor in 2012 and excitedly traveled to the World War II Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC as part of the Honor Flight Program. As a service to his community, he was involved with Meals on Wheels and was a member of the board of Directors of the Glencoe Senior Center. He was an avid golfer playing at the Links at Briarmeade from his early thirties until he was 91. He had 5 holes-in-one during his golfing years. He discovered that aging made it easier to play his age- from his early 70s until his early nineties.

Harold is Survived by his daughter, Dr. Linda Smith York and her husband David York; his grandson Joseph Aaron York, his wife Kathryn and their children Emma Rose and Herschel Adam from Water Valley, MS, and many nephews and nieces.

The family wishes to thank Harold’s caregivers who cared for him with knowledge, experience, love, and compassion. Thank you to Linda, Reana, Peggy, and Teresa, his housekeeper Liz, and the Compassus Hospice Staff. We hold you all in our hearts.

Wanda Gail Cochran

GADSDEN - Mrs. Wanda Gail Cochran, 78, of Gadsden, passed away on February 11, 2026 after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 16, 2026, at Glencoe-Hokes Bluff Funeral Home, with Rev. Daniel Barkley officiating the services. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Ollie Mae Harris, sister Judy (Dood) Sims, brother Wayne (Kathy) Harris, brother Donnie (Priscilla) Harris, sister Pat Millbocker, as well as grandson Brett Cochran and great granddaughter Billie Goins.

Left to remember her love and kindness are her husband, Ken Cochran, and children David (Denna) Cochran and Kenya Cochran. Gail had many grandchildren, including Kent (Kerri) Cochran, Clay (Elizabeth) Cochran, Lillabea (Zion) Goins, Loxley (Ryan) Lins, Lane (Caitlin) Cochran, Landry (Grace) Cochran, Kennedy Duff, Abigail Duff, Addison Duff, and great granddaughter, Blake Lins.

Granny, as she was affectionately called, was a beautiful, loving person who adored her family. She was also a compassionate

caregiver to her husband, Ken. Most importantly, she professed her faith long ago to Jesus Christ as her Lord

and Savior. She was an excellent example of loving others the way you want to be loved.

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Hot Honey Flavor

Wright Bacon

24 Oz.

LIMIT 4 EACH

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Selected Varieties

Eckrich Smoked Sausage

14-16.8 Oz.

LIMIT 4 EACH

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Buy 4
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Selected Varieties

Totino's Pizza Rolls

50 Ct.

LIMIT 4 EACH

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5 LB. BAG

California

Peelz Mandarins

5 Lb.

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Made Fresh in the Deli

Gourmet Chicken Salad

Per Lb.

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Selected Varieties, New York Garlic Toast (7.3-13.5 Oz.), Pillsbury Toaster Strudel (4-6 Ct.), Devour (12 Oz.) or Tapatio Bowls (10 Oz.) or

Wide Awake Creamer

32 Oz.

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Frozen, Selected Varieties, Food Club Chicken (25-32 Oz.) or

Hidden Valley Ranch

24 Oz.

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Folgers Coffee

22.6-25.9 Oz.

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Evamor Water (6 Pk.) or Selected Varieties, Monster Energy Drinks (4 Pk., 12 Oz. Cans) or Frozen

DiGiorno Pizza

14.6-29.3 Oz.

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Selected Varieties, Cinnamon Rolls or

Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits

5 Ct.

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Selected Varieties, Bagel Bites (7 Oz.), Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks (6-10 Ct.) or

Food Club Sliced Cheese

6-8 Oz.

LIMIT 4 EACH

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Selected Varieties, Food Club Mayo (30 Oz.) or

Kraft American Singles

16 Slices, 12 Oz.

LIMIT 4 EACH

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Selected Varieties, Toasteds, Town House or Club Crackers

8-13.8 Oz.

LIMIT 4 EACH

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Selected Varieties, Junkless Granola Bars (6 Ct.) or

Munchies Sandwich Crackers

8 Pk.

LIMIT 4 EACH

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Selected Varieties

Funables Fruit Snacks (10 Ct.) or Little Debbie Snack Cakes

9.5-16.2 Oz.

LIMIT 6 EACH

2.19

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Selected Varieties

Pop-Tarts

8 Ct.

LIMIT 4

2.49

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Selected Varieties, Rice Krispies Treats (6-8 Ct.), Nutri-Grain Bars (5-8 Ct.) or

Special K Crisps

5.28 Oz.

LIMIT 4 EACH

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Chocolate

Yoo-Hoo

12 Pk., 11 Oz. Cans

LIMIT 2

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Selected Varieties, Baken-ets, Chester's Puffcorn or Fries,

Santitas or Munchos

3.25-11 Oz.

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Selected Varieties

Gatorade

12 Pk., 12 Oz. Btls.

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Frozen, Selected Varieties

Gorton's Fish or Shrimp

6-24.5 Oz.

LIMIT 4

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Good 'n' Fun Kabobs (18 Ct.), Wings (12 Oz.) or Twists (35 Ct.) or

Paws Butcher's Choice Dog Food

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SPORTS



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Coosa Christian faced Wadley at Jacksonville State University on Feb. 17.

Local Scores, Stats & Schedules

High School Girls Basketball

Feb. 13
Mountain Brook defeated Southside 58–39 in a playoff game.
Russellville defeated Sardis 72–62 in a playoff game.
St. John Paul II defeated Hokes Bluff 32–28 in a playoff game.
Glencoe defeated Asbury 50–34 in a playoff game.
North Sand Mountain defeated West End 59–27 in a playoff game.
Ider defeated Coosa Christian 84–20 in a playoff game.

Conference Tournament

Glencoe defeated Fyffe 51–44 in a conference tournament game.
Sylvania defeated Westbrook Christian 47–39 in a conference tournament game.

High School Boys Basketball

Feb. 14
Gadsden City defeated Huffman 77–68 in a playoff game.
Lawrence County defeated Sardis 78–65 in a playoff game.
Whitesburg Christian Academy defeated Glencoe 65–48 in a playoff game.
Westbrook Christian defeated Asbury 64–45 in a playoff game.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

This is to inform that a Special Election for Commission District #1 will be held on

March 10, 2026.

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game.
Brady Carden led with 23 points, 17 rebounds, two steals and three assists. Titus Jones added 18 points, six rebounds, one steal and five assists. Brodey Wood had seven points, five rebounds, two steals and two assists. Bo Kilgo finished with five points, seven rebounds and three assists. Case Burton contributed four points, eight rebounds, three blocks and eight assists.
Coosa Christian defeated its opponent 67–32 in a playoff game.

Playoffs

Westbrook Christian defeated Collinsville 57–45 in a playoff game.
Wadley defeated Coosa Christian 72–66 in a playoff game.
Feb. 20
Gadsden City will face Oxford at 1:30 p.m. at Jacksonville State University.

College Basketball Men

Wallace State–Hanceville defeated Gadsden State 89–87.

College Basketball Women

Wallace State–Hanceville defeated Gadsden State 61–52.

College Baseball

Gadsden State defeated Alpena Community College 7–1 and 11–2.
Gadsden State defeated Alpena Community College 10–3.

College Softball

Gadsden State defeated Georgia Highlands College 8–4.
Gadsden State defeated Alpena Community College 9–0.
Gadsden State defeated Alpena Community College 21–7 and 8–0.

College Tennis

Marion Military Institute defeated Gadsden State 6–3.
Wallace State–Hanceville defeated Gadsden State 9–0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that the Public Testing of the voting machines to be used in the 2026 Special Commission District #1 on March 10, 2026, in Etowah County, AL will be held on

Monday, March 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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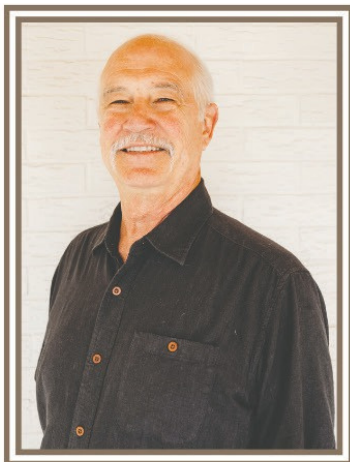
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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 "I", 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; 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
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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 Feb-

ruary 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.

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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 RECORDED 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
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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
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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 trans-

ferred 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.

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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 ON ECOMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTH-EAST 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 SOUTHEASTLY 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 AND THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. PARCEL TWO COMMENCE 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, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. PARCEL THREE COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEASTLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 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 FOUR COMMENCE 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 SOUTHEASTLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 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 NORTH-EAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. PARCEL FIVE COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEASTLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 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 NORTH-EAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. PARCEL SIX COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEASTLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 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 NORTH-EAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. PARCEL SEVEN COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEASTLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 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 NORTH-EAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. PARCEL EIGHT COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEASTLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 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 NORTH-EAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. 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made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Garner B McBride, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Renasant Bank, its successors and assigns dated March 16, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on March 17, 2023 as Instrument No. 3554707 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Renasant Bank by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3571184 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. The undersigned, Renasant Bank, 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 April 1, 2026 the following property, 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 portion of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 6 East of Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama, described as follows, to wit: Commence at the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 6 East for the point of beginning and thence run Southerly along the East line of said Quarter a distance of 150 feet; thence run Westerly a distance of 80 feet on a line parallel with the North line of said Quarter; thence run Northerly to a point on the North line of said Quarter, which is 100 feet West of the point of beginning; thence run East 100 feet along the North line of said Quarter to the point of beginning, all lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama, save and except the portion conveyed to the State of Alabama as described in Deed recorded in Book 1902, Page 155, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Said property is commonly known as 2997 Hall Dr, Gadsden, 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. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. 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. ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions

(including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258.

RENASANT BANK 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. 25-06846AL www.foreclosurehotline.net The Messenger 02/20/2026,02/27/2026, 03/06/2026 25-06846AL

February 20, 27, and March 6, 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

Kenneth D. Morgan was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/14/2026 to the Estate of Mary Elaine Boyd, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all per-

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Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

February 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Fort McClellan Credit Union was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/14/2026 to the Estate of Stanley Earl Stroup, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Dana Johnson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/16/2026 to the Estate of Thomas Anthony Musick, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Robert Webster Curnutt was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/20/2026 to the Estate of William Parker Curnutt, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jordan Gaskey Fugatt was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/22/2026 over the Estate of Deborah Gramling Gaskey, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Kevin Edward Silvey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/23/2026 to the Estate of Terry B. Silvey, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Leigh Hunt was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/23/2026 over the Estate of Mark Dewayne Steapleton, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Ray R. Solley was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/27/2026 to the Estate of Doris S. Chapman, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Kendall Willmore was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/27/2026 over the Estate of Mark Hanback, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jadea Smith Chandler was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/27/2026 over the Estate of Louie Benson Walls, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Valery Keith Alford was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 01/28/2026 to the Estate of Mary D. Alford, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Bobby Barron and Lynn Barron was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/04/2026 to the Estate of Patricia Faye Barron, 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 20, 27, and March 6, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: Mr. Jimmy Franklin Davis Jr. DECEASED.

CASE NO: 2026-00119

Notice is hereby given that on February 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. a hearing is set to be heard in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama on the disposition of the remains of Mr. Jimmy Franklin Davis Jr., date of birth: March 9, 1965, date of death: November 14, 2025 and last known address being 392 Igou Roberson Road Boaz, AL 35956. This the 18th day of February, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

February 20, 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, ALLEGED 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

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: WALTER ALLEN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-31

TO: Malcolm Allen and Diretha Allen, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 23rd day of MARCH 2026 at 2:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

Scott Hassell Judge of Probate

February 20, 27, and March 6, 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 the2nd 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 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 Conservator-

ship 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

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 degrees 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:

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 degrees 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. 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

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 approved 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

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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 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 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 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 .

The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids. The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director

February 6, 13, and 20, 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 Av-

enue (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

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 VEHICLE POSSESSION

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

2011 Honda Fit VIN: JHMGE8H-69BC004636

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

February 20 and 27, 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 2001 Lexus GS Vin #JT8BD69S310137728 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 3/31/2026 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 20 and 27, 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 2020 Nissan Sentra. Vin #3N1AB8CV1LY254124 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 3/31/2026 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 20 and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Thacker Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2017 Honda CRV Vin #5J6RW2H85HL046388 The public auction will be held at Thacker Towing 927 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 3/27/2026 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 20 and 27, 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 April 6, 2026.

2013 HONDA CIVIC VIN: 19XFB2F-86DE224710

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

February 20 and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Tommy Tows will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2000 Yamaha Motorcycle XVS11AM B VIN #JYAVP1E8YA007796. The public auction will be held at Tommy Tows, located at 3403 Forrest Avenue Gadsden, AL. 35904 at 8:00am 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 20 and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to TEMPLE ELECTRIC CO., INC., 108 N. 24TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, ALABAMA 35904, TEMPLE ELECTRIC CO. INC., 102 S. 24TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, JESSICA GEER HART, 54 GEER DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH

3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 102 S. 24TH STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: A lot or parcel of land described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot Number Seven-teen (17) and from thence run south and along the West line of said Lot Number 17, a distance of 65.1 feet; thence run in an Easterly direction and parallel with the North lines of Lots Number 17 and 15, a distance of 100 feet to a point in the East line of said Lot Number 15; thence North and along the East line of said Lot number 15 a distance of 65.1 feet to the Northeast corner thereof; thence run West and along the North lines of Lots Number 15 and 17 a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning and embracing portions of Lots Numbers 15 and 17, in Block Number 32, according to the Second Survey of Alford's Addition to Alabama City, as shown by map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", beginning at page 306, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, and lying and being in Gadsden (formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-06-1-000-274.000 PIN #: 37845 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL
City of Gadsden
P.O. Box 267
Gadsden, AL 35902
(256) 549-4765

February 20, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to EMAD SULEIMAN, P.O. BOX 2111, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 309 EAST BROAD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 309 E. BROAD STREET (COMMERCIAL) in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Parcel One: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot Number One, Block One, of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. From said point of commencement run North 16°00'00" East a distance of 77.39 feet along the Northwest line of said Lot Number One to the point of beginning. From said point of beginning continue along the previously described course and along the Southeast right-of-way of Hertzberg Avenue a distance of 89.60 feet; thence run North 21°25'00" East a distance of 121.05 feet along the Southeast right-of-way of Hertzberg Avenue; thence run South 70°27'06" East a distance of 128.40 feet along the South-west right-of-way of East Broad Street; thence run South 21°07'59" West a distance of 153.07 feet to a point on the Northeast line of Lot Number Three of said W. T. Cox's East Broad Street Second Addition; thence run North 68°12'00" West a distance of 20.53 feet along the Northeast line of said Lot Number Three; thence run South 18°27'16" West a distance of 49.05 feet along the Southeast line of Parcel Number Five as recorded in Book 1642, Page 213 through 216 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama; thence run North 69°20'04" West a distance of 37.13 feet; thence run South 69°45'51" a West a distance of 16.69 feet; thence run North 69°35'42" West a distance of 53.05 feet to the point of beginning; said Parcel being a portion of Lots Numbers One, Two and Three of Block One of the W. T. Cox's East

Broad Street Second Addition as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, also being Parcels Numbers One, Two and Three and portion of Parcels Numbers Four and Five of that property previously described in Deed Book 1652, Pages 213 through 216 and being situated in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 10, T-12-S, R-6-E, of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel Two: Commence at the Northwest corner of Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One (1) of W. T. Cox East Broad Street Second Addition, and from said point run in an easterly direction and along the North line of said lot a distance of 10 feet, more or less, to point of intersection of said line with a fence; thence deflect to the right and run in a southerly direction and along said fence line a distance of 48 feet, more or less, to the corner of said fence; thence deflect to the right and run in a westerly direction and along said fence line to its intersection with the west line of said Lot Number Three (3); thence deflect to the right and run in a northerly direction and along said west lot line to the point of beginning; said description embracing a portion of Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One (1) of W.T. Cox East Broad Street Second Addition, according to the plat or map as same appears of record in Plat Book "C", Page 189, Etowah County Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel Three: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot Number One (1), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, k in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. From said point of commencement run North 16°00'00" East a distance of 77.39 feet along the Northwest line of Lot Number One (1); thence run South 69°35'42" East a distance of 53.05 feet; thence run North 69°45'51" East a distance of 16.69 feet; thence run South 69°20'04" East a distance of 37.13 feet to the point of beginning. From said point of beginning run North 18°27'16" East a distance of 49.05 feet; thence run South 68°12'00" East a distance of 9.04 feet; thence run South 28°59'40" West a distance of 49.35 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel being a portion of Lot Number Three (3), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, and being situated in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING PARCELS: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot Number One (1), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. From said point of commencement run North 16°00'00" East a distance of 77.39 feet along the Northwest line of Lot Number One (1); thence run South 69°35'42" East a distance of 53.05 feet; thence run North 69°45'51" East a distance of 16.69 feet; thence run South 69°20'04" East a distance of 37.13 feet; thence run North 28°59'40" East a distance of 49.35 feet to the point of beginning, said point of beginning lying on the Northeast line of Lot Number Three (3) of said W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition Subdivision. From said point of beginning run North 26°57'08" East a distance of 8.07 feet; thence run North 21°13'05" East a distance of 20.49 feet; thence run South 69°34'22" East a distance of 10.63 feet

thence run South 21°06'28" West distance of 28.78 feet to a point on the Northeast line of said Lot Number Three (3); thence run North 68°12'00" West a distance of 11.49 feet along the Northeast line of said Lot Number Three (3) to the point of beginning. Said parcel being situated in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East, of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax Parcel ID: 15-02-10-1-000-090.000 PIN #: 35503 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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February 20, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ANGENETTA O. RODGERS, 235 N. 6TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 522 CROCHERON ALLEY (County records list property address as CROCHERON AVENUE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

520 CROCHERON AVENUE AND DESCRIBED AS LOTS 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK ONE OF CROCHERON CENTRAL ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "B", PAGE 51, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. Tax Parcel ID: 15-02-04-4-000-040.000 PIN #: 34004 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to DEVON EDWARDS and wife AMBER EDWARDS, 718 AGRICOLA DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 12 DWIGHT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 12 DWIGHT AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Fifty-Seven (57), in Parcel Number Four (4) as shown by map or plat of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, recorded Plat Book "F", Pages 51-65, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden (former Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama. Tax Parcel ID: 10-09-31-3-000-304.000 PIN #: 18727 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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February 20, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to FREE RANGE PROPERTIES, LLC., 915 OLD PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA

35906, 219 EWING AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, NELLIE R. MCGINNIS, 219 EWING AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 217 EWING AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 217 EWING AVENUE (ACCESSORY BUILDING) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

PARCEL ONE: A part of Lot 6, Block 11, according to the Ewing Addition, the map or plat of which is recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 396 and 397, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and being more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 6; thence Northeasterly along the Northwest line of said lot, a distance of 50 feet to the North-east line of said lot; thence Southeasterly along the Northeast line of said lot, a distance of 46 feet, more or less, to a point that is 85 feet Northwesterly of and at right angles to the centerline of Project No. F-104(8); thence Southwesterly along a curve to the left (concave South-easterly) having a radius of 1,994.86 feet, parallel to the centerline of said project, a distance of 51 feet, more or less, to the Southwest line of said lot; thence Northwesterly along the Southwest line of said lot, a distance of 53 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning and containing 0.06 acres, more or less. Tax Parcel ID: 15-02-03-2-000-211.00 PIN #: 32757 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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February 20, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to DALENCOURT PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC, C/O PHILIP WILLIAMS, 2100 CLUB DRIVE, SUITE 150, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, P.O. BOX 391, ALBERTVILLE, ALABAMA 35950, 2601 EWING AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 2601 EWING AVENUE (COMMERCIAL) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Numbers Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Duncan Heights, according to map thereof recorded in Plat Book "D", Pages 102 and 103, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 10-06-24-0-000-091.000 PIN# 13978 Should be assessed with a lien of \$5,848.66 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with

Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JOSEPH CHAD BALLEY, 980 DELMONT DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 2315 FORREST AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council

of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 2315 FORREST AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Fifteen (15) in Block Number Twenty-four (24) of Alford's Second Addition to Alabama City, according to the map of the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book A, Page 308, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama and lying and being in Alabama City, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-06-1-000-216.000 PIN #: 37779 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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February 20, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to HENRY AND MARY FAULKNER, P.O. BOX 8063, PELHAM, NEW YORK, 10803, 709 HARVEY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, HENRY JAMES FAULKNER & WF MARY ZULA, P.O. BOX 8062, PELHAM, NEW YORK, 10803, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 709 HARVEY STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Five (5), and the West Half (W1/2) of Lot Number Four (4), in Block "D", in Elliott Addition Number One (1), according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 5 in the Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-334.000 PIN# 33525 Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,745.59, for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to BECK & HUNT RESIDENTIAL, LLC, 135 ILENE STREET, APT. 1A, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35906, 2312 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 2312 HILL AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots Number Seven (7), in Block Number Ten (10), of Oak Park Addition, According to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 200 and 201, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Alabama, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-06-4-000-108.000 PIN #: 38382 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to RICKY DALE BARNARD, 409 MILLER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 409 MILLER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots Number Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17) in Block Number Seven (7) in West Point Addition, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 140 and 141, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax Parcel ID: 16-01-01-4-000-227.000 PIN #: 50433 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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February 20, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to EDNA HOLLOWAY, P.O. BOX 5376, GLENCOE, ALABAMA 35905, 301 MORNINGVIEW DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 301 MORNINGVIEW DRIVE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

of Lot 29, Block M, according to the plat of Oakleigh Estates as the same appears record in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Plat Book "G", at page 66. Tax Parcel ID: 10-07-25-2-000-112.000 PIN #: 14146 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to QUEEN ANN SPARKS, 2814 RAILROAD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 2814 RAILROAD AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number One Hundred Twelve (112) in Central Alabama City Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", pages 184-5, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden (Formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon. Tax ID#: 15-03-06-2-000-332.000 PIN# 38225 Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,666.47, for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with

Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MARTAJA HUGHLEY, 1430 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 206 SHAHAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 206 SHAHAN AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Five (5) in Page's Rearrangement of Lot Number Two (2), Block Eight (8), Ewing Addition, as shown by map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 21, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax ID#: 15-02-03-2-000-176.000 PIN# 32720 Should be assessed with a lien of \$3,109.26, for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to SAIO RAMIREZ, 226 VANCE PLACE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, GRAND PROPERTIES & DESIGN LLC., a limited liability company, P.O. BOX 82, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902, 1114 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 1114 STILLMAN AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-203.000 PIN# 31160 Lot Number Twenty-Seven (27) in Block Thirty-Eight (38) in Garden City Residential Subdivision Number Two (2) as recorded in Plat Book "C", Pages 410 and 411 Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to QUALITY OF LIFE HEALTH SERVICES, INC., 501 S. 12TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1411 PIEDMONT CUT OFF, EAST GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 401 TUSCALOOSA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 79 W. TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-046.000 PIN# 10535 LT 38 PARCEL #2 CONE MILLS DWIGHT PLAT F-53 GADSDEN 36-11-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding

CORNER OF BLOCK "7" OF NORTHSIDE SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "G", PAGES 197 AND 199, ETOWAH COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE AND RUNS S26°18'19"W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK, 203.74 FEET TO AN EXISTING NAIL AND BOTTLE CAP; THENCE RUN S31°22'56"W ALONG SAID EAST LINE 627.10 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY R/W OF VALLEY STREET (60' R/W) AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE RUN N54°41'56" W, LEAVING SAID R/W 211.95 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE RUN S33°15'00"W ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 225.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY R/W OF TUSCALOOSA AVENUE (VARIABLE R/W); THENCE RUN S54°45'29"E, ALONG SAID R/W 191.75 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 35.00 FEET AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 35.90 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENT ON SAID WESTERLY R/W OF VALLEY STREET; THENCE RUN N32°01'31"E, ALONG SAID WESTERLY R/W 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF BLOCK "7", NORTHSIDE SUBDIVISION, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND CONTAINS 1.10 ACRES (MORE OR LESS)

Tax Parcel ID: 15-02-04-1-000-050.001 PIN #: 90555 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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February 20, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to AUBREY R. BRADLEY, 224 WALL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 210 WALL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 210 WALL STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot 42 Shahan & Walshe's Center; Alabama City Add Plat B-185 Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-06-2-000-264.000 PIN #: 38148 You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to SAMUEL ALAN RICHARDS, 79 W. TUSCALOOSA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 79 W. TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-046.000 PIN# 10535 LT 38 PARCEL #2 CONE MILLS DWIGHT PLAT F-53 GADSDEN 36-11-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding

the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to LAJUANA HARDEMAN & ETALS (heirs listed as NEAL HUBERT BOYD & NADA COOK), 4 SOUTHERN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 4 SOUTHERN AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-244.000 PIN# 18664
LT 27 PARCEL 3 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F 55 GADSDEN SEC 31 TWP 11S R 6E is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to S.D. & JOYCE G. VEASY, 1006 SHELL ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1006 SHELL ROAD in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-06-13-2-000-168.000 PIN# 42985
LTS 13 & 15 BLK 13 GLENDALE SUB E-53 EAST GADSDEN 13-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to SHIRLEY MABREY, 20 LITTLE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 19 LITTLE STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-121.000 PIN# 18536
LOT 79 PARCEL 1 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F-51 31-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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en to DOROTHY ANN BALL, 1121 HILLSBORO DRIVE GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3166, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1121 HILLSBORO DRIVE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-05-15-1-000-016.000 PIN# 41391
BEG INT OF NE COR LT 2 & S ROW HILLSBORO DR TH S 71 TH SW 67.5 TO NE ROW OF PADEN DR TH NW 50 ALONG SAID ROW TH NE 100 TO S ROW OF HILLSBORO DR TH E 62 ALONG SAID ROW TO POB BEING LT 2 & PT LT 1 BLK 2 THE HIGHLANDS PLAT C-263 GADSDEN 15-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to ELLA BOSWELL WOODY, 1520 HARDIN CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1520 HARDIN CIRCLE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-06-14-2-000-280.000 PIN# 44016
BEG SE COR LT L&N SIDE HARDIN AVE TH N 145.6' TH W 64.76' TH S 163.15' TO N SIDE SAID ROW THE ON N SIDE SAID ROW 75.1' TO POB PT LTS 1-2-3-4 BLK 3 COLLEGE HGHTS D-73 GADSDEN SEC 14 TWP 12S RR 6E is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to TIM & PENNY (aka PENNI) TEMPLE, 812 LASSETER ROAD, SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA 35907, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2307 DOZIER STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 10-09-31-4-000-096.001 PIN# 93308
COM NW COR LT 11 CLAYTON'S ADD TO ALA CITY PLAT A-320 TH S 18 TH W 12 TH S 56 TO POB TH E 62 TH S 144.05 TO N ROW OF DOZIER AVE TH W 63.13 ALONG ROW TH N 143.94 TO POB BEING PT LTS 11-12 CLAYTON'S ADD TO ALA CITY PLAT A-320 31-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to LEE P. LEWIS, 1608 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1608 ARROWHEAD DRIVE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-06-14-3-000-201.000 PIN# 44387
LT 8 BLK B CHEROKEE EST F-403 PT GOVT LT C GADSDEN SEC 14 TWP 12S R 6E is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to FOROUGH KAMRANI, 523 SCENIC DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1017, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 525 SCENIC DRIVE (County records list property address as 523 SCENIC DRIVE) in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 16-01-01-2-000-001.002 PIN# 49526
COM NE COR NW1/4 NW1/4 TH SW 166.64 TO POB TH NW 146.49 TH SW 258.76 TH SE 80.91 TO N ROW SCENIC DR TH SE 220.68 ALONG ROW TH NE 187.86 TH NE 81.12 TO POB LYING IN NW1/4 NW1/4 SEC 1 & SW1/4 SW1/4 SEC 36 1-12-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to CHRISTY OLIVE as custodian for LANDON KEITH SHANEYFELT (minor) & BRENTLEIGH MARIE SHANEYFELT (minor), 1811 EMANUEL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-4556, 1811 EMANUEL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, KENDRICK THOMAS, 1811 EMANUEL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1811 EMANUEL AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-241.000 PIN# 39280
LTS 78-81 BLK 2 MEADOWGROVE SUB PLAT C-395 7-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance

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Notice is hereby given to BEVERLY H & RONNIE E WHITEPORT, 1714 ELWYN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1714 ELWYN AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-07-4-000-224.000 PIN# 39027
LT 25 & S 25FT LOT 26 BLK D PLAT E 79 EDGEWOOD ADD #2 GADSDEN SEC 7 TWP 12S R 6E is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to LANE GREEN, 1831 AIRPORT BOULEVARD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1831 AIRPORT BOULEVARD in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-07-4-000-205.001 PIN# 108219
LTS 15-17 BLK F EDGEWOOD ADD # 2 PLAT E-79 LESS TH S 35.8 OF LT 17 GADSDEN 7-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to HEROLD CLEVENGER, 1815 ADAMS STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-4809, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1815 ADAMS STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-020.000 PIN# 39600
W 70 LTS 1-2 BLK 17 CRESCENT HEIGHTS OR SOUTH GAD PLAT B-314 8-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to BILLY R. & GERALDINE (LIFE ESTATE) PERKINS, 2614 RAILROAD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2614 RAILROAD AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-06-2-000-118.000 PIN# 37994
LOTS 22-24 BLK 28 ALFORD'S 2ND ADD PLAT A 308 GADSDEN SEC 06 TWP 12S R 6E is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to CAROLYN & KEVIN STEVENS, 2201 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-2520, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2201 HILL AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-077.000 PIN# 38349
BEG SW COR LT 24 BLK 2 OAK PARK ADD PLAT B-200 TH E 47 ALONG N ROW OF HILL AVE TO W ROW OF 22ND ST TH NE 141.6 ALONG ROW TH W 65.57 TH S 38 TH SW 24.59 TH S 77.52 TO POB BEING PT LT 24 BLK 2 OAK PARK ADD PLAT B-200 6-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to HOWARD & LINDA SUSAN GILBERT, 513 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3806 MICHAEL ANN AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 16-01-01-2-000-147.001 PIN# 49691
LT 5 ROSEMONT SUB REAR OF 12ND RE-AR PLAT J-64 1-12-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to SERAFINA ANDRES & husb FELIPE T. JOSE, 2411 NORRIS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held

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Notice is hereby given to REBECCA WILCHER, 2400 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2400 HILL AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-119.000 PIN# 38395
LOT 1 BLK 8 OAK PARK ADDITION PER PLAT B B PG 200 IN CITY OF GADSDEN ALA IN GOVT LOT 10 SEC 6 TWP 12S R 6E is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to HERIBERTO A. TREJO & ANGELICA S. AGULIAR, 2329 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2329 HILL AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-054.000 PIN# 38323
LT 11 BLK 4 OAK PARK ADD PLAT B-200-201 GADSDEN 6-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to SARA & ANTHONY CLEVENGER, 100 ROAD 1927, BOAZ, ALABAMA 35957, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2418 RAILROAD AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-06-2-000-082.001 PIN# 37955
LT 20 BLK 26 ALFORDS 2ND ADD PLAT A-308 6-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to SERAFINA ANDRES & husb FELIPE T. JOSE, 2411 NORRIS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held

in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2411 NORRIS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-06-1-000-280.000 PIN# 37851
LT 11 BLK 31 ALFORD'S 2ND ADD PLAT A-308 GADSDEN 6-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to JUAN D. & wf MARTHA J. FRANCISCO PEDRO, 2305 NORRIS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2305 NORRIS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-06-1-000-257.000 PIN# 37826
LOT 5 BLK 33 ALFORDS SECOND ADDITION TO ALABAMA CITY A-308-310 GADSDEN ALA IN GOVT LOTS 7 & 8 6-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to TODD GRIFFIN & JIM MANGUM, 2116 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2117 HILL AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-078.000 PIN# 38350
LOT 10 BLK 1 OAK PARK ADD PLAT B-200-201 6-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to MELISSA J. BAILEY, 201 20TH STREET S., IRONDALE, ALABAMA 35210, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2326 HILL AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-115.000

PIN# 38390
LOT 6 BLK 9 OAK
PARK ADDITION PLAT
B-200 IN GADSDEN IN
GOVT LOT 10 6-12-6
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Notice is hereby given to ARTEMIO CORONA & CARMEN CORONA, 40 COUNTY ROAD 9058, ALBERTVILLE, ALABAMA 35951, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2909 SANSOM AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-150.000
PIN# 49286
LTS 18-19 BLK 14 SMITHS 1ST ADD PLAT B-158 GADSDEN 1-12-5
is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to ALLEN & wf REBECCA HUNTER, 2909 WATERS AVENUE, GASDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2909 WATERS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-014.000
PIN# 49146
LOT 2 BLK 3 SMITH'S 1ST ADD PLAT B 159 GADSDEN SEC 1 TWP 12S R 5E
is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to LINDA G. BYERS, 525 GIBBS DRIVE, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 216 S. 16TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-05-3-000-013.001
PIN# 36875
N 68.33' LTS 9 & 10 BLK 4 HILL & CANSLER ADD PLAT A-74 5-12-6
is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to JOEY MILLER 'LF EST', 2810 WATERS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1528, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2810 WATERS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-067.000
PIN# 49200
BEG NW COR LT 5 BLK 6 SMITH'S ADD #1 ALA CITY PLAT B-159 TH E 59 ALONG S ROW OF WATERS AVE TH S 150.03 TH W 56 TH N 150 TO POB BEING LT 5 & PT LT 6 BLK 6 SMITH'S ADD #1 ALA CITY PLAT B- 159 1-12-5
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Notice is hereby given to EULALIA & husb JULIO A JUAN FRANCISCO, 1305 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1305 ALABAMA AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-031.000
PIN# 36618
LT 2 BLK 11 INTER-URBAN LAND COMPANYS 1ST ADD PLAT B-206 GADSDEN 2-12-5
is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to EULALIA D & JULIO A JUAN FRANCISCO, 1305 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1303 ALABAMA AVENUE (County records list property address as 0 ALABAMA AVENUE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-030.000
PIN# 36617
LOT 1 BLK 11 INTER-URBAN LAND COMPANYS 1ST ADD PLAT B-206 GADSDEN 5-12-6
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February 20, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to JOHNNY LINK, 321 CLARK STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden

to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 321 CLARK STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-070.000
PIN# 50267
LT 3 & N 40 LT 2 BLK 10 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5
is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to MCM PROPERTIES, LLC, P.O. BOX 795, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, NES INVESTMENTS, LLC, 915 OLD PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 312 LINCOLN STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-115.000
PIN# 50315
LTS 29-30 BLK 3 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5
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Notice is hereby given to KIMBERLY & husb BRUCE BROWN, 27 DWIGHT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 27 DWIGHT AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particu-

larly described as:
Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-263.000
PIN# 18683
LT 45 PARCEL 4 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F-57 GADSDEN 31-11-6
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Notice is hereby given to HUMBERTO PEDRO PEREZ MARROQUIN & ETAL & FLORINDA MARROQUIN (wife), 5 HINSDALE AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 5 HINSDALE AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-290.000
PIN# 18713
LT 71 PARCEL 4 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F-57 31-11-6
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Notice is hereby given to RICHARD STANLEY KYLE & ADAM SAMUEL KYLE, 19 DWIGHT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1634, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 19 DWIGHT AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-259.000
PIN# 18679
LT 41 PARCEL 4 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV F-57 GADSDEN 31-11-6
is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present

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Notice is hereby given to JEFFREY WRIGHT, 925 S. 12TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3808, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 916 S. 12TH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
Tax ID#: 15-03-08-1-000-077.000
PIN# 39909
LT 5 BLK 6 WOOD-LAWN ADD PLAT A-15 GADSDEN 8-12-6
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**NOTICE TO
CONTRACTORS**

Sealed proposals 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 24, 2026, for the Renovations to Twin Bridges Golf Club for the City of Gadsden, Bid Request No. 3639, 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.
There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 10:00 AM (CST) at the Twin Bridges Golf Course Clubhouse, located at 901 Riverbend Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901. Each prime bidder must have a representative at the pre-bid meeting in order to re-main eligible to submit a bid.
Bids will be publicly opened and read at the above time and place. Specifications and con-tract documents are open to the public for inspection at the City Hall. Electronic (pdf) spec-ifications and contract documents can be distributed at no cost by contacting the office of the Architect. Requests for bid docu-

ments can be made by emailing the Architect at bid-ding@cdpdesign.net or by phone at 256.613.0025. All bidders must be registered with CDP Design, LLC in order to submit a bid. Bids received from un-registered 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 re-quirements 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. 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
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