



7 DAY FORECAST

Friday

July 11



High: 89
Low: 70

Saturday

July 12



High: 87
Low: 70

Sunday

July 13



High: 88
Low: 72

Monday

July 14



High: 90
Low: 70

Tuesday

July 15



High: 93
Low: 72

Wednesday

July 16



High: 90
Low: 71

Thursday

July 17



High: 89
Low: 70

Alan Smith named president of GSCC

The Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Board of Trustees approved Chancellor Jimmy H. Baker's recommendation to appoint Alan Smith as permanent President of Gadsden State Community College during its monthly board meeting on Wednesday, July 9.

Smith has served as Gadsden State's interim president since June 1, succeeding Dr. Kathy Murphy, who is now the president at Wallace Community College in Dothan.

"My connection to this college spans more than 35 years when I began my education journey and has shaped who I am today. This is an incredible honor that I embrace with great enthusiasm," said Smith.

A former Gadsden State student, Smith

earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business and Economics and a Master of Science in Education from Auburn University. Smith also earned a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Alabama.

Smith joined Gadsden State as an adjunct instructor in 2017. He was appointed as Dean of Workforce Development in 2019, a position he held until being named the school's Vice President of Capital Projects, Community Relations, and Workforce Development in December 2024.

Smith's professional career began as an agriscience teacher at Hokes Bluff High School where he taught for 11 years. He's taught at the Marshall County Technical

School and worked as the building construction instructor and coordinator of the Alabama Simulated Workplace at the Etowah County Career Technical Center. Outside of his career in education, Smith operated his own construction and cabinet making companies.

Serving Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Etowah and St. Clair Counties, Gadsden State has a presence across five campuses or educational centers. According to a Lightcast, a global leader in labor market analytics, the college has an economic impact of \$270.5 million in its service areas, supporting more than 4,400 jobs.

Smith's appointment is effective August 1, 2025.



Art on the Rocks combines with Wine Festival

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor

Art on the Rocks attendees can taste wine from all across Alabama during September's event as the Alabama Wine Festival finds a new home.

Gadsden Area Tourism has partnered with Nocalula Falls to merge the two events on Saturday Sept. 20.

This will be the fifth year for the wine festival, which was formerly hosted at Will's Creek Winery in Attalla, but has since outgrown the location, according to Tina Morrison, Greater Gadsden executive director.

"I'd like to publicly thank Will's Creek Winery for doing this for the past four years," Morrison said. "Tourism has supported this, it started as a very small festival, and it is growing so much they have outgrown it."

The wine festival spotlights "mom and pop" type wineries and vineyards from Alabama. Morrison said the purpose of this festival is to promote small businesses and future connections to help these wineries and vineyards, and continue to grow Alabama's agritourism.

The festival is the only exclusively Alabama wine festival and will offer guests the

opportunity to sample wine while enjoying Art on the Rocks.

Although Art on the Rocks runs both Saturday and Sunday, the wine festival will only be on Saturday from 2 - 5 p.m. for regular ticket holders and 2 - 7 p.m. for VIP ticket holders.

Tickets are on sale online and will be available for purchase at the door. Park entry and the art festival are \$10, general Admission tickets for the art festival and the wine tasting are \$25 and limited VIP tickets will be available for online purchase only, and will include the art festival, wine festival and an after hours dinner in the botanical gardens with wine.

It's a family friendly event for all ages, however, the wine tasting is only for guests 21 and up.

"We are so excited to bring the 5th Annual Alabama Wine Festival to Nocalula Falls and highlight our state's exceptional wines in such a beautiful and iconic location," Christina Richardson, Nocalula Falls Park Director, said in a press release. "Attendees can look forward to tastings from Alabama wineries, artisan vendors and crafters from across the region, live music performances, delicious local food options and the unforgettable scenery of Nocalula Falls Park."



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Gadsden awarded tourism grant for amphitheater seating

Gadsden's historic Mort Glosser Amphitheater is getting an upgrade thanks to a \$125,000 grant announced by the Alabama Tourism Department.

The funding will add approximately 200 new seats to the amphitheater. "Gadsden has something most cities don't have: a music venue on the river," said Mayor Craig Ford. "As we work to develop our riverfront area with activities to improve the quality of life, The Amp is a major asset."

"I want to thank Gov. Kay Ivey and Alabama Tourism Department Director Lee Sentell for helping us continue our work to restore and upgrade this historic building," Ford added.

The amphitheater was built in the 1930s as a Works Progress Administration project, and it is regularly in use for concerts, community events and other performances.

The additional seating will increase the capacity of the venue to approximately 1,600, and with the addition of assigned seating, it will

also streamline the process for ticket sales.

"The Amp is more than just a nickname — it stands for Always Music Playing, and we've put a lot of effort into getting more performances and bigger acts on stage. This is another great step in that direction," said John Moore, Director of Economic Development. "It'll make for a more comfortable experience when people visit Gadsden, and it will also help make The Amp more attractive to event organizers."

GRMC nurse earns national recognition

Jackie Harris, a licensed practical nurse at Gadsden Regional Medical Center for over 36 years, has received a national 2025 Nursing Excellence Award.

Harris is one of ten national winners selected across all hospitals affiliated with Community Health Systems, one of the nation's leading healthcare providers. Developing and operating healthcare delivery systems in 36 distinct markets across 14 states, the organization's affiliates include Gadsden Regional Medical Center and 69 other hospitals.

Harris was surprised with a recognition from hospital leadership along with her co-workers in the Women & Children's unit where she was presented with the award.

"Jackie's dedication to our patients and her unwavering commitment to excellence in nursing truly set her apart," said Michael Hall, CEO of Gadsden Regional Medical Center. "She represents the very best of our profession, and we are incredibly proud to have her as part of our team."

The Nursing Excellence Award program was created in 2020 with the celebration of the "Year of the Nurse" as a means to recognize the tremendous effort and sacrifice made by nurses during the COVID pandemic. This is the fifth occasion for the peer-nominated award recognizing the vital work nurses play in the collective purpose to help people get well and live healthier. Characteristics synonymous with nursing excellence include outstanding care, compassion, service and innovation, and reflect the efforts of someone who is a demonstrated team player and/or mentor to others, is a leader in times of crises, and who regularly promotes health in the community.

Harris expressed both surprise and gratitude upon learning of the award. "I was completely shocked when I found out," she said. "To be recognized like this by my peers is incredibly humbling. I love what I do, and I truly love being part of the team at Gadsden Regional. My co-workers and the staff of this hospital are like a second family to me."



Little Caesars



OBITUARIES



Ralph Ables Burke

GADSDEN - Ralph Ables Burke of Gadsden, AL, went home to be with the Lord on July 3, 2025, at age 65, after an extended illness. A native of Rainsville, AL, Ralph graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1983 with a degree in Physical Education. He furthered his education with the university earning both a master's degree in education administration, and an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree. His early career was spent in secondary education in DeKalb County at Valley Head High School and Adamsburg Junior High. He rendered distinguished service in the Alabama Legislature as a Representative from DeKalb County. At the time of his first election in 1983, Ralph was the youngest ever house member at 23 years of age. At that time, George Wallace was serving as Governor. Ralph's father was a strong Wallace supporter, and that connection gave Ralph a special relationship with Governor Wallace. As the youngest house member, Governor Wallace worked especially hard to win Ralph's support. Ralph's ability to develop these type relationships allowed him to be very successful for his district in Dekalb County. Ralph was selected to serve on the powerful Ways and Means committee in his second term. This committee was responsible for writing the budgets for the State of Alabama. Ralph served in the Alabama Legislature until 1998 alongside his dear friend Richard Lindsey and many others.

After his stint in the Alabama legislature, he joined Jacksonville State University-Gadsden Center where he served as director until 2016 and continued to serve Jax State as the Director of Corporate, Foundation, and Community Relations until his retirement in 2018. Never one to truly retire, Ralph continued to work for the office of the President assisting with community relations efforts. Ralph truly loved his years serving Jacksonville State University and the many relationships he made there. Ralph also became a realtor in 2020, working most recently with River Towne

Real Estate Group and served on the Northeast Alabama Association of Realtors.

In addition to his many professional accomplishments, Ralph served his community in many ways throughout his life. He pastored Union Hill Baptist Church in the Fischer community on Lookout Mountain for several years during the 1980s. He also founded and led the southern gospel music group, "Inheritance," in the 1990s, traveling across the country and performing at the annual Southern Gospel Music Convention. He served on the Executive Board of leadership Etowah, and as chair of the Etowah County Mega Sports Complex Authority. He was also a longtime board member of the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, service from 1994 to 2006. He was a founding member of Etowah C.A.R.E.S. (Community Alliance for Revitalization, Economic Development and Schools) and a member of the Gadsden Rotary Club.

Ralph had a great love for his family. He and his beloved wife, Joy, cherished their time together whether it was going to JSU or Alabama football games, visiting with family and friends, staying home or getting in the car and driving for hours down the back roads listening to Ralph's extensive playlists. He always managed to play and sing his favorite song for Joy, "I'll Still Be Loving You" by Restless Heart. He had the best time with his young grandson, KC, teaching him to play golf, kick a football, or cooking his favorite foods. Ralph also loved going on monthly lunch dates with his siblings, family gatherings at his brother Joe's house picnicking under the trees, and spending time with extended family. He always looked forward to those special times with them.

He greatly loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Ralph and Joy were members of MeadowBrook Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir and soaking up the weekly messages by Pastor Randy Gunter. He attended Todd Hindsman's life group, and with his quick wit and fun sense of humor, Ralph always managed to add a bit of entertainment. He was also a faithful member of Tom Beaubé's Monday night small group for the last several years and cherished those special friends. Ralph loved to study the Bible and took many notes for personal growth and spiritual development. He was a strong man of faith, a deep thinker and always had a unique perspective on the Word. His love for the Lord was evident in the amount of time he spent in worship and prayer.

Ralph is known most of all as a trusted friend to countless people, a servant leader and mentor to many, a dedicated family man, and one of his proudest roles – as "HeyDay" to his grandchildren.

He was extremely humble, and considered himself an "average man," but Ralph was so much more than that. He was extraordinary!

Ralph is survived by his wife, Joy Downey Burke, daughters, Sally Ann Williams (John), and CamiLee Downey, grandsons, KC Williams, Timothy Williams (Tiffany), Joey Williams, brothers, Ed Burke (Nell), Joe Burke (Pam), sister, Martha Beth Daniel (Vaughn), brother-in-law, Greg Ford, sister-in-law, Susan Ford, uncle, Ed Ables (Linda), nieces, Heather Shankles (JT), Cia Lindsey (Jason), Joanna Burke, Marybeth Crawford (Bryan), Morgan Ford, nephew, Brandon Ford, great nieces, Kaylyn Goggins, Kristin Shankles, Jadie Lindsey, Jordana Lindsey, and many cousins.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Edmond G. Burke and Mary Anice Ables Burke, father-in-law, Gary Ford, sister-in-law, Meleah Ford, and several aunts and uncles.

Pallbearers are Greg Hewitt, Tom Beaubé, Jesse Battles, Kevin Dupree, Jonathan Hewitt, Greg Ford, Brandon Ford, and Justus Venn.

Honorary Pallbearers are Richard Lindsey, Craig Ford, Dr. Don Killingsworth, Jr., John Moore, Red Etheredge, Keith Riley, Tim Lett, Jesse Gamez, John Stone, and the C.A.R.E.S. founding board members.

The family would like to thank the following who provided excellent care and compassion during his illness: Dr. Richard Dietham, Dr. Merle Wade, Dr. Jeremy Goodwin, UAB St. Vincent's East doctors, nurses, SICU, MICU, and St. Vincent's Blount hospital, rehab, and ER staff.

The service was held at MeadowBrook Church on Thursday, July 10, 2025, with a celebration of life service and burial at Geraldine First Baptist Church.

Service was officiated by Pastor Randy Gunter, Dr. Chris Watkins, and speaker Tom Beaubé.

Memorials to be made to JSU Foundation/Philanthropic Services and Alabama Baptist Children's Home.

We will love you forever, HeyDay. – Your family
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

David Eugene Milton

Southside - In the care of Collier-Butler Funeral Home David Eugene Milton, age 67, of Southside, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, July 2, 2025.

Elmer Lee Brown

Gadsden - Graveside services was held Monday, July 7, 2025, at Forrest Cemetery for Elmer Lee Brown, 91, of Gadsden, who died Thursday, July 3, 2025.

Mr. Brown proudly served his country in the United States Navy, and he worked as a truck driver for many years. He was known to be a patient, loving and kind father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He was always very supportive of his family, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Edith Brown; special pet poodle, Josh; grandson, Joshua Brown; and son, Bobby Garrett.

He is survived by his grandson, Robert Christopher Garrett (Sarah Brown); great-grandchildren, Lola Noles and Ava Noles; sister, Gwendolyn Hickey; niece, Danielle Dube; and other numerous loving family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to any veteran's charity or programs.

Special thanks to the exceptional staff of Aveanna Hospice for all of their loving care during his illness.



Lou Ellen Faucett Phillips

Lou Ellen Faucett Phillips, 98, passed away on June 28th, 2025 at her home in Arlington, Texas.

Lou Ellen was born on December 19, 1926 in Gadsden, Alabama to Dr. DeWitt and Annie Aiken Faucett. She attended Gadsden City schools and graduated from Gadsden

High School in 1944. She graduated from Alabama College (University of Montevallo) with a degree in Retail Home Economics and the following year obtained her certificate in Elementary Education. She married the love of her life, Richard (Dick) Martin Phillips, in 1950, and they had 2 daughters, Susan and Sally. They were married for 72 years, until Dick's death in 2022.

Lou Ellen was a beloved elementary school teacher in the Gadsden City school system for over 30 years. To this day, many of her students claim her as their "all-time favorite teacher." In addition to teaching, she was an active member of Gadsden First United Methodist Church, where she was UMW president, sang in the choir and was a founding member of the Morris Friendship Sunday School class. She was involved in many community activities, including Gadsden Music Club, The 21 Supper Club, the Antiquarian Society, the Edenwood Garden Club, The Nanny Goats lunch bunch and her weekly Mah Jong group. She and Dick were able to travel the world after their retirements and made many wonderful memories along the way.

An avid Auburn fan, she loved to attend sporting events, especially football games with both her daughters and 4 grandchildren while they were each in school at Auburn University. In later years, she cheered on her beloved Auburn Tigers from home with her family, always sporting her orange and blue attire.

In 2012, Lou Ellen and Dick made the decision to move to Arlington, Texas to be closer to their family. They moved into Towne Village Crossing in 2014, making many dear friends that became like family. But their greatest joy was living near their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lou Ellen was preceded

in death by her husband, parents and brother, James Aiken Faucett.

She is survived by daughters Susan Jordan (Kerry) and Sally Powers (Kirk), grandchildren Blake Jordan (Michele), Lara Jordan Moody (Nathan), Kathryn Powers Ruth (Nick), Ryan Powers (Erin), and 11 great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to the staff at Towne Village Crossing, especially Cholly Gordon, and to her wonderful angels, Peggy Fox, Lynn Townsend and Conny Hubble, who lovingly cared for Lou Ellen as if she were family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Wade Funeral Home on Sunday, July 13 at 2:00 pm. A graveside service will be held at Forrest Cemetery in Gadsden, Alabama on Saturday, July 19 at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of Lou Ellen's favorite charities: John Croyle's Big Oak Ranch, St. Jude Children's Hospital or Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Jonathan D Walters

Glencoe - Jonathan D Walters passed away on July 3, 2025 at the age of 54 at his home in Glencoe.

He was preceded in death by his father: Billy Joe Orr.

He is survived by his mother: Charlotte Orr, sisters: Shelia Conkle (Chris) and Christy Burchfield (Phillip), brother: Paul Walters (Angie), and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Walters was a graduate of Emma Sansom High School and worked for McCartney Construction most of his life. He loved to go Fishing during his spare time.





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James Benard Whorton

Reece City - James Benard Whorton, age 93, of Reece City, AL, passed away on Sunday, July 6, 2025.

A graveside service for Mr. Whorton will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery, 2505 4th St NW, Attalla, AL 35954. Kirk Whorton to officiate. No prior visitation is scheduled.

James Bernard Whorton was a loving husband to Edna C. Whorton for 61 years and a wonderful father to two sons, Kirk and Jason. He was a devoted family man and generous sole to many. James, aka. Jim by Edna's side of the family, was born and raised in Attalla, Alabama. Upon graduating Etowah High School, he worked on his family's dairy farm until joining the U.S. Navy in 1952. He proudly served during the height of the Korean War until 1956. While in the Navy Petty Officer Third Class (AM3) Whorton served as an Aviation Structures Mechanic and deployed on three Western Pacific (West Pac) cruises aboard the U.S.S. Essex (CVA-9), U.S.S. Wasp (CVA-18), and U.S.S. Kearsarge (CVA-33).

Upon completion of his naval service he returned home and worked at the U.S. Army's Redstone Arsenal located in Huntsville, AL where he managed the Transit Line (T-Line) and had the privilege of getting to know several of the original Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo astronauts. In 1964 he transferred to Gadsden, AL. to begin a 22-year career in the Postal Service, retiring January 1987.

Upon his retirement, Jim and Edna worked with the Educational Foundation and hosted a number of foreign exchange high school students. This proved to be a wonderful experience for both of them having been able to keep in touch with a few students over the past decades. He stayed busy managing the Whorton Indu-Brazilian (Zebu) Cattle Farm and the family Chert Pit for many years along with assisting a friend to construct homes in the county. He did not "Professionally Retire" as he would call it until he reached his 80's. He took advantage of his newfound freedom by making new friends across the breakfast table at Jack's restaurant most days of the week catching up on the news of day.

Mr. Whorton was pre-

ceded in death by parents, Joe Mack Whorton and Annie Jo Whorton, stepmother Nell Longshore Whorton, and brother Harold Mack Whorton. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Edna Cheatwood Whorton; sons, Kirk Bernard (Paula)

Whorton and Jason Bart Whorton, two granddaughters Holly Whorton and Allison (Zac) Meyers; brother Patrick (Joyce) Whorton; sisters, Carolyn Chapman, Rita Collier, Becky Rhodes, and sister-in-law Phyllis Whorton.

Serving Pallbearers are Robert Cheatwood, Brian Cheatwood, Zane Henderson, Zac Meyers, Chad Thrasher, Jason Bart Whorton. Honorary pallbearers are Farris Hall, Elliott Whorton, and the Attalla Jack's Breakfast Crew.

Special thanks to the caregivers at Collinsville Health Care who cared for our husband and dad, for the last few months of his life.

John Luscinski

A memorial service for Mr. John Luscinski, age 86, of Wellington, was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at Crestwood Funeral Home. Burial followed at Montevallo National Cemetery.

John passed away on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. He will be fondly remembered for his deep love of hunting, fishing, and black powder firearms. A proud United States Air Force retiree, he served his country with distinction for over 20 years. As an aircraft mechanic, his skill and dedication earned the respect of commanding officers, who often requested him specifically for engine service and maintenance.

John was a strong, rugged man—a "man's man"—but he also had a tender heart, especially when it came to his wife and family, whom he loved dearly. His life was filled with travel and adventure, and he lived it fully and without reservation. He was deeply loved and will be sorely missed.

He was preceded in death by his sons, John Luscinski Jr. and Donald Michael Luscinski; his parents, John and Mary Luscinski; his sister, Mary Brume; and his brother, Robert Luscinski.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Edith Luscinski; children, Rayliene Hutchens, Helen (Michael) Hancock, and Rosemary Guest; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, with one more on the way; sister, Helen Allen; siblings Theodore (Virginia) Luscinski and Jeanette(Robert) Touchette; daughter in law Belinda Luscinski as well as a large extended family.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the staff of Southern Care New Beacon Hospice for their compassionate care.

Jimmy Tumlin

Visitation was held on Saturday, July 5th, 2025, at Village Chapel Funeral Home for Jimmy Tumlin, age 74, of Etowah County, who died June 20th, 2025. He worked with his father, Raymond Tumlin, doing tree work.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Dianne Tumlin; father, Raymond Tumlin; mother, Willie Lee Pettus Tumlin.

He is survived his sons, Terry (Terri) Hopkins, Shane Hopkins, and Shaun Hopkins; siblings, Bob (Caren) Tumlin, Linda Bates, Jerry Tumlin, Danny (Pam) Tumlin, and Debra (Ray) White; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Special thanks to the Critical Care Unit at Riverview Hospital.



Charles Boyd Dothard

Charles Boyd Dothard passed away in his sleep sometime in the early hours of Wednesday, July 2, exactly 3 weeks after he was diagnosed with terminal cancer.

He was an over the road truck driver for fifty years plus, having driven for Boman Transportation, Leach Manufacturing (hauling dumpsters that was made at the company) for 30 of those years, then Hanna Steele, Gossett Pallet. Even in retirement he still drove dump trucks for nearby companies. He was a quiet humble person, yet strong values was always his way of life. Going to be missed by those that loved him for sure.

He leaves behind his wife Barbara Dothard and her children whom were so close to him. Susan Franklin (Jimmy) and her two children, Lexi Wise (Dakota) and Zachary Franklin (Racheal) Beverly Jones (Billy) and her two children Barbie Otto and Chrystal Anderson. Also Candace Dixon and 7 great grandchildren. His biological children Tommy Dothard (Cristy) of Guntersville and Tammy in England. Six grandchildren and six great grands.

At a later date there will be graveside rites in Nances Creek Cemetery next to his parents and brother.

John Ray Mann

Gadsden - John Ray Mann, age 80 of Gadsden passed away on Sunday,

July 6, 2025 at his residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date by his family.

He is preceded in death by his son, Brian Mann; brother, Bill Mann; and his parents, Willie and Dimple Mann; brothers-in-law, George Conn, and Howard Grantland

Left to cherish the memory of Mr. Mann are his wife of 21 years, Janie Mann; sons, Heath Mann (Tammie), Stan Bowers (Mary), and Kevin Bowers (Michele); grandchildren, Haley Boozer (Tyler), Greg Myrick (Heather), Zaine Bowers, Braylon Bowers, Tyler Williams, Adam Williams, Keri Williams, and Whitney Baugh (Justin); great-grandchildren, Charlie Ann Boozer, Bryson, Bella, Brynlee, Bryar, and Beau Baugh, Jonathan, Emma, Anna, and Kory Williams; sisters, Sue Conn, Pat Hollis (Randy), and Betty Grantland; and several nieces and nephews.

John was of the Christian Faith. He worked for 40 plus years with Telecommunications. He loved Alabama football and Fords. John could do anything and was willing to help anybody. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather loved by all.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Scott Bradley, Jim Bradley, Jeff Bradley, Kevin and Stan Bowers, Jason Conner, and Kevin and Bailey Morton.



Martha Louise Prince

Attalla - Martha Louise Prince, age 97, of Attalla, Alabama, passed away on July 2, 2025. A service was held on July 6, 2025, at Collier-Butler Funeral Home. Reverend Terry Bentley officiated.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents, Milard and Bertha Thomas; her husband, Walter Russell Prince Sr.; her brother, Harry "Scooter" Thomas; and her granddaughter, Julie Prince Wilson.

She is survived by her children: Walter Russell Prince Jr. (Debbie), Sheila Raines (Keith), and Jeff Prince (Bevin); grandchildren: Scott Prince (Tammy), Ashley Lincoln, Lindsey Tucker (Christian), Andrew Prince (Collyn), and Caroline Prince; siblings: Sandy Davis and Frank Thomas (Rita); thirteen great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Louise graduated from Altoona High School in 1946 and married her childhood sweetheart, Russell, on March 19, 1949. They moved to Auburn, Alabama, where she worked at the Tiger Theater until his graduation from pharmacy school. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved to cook—a passion she passed down to her entire family. She was also a proud Auburn University fan and loved anything related to Auburn.

She was a long-time member of Central United Methodist Church, later known as Christ Central Methodist, where she was actively involved in the United Methodist Women and enjoyed spending time with her church friends and family.

She especially loved gospel music and looked forward to watching the Gaither's each week—even attending one of their concerts in person.

In 2020, she moved to Oak Landing Assisted Living, where she made many new friends. She loved the staff and was deeply appreciative of the care they gave her until her passing.

Pallbearers will be family members. The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the owners and staff of Oak Landing, the Attalla Police and Fire Departments, and A-Med Ambulance Service for their compassion and care.

Shirley "Toni" Laverne Kasten

Glencoe - Graveside services were held at Crestwood Cemetery for Mrs. Shirley Kasten, age 82, of Glencoe, who passed away on Monday, June 30, 2025.

Toni will be remembered for her feisty spirit—there was never a dull moment with her. She spoke her mind, and you always knew exactly where you stood. She loved spending time at Island View Casino, playing cards with the "Big Boys," who cherished her outspoken humor and quick wit.

Toni was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother and friend to many. Her love and laughter will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathy Ray, and by her husbands: William McCaleb, Samuel Ray, and Donald Kasten.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Roberts; sons, John (Sharon) Ray and Samuel (Kelly) Ray; grandchildren, Jeremy Roberts and family, Mike Roberts and family, Jason (Gena) Roberts, and Shawn Ray; great-grandchildren, Katlyn (Tanner) Barron, Jayden Barron, and Jeremiah Roberts; and great-great-grandchild, Leighton Barron.

The family offers special thanks to Morgan Justice, Robin Diggs, and the caring

staff of Adoration Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Children's Hospital, or a charity of your choice.



Robert L. (Bob) Brown

Steele - Robert L. (Bob) Brown, age 92, of Steele, AL., passed away on Sunday, July 6, 2025.

A church visitation and service will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at Welcome Bethel Church, in Guntersville, AL. The family will receive visitors from 12:00pm until the time of the funeral service at 2:00pm. Rev. Roger Igou, and Rev. Patty Robinson will officiate. Burial will be on Friday, July 11, 2025, at Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery at 2:00pm located on Hwy 11 near the Etowah/St. Clair County line.

Mr. Brown was a carpenter by trade. He enjoyed attending church, listening to good preaching, and studying his bible. Mr. Brown loved gospel and bluegrass music, playing the "fiddle", the guitar, and the mandolin. He was known by many for his "big" handshakes!

He was preceded in death by his wife, Willodean Sims Brown; his son, Michael Brown; and his son-in-law, Rev. James Charles Robinson.

Mr. Brown is survived by his children, Patty Brown Robinson, Joel Kent (Kim) Brown, and Sharon Brown (Rickey) Buchanan; daughter-in-law, Beverly (Joey) Spears; grandchildren, Brandon (Tanika) Brown, Taylor (Amber) Brown, Kasey (Keaton) Naugher, Holley Brown, Aaron (Lara) Buchanan and Drew Buchanan; and great-grandchildren, Braylon and Foreman Brown, Ayla Kate and Harper Brown, and Tate and Willa Naugher; brother, John Brown; and nieces, Laura Brown Bowers, Reina Brown Summerville, and Belinda Brown Champion.

Pallbearers are Brandon Brown, Taylor Brown, Aaron Buchanan, Drew Buchanan, Keaton Naugher, and Braylon Brown.

Honorary Pallbearers are Foreman Brown, Ayla Brown, Harper Brown, Tate Naugher, and Willa Naugher.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Mr. Brown's home church, "Welcome Bethel Church, Guntersville, AL., and Exie Congregational Holiness Church, Piedmont, AL.

Morgan Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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NEWS

Senate passes law to mandate alerts of shark attacks

U.S. Senator Katie Britt (R-Ala.) recently celebrated Senate passage of Lulu’s Law, her bipartisan legislation named in honor of 16-year-old Lulu Gribbin, that would direct the Federal Communication Commission to issue an order providing that shark attacks are events for which wireless emergency alerts (WEAs) may be transmitted.

“Just over a year since Lulu survived a nearly fatal shark attack, I couldn’t be more honored to see the Senate unanimously pass this legislation,” said Senator Britt. “Lulu’s grit, strength, and faith have truly inspired our nation and her determination to help other families and beachgoers is nothing short of remarkable. Lulu’s Law is commonsense legislation that would empower authorities to quickly and accurately put information in the hands of beachgoers to help keep them out of harm’s way. I’m sincerely grateful to my colleagues, including Majority Leader John Thune, Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Commerce Committee Chair Ted Cruz, Ranking Member Maria Cantwell, and Senator Brian Schatz for supporting this important legislation. I look forward to getting Lulu’s Law to President Trump’s desk.”

Specifically, Lulu’s Law would empower authorized local, state, tribal, and federal government authorities to quickly deploy warnings via mobile phone alert messages to the public if a shark has attacked someone or if the conditions enhancing the possibility of a shark attack are present. Lulu has continued to advocate for the passage of Lulu’s Law, which passed the Senate today by unanimous consent.

“We’re deeply grateful for Senator Britt’s leadership to secure unanimous Senate passage of Lulu’s Law in honor of our daughter. Lulu is truly a miracle, both in the way she has adapted to her new lifestyle and how she is using her experience as a catalyst to protect beachgoers. Real change for families like ours who just want to keep our children safe is now one step away. We strongly encourage the U.S. House of Representatives to pass this commonsense legislation that could prevent future shark attacks,” said Ann Blair and Joe Gribbin.

Lulu’s Law has gained significant bipartisan, bicameral support in Congress. Senators Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Tim Kaine (D-Va.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.), and Chris Coons (D-Del.) cosponsored this legislation in the Senate. In the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Gary Palmer (R-Ala.) introduced Lulu’s Law and Congressman Shomari Figures (D-Ala.) is a cosponsor.

Brooks named a NJCAA All-American

Wallace State Community College announced recently that Mallory Brooks of Southside was recognized by the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) for its 2024-2025 NJCAA All-America Teams.

Brooks was recognized as a NJCAA DII Women’s Golf First Team All-Americans, and is one of six WSCC student athletes to be recognized by the NJCAA.

Seven Wallace State athletic teams claimed ACCC conference championships during the 2024-2025 season: Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Men’s and Women’s Cross Country, Men’s Golf, and Men’s and Women’s Tennis. Seven teams finished in the top 10 in national competitions. Men’s and Women’s Cross Country finished third and fourth, respectively. Softball finished in third place, Women’s Golf finished in fifth place, and Men’s and Women’s Tennis finished in eighth and 10th place, respectively.

Wallace State will soon field two new sports teams. Men’s Soccer and Women’s Flag Football will each begin play in Fall 2025. For more information about Wallace State Athletics, visit athletics.wallacestate.edu.

Valley Street Campus legacy of service and community honored



Submitted photo

Valley Street Campus Director, Mr. Ricky Tillis, addresses the audience during a celebratory event.

Gadsden State Community College continued its centennial celebration with a commemorative event marking 65 years of impact at the Valley Street Campus on July 7. Students, alumni, retirees, community leaders, and local officials gathered to celebrate the campus’s deep roots in Gadsden and its enduring commitment to education, equity, and opportunity.

As part of Gadsden State’s 100-year “Celebrate Gadsden State” campaign, the Valley Street Campus celebration paid tribute to one of the institution’s most historic sites—originally founded on July 6, 1960 as the Gadsden Vocational Trade School. The school was established to provide African American veterans and students access to vocational training, laying a strong foundation for the future of workforce education in Alabama.

“The Valley Street Campus is a testament to resilience, vision, and progress,” said Interim President Alan Smith. “It continues to shape lives across our region. As part of Gadsden State’s mission to provide accessible, high-quality education that meets the needs of a diverse student population, Valley Street is a shining example of what it means to uplift communities. For 65 years, Valley Street has opened doors and changed lives—and today, its legacy continues to evolve with purpose and pride.”

Originally led by founder and director Eugene N. Prater, the school became a state institute in 1962, and was renamed Gadsden State Technical Institute in 1972. In 1985, the school merged with Gadsden State Community College, becoming the Valley Street Campus of Gadsden State. In 1997, the Valley Street Campus received the unique Historically Black Colleges and Universities designation from the U.S. Department of Education. As a result of the designation, the Valley Street Campus became a Title III grant recipient the following year. The Title III grant funding assists in establishing and strengthening the Valley Street Campus with physical resources, academic programs, and institutional management.

The Valley Street celebration featured a program that highlighted the campus’s legacy, current impact, and bright future. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Karen Robinson, Program Director and Instructor of the Dental Science Program, followed by opening remarks from Interim President Alan Smith. A moment of reflection was led by Pastor Joseph S. Rowser of Pine Grove Baptist Church in Lincoln, AL, who delivered the scripture and invocation.

The celebration included musical selections from Mrs. Epiphany Cherry, and a tribute titled “The History of the Coffee Shop” as told by founder Mr. Eugene N. Prater, performed by current students representing Valley Street’s technical programs:

- Lela Rogers (Dental Assisting)
- Amari Headen (Diagnostic Medical Sonography)
- Monique Curry (Licensed Practical Nursing)
- Sawyer Mabry (Construction Technology)
- Victor Ramirez (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration)

Mrs. Joy McCamey, Title III Director, recognized former campus directors and special guests in attendance, reflecting on the way they have helped shape Valley Street over the decades. Mrs. Elizabeth Wheatley, Gadsden State Grant Writer, presented recognition awards to campus leadership or family representatives including:

- Mr. Eugene N. Prater, Founder/Director, Gadsden Vocational Trade School (1960-1978)
- Mr. Edward D. Bonner, First President, Gadsden State Technical Institute (1978-1982)
- Mr. Roger Watts, Provost, Gadsden State Technical Institute (1982-1996)
- Mr. Willie Duncan, Director, Valley Street Campus (1996-2007)
- Mr. Carl Byers, Director, Valley Street Campus/Instructor (2008-2018)
- Mr. Ricky L. Tillis, Director, Valley Street Campus/Instructor (2022-Present)

Director Ricky Tillis reflected on being a student focused institution before introducing the keynote speaker. Tillis said, “Our partnerships, our programs, and—most importantly—our people continue to strengthen the Valley Street legacy. This campus has always represented hope, access, and opportunity. From its beginnings as a trade school, to its current designation as an HBCU site, Valley Street has been a cornerstone of progress in this community. It’s a place where lives are changed, and futures are built.”

The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Steven Hoyt of Birmingham, AL, whose powerful message centered around the theme “Remembering Our Legacy while Equipping Today’s Students with Excellence and Opportunity.” In his speech, Hoyt reflected on the enduring mission of the Valley Street Campus to serve the community and lead with progress through education and technical training. Hoyt reminded attendees, “No matter where you come from, you can rise above and achieve greatness.”

Alumni were honored by Mrs. Shirley Hall, Class of 1972, representing the campus’s historical journey from Gadsden Vocational Trade School (1960–1972), to Gadsden State Technical Institute (1972–1985), and now the Valley Street Campus (1985–present).

The program concluded with closing remarks from Ricky Tillis, Director of the Valley Street Campus, who also introduced Dr. Derrick Griffey, Gadsden State Director of Distance Education, Faculty Development, & Learning Resource. Dr. Griffey curated the historical campus displays—a visual journey through the decades that celebrates the people, programs, and progress that define the Valley Street legacy.

Second quarter news from the Mah Jongg club

Our anxiously awaited 2025 mah jongg cards arrived in April with a misprint on the cards that put all players into a panic. The National Mah Jongg League sent out a replacement card to each member.

In April, we played in the DKG Rose Tournament (Delta Kappa Gamma), lots of fun, good food, and nice prizes. Thank you, Donna Spraggins, Susan Davidson and Barbara Russell.

In April, Becky Campbell treated us to dinner at Chili’s before going to see Looking For A City at the Theater of Gadsden.

Melba, who recently started playing mah jongg, treated us to lunch at Applebee’s before going to see Inherit The Wind at the Theater of Gadsden.

On May 28, we played in a Mah Jongg Fundraiser benefiting MAXiming Mental Health, Susan Davidson, won from our group.

Happy birthday to Becky Campbell in April and Linda Behrens in June.

Welcome to our new mah jongg member, Sherry Hunt.

She is a good player, like her sister, Susan Davidson. Thoughts, prayers and healing for Cheryl McEwee, who is recovering from surgery and Linda Behrens from a procedure.

Wednesday winners
April 2025
Susan Davidson, 1890; Genni Arledge, 1420; Gwen Bonner, 1115.
May 2025
Donna Spraggins, 1290; Susan Davidonn, 980; Connie Coley, 865.
June 2025
Donna Spraggins, 1585; Gwen Bonner, 1575; Barbara Russell, 1385.

Friday winners
April 2025
Donna Spraggins, 720; Gwen Bonner, 575; Genni Arledge, 505.
May 2025
Donna Spraggins, 1890; Gwen Bonner, 1445; Genni Arledge, 915.
June 2025
Donna Spraggins, 1145; Gwen Bonner, 886; Genni Arledge, 720.

We play by the National Mah Jongg League Rules.
Submitted by Gwen Bonner

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NEWS

Donation appointments critical to keeping blood supply ready

The American Red Cross urges all donors to give blood or platelets now to keep the blood supply strong this summer. Type O blood products are most needed on hospital shelves – especially in the face of summer challenges that can quickly cause blood and platelet reserves to drop.

In addition to summer fun and holidays, severe summer weather can have a sudden impact on the ability to collect blood and platelets. Scheduling and keeping donation appointments are crucial this month to ensure blood products are constantly available in the weeks to come for all patients, including those in trauma situations that may require several lifesaving transfusions.

All blood types are needed, and donors who don't know their blood type can learn it after donation. Book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-

RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

As a thank-you, all who come to give by July 14, 2025, will receive an exclusive pair of Red Cross x goodr sunglasses, while supplies last. Donors can personalize their one-of-a-kind shades with a blood type sticker that's included! For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/goodr.

For those who come to give July 15-31, 2025, the Red Cross will say thanks with a Fandango Movie Reward by email. Use it to catch a summer blockbuster on the Red Cross! See RedCrossBlood.org/July.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or

for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Alabama's warmer winter could mean juicier tomatoes, melons

After a warmer-than-average winter across much of Alabama, home gardeners may find themselves in for an early and abundant summer growing season. While the lack of deep freezes might worry some, experts say the mild conditions could give certain crops a major head start, especially heat-loving vegetables, herbs, and southern staples.

"Warmer winters can actually be a big advantage for summer produce," says Martynas Mandrijauskas, founder of Craftcamp, a resource for gardeners and DI-

Yers. "If you know what to plant - and when - the results can be spectacular."

Mild winters often mean soil temperatures warm earlier in the year, allowing classic summer crops like tomatoes, bell peppers, and okra to get established faster. Gardeners in Alabama should find transplanting conditions favorable weeks earlier than usual - and may even be able to get in a second round of planting later in the season.

In regions where citrus trees or sweet potatoes are grown, the early warmth re-

duced stress from late frosts and allowed for a longer, more stable growing period. That's good news for anyone hoping for juicier satsumas or a bumper haul of sweet potatoes come fall.

Vining crops like cucumbers, zucchini, and melons thrive when soil temperatures rise early and stay warm. A shorter, gentler winter means these fast growers can hit the ground running, with fewer setbacks from cold snaps or transplant shock. For gardeners with space, this is a great year to let vines

sprawl.

One caveat to a mild winter is that fewer pests are killed off by frost. Gardeners should be proactive this year: use floating row covers, plant pest-deterrent herbs like basil and marigold, and consider companion planting to stay ahead of any infestations.

A warmer winter doesn't mean less to grow - it means different opportunities. For those planting at the right time, and picking crops that love the heat, 2025 could be a standout summer season.

Submitted by Craftcamp.

GSCC, Word Alive International Outreach, and 7 Springs Ministries form partnership

Gadsden State Community College, in collaboration with Word Alive International Outreach and 7 Springs Ministries, is excited to announce a transformative partnership aimed at serving the recovery community through comprehensive adult education and job training programs. This initiative is designed to empower individuals in recovery by providing them with the skills and resources necessary for successful reintegration into society and the workforce.

The partnership will offer a variety of educational opportunities, including adult education classes, vocational training, and job placement services. Participants will have access to resources that not only enhance their knowledge and skills but also promote personal growth and development.

"We believe that education is a powerful tool for change," said Kent Mattox, Founding Pastor at Word Alive

International Outreach. "By working together, we can provide meaningful opportunities for individuals in recovery to build a better future for themselves and their families."

"At 7 Springs Ministries, we believe recovery is more than breaking free from addiction—it's about rebuilding a life of purpose and restoring hope," says Daniel Hughes, Founder of 7 Springs Ministries. "Partnering with Gadsden State Community College empowers our students with access to education and career pathways that reinforce lasting transformation. This partnership is a testament to what's possible when community and compassion come together."

Gadsden State Community College is equally enthusiastic about the collaboration. "Education is essential for personal and professional success," said Interim President, Alan Smith of Gads-

den State Community College. "We are eager to provide workforce training and educational opportunities to our community while assisting Word Alive International Outreach and 7 Springs Ministries."

The partnership will kick off with an informational event on July 9th at 6p.m. at Word Alive International Outreach, in the sanctuary, located at 122 Alledale Rd, Oxford, AL 36203. Community members can learn more about the programs offered, meet the team, and explore ways to get involved. All are welcome to attend and discover how this collaboration aims to create lasting change in the lives of individuals and families affected by addiction and recovery.

For more information about the partnership and upcoming events, please Word Alive at (256)-831-5280 or by email: contact@wordalive.org.

Search begins for Bama's Best Surf & Turf

The title of Bama's Best Surf & Turf is up for grabs.

Thanks to a new contest sponsored by Sweet Grown Alabama, the public can nominate their pick for the restaurant that serves Bama's Best Surf & Turf on the Sweet Grown Alabama Facebook page until July 21.

Eligible dishes pair seafood with a land-based protein. That includes traditional surf-and-turf entrée combinations like shrimp and steak or more outside-the-box cuisine, said Sweet Grown Alabama Director Ellie Watson.

"Bama's Best Surf & Turf celebrates our state's rare position as a producer of both exceptional seafood and protein raised by hard-working farmers," Watson said. "Alabama is also home to

talented chefs — from those who create elaborate dishes at high-end eateries to cooks serving simple dinners at down-home restaurants. Folks are fiercely loyal to their favorite restaurants and dishes, so we're excited to get the public's help finding Bama's Best Surf & Turf."

To make a nomination:

Find the Bama's Best Surf & Turf post on Sweet Grown Alabama's Facebook page.

Leave a comment on the post. The comment must include the business name, town and dish.

Restaurants with the most nominations compete in the Edible Eight. Bracket-style voting on Sweet Grown Alabama's Facebook page will narrow

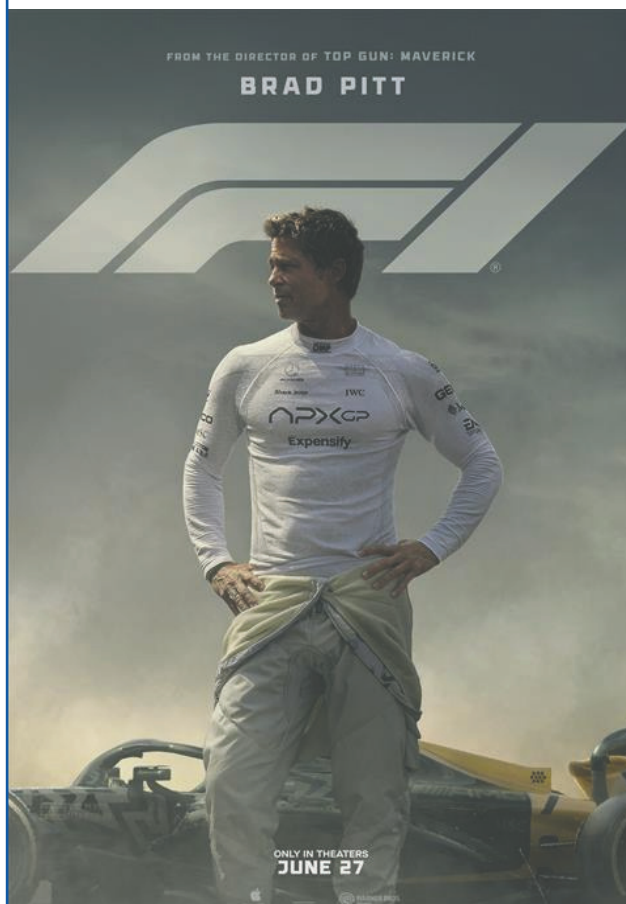
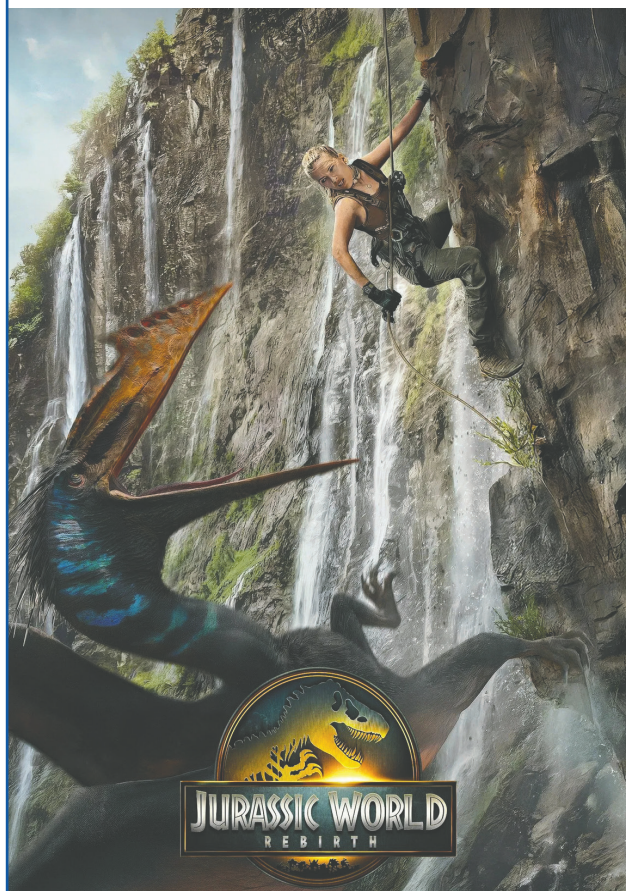
the Edible Eight to the Flavorful Four during head-to-head matchups July 28-31.

In August, the Flavorful Four restaurants will host a trio of judges ready to taste-test contenders for Bama's Best Surf & Turf.

Bama's Best Surf & Turf will receive bragging rights, a cash prize, a plaque and features on "Simply Southern TV" and in the Alabama Farmers Federation's Neighbors magazine.

Bama's Best Surf & Turf is sponsored by Sweet Grown Alabama — the state's agricultural branding program which supports farmers and commercial fishermen.

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Crazy Personalities

My little pony horse Willis is always horsing around. He is like a puppy who is always into to something. It can be cute and frustrating all in one. One day after I gave him a bath before a show day, he decided to find the biggest mud puddle or the biggest dirt pile to roll around in. Just so I have to give him another bath. He is either doing it for a second spa session or because he loves to roll around in dirt and or mud. I think it’s a little of both. During one of our halter classes as I was leading him out for the jud-

vender is more on the cool calm side. She was bullied when she was first let out into the pasture, but she isn’t one to bully another horse when they are new to the herd. She is very welcoming to other horses. Willis is ticklish around his mouth. I love to tickle him. It’s funny to watch. Lavender isn’t as playful as Willis, but she is a little bit older than he is. Lavender likes to stick her tongue out after she drinks water. It is the cutest thing ever. On my lessons days I like to bring them treats to spoil them, but to be honest it helps me catch them in the pasture. When I go out to get

them, I take them a treat so now when they see me coming they come right to me. They know I have a pocket full of treats for them, and I never have to walk far. Some of the other horses have figured it out too and they like to try and pick my pockets searching for my stash of goodies. It is crazy and funny all at the same time. Willis treats are usually onion grass, apples, and cucumbers. Lavender loves peppermints, apples, carrots, and any horse treats that I have. I love them both with their big and crazy personalities.



By Andi Chupp



By Charlotte Bailey

Shadow’s adventures #3: Trade Day

“Hi guys! I’m Shadow the Dog. I’ve had a new dog enter my family, and went out to Red Lobster. Now, I want to tell you about my Trade Day experience.” “It was a hot summer Saturday, and everyone slept in. I woke up hearing my people talking about going to a place called Trade Day. As they were leaving, I got a big surprise! They were going to take me to Trade Day! YAY! I was so excited to smell all the smells! I rode in the car for about thirty minutes before we got out. The greatest feeling to a dog is when there’s sun on your back, the smell

of food, outdoor smells, and best of all, the smell of other dogs. I was ready to start our Trade Day adventure!” “We first just walked around. People asked what type of dog I am. My people told them I was a Labradoodle, but I think that they should have said I was amazing. Did you know that there were so many other dogs there? They were all very friendly. Our first stop was a sunglasses stand. We didn’t get anything, but they all looked nice.” “The next place we went to had all these little things to buy. We bought little cups. The next stop was my favorite. It had corndogs! I really wanted to eat one, but my people didn’t realize I was hungry. We soon passed a man playing a guitar and singing. He sounded nice!” “Then, the little people got lemonade and we passed a mini green motorcycle. It was not on, but I wished it would move so that I could chase it. My wish didn’t come true, though. By that time, I was tired, thirsty, my feet hurt from the hot gravel and I had met four dogs. One of them was named Bacco. He only had three legs! It was sad he had lost one leg, but I was proud that he still walked and played like other dogs.” “Next, Daddy bought some cowboy cookies! They looked good, but had chocolate in them, so I didn’t eat one. I looked to find a place in the shade to lay down in. As soon as I found one, I walked on over. My family realized I was tired and thirsty, so they let me rest and gave me water. Then we started to walk back to the car. I thought we were going home, but it seemed that my people had different plans.” “We went to our Grandparents’ house! It was air-conditioned, had water, and had cool floors. The little ones went outside to pick blueberries. We stayed there a bit longer, then went home. It was nice to be home, but I missed the sights and smells of Trade Day. I hope to see you soon to tell you about more adventures. BYE!”

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KID’S CALENDAR

- July 11**
Gadsden Public Library will host Petting Zoo-come and pet our friends from 50 Shades of Hay Farm.

July 18
Alabama Repertory Theater presents Disney Descendants at Gadsden City High School Auditorium on July 11 at 6:30 p.m., July 12 sensory friendly show at 10:30 a.m., July 12 at 6:30 p.m. and July 13 at 2:30 p.m.

July 12
Downtown Attalla will host an Ice Cream social from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Purchase \$10 or more from participating stores and receive a voucher for one free scoop of ice cream to used that day at The Chill Spot.

July 15
Attalla Public Library Lego Club will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 5 - 12.

July 16
Southside Public Library will host a Teen Paint-a-birdhouse Day at 10 a.m. for ages 12 and up.

July 16 & 17
Free showing of Kung Fu Panda 4 as part of the Summer Kids Fest at Gadsden Premier Cinemas between 10 and 11 a.m.

July 18
Gadsden Public Library will host Alabama Author Heather Montgomery Meet and Greet. Join the GPL in welcoming author and scientist, Heather Montgomery. Ms. Montgomery has written 18 children’s books and enjoys teaching children about nature and animals.

July 19
The Amp will host the Ultimate Taylor Tribute as the last of the summer tribute series. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7. Ages 3 and under get in free. Tickets are \$10 for everyone else.

July 21
Summer Horse Camp for ages 7 and up July 21 - 23 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$275 per child. Call Cassidy at 720-219-5261 for more information.

July 21 - 25
Alabama Repertory Theater will host Wicked Camp for grades K – 8. The price is \$100 per camper. Register at alabamarep.com.

July 23 & 24
Free showing of Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie as part of the Summer Kids Fest at Gadsden Premier Cinemas between 10 and 11 a.m.

July 25
Live Reptile Show with Dynamic Education Adventures and Ms. Jan. The Science Lady will be with us to talk about reptiles!

July 29
Gadsden Public Library Ballerina Tea Party at 10 a.m. in the GPL Children’s Department, unless otherwise specified. Join GPL and the ballerinas from Ballet Squared for a ballerina tea party. Wear your fanciest clothes.

July 30 & 31
Free showing of Harold and the Purple Crayon as part of the Summer Kids Fest at Gadsden Premier Cinemas between 10 and 11 a.m.

The Family Success Center will host Around the World Kidz Kamp July 29 - August 1 from 9 a.m.

ADULTS: EMAIL US A PHOTO OF WHAT YOUR KID(S) CREATE TO NEWS@GADSDENMESSENGER.COM OR SHARE IT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Submit church VBS, summer reading programs, block parties and more by email to news@gadsdenmessenger.com. Include the name, date, time and location of events in emails.

DEVOTIONALS

Judgment belongs to the Lord



By Michael J. Brooks

A prominent businessman approached the pastor to discuss his brother’s funeral. The deceased was widely known in the community as a scoundrel. The man told the pastor, “I’ll give you \$500 if you’ll call my brother a ‘saint’ in your funeral sermon.”

The pastor thought long and hard. On the day of the funeral he stood to say, “John was a bad man, a bully and a thief, but compared to his brother, he was a saint!”

Delivering funeral orations is among the most demanding pastoral tasks. I’ve conducted some 400 funerals and each

one has a backstory.

A common question from the grieving is whether their loved one is in heaven or hell.

Distraught people at these times seek comfort, so I always try to offer it. Of course, we commit to the truth of scripture. David wrote, “The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned,” (Psalm 34:22) But sometimes we don’t know the backstory and we mustn’t revert to speculation beyond what we know.

It was shortly after the death of Elvis Presley that an Oklahoma evangelist spoke to a denominational conference in our state. In a tirade he said he’d heard people insist Elvis was in heaven. Televangelist Rex Humbard conducted the Memphis funeral, so perhaps he said this. But our guest speaker thundered, “Balderdash! He’s burning in hell right now!”

This was cruel and unkind. The reaction was immediate and swift, and I think this man’s ministry never regained traction.

We evangelicals believe in redemption and talk about a crucified thief who repented after a sinful life and, while dying, was promised paradise. Thus, it’s pointless to believe we know what happens in

the hearts of those who face the death angel in final moments.

We don’t know about Elvis.

The aforementioned Rex Humbard later told of being invited to talk and pray with Elvis. He said Presley had a fascination with the return of Christ and told the preacher he believed it would be soon. Maybe he also had a premonition of his own death.

Elvis loved God and gospel music and cared for hurting people. He also had a prescription drug dependency that we seem to better understand today. I’m not a psychologist so I cannot explain these things. But as a theologian, I don’t think our job is to speculate beyond what we know.

Jesus taught that there will be surprises on the Day of Judgment when some are assigned to the joy of the Lord and others to eternal punishment (Matthew 25). If there are surprises then, it makes sense that there are mysteries now.

Judgment belongs to the Lord.

“Reflections” is a weekly faith column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church, Alabaster, Alabama. The church’s website is siluria-baptist.com.

Weekly Bible Verses



“*Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*”

- Philippians 4:11
King James Version

“*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*”

- James 5:16
King James Version

The order of creation

The order of creation makes sense out of life and the living out of our Faith. If we look closely at how God communicates His creativity in Genesis, He moves the world from chaos to order and from low capacity to creatures having the capacity for God. Day 1-5 is a movement from lower to higher forms of life. But in Day 6 something shifts. The relationship within God, “Let Us make man in Our image”, creates a final creature with the capacity for relationship with God. A creature of so high a form that it can be granted dominion. Man from mud, formed by God’s own hand and breathed into by God’s own mouth, the first Adam. But there still was more.

From Man came Woman, the final and highest in the order of creation. Not highest in authority, but highest in ability. The glory of this amazing being is that, though she had been formed from man, every other man and woman ever born would be formed in her! The first Eve was truly “the mother of all living” (Genesis 3:20), and for thousands of years everyone born is brought forth from woman, until the highest of all women is born.

Yes, here in Genesis chapter 3, after the fall from grace, God points to a future that is even higher in the order of creation. Genesis 3:15 is the first gospel where God says to the Serpent, “I will put enmity between you and the Woman, and between your seed and her Seed...” He speaks of a Woman set at enmity against Satan whose Seed will “crush” the Serpents head. Who is this Woman and her

Seed?

Finally in the plan of God the highest and best of all women is born. Set apart and preserved by God’s amazing grace, she is prepared for the highest calling ever given to a woman. She is invited to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and bring forth Emmanuel (God with us). She is the pioneer of 1 Timothy 2:15 “she will be saved through childbearing” and is rightly titled “Woman” by Jesus (John 2:4). As prophesied in Genesis 3:15, she brings forth the Seed Who is “the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15). She is the equal to and opposite of Satan, thus the Dragon makes war against her and her Children (Revelation 12:17). We see this war raging still today in the attacks on women and children in every arena. But her Seed is the crusher of Satan’s head, and He, and all men of goodwill, are protectors of women and children.

“Firstborn of all creation” (Colossians 1:15) doesn’t of course mean “born first”, but rather the heir of all creation as it is all His inheritance by right. Jesus is the highest forever and ever in the order of creation, and may He forever receive the glory due Him as the Last and Second Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45) and Lord of all Creation. Likewise, may His Mother forever receive the honor due her as the Second Eve. For even John the Baptist, of whom Jesus says there is “no one greater” (Matthew 11:11), danced before Jesus in the tabernacle of Mary’s womb (Luke 1:41) as David danced before the Ark of God (2 Samuel 6:12-14) and as Elizabeth,



The Devotion to Christ

Brian Cook

John’s mother, calls her “Mother of my Lord” (Luke 1:43).

But there is even more! Though Jesus is the “Author and Finisher of our Faith” (Hebrews 12:2), as Creator “all things were made through Him” (John 1:3), He Himself declares a new creation and says, “Behold, I make all things new” (Revelation 21:5). Jesus teaches us of “a new heaven and a new earth” (Revelation chapter 21&22), and the Apostle Paul declares to us that “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Beloved, we too are invited to cooperate with Him in that new creation. At the highest level in the order of creation, with Him, and being made new in Christ, we too can speak and live out the Gospel for all the world to see and hear.

Brian Cook converted to Catholicism in April 2021. He is available for speaking and teaching engagements in any parish, church, or group setting. He may be contacted at thedtc@protonmail.com or thedevotiontochrist@gmail.com.

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Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

June 27, July 4, and 11, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Ricky Joe Thompson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/09/2025 to the Estate of Mickey James Thompson, 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

July 11, 18, and 25, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Rebecca Annette Steakley was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/12/2025 to the Estate of George O. Steakley, 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

July 11, 18, and 25, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Cloyce Bryan Hammonds was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/16/2025 to the Estate of Mary Faye Richardson a/k/a Mary Faye Hammonds, 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

July 11, 18, and 25, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: NANCY JAASKELAINEN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2025-389

TO: Grace Lehmann and any unknown family

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 28 day of JULY 2025 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE 2025

Scott Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

June 27, July 4 and 11, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARY BROGDON, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2025-293

TO: Traci Jordan and any unknown family

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 of AUGUST 2025 at 1:00 P.M. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 27TH DAY OF JUNE 2025

Scott Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

July 4, 11, and 18, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: ILA BURTON, INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2025-128

TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY belonging to the above ref-

erenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 11th day of AUGUST 2025 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 1ST DAY OF JULY 2025.

SCOTT W. HASSELL
PROBATE JUDGE

July 4, 11, and 18, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HABIB SHARIF, DECEASED.
Case No.: S-6138

TO: Maryam Sharif Alexander, whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court a Petition for Final Settlement for the Estate of Habib Sharif, deceased.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED the 27th day of August, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., has been set and appointed as the day for the hearing of said petition and the taking of testimony in support thereof, at which time you can appear and contest the same if you see proper.

DONE THIS THE 8th DAY OF 8th DAY OF July 2025.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 11, 18, and 25, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 2025-00375

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELISABETH HARDIN AKA NETTIE ELISABETH HARDIN, DECEASED.
TO: Any and all unknown heirs; whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court an instrument purporting to be in the Last Will and Testament of ELISABETH HARDIN aka NETTIE ELISABETH HARDIN, deceased, and a petition in writing and under oath praying for the admission to probate and record in this Court of said instrument as the true Last Will and Testament of the decedent.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 30th day of July, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of ELISABETH HARDIN aka NETTIE ELISABETH HARDIN, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

DONE THIS THE 8th 8th DAY OF DAY OF July 2025.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 11, 18, and 25, 2025

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice of Action by Publication: TYLER MONTANA JUL PRESCOTT V. SANDRA L. JOHNSON, Case No. CV-2024-900179, was filed in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama on May 1, 2024, seeking to quiet title in rem to the property with an address of 2624 McClain Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901 and described as follows:

Track Number Thirteen (13), according to Map Number One (1) of the Tarpley Subdivision recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 109, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

TO: All persons claiming present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion or other interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or the lien thereon: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action was filed against you on May 1, 2024, and that you are hereby commanded to plead, answer or otherwise respond to

the complaint within 30 days from last publication, the 11th day of July, 2025 or thereafter suffer judgment in rem to be rendered against you because this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who are not personally served with a copy of the complaint. Your response must be filed with Etowah County Circuit Clerk, 801 Forest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901 and served upon Plaintiff's attorney, Sylvion Moss, 2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 500, Birmingham, AL 35203, phone number (205) 328-9445.

June 20, 27, July 4 and 11, 2025

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

Notice to: Any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown.

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Christy K. Stevenson and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Christy K. Stevenson was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 7TH day of JULY 2025.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 12 day of AUGUST 2025, at 1:00 P.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 11, 18, and 25, 2025

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

GARRY THRIFT, Plaintiff,

vs.

DV-2024-900364

ROBERT VINCENT OLIVER, et al., Defendants.

The Defendant, ROBERT VINCENT OLIVER, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint, filed by Gary Thrift within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the aforementioned case.

Done the 25th day of June, 2025.

/s/ MATTHEW P. SKELTON
DISTRICT JUDGE

Joshua B. Sullivan
Knowles & Sullivan, LLC
413 Broad Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
T: 256-547-7200

June 27, July 4, 11, and 18, 2025

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR BILL TO QUIET TITLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARCUS WHITT, Plaintiff,

V.

CV-2025-900255

SANDRA M. COLE, including any Heirs or Devises of the Same whose addresses and/or names are unknown at this time; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any person claiming any future, contingent, reversionary, remainder, or other interest therein, who may claim any interest in the above described property, -and- A PARCEL OF LAND described as follows: H/S BASE YEAR LT 7 BLK 27 ORIG SURV AT-TALLA PLAT A-226-227 3-12-5 1764-97, 1823-187, WILL-1996, D-2005-3026, D-2006-3245171, Defendants.

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

in the aforementioned case.

Done the 23rd day of June 2025.

Cassandra Johnson
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Etowah County

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

June 27, July 4, 11, and 18, 2025

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION TO QUIET TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

The Leira Group, Inc. Plaintiff, V.
Civil Action no. CV-2025-900311.00

A tract of land described as tax parcel 15-09-31-3-000-056.003, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said property, Defendants, are hereby notified that The Leira Group, Inc. an Alabama Corporation, Plaintiff, has filed in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, a complaint for quiet title and other relief. The style of said action being identified as CV-2025-900311.00. The above named person, entities and all other persons or entities, known or unknown, are hereby notified that they must file an answer to said complaint in the identified civil action on or before 9/5/2025, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in said Civil Action CV-2025-900311.00.

Done this 30th day of June 2025.
CASSANDRA JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURT

Elizabeth P. Haney
Attorney for the Plaintiff
Inzer, Haney, McWhorter & Haney, LLC
PO Drawer 287
Gadsden, AL 35902

July 11, 18, 25, and August 1, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

MACAW MANAGEMENT, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS

CASE NO.: CV-25-900319

GERTIE TAYLOR WALKER, her heirs and devisees, believed to be BRUCE HILT WALKER and Fictitious Defendants A, B, C and D, being those entities claiming an interest in that certain real property described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner Lot Number Twenty (20); then Run Easterly along the Southern edge of Eastview Avenue 90 feet; then run Southerly Fifty-one (51) Feet to a strake o the East line of Lot Twenty-one; Then run Westerly and parallel to the South line of Eastview Avenue to a stake 901 fee, more or less, Which is 51 feet Southerly from Northwest Corner, then run Northerly along Lot Number Twenty (20) to the Northwest corner of Lot Number Twenty (20) and being the beginning corner and All being part of Lot Number Twenty (20) and Twenty-one (21), in Block Number Three (3), College Heights 2nd Addition to The City of Gadsden, same being recorded in Plat Book "D", Page Seventy-three (73) in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel # 31-15-06-14-2-000-253 Defendants,

Defendant Gertie Taylor Walker, and her heirs, and Fictitious Defendants A, B, C and D, and all others claiming an interest in the property, must answer the Complaint filed by Macaw Management, LLC to quite title to the above described property and other relief within 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice, or therefore, a judgement by default may be rendered against them.

This the 23rd day of June 2025.

Cassandra Johnson
Circuit Court Clerk

David Livingston
247 S 8th St,
Gadsden, AL 35901
256) 546-9300

June 27, July 4, 11, and

18, 2025

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, ex rel: Rainbow City Police Department

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: CV-25-900286-BTC

PLAINTIFF VS.
\$8,938.00 U.S. Currency

DEFENDANTS
In Re: Aldo Rodrigo Solache Salinas

TO ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY CLAIMING AN OWNER'S BONA FIDE INTEREST IN THE HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED CURRENCY:

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 15th day of August 2025. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said currency.

DONE this the 16th day of June, 2025

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

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NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, ex rel: Gadsden Police Department Street Crimes/ Narcotics Unit,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: CV-25-900200

PLAINTIFF VS.
\$2,000.00 U.S. Currency
Glock 22 SN#BAZV802

DEFENDANTS
In Re: Ronzell Dashard Robinson

TO ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY CLAIMING AN OWNER'S BONA FIDE INTEREST IN THE HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency and firearm. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 11th day of August 2025. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said property.

DONE this the 11th day of June, 2025

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

June 27, July 4, 11, and 18, 2025

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, ex rel: Gadsden Police Department Street Crimes/ Narcotics Unit,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: CV-25-21-SJS

PLAINTIFF VS.
\$15,250.00 U.S. Currency
2018 Jeep Cherokee
Track Hawk VIN: 1C4RJFN-94JC370852

DEFENDANTS
In Re: Derrick Kuhn

Vehicle Registration: Ashley Pride
DBA: Ride With Pride Auto Sales
14006 US-231
Hazel Green, AL. 35750

TO ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY CLAIMING AN OWNER'S BONA FIDE INTEREST IN THE HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture,

and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency and vehicle. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 11th day of August 2025. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said property.

DONE this the 11th day of June, 2025

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

June 27, July 4, 11, and 18, 2025

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF: J.H. A CHILD

TO: Jennifer Michelle Huddins and Andre Lamont Jemison

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Etowah County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to J.H. born 02-06-2008. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama and with the Petitioner's Attorney, Sheri W. Carver Stallings, Assistant Attorney General, STATE OF ALABAMA DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES 220 West Main St. within fourteen (14) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgement can be entered against you. A parent has the right to representation of an attorney in a dependency or termination of parental rights trial, and, if indigent, the Court may appoint an attorney if requested. Should the parent desire a courtappointed attorney, application should be made immediately upon receipt of notice by contacting the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama. A final hearing has been set for August 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. before Hon. Matthew Skelton at the Etowah County Judicial Building in Gadsden, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose.

Cassandra Johnson
Circuit Clerk, Etowah County, Alabama

Attorney for Petitioner: Sheri W. Carver Stallings
Assistant Attorney General
Etowah County Department of Human Resources
220 West Main St.
Centre, AL. 35960

June 27, July 4, 11, and 18, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Synagro WWT, Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for the Improvement of ALTOONA 2022 CWSRF BIOSOLIDS REMOVAL for the, Altoona Water and Sewer Board; SRF Project No. CS010903-01; GMC Project No. CBHM230079(1) , and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Trey Hopper, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC.

Synagro WWT, Inc.
435 Williams Court, Suite 100
Baltimore, MD 21220

June 27, July 4 and 11, 2025

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Prequalification Proposals from General Contractors shall be submitted and will be received on behalf of the Owner by Robins & Morton; submit electronically Attn: William Byrd at williamsb@robinsmorton.com or delivery to 400 Shades Creek Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35209; UNTIL 5:00PM LOCAL TIME; ON FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2025, for:

GADSDEN ATHLETIC CENTER PROJECT – EARLY DEMOLITION PACKAGE
CITY OF GADSDEN
GADSDEN, ALABAMA

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

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

Sealed proposals 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, July 22, 2025, for the Gadsden Athletic Center Project, Bid Request No. 3607, located in the City of Gadsden, Alabama.

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

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the above time and place. Specifications and contract documents are open to the public for inspection at the City Hall. Electronic (pdf) specifications and contract documents can be distributed at no cost through Robins & Morton's Building Connected Platform by requesting the invitation by email at williamsb@robinsmorton.com or calling the City of Gadsden Engineering Department at 256-549-4520 or by email at hwilliams@cityofgadsden.com. Bids will only be accepted from prequalified bidders.

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 their bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The bidder must comply with all requirements of the public works bid law, Section 39-2-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.

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

PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at 1500 West Meighan Boulevard, Gadsden, AL 35901; Time & Date 7/14/2025 @ 2:00 pm, to review the project and answer Bidder's questions. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference IS NOT REQUIRED but highly recommended FOR ALL PRIME CONTRACTOR BIDDERS (and any subcontractors) intending to submit a proposal.

This is a tax-exempt contract.

By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the state of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

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

law.

THE CITY GADSDEN, ALABAMA

Craig Ford, Mayor
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

June 27, July 4 and 11, 2025

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.
RP-STPAA-MR22(902) & NH-MR22(903)
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on July 25, 2025 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Traffic Signal and Operation Equipment Installation on SR-1, SR-25, SR-77, SR-291, SR-759, I-59, and I-759.

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

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Three Hundred and Twenty-Five (325) Working Days.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$90.00 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 \$10,211,637 To \$12,480,890 . 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

July 4, 11, and 18, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The City Council of the City of Gadsden will hold a public meeting on July 22, 2025, at 10 a.m., during the regular weekly council meeting, to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing an economic development agreement with AJM, LLC, authorized to do business in Alabama, which proposes to locate a Rural King Shopping Center on property at 302 North 3rd Street in Gadsden. No Rural King Shopping Center is presently located in Gadsden or Etowah County. AJM, LLC proposes to spend approximately \$9,700,000.00 to develop the shopping center, and proposes to employ the equivalent of approximately 60 employees (29 full-time, 31 part-time) and to maintain that level of employment for the term of the agreement. AJM, LLC expects the Rural King Shopping Center to generate annual sales of more than \$20,000,000.00. AJM, LLC has requested financial assistance from the City of Gadsden to make this project feasible. The City of Gadsden proposes to pay to AJM, LLC a sum equal to 2.25% of the City's 5% sales tax revenue generated from sales at Rural King Shopping Center for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the Opening Date, or until the total abatement amount paid by the City equals \$7,753,144.00,

whichever occurs first. The City of Gadsden seeks to provide citizens a wider and more diverse selection of retail stores available, to increase employment, and to increase the tax and revenue base of the City. All interested persons may examine and review the Agreement and Resolution in the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours, before and after the meeting referenced herein.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk
July 11, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The City Council of the City of Gadsden will hold a public meeting on July 22, 2025, at 10 a.m., during the regular weekly council meeting, to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing an economic development agreement with Southern Brew Corp., which is authorized to do business in Alabama, and proposes to locate a 7 Brew on property located at 202 E. Meighan Boulevard in Gadsden. Southern Brew Corp. proposes to spend approximately \$2,900,000 in total development costs, and Southern Brew Corp. proposes to employ the equivalent of approximately 45 employees (8 full-time, 30 part time, 1 manager and 2 assistant managers) and to maintain that level of employment for the term of the agreement. Southern Brew Corp. expects the 7 Brew to generate annual sales of more than \$1,700,000. Southern Brew Corp. has requested financial assistance from the City of Gadsden to make this project feasible. The City of Gadsden proposes to pay to Southern Brew Corp. a sum equal to 2% of the City's 5% sales tax revenue generated from sales at 7 Brew for a period of five (5) years, commencing with the Opening Date, or until the total abatement amount paid by the City equals \$200,000.00, whichever occurs first. The City of Gadsden seeks to provide citizens a wider and more diverse selection of restaurants available, to increase employment, and to increase the tax and revenue base of the City. All interested persons may examine and review the Agreement and Resolution in the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours, before and after the meeting referenced herein.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk
July 11, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The City Council of the City of Gadsden will hold a public meeting on July 22, 2025, at 10 a.m., during the regular weekly

council meeting, to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing an economic development agreement with Triple C Development, LLC, which is authorized to do business in Alabama, and proposes to locate a Zaxby's on property located at 900 Gilbert Ferry Road, SE in Gadsden. Triple C Development, LLC proposes to employ the equivalent of approximately 43 employees (10 full-time, 30 part time, 1 manager and 2 assistant managers) and to maintain that level of employment for the term of the agreement. Triple C Development, LLC expects the Zaxby's to generate annual sales of more than \$1,700,000. Triple C Development, LLC has requested financial assistance from the City of Gadsden to make this project feasible. The City of Gadsden proposes to pay to Triple C Development, LLC a sum equal to 2% of the City's 5% sales tax revenue generated from sales at Zaxby's for a period of five (5) years, commencing with the Opening Date, or until the total abatement amount paid by the City equals \$200,000.00, whichever occurs first. The City of Gadsden seeks to provide citizens a wider and more diverse selection of restaurants available, to increase employment, and to increase the tax and revenue base of the City. All interested persons may examine and review the Agreement and Resolution in the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours, before and after the meeting referenced herein.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk
July 11, 2025

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
REQUEST FOR BIDS
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.
AL-21693-2024
CITY OF GLENCOE,
ETOWAH COUNTY,
ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Glencoe at Glencoe City Hall, 201 W Chastain Blvd, Glencoe, Alabama, 35905, until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2025, and at that time publicly opened for constructing the following:

Resurfacing on Websters Chapel Road From SR-1 (US-431) to County Line For the City of Glencoe, Project No. AL-21693-2024

The bracket estimate on this project is from \$550,000.00 to \$625,000.00. This bracket range is provided only as a general indication of a broad financial size category for the project. It should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will it have any bearing on any decision to award the contract. The principal items of work are approximately as follows:
594 Unclassified

Excavation, per cubic yard
109 Machine Grading Shoulders, per station
1124 Superpave Bit Concrete Wearing Surface Layer ½" Max Agg, ESAL Range C/D, per ton
870 Superpave Bit Concrete Upper Binder Layer, ½" Max Agg, ESAL Range C/D, per ton
100 Superpave Bit Concrete Upper Binder Layer, Patching 1" Max Agg, ESAL Range C/D, per ton
24 Superpave Bit Concrete Upper Binder Layer, Widening 1" Max Agg, ESAL Range C/D, per ton
The entire project shall be completed in THIRTY (30) working days.

A cashier's check (drawn on an Alabama Bank) or bid bond for 5% of the amount bid (maximum of \$10,000.00) and made payable to the City of Glencoe must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The City of Glencoe requires that the General Contractor's Alabama license number is included on the outside of the sealed bid envelope to be considered and on the bid form. Proof of insurance coverages of the types and amounts as set forth in the project specifications will be required of the contractor, and any and all subcontractors, prior to beginning work. The contractor will be required to perform work amounting to at least 30% of the total contract cost within their organization.

Honorable Chris Hare, Mayor

July 11, 18, and 25, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage unit will be disposed of on July 17, 2025 beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the business premises of B&J Thrift Store and Mini Storage at 1101 Hwy 77, Attalla, AL. 35954.

Chris Gilbeth
Unit 39

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

To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete original proposals made available by the owner. Bid documents (including plans and proposals) are available at Three Notch Group, Inc., 224 Broad St, Suite 201, Gadsden, Alabama 35901, (256) 543-9431 upon payment of a non-refundable deposit of \$200. PDF electronic copies are available via email Jamie.christopher@3notch.com at no cost to the bidder. Checks shall be made payable to Three Notch Group, Inc. Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit. No bid documents will be distributed later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled opening of bids.

This is a federally funded project. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act and other

acts amendatory, supplementary, or relative thereto. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations. MBE/DBE participation is encouraged; however, no specific MBE/DBE goals have been established for this project. Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. 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, all bidders are hereby notified that it will be affirmatively ensured 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 and to disregard any minor irregularities is reserved by the owner.

July 11, 18, and 25, 2025

2017 Dodge Journey Silver
VIN: 3L4PD-CAB6HT528581

2014 Kia Sorento Gray
VIN: 5XYK-T3A694G461428

2013 RAM 1500 WHITE
VIN: 1L6R-R7FP205645292

2013 NISSAN ROGUE BLACK
VIN: 1N8A55M-V9DW628597

2014 CHEVROLET 1500 WHITE
VIN: 3GCPLRE-C1EG111902

2004 HONDA ACCORD WHITE
VIN: 1H6L-M66564A024317

2012 HONDA FIT BLACK
VIN: JHMGE8H-50CC012200

2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA BURGUNDY
VIN: 2G1WH52K859197729

2021 FORD ESCAPE SILVER
VIN: 1FMCU0H60MUA07275

1990 FORD BRONCO II WHITE
VIN: 1FMCU12T2C-UA03409

ER Towing
1733 Forrest Ave
Gadsden, AL 35901

July 11 and 18, 2025

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:

2016 HYUNDAI VELOSTER
VIN: KMHTC6AD-8GU301445

1995 CHEVROLET GMT-400
VIN: 2GCEK19K3S1175022

2005 CADILLAC DEVILLE
VIN: 1G6K-D54Y25U196181

1997 NISSAN MAXIMA
VIN: JN1CA21D8VT855402

The public auction will be held at Kelton Wrecker LLC located at 1625 Forrest Ave Gadsden AL 35901 at 8:00 AM on 08/16/2025. 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.

July 11 and 18, 2025

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on August 15, 2025

2017 Dodge Journey Silver
VIN: 3L4PD-CAB6HT528581

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July 11 and 18, 2025

SERVICES

SELLING a RV, Tractor or Golf Cart? ADVERTISE STATEWIDE or by region in over 100 Newspapers, reaching over 1 million readers each week! Run your ad in our Classified Network for just \$210 per week! Make one call to this newspaper (participating Ala-SCAN newspaper) or call 1-800-264-7043 to find out how easy it is to advertise statewide!

BEAUTIFUL BATH UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Superior quality bath and shower systems at AFFORDABLE PRICES! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Call Now! 1-833-770-0326

WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals dry out the wet area and do repairs to protect your family and your home's value! If you have water in your home that needs to be dried, Call 24/7: 1-833-879-1371 Have zip code of

service location ready when you call!

HEALTH/BEAUTY

ATTENTION OXYGEN THERAPY USERS! Discover Oxygen Therapy That Moves with You with Inogen Portable Oxygen Concentrators. FREE information kit. Call 1-833-650-7885

Attention: VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! A cheaper alternative to high drugstore prices! 50 Pill Special - Only \$99! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW: 1-833-641-6606

FOR SALE

AFFORDABLE TV & INTERNET. If you are overpaying for your service, call now for a free quote and see how much you can save! 1-833-641-6672

NEED NEW FLOORING? Call today schedule a FREE in-home estimate on Carpeting & Flooring. Call Today! 1-833-641-6567

UPDATE YOUR HOME with Beautiful New Blinds & Shades. FREE in-home estimates make it convenient to

shop from home. Professional installation. Top quality - Made in the USA. Call for free consultation: 1-855-405-8839. Ask about our specials!

No more cleaning out gutters. Guaranteed! LeafFilter is the most advanced gutter protection for your home, backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-833-683-2005 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Plus get 20% off! Seniors and military save an additional 10%. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 7-Year warranty with qualifying purchase* Call 1-877-323-5516 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Safe Step. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring

our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-844-871-6175

AGING ROOF? NEW HOMEOWNER? STORM DAMAGE? You need a local expert provider that proudly stands behind their work. Fast, free estimate. Financing available. Call 1-833-465-2704

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-877-817-4697 www.dental50plus.com/alabama #6258

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-877-724-3049 today!

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in

as little as one day. For a limited time, waiving ALL installation costs! (Additional

terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. (Offer ends 6/30/25.) Call 1-877-205-0836

Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material steel from Erie Metal Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offer up to 50% off installation + Additional 10% off install (for military, health workers & 1st responders.) Call Erie Metal Roofs: 1-833-955-3163

AUTOMOTIVE

GOT AN UNWANTED CAR??? DONATE IT TO PATRIOTIC HEARTS. Fast free pick up. Patriotic Hearts' programs help veterans find work or start their own business. Call 24/7: 1-833-426-0193

VEHICLE TITLE Problems? We have a solution! Call Jason Steward Enterprises, We're Alabama's #1 Vehicle Title Problem Experts! Free telephone consultation. North AL 1-256-850-0527, Central AL 1-205-267-5735, South AL 1-251-342-8538.

CAREGIVER NEEDED

Are you passionate about making a positive impact in the life of my Mother? I am seeking a dedicated & compassionate caregiver to take care & provide exceptional care for my mother. As a caregiver, you will play a crucial role in supporting my mother who is Elderly. Schedule is 5 days a week & 5 hours per day. Salary is \$30/hr. Apply by contacting me via email at David.finoenterprises@gmail.com for more details.

SURPLUS ITEMS

Gadsden State Community College will now be selling all Surplus items on Govdeals.com. Anyone interested in purchasing can go to Govdeals.com, register as a bidder, type in Gadsden State Community College in the search engine and view all the items we have for sale. All items are sold As is.

FOOD CITY

\$5

Fridays

Food City

Value. Everyday.

\$5

\$5

Saturdays

Food City

Value. Everyday.

\$5

\$5

Days

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

JULY 11-12

LIMIT 1 TRANSACTION PER ITEM PER VALUCARD PER DAY.
DISCOUNT TAKEN AS A COUPON. CUSTOMER PAYS SALES TAX.

FOOD CITY

\$230 IN SAVINGS

SAVE \$5 ON PICK 5 MEAT

PICK 5

for \$14.99

Mix or match any five specially marked meat items for \$14.99 after \$5 discount and your ValuCard.
Limit 2 per ValuCard

Pick 5 price

\$19.99

with ValuCard

2 Day discount

\$5.00

2 Day price

\$14.99

with ValuCard

SAVE \$2.99 ON PICK 5 PRODUCE

PICK 5

for \$5.00

Mix or match any five specially marked produce items for \$5.00 after \$2.99 discount and your ValuCard.
Limit 2 per ValuCard

Pick 5 price

\$7.99

with ValuCard

2 Day discount

\$2.99

2 Day price

\$5.00

with ValuCard

DIETITIAN'S PICK

✓

IN THE PRODUCE Dept.

shortcuts

Seedless Watermelon Halves

Each

5.00

With Card

Available IN SELECT STORES

Selected Varieties In-Store Made Sushi

Each

5.00

With Card

DIETITIAN'S PICK

✓

Basket & Bushel Idaho Potatoes

5 Lb.

2/\$5

With Card

Buy 5 SAVE MORE

Selected Varieties Coca-Cola Products

6 Pk., 16.9 Oz. Btls.

LIMIT 5 TOTAL ITEMS

3.25

With Card

When you buy 5 in the same transaction. Lesser quantities are 7.49 each. Limit 1 transaction (5 total items). Discount applied as a coupon. Customer pays sales tax.

IN THE Deli

Selected Varieties Octagon Tray

Each

5.00

With Card

IN THE Deli

Gourmet Chicken Salad

Per Lb.

5.00

With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH

Selected Varieties, Josefina Tortilla Chips (11.5-12 Oz.) or Old El Paso Dinner Kit

8.4-12.5 Oz.

2/\$5

With Card

Selected Varieties Eckrich Smoked Sausage

14-16.8 Oz.

2/\$5

With Card

LIMIT 6 EACH

Selected Varieties Terry's Potato Chips

7.75-8 Oz.

3/\$5

With Card

LIMIT 3 EACH

Selected Varieties POWERADE

8 Pk., 20 Oz. Btls.

5.00

With Card

DIETITIAN'S PICK

✓

Selected Varieties, Sukhi's Samosas or Entrees (8-11 Oz.) or Food Club Chicken Breast

12.5 Oz.

2/\$5

With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH

Frozen, Selected Varieties, Crav'n Flavor Corn Dogs (16-40 Ct.) or Pizza Bites (45 Oz.), Gorton's Fish, Shrimp or Crab Cakes

6-24.5 Oz.

5.00

With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH

Selected Varieties Food Club Shredded Cheese

32 Oz.

5.00

With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH

Selected Varieties, Cheez-It, Town House Club or Toasteds Family Size Crackers

12-21 Oz.

5.00

With Card

LIMIT 2 EACH

Selected Varieties, Coffeemate Creamer (35.3 Oz.) or Hostess Snack Cakes

11.5-22.22 Oz.

5.00

With Card

LIMIT 5 EACH

Selected Varieties, Cornbread or Martha White Muffin Mix

7-7.6 Oz.

5/\$5

With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH

Selected Varieties Frito Lay Variety Pack Chips

15-18 Ct.

9.99

With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH

Frozen, Selected Varieties, Uno, Connie's, Cheez-It or Screamin' Sicilian Pizza

15.5-26.9 Oz.

5.00

With Card

Buy 4 SAVE MORE

Selected Varieties Food Club Fruit

14.5-15.25 Oz.

4/\$5

With Card

When you buy 4 in the same transaction. Lesser quantities are 1.99 each. Limit 2 transactions (8 total items). Discount applied as a coupon. Customer pays sales tax.

LIMIT 4 EACH

Selected Varieties, General Mills Cereal Bars (6.8-8.48 Oz.), Special K Cereal (11.2-13.3 Oz.), Pringles Mega Stacks (6.84-7.16 Oz.), Pringles Mingles (5.5 Oz.), Keebler Sandwich Crackers (11.04 Oz.) or Nature Valley Granola Bars

6-8 Ct.

2/\$5

With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH

Selected Varieties General Mills Cereal

8.9-12 Oz.

2/\$5

With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH

Selected Varieties, Louisa Frozen Toasted Ravioli (14-16 Oz.), Food Club Frozen Fruit (12-16 Oz.), Crav'n Flavor Frozen Potatoes (16-32 Oz.) or Heinz Ketchup

14-20 Oz.

2/\$5

With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH

Selected Varieties, Fresh Step Cat Litter (14 Lb. Bag) or Scoop Away Cat Litter

14 Lb. Box

5.00

With Card

LIMIT 8 EACH

Selected Varieties, Blue Bonnet (16 Oz. Qtrs.), Hunt's Snack Pack (4 Pk.), Duncan Hines Frosting (12-16 Oz.), or Brownie Mix

15.25-18.3 Oz.

4/\$5

With Card

COUPON EFFECTIVE JULY 11-JULY 12

USE 2X

* MUST PURCHASE A MINIMUM OF 1 LB.

Certified Angus Beef

Chuck Roast

Per Lb.

ValuCard Price..... 5.99

Digital Coupon.....-1.00

FINAL PRICE WITH COUPON

4.99

With Card

COUPON EFFECTIVE JULY 11-JULY 12

USE 5X

Selected Varieties

Purina Dog Chow

44 Lb.

ValuCard Price.....29.99

Digital Coupon.....-5.00

FINAL PRICE WITH COUPON

24.99

With Card

Items and prices are specifically intended to apply locally where issue originates. BOGOs are sold at 1/2 price if single item is purchased. We reserve the right to limit quantities and to correct printed errors. No sales to dealers or competitors. Quantity rights reserved. 2025 K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. Food City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

951 Rainbow Drive Gadsden, AL 35901

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