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PD receives donation of Hot Wheels for kids

Starting earlier this month, Gadsden Police Officers have had another tool available to them on patrol: a supply of Hot Wheels

The officers have them on hand to give to kids during a traffic stop or when they are on scene.

The project is the work of real estate agent Katie McKenzie and local businessman Phillip Wil-

McKenzie had seen similar projects in other cities, and she knew just who to call.

"Phillip is a client of mine, and he's an avid Hot Wheels collector," said McKenzie, who has worked with Williams on other projects for children's charities. "I thought about him, and I knew he'd be on board."

In fact, Williams is enough of a Hot Wheels fan that he keeps track of his extensive collection in a database, and he was willing to help out.

"I've been collecting since I was a kid and have amassed quite a selection," he said. "I'm always looking to add to the collection, but turning that around and donating some to the police department was an awesome idea.

McKenzie reached out to Mayor Craig Ford's office, and soon the plan came together.

'When there's a traffic stop, there's no telling what's going through the mind of a kid in the backseat," Williams said. "This is something small, but it's something positive for them to have on their minds."



The Gadsden Police Department received the donation of around 600 Hot Wheels earlier this month, and McKenzie and Williams were recognized at a City Council meeting.

"This is a wonderful example

of local members of the community working to make our city better," said Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford. "We want to thank Katie for having the idea and helping make it happen, and a big thanks to Phillip for making such a generous donation."

"This opens up another way for our officers to show compassion during what may be a stressful situation, and we're grateful for this contribution," said Gadsden Police Chief Lamar Jaggears.

There's also the possibility that this project will continue in the

"I'd be happy to keep sending some cars if we hear it's something that's working well for the officers," Williams said.

Local student wins first place in Lions Club contest

The North Alabama and Alabama Lions Clubs, District 34A and Multi-district 34 recently announced that Gianna McNamara, a 12-year-old 7th grade student at Gadsden Middle School, has won First Place in the Alabama Multidistrict 34 Peace Poster Contest with her inspiring artwork titled "Together As One."

McNamara's poster was selected from entries submitted by Lions Clubs across Alabama and the Florida Panhandle, participating in the annual international contest promoting peace, unity and creativity among youth.

McNamara will now represent the Alabama Multi-

District 34 at the International level of the Lions International Peace Poster competition.

"The quality of the submissions made selection of one extremely difficult. We are incredibly proud of these talented young artists," said Tracy Thompson. "We thank all the artists across our multidistrict for showing us their creativity and vision for peace."

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest encourages students ages 11–13 to express their ideas of peace through art, fostering youth engagement and global understanding.

For more information about Lions Clubs, visit www.lionsclubs.org.



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Birmingham Heart Clinic to open RBC location



BRYAN W. MCGWIER

By Karla McArthur Correspondent

Birmingham Heart Clinic is expanding its footprint in Northeast Alabama with the opening of a new location in Rainbow City, bringing increased access to cardiovascular and vascular care for residents across Etowah County and sur-

rounding communities. The new office is scheduled to

open Jan. 6, 2026, at 524 W. Grand Ave. The expansion will allow Birmingham Heart Clinic to serve more patients across the state while offering convenient, high-quality heart

and vascular care closer to home. Birmingham Heart Clinic is led by a team of board-certified physicians, advanced practice providers and experienced clinical staff. The practice currently operates six locations throughout Alabama and provides comprehensive cardiovascular services, including preventive care, diagnostic testing and advanced treatment options.

The clinic specializes in the prevention and treatment of peripheral artery disease and is known for its expertise in minimally invasive procedures. Providers work closely with referring physicians to develop individualized treatment plans designed to meet each patient's specific needs.

Birmingham Heart Clinic officials said the Rainbow City location will be anchored by Bryan W. McGwier, M.D., FACC, an interventional cardiologist who joined the practice in 2025. McGwier will see patients daily at the Rainbow City office, and additional Birmingham Heart Clinic physicians are expected to hold clinics at the location as scheduling is finalized.

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County schools spread cheer through initiatives

By Karla McArthur Correspondent

School systems throughout Etowah County have remained active during the holiday season, launching initiatives and programs that strengthen community connections while supporting local families and encouraging countywide growth.

Etowah County Schools recently expressed appreciation to Hokes Bluff Piggly Wiggly for donating food through neighborhood bridges to a resident in need. District leaders thanked store owner Greg Beaird for his continued commitment to serving the community. "When you're doing your Christmas dinner shopping, say thank you to Greg Beaird," the district shared in its message of gratitude.

Students served by the Etowah County Board of Education Learning Center also enjoyed an Exceptional Christmas Party at The Venue. The celebration featured holiday-themed activities, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and appearances by costumed characters, creating a festive and memorable experience for students and

The event was made possible through

the generosity of several community sponsors. A special thank-you was extended to Family Savings Credit Union, along with Ellis Entertainment, Children's Rehab Services, Coosa Behavioral Services, Kulture City, The Venue, Southside High School Ambassadors, ECBOE Learning Center faculty and staff, and Alabama Pediatric Therapy Services

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NEWS

ECBOE and GCS honor educators, staff for 2025-26

By Karla McArthur Correspondent

Etowah County and Gadsden City School Systems recently recognized several outstanding educators and staff members for their dedication, leadership and service during the 2025-26 school year.

Katrina Powers was named Etowah County Schools Secondary Teacher of the Year. Powers is a science teacher at Southside High School, where she is known for inspiring students through curiosity, critical thinking and a strong enthusiasm for learning. Colleagues say her commitment to excellence and passion for science extend beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting impact on students and the school community.

Also recognized was Brittany Rains, a Pre-K3 teacher at Highland Elementary School, who was honored for her work with the district's youngest learners. Through her patience, passion and dedication, Rains has helped build a strong educational foundation for her students while supporting families and fostering a positive learning environment.

Michael Wynn was named Etowah County Schools School Resource Officer of the Year. Wynn was recognized for his dedication, leadership and ongoing commitment to maintaining safe and supportive school campuses throughout the district

Jeff Lacks earned the title of Etowah County Schools Support Personnel of the Year. Lacks serves as custodian at Carlisle Elementary School, where his reliability, strong work ethic and willingness to help others contribute to a clean, safe and welcoming environment for students and staff. School leaders noted that Lacks consistently goes above and beyond in his role, making a meaningful difference

each day

In addition to the countywide recognitions, the Gadsden City School System announced its 2025-26 Teachers of the Year. Kristen Phillips, kindergarten teacher at Floyd Elementary School and English teacher Emily Day of Gadsden City High School were selected for their instructional excellence and commitment to student success.

District officials congratulated all honorees, noting that their dedication and service play a vital role in strengthening schools and supporting student achievement across the community.

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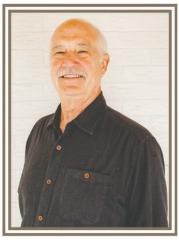
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NEWS

Annual Unity Parade set for Jan. 16

The 11th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Parade will take place Friday, Jan. 16, along Broad Street in

The parade is themed "American Freedom: Reignite the Dream" and is

intended as a community celebration of unity, hope, peace and love.

Parade lineup will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the old YMCA parking lot, with the parade scheduled to start at 1 n m

The event is sponsored by the Caring 4 Justice Cause Charity Foundation.

For more information, contact CiCe Curry at 256-467-3780 or by text at 256-441-0706.



Out partying without a designated driver?



Heart Clinic to open in Rainbow City

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McGwier is an Alabama native with more than 40 years of experience in cardiovascular care. Originally from Mobile, he attended Birmingham-Southern College, where he graduated with honors. He completed his internship, internal medicine residency, chief residency and cardiology fellowship at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine.

Before joining Birmingham Heart Clinic, McGwier founded Southern Cardiovascular Associates, where he served as president for more than 30 years prior to his initial retirement. Throughout his career, he has also served as a proctor, traveling nationwide to teach transesophageal echocardiography techniques, with a special focus on cerebrovascular in-

terventions

The new Rainbow City office reflects Birmingham Heart Clinic's continued commitment to expanding access to compassionate, patient-centered cardiovascular care across Alabama.

For more information about Birmingham Heart Clinic visit https://birminghamheart.com/

Schools spread cheer through initiatives - From A1

Additional holiday giving came from Modern Woodmen "elves" Morgan Alford Lavender and Sarah Hughston Cherry, who doubled donations up to \$1,250 to help provide essential items for students and families in need.

In Gadsden City Schools, the Board of Education approved the purchase of new school buses. District 5 representative and board Vice President Mark Dayton said the investment will provide safer transportation for students while also creating jobs and generating local tax revenue.

Westbrook Christian School also demonstrated the spirit of giving, with students and staff collecting nearly

5,000 cans for the Etowah County Food Drive. The school earned the top overall spot in the county for donations. All contributions benefited the Etowah County Food Bank, helping families across the area. School administrators thanked students, families and staff for making the annual initiative a success.

Together, these efforts highlight how schools across Etowah County continue to serve as hubs of compassion, collaboration and community pride, ensuring the holiday season brings not only celebration but meaningful support to those who need it most.

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Volunteers: The heart of our library



One of the greatest strengths of the Gadsden Public Library is the people who support it—not just our staff, but the dedicated volunteers who give their time and talents to help our library thrive. Volunteers play a vital role in allowing us to better serve the public, and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight both the importance of volunteering at the library and two individuals whose dedication has made a lasting impact.

Lori Williams is a familiar and welcome presence at the Gadsden Public Library. Lori

visits the library every day, generously offering her time wherever help is needed. She assists in the Children's Department, works in the Archives Department, and helps with a variety of other tasks that keep our library running smoothly. Her daily commitment frees up staff time, allowing our employees to focus more fully on working with patrons and meeting the needs of our community. Lori's dedication is a wonderful example of how one volunteer can make a meaningful difference.

Another volunteer whose contributions deserve special recognition is Jim McGuire, President of the Friends of the Gadsden Public Library. Jim, along with a dedicated group of Friends volunteers, helps manage and operate the Friends of the Library Bookstore. When books are donated to the library, these volunteers carefully sort and classify them—fiction, non-fiction, biographies, and more—and price them for resale, typically for just \$1 or \$2 per book.

The impact of this work is remarkable. Every dollar raised through the Friends of the Library Bookstore is returned directly to the Gadsden Public Library to support our Children's and Teen programming. Last year alone, the Friends were able to donate over \$6,600 to the library—all made possible by Jim's leadership and the hard work of his volunteers. Their efforts directly enhance the programs and services we are able to offer our youngest patrons.

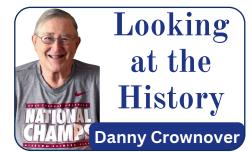
Volunteers like Lori Williams, Jim Mc-Guire, and the Friends of the Gadsden Public Library are essential to our success. Their generosity, commitment, and passion help ensure that the Gadsden Public Library remains a vibrant and welcoming place for learning, discovery, and community connec-

The Gadsden Public Library is always grateful for community members who are interested in giving back. Whether you have time to volunteer in the library, help with programs, or support the Friends of the Library, there are many ways to get involved. Volunteering is not only a way to support literacy and lifelong learning—it is also a rewarding way to serve our community

On behalf of the staff and patrons of the Gadsden Public Library, thank you to all of our volunteers. Your dedication truly makes a difference.

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

Gadsden City Hall locations of the past



Prior to 1897, city hall was at the Hollingsworth Building, in a rented room over what became the present office of the Stringer Realty Company on Fourth and Broad Streets.

It was reached by a steep stairway and was really too small, yet the city's business was performed there for many years. The little room was the scene of many political battles by the Tow factions that really controlled the area around here.

In the early years Gadsden City Hall was in the second story of the building later occupied by the old Dan Cohen Shoe Store on Broad Street.

In April of 1897, it returned to its previous location in the second-story of the Hollingsworth Building. City Hall was in the and the city council fell out.

The council voted to move to the Broad Street place and the mayor refused to go along. He continued to hold police court and to do business in the old place and the matter was carried to the state supreme court which decided in the council's favor.

That was during the days when the mayor refused to recognize the chief of police elected by the council. In fact, as soon as the council elected a man for the chief's place the mayor suspended him and appointed a man of his own choosing.

The council would meet on the sidewalks and retaliate. It was quite a while before the row quieted down. Strangely enough, the officials engaged in this peculiar political and factional fight were really good friends.

On July of 1899, the local newspaper started a campaign that finally resulted in the building a City Hall owned by the city, but it started rather modestly.

"Gadsden is large enough to own a city hall and have a paid fire department," the paper said. "It would be a good business policy for the city to purchase a lot build a city hall, city jail, fire hall, etc., and thereby save money. It now costs the city \$45 a month for rents, a total of \$540 a year. The latter building when Mayor R. A. Mitchell city could sell \$5,000 worth of bonds at four majority of 146 to 78.

per cent interest, erect the necessary buildings and save \$340 a year.'

Eventually, it began the agitation for a city hall and jail. Prisoners were housed in the little wooden building in an alley adjoining the lot of the county jail on Chestnut Street and it was not safe. During the week before one African American prisoner burned their way to freedom.

The newspaper was calling for a city hall, declaring the people wanted it and that they also wanted a new jail that was safe and fit for human habitation.

That little calaboose in the alley was about as filthy as any place could be. Many were embarrassed over the fact that Anniston, Talladega, Huntsville and Rome had city halls and Gadsden's officers were housed in small rented rooms and up-stairs

In May of 1904, it was proposed that the new city hall would be erected on Fifth Street on the property then occupied by Otto Agricola Tin Shop. Architect A. D. Simpson was making the plans. A jail and a fire hall were to be included.

In May, 1904, the people of Gadsden voted in favor of issuing \$25,000 in bonds for the purpose of building a city hall by a

The city, then purchased two lots on north fifth street for the city hall site. It also bought one that fronted on locust street.

It was early in December, 1904, that the city sold bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of building a city hall. The bonds were to draw interest at the rate of five per cent per annum and were to be due

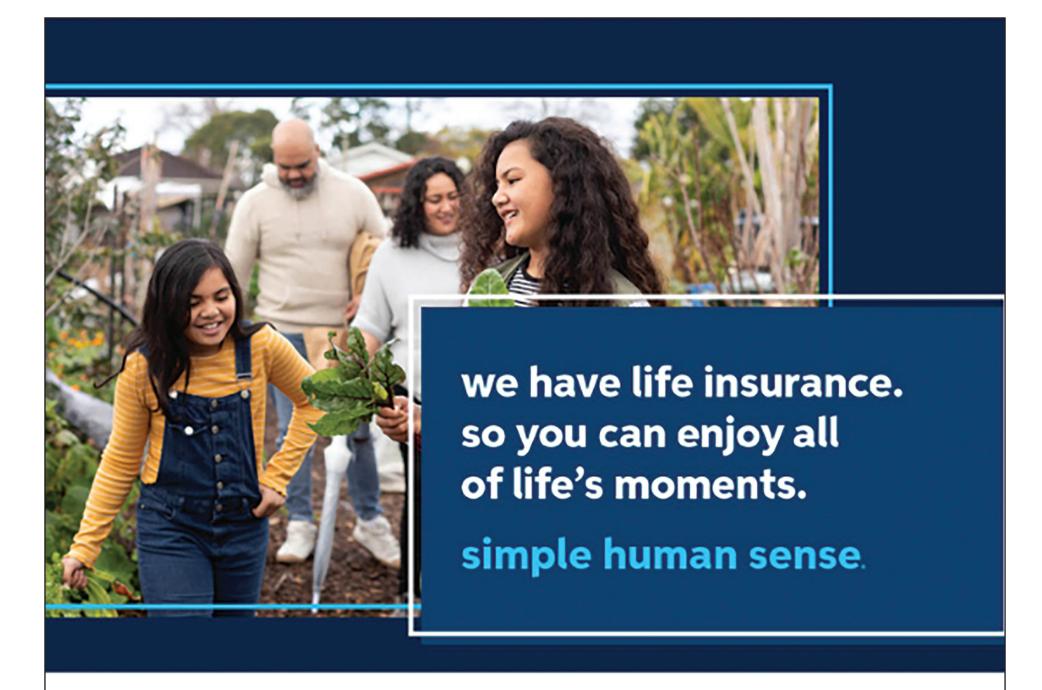
A temporary building was put up on the Locust Street lot to provide shelter for the fire wagon and horse and to take care of horses and mules used by the street depart-

The plans, as made by architect A. D. Simpson, called for an auditorium or courtroom, a market, stables, a prison and a fire station. It was found necessary and very advisable later to build the prison separate from the main structure

After the new city hall was built, a brick building was erected to replace the temporary one housing the department.

Soon after, Robert Campbell, was nominated for mayor. He was a native of Scotland. It was during his administration that the old city hall was built.

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DEVOTIONALS

The joy of the Lord in 2026



It's the end of the year. Cue the reflections and resolutions.

The year 2025 brought lots of changes for my family. The biggest event was selling our 2400 square foot home in a neighborhood, and moving into a 375 square foot motor home currently parked in the middle of a vineyard.

After losing both of our mommas within 2 years of each other, and sorting through decades of their belongings, we decided that this was not something we wanted our children to have to do.

So, sensing a call to purpose and simplicity, my husband and I sold our home, and gave our clutter the boot. We sold what we could and gave the rest away. Let's just say, our trash is now someone else's treasure, and we couldn't be more excited. Outside of what was necessary and a few decorations to make the bus homey, the only things we kept were irreplaceable things like photos, videos, and a couple of heirlooms that my children are not aware that they will want-someday.

Meanwhile, life on the bus is shaping up just like my husband and I dreamed. It feels efficient, cozy, and-simple. And, in the simplicity, we feel poised to seek God with more focus and experience His presence in more meaningful ways.

As I was praying about how to encourage our hearts for the new year, a conversation that seems to have been on repeat in my small circles all year came to mind.

It revolved around the presence of God and three Truths from scripture that I found myself speaking about constantly-with each exchange becoming more ferventparticularly with friends in seasons of hopelessness, despair, and loss.

It is the unbelievable notion that the strength we need to endure life's trials comes from the Joy of the Lord which He Himself pours into us when we dwell in His presence. And-perhaps-even more inconceivable is that His presence is welcomed when we simply praise Him- acknowledging His character, His attributes, and His accomplishments.

In Psalm 22, David cries out to God in the middle of his suffering, but suddenly, he remembers that God is with him even in dark times. In verse 3 he declares, "You are...enthroned on the praises..." of Your people (ESV). David knew that his praise is the seat upon which God enthrones Him-

This is a clear invitation for us to worship Jesus in all ways, at all times. Praise and thanksgiving create a welcoming environment for God to draw near to us.

As you know, we don't often get to stay on the mountain top of life where songs of praise seem to readily flow from our hearts. Praise can take on different forms at different times. So, it's in those hard seasons when we just don't "feel" like praising, or can't seem to find the "right" words, that we can turn to Psalms or blast our favorite worship song on repeat.

Psalm 16:11 tells us that in His presence is the fullness of Joy. Even when praise feels hard, it is so worth it! We can find gladness in drawing near to Him by just acknowledging his greatness and all of the ways He has shown Himself faithful in our lives-even if we are just recounting His faithfulness to David in the Psalms, or singing about His faithfulness to generations through a worship song.

If we will just open our mouths and hearts to praise Him-that's when something amazing happens. As we verbalize the great things that God has already done for His people and praise His character, something in the atmosphere-in our hearts-begins to shift.

The shift happens for us just like it did for the Israelites when they were weeping over their failures brought to light by Ezra as he reminded them of God's law. In Nehemiah 8:10, Nehemiah urges the people to come out of their sadness and find strength in the Lord's joy!

The Lord's Joy-not a fleeting emotion or a feeling dependent on what's happening around you. The Lord's Joy-a deep, abiding source of power that gives you the strength to face challenges and persevere! The Lord's Joy that is manifest to the fullest in His presence!

So, that is exactly what I'm praying for as we step into 2026: that we will make space to praise God more intentionally, invite His presence into every moment, and allow The Lord's Joy to fill us completely. Because when His Joy becomes our strength, we're equipped to face whatever this new year holds-not in fear or striving, but in confidence and peace, knowing He is with us.

Happy New Year! Praise the Lord!

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Do you still hear the bell?

Christmas is supposed to be the season of joy and hope. But if we're honest, it's also the season when doubt can get loud. You may know the Scriptures. You may sing every hymn by heart. Yet life has hit you so hard that believing feels like work. If that's you, take heart. You're not alone. When faith gets quiet, the Holy Spirit gets louder.

In moments when God feels distant and prayers feel weak, the Spirit steps in. When you don't have the words, He intercedes. When your faith feels like an ember instead of a fire, He breathes life back into it. God hasn't gone silent. He's working deeper than your emotions. Truth doesn't arrive all at once. Faith is not a download. It's a journey.

The Holy Spirit leads us step by step, moment by moment. If you're still learning, still growing, still wrestling, you're not behind. You're being led. We all walk this road at different speeds, and God designed it that way.

You don't earn your place as God's be a doorway to deeper faith.

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Scripture tells us that the Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we belong to God. That means your relationship with Him is not based on performance. You don't have to prove yourself. You don't need spiritual trophies. Assurance doesn't come from how you feel. It comes from who He is.

When condemnation shouts, the Spirit whispers truth. Salvation happens in a moment, but renewal happens daily. The same Spirit who saved you is the One who sustains you. Growth doesn't come from trying harder. It comes from yielding more. And here's the beautiful part. God doesn't force faith.

Like a simple invitation, the Holy Spirit stands at the door and asks, "Well, you coming?" Before you ever chose God, He was choosing you. Redemption starts with God pursuing you, not the other way around.

Belief is learned. Even honest doubt can

There will be moments when others seem to hear God clearly and you don't. Moments when miracles surround you, yet belief feels hard. That's okay. Faith comes before evidence. And when faith rises, something shifts inside. You hear the bell

"For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.." Romans 10:10

Life will try to silence that bell. Pain, disappointment, and trauma all work against wonder. But for those who believe, the Spirit keeps ringing truth in their hearts again and again. Redemption is not just a moment. It's a lifetime of listening.

So this week, pay attention. Where is God trying to get your attention? Which voice are you listening to condemnation or truth? Are you striving to earn grace or resting in it?

The bell is ringing. The invitation is

The only question left is simple. Are you



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

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Weekly Bible Verse

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

- John 16:33 (King James Version)

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OBITUARIES



Phyllis Ann Barnes

RAINBOW CITY - A private family memorial service will be held for Mrs. Phyllis Barnes, age 80, of Rainbow City, who passed away on Friday, December 26, 2025. Burial will take place at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Southside, Ala-

bama. Phyllis was a lifelong resident of Etowah County and spent most of her career working in retail sales. She was not particularly outgoing and preferred the comforts of home. A simple cookout from time to time was enough to make her happy. She loved her family deeply, though she could be somewhat stubborn—Phyllis believed her way was always the best way.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted Barnes; grandson, Dylan Works; parents, Dallas and Mary Etta Parker; and siblings, Clyde, Nell Jo, and Liz.

She is survived by her daughters, Renee Works (Bud Payne) and Bridgett Moore (Joel); son, Tyrone Barnes; stepdaughter, Tammy Gibbs (William); grandchildren. Drew (Amber). Alex, Victoria(Trevor), and Wesley; and great-grandchildren, Jagger and Brynlee. Sister Jane Brothers and sister in law Dot Parker.

The family extends special thanks to the staff of Gentiva Hospice for their compassionate care.

Crestwood Funeral Home is announcing.



Albert "Al" Andrepont

RAINBOW CITY - A memorial service will be held in Louisiana (TBD), for Joan Poole Bivins, age 84, Albert Maurice Andrepont, 77, who died Tuesday, December 23, 2025 peacefully, and was surrounded by his family.

Al and his wife Fran made their home in Rainbow City, Alabama. He was born and Home and Crematory is in raised in Basile, Louisiana to Alberta and Maurice Andrepont, and graduated

tate developer and business with her grandchildren. owner for many years, and moved to the newspaper in- death by her Husband, Kendustry where he worked un- neth Bivins; sisters, Dean til his retirement. He loved Green and Helen Chapman; his children and grandchil- brothers, Carl Poole and dren and was affectionately Calvin Poole. known to them as 'Pop' and 'Grandpa'.

games with his father for siblings, J.R. Poole, Dellie many years. Al was a tal- McGatha, Gerome Poole, ented artist, woodworker, and Alice Colefish; a host of and painter. He was an Ea- nieces and nephews. gle Scout, a member of the Etowah Chamber of Com- Poole, Jonathon Richards, and he actively participated Brad O'Mahony, and Donny in and won several cookoff competitions. Along with Fran, he co-founded the foundation of promoting and Gerome Poole. wellness through nutritious, heart-healthy cooking. He published three cookbooks and created his own line of Regional Medical Center. seasoning, which coincided after his own heart health home. struggles.

The "dash" between his date of birth and date of death (July 29, 1948 - December 23, 2025) represents the time he spent alive on earth - Al filled that time loving, and giving to family and everyone he knew.

He is survived by his wife, Fran Beresid Andrepont; daughter, Amy Andrepont; sons, Jude (Meagan) Andrepont and Mike (Jamie) Andrepont; step-sons, Steve Beresid and Craig (Stacy) Beresid; grandchildren, Ian, Carsyn (Peter), Ethan, Ashton, Logan, Michael (Ellen), Ella, Devin, Zachary, Jerrod (Taylor), and Eric; and great-grandchild, Brooks. and Kathryn Hebert, and his to George and Mae Silvey. brother-in-law, Sam Essmeier, surviving spouse of his High School in 1948 and late sister Jeanne Essmeier.

by his parents; his sister, Jeanne Essmeier; and Mickey Deslatte, the late partner years during the Korean of his sister Yvonne.

We are grateful for the life Al shared with all of us. In trade, Babe was a longtime his own words, the key to having a loving family was to 'Treat them right and feed them well.'

Connie Joan Poole Bivins

GADSDEN - A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at Gospel Truth Ligthhouse Church, for Connie of Gadsden, who passed away, December 28, 2025. Reverend Larry Perkins and Glenn Dennis will officiate. Burial will follow at Rainbow Memorial Gardens. Village Chapel Funeral charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Bivins was a member of Gospel Temple Truth

1966. He attended McNeese enjoyed her time reading and stories with ease and al-tribute. State University and USL, and studying her bible. She studying business and ar- loved her family dearly and chitecture. He was a real es- cherished the time she spent

She is survived by her son, Ken (Kristy) Bivins; grand-He was an avid LSU children, Dylan Bivins, Bret fan, and attended football Bivins, and Emily Bivins;

Pallbearers will be: Bret Eunice Lions Club, and the Bivins, Kevin Balk, Danny merce. He loved to cook Bruce Brown, Bryan Poole, Turley.

pallbearers Honorary will be: J.R. Poole, Rick Fral's, a business built on O'Mahony, Jimmy Jones, The family wishes to ex-

> press a special thanks to the Nurses and staff of Gadsden Visitation will be held

with the healthy lifestyle Tuesday from 5:30 until 7 he passionately promoted p.m. Tuesday at the funeral



George "Babe" Silvey, Jr.

RAINBOW CITY George Marion "Babe" Silvey, Jr., was born on He graduated from Etowah went on to proudly serve Al was preceded in death his country in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 14 years before serving in the Army for four

War A retired electrician by member of IBEW Local 136. He was a faithful member of Rainbow Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years, where his steady devotion, humility, and servant's heart were evident to all who knew him. He also served on the board of Old Harmony Cemetery and was a longtime volunteer with the Way of the Cross min-

Babe was known for his quick wit, sneaky smile, and gentle sense of humor that often appeared just when you least expected it. He had a deep love of history and a voracious appetite for learning, spending countless hours reading and studying—especially anything related to history. Thoughtful and curious by nature, he

ways enjoyed sharing what he had learned.

Connie was preceded in the Coosa River. The river water — a testament to the remained close to his heart faithfully as he carried his Peter leaves behind. love for home, family, and

love for his family, and his tion for simple pleasures, in- 1:00 PM. cluding his well-known love of Big Jack's breakfast. He was loved by all who knew him, and his quiet strength, wisdom, and warmth will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mae Silvey; his first wife, Florence Morgan Silvey; his brothers, Bill and John Silvey; and his sister, Jo Ann Messer.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Jo Silvey; his brother, Cecil (Sandra) Silvey; his children, Jerry Wayne Brown; Jim (Coy) Brown; Eva Silvey Leonard; Shane (Kandis) Brown; and Wade (Misty) Silvey; along with 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the many friends who lovingly supported the family with many kind deeds, phone calls and support. The family would also like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Deborah Reiland and Enhabit Hospice for their exceptional care and compassion during his final

A funeral service was held Funeral Home, with Ray Tucker and Wade Hooper officiating.



Peter Anthony Turner

GADSDEN - We bid farewell to Peter Anthony Turner (Gadsden, Alabama), whose journey of life gracefully concluded on December 24, 2025 at the age of 38. Peter touched countless lives with warmth and kindness, leaving behind cherished memories that will forever echo in hearts. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Peter Anthony Turner to pay them a last

As Peter departs from this earthly realm, his es-In his younger years, Babe sence lingers — a whisper den, AL 35904. was an avid fisherman of on the wind, a ripple on the enduring power of love to throughout his life, and even transcend the boundaries of in his last days, he knew it life and death. Though Peter well. He never forgot his fa- may no longer walk beside vorite fishing spots, carrying us, his spirit lives on in the those memories with him as memories and the legacy

A viewing was held on Tuesday, December 30, Above all, Babe will be re- 2025 at the Chapel of West membered for his unwaver- Gadsden Funeral Home ing faith in God, his undying (2118 Forrest Ave, Gadsden, AL 35904). A celebration of devotion to his country. He life will be held on Wednesalso never lost his appreciaday, December 31, 2025 at



Lorene Wallace Suits

A funeral service was held Sunday, December 28, 2025 for Lorene Wallace Suits at Collier-Butler Funeral Home.

Lorene was born October 19, 1931 to Abe and Lula Wallace. She married S.D. 'Buster" Suits on March 3, 1950 and together they had four children. She was a beloved Wife,

Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great-Great held on Friday, December Grandmother and friend to She is preceded in death

by her parents, her husband, He is also survived by his September 26, 1929, in at 12:30 PM on December all nine of her siblings, son, sisters, Yvonne Andrepont Rainbow City, Alabama, 23, 2025 at Collier-Butler Dewayne Suits and grandson, Dane Suits. She is survived by her

daughters Denita Farmer, great-grandchildren and one Hospice. great-great-grandson.

Lorene was raised in the South Gadsden Community. She graduated from Etowah High School in 1949. She worked at Pizitz and McRae's where she enjoyed selling cosmetics. Lorene then went to work at the Etowah Tourism Board. Her last job was Walmart as a door-greeter. She was a member of Higher Ground Baptist Church.

The family would like to thank her caregivers Cathy Hicks, Stevie Ivey and Jane Clayton, Nurse Amy Clough and Misty Patterson with ACG Hospice for the extraordinary love, care, compassion and kindness that they showed her.

Rev. James O. Wallace and Rev. Jimmy Umphrey officiated the service. Pallbearers were Barry Bowen, Jimmy Lay, Eddie Smith, Koty Smith, Billy Joe Wallace and Guy Lee.

In lieu of flowers, the fam-

ily asks to donate to Higher Ground Baptist Church, 2955 Fairview Road Gads-



Marie Mayo Mosley

SARDIS CITY - Marie Mayo Mosley, age 89, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2025 at her home in Sardis City, Alabama. She will be remembered by her family and friends as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Goldie R. "Cooter" Mosley, parents, Cecil and Leone Mayo, and sister Irene Bai-

She is survived by her son- David (Susan) Mosley, daughter-Debbie Mosley; her grandchildren- Matt Mosley, Anna Lewis, Katy (Josh) Henry, Josh Mosley and Laurie (Dustin) Sampson; five great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren and her brother, James Mayo also brother and sister-in-law Tommy and Judy Mosley an a host of nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service was 26, 2025 at Whitesboro Baptist Church with Bro. Joe Noojin, Bro. Alan Hallmark and Bro. Rickey Haygood officiated. She was laid to rest at Whitesboro Cemetery.

Special thanks to our son, Dennis (Rebecca) Suits, family caregiver, Marilyn Thomas, Lindsay Martin, Dana Smith, grandchildren, RN and our team at Enhabit









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SPORTS

Local **Schedules**

College Basketball

Women's

Jan. 5 GSCC vs. Pellissippi State Community College at PSCC at 2 p.m.

Men's

Jan. 5

GSCC vs. Pellissippi State Community College at PSCC at 3 p.m.

High School Basketball

Jan. 2

Southside vs. Gville at Gville at 6 p.m.

Gaston vs. Ragland at Ragland at 11 a.m. Sardis vs. Cherokee

County at home at 4:15 Hokes Bluff vs. New Hope at New Hope at

5:30 p.m. Jan. 3

Gadsden City vs. Hazel Green at Hazel Green Glencoe vs. Wellborn at Wellborn at 5 p.m. Westbrook vs. Jeffer-

son Christian Academy at home at 3:45 p.m. Jan. 5

West End vs. Cleveland at Cleveland at 5:30 p.m.

Coosa Christian vs. Pleasant Valley at Pleasant Valley at 6 p.m.

Jan. 6 Gadsden City vs. Oxford at Oxford

Southside vs. Fort Payne at Fort Payne at 6 p.m.

Sardis vs. Douglas at home at 5:30 p.m. Etowah vs. Oneonta at

home at 5:15 p.m. Glencoe vs. Piedmont at Piedmont at 5:30 p.m. Hokes Bluff vs. Ash-

ville at home at 5:30 p.m. Westbrook Ohatchee at Ohatchee at 6 p.m.

Gaston vs. Pleasant Valley at home at 6 p.m. Coosa Christian vs. Ragland at Ragland at 6

Boys

Jan. 2 Southside vs. Gville at

Gville at 6:45 p.m. Coosa Christian vs. Appalachian at Appala-

chian at 7:30 p.m. Sardis vs. Cherokee County at home at 5:30

Jan. 3

Gadsden City vs. Hazel Green at Hazel Green

at 7:30 p.m. Glencoe vs. Wellborn at Wellborn at 2 p.m.

Westbrook vs. Jefferson Christian Academy at home at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 5

West End vs. Cleveland at Cleveland at 7 p.m.

Coosa Christian vs. Pleasant Valley at Pleasant Valley at 7 p.m. Jan. 6

Southside vs. Fort Payne at Fort Payne at 7:30 p.m.

Glencoe vs. Piedmont at Piedmont at 7 p.m. Hokes Bluff vs. Ash-

ville at home at 7 p.m. Westbrook Ohatchee at Ohatchee at 7:30 p.m.

Gaston vs. Pleasant Valley at home at 7:30

Coosa Christian vs. Ragland at Ragland at 7:30 p.m.

Coosa Christian reinstates Mark O'Bryant

Mark O'Bryant has been restored as head football coach at Coosa Christian School following a one-year suspension.

The school, coming off its firstever state football championship, announced on Dec. 16 that O'Bryant will return to lead the Conquerors.

In a statement, the school said

O'Bryant has long been an important figure in the football program and expressed confidence in his leadership as the team looks ahead to the upcoming season.

O'Bryant had been suspended after the Alabama High School Athletic Association penalized Coosa Christian and placed the program on probation for using

an ineligible player, a violation of the AHSAA's Coaching Outside School Year Rule.

During O'Bryant's suspension, Coosa Christian remained eligible for the 2025 AHSAA playoffs under interim head coach Rush Propst.

After dropping their first two games under Propst, the Conquerors rebounded with 13 consecutive victories, culminating in the school's first state championship.

The school also acknowledged Propst's contributions, thanking him and his wife, Stefnie, for their dedication and support of the football program and for their service to student-athletes throughout the

Hokes Bluff defeats White Plains at tourney



Photo by Alex Chaney/Special to the Messenger

The Hokes Bluff varsity boys defeated White Plains 40-36 to take the Patrick Ball Memorial Basketball Tournament championship on Monday, Dec. 22, 2025.

Recent Scores

High School Girls Basketball

Dec. 20

Gadsden City girls varsity basketball team lost Saturday's neutral non-conference game against Guntersville, 18-61

For Gadsden City, Amauri Bowie scored seven points; Janyla Grady had four; Naomi Taylor added three; Jadance Poleate had two; and Trinity Wright and Jaliyah Jones each scored one point. Dec. 22

Gaston girls varsity basketball team lost Monday's home nonconference game against Southeastern (Remlap), 36-51.

West End girls varsity basketball team won Monday's home non-conference game against Pennington (Blountsville), 50-

Sardis girls varsity basketball team won Monday's home nonconference game against Arab, 44-38.

Etowah girls varsity basketball team lost Monday's home nonconference game against Southside, 28-39.

High School Boys Basketball

Dec. 22

Gaston boys varsity basketball team lost Monday's home nonconference game against Southeastern (Remlap), 38-59.

West End boys varsity basketball team won Monday's home non-conference game against

Pennington (Blountsville), 48-

Sardis boys varsity basketball team won Monday's home nonconference game against Arab,

Etowah boys varsity basketball team lost Monday's home nonconference game against Southside, 52-55.

Dec. 26

Gadsden City boys varsity basketball team won Friday's neutral tournament game against Carver Montgomery, 88-80.

College Basketball <u>Men</u>

Dec. 15

Gadsden State men's basketball team defeated Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, 80-

For Gadsden State, Jaedin Rey-

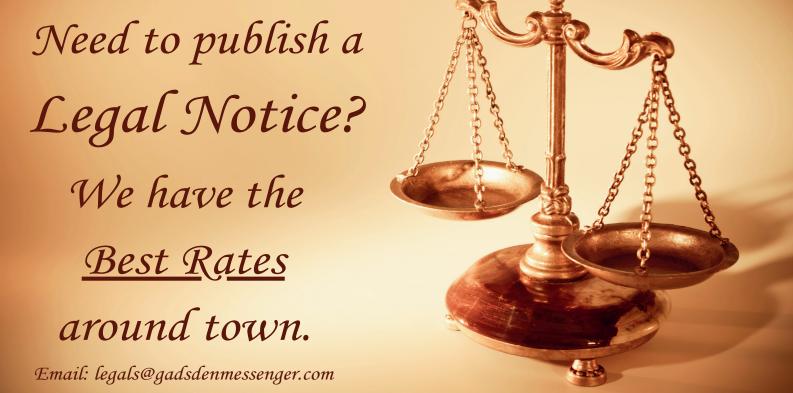
na scored 18 points; Julien Barnett had 14; KeShawn Watkins added 13; Julius Winston had 12; Keota Watkins scored seven; Jayden Parks and Kade Slaton each had five; Marcus Towns finished with four; and Nathan Henley Jr. scored two points.

College Basketball Women

Dec. 15

Gadsden State women's basketball team defeated Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. 74-66.

For Gadsden State, Kam Gaines scored 20 points; Katelyn St. Clair had 18; Lilac Stanton and Jykierra Oliver each scored eight; Khaleyah Jones and Cesa Hernandez added six points apiece; and Alyssa Freeman finished with two points.





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LEGALS

NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Reba W Knott, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns dated July 22, 2010; said mortgage being record-ed on August 9, 2010 as Instrument No. 3336139 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2025, Page 3599029 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm). on January 21, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST COR-NER OF THE NORTH-FOURTH OF EAST NORTHEAST THE FOURTH OF SEC-TION 13, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGES 5 EAST OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA: THENCE NORTH 00 **DEGREES 19 MINUTES** WEST 16.3 FEET TO THE CENTER OF OT-WAY ROAD: THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST 906.8 FEET TO AN EXISTING 1/2" ROD; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 440.0 FEET TO AN EXISTING 1/2' REBAR LOCATED AT THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE **PROPERTY** HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE FROM THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST 396.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 880.0 FEET TO A POINT: THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST 396.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 87 **DEGREES 35 MINUTES** WEST 880.0 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED.

Said property is commonly known as 632 Brow Rd, Boaz, AL 35956.

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

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

Alabama law gives some persons who have an

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

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

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS LLC as holder of said mort-

gage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203

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NOTICE OF **FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been

made in the payment

of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Stephon Parker, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Bank its successors and assigns. on November 13, 2014, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on November 17. 2014. as Document Number 3410055. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on January 21, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.39 MORE ACRES, OR

LESS AND BEING A PORTION OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 IN SECTION 27, TWP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUN-TY, ALABAMA AND BE-ING MORE PARTICU-LARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE A THE

SOUTHWEST COR-NER OF SAID FORTY; THENCE N 02 DEG. 26 MIN. 26 SEC W, A DISTANCE OF 29.85 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PINEHAVEN ROAD; THENCE N 88 DEG. 09 MIN. 16 SEC. E ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 590.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE N 02 DEG 24 MIN 37 SEC. W, LEAV-ING SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE 140.05 FEET THENCE N 88 DEG. 08 MIN. 39 SEC. E, A DISTANCE OF 115.00 FEET; THENCE S 02 DEG 24 MIN. 37 SEC.E A DISTANCE OF 140.11 FEET TO AFORESAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE THENCE S 88 DEG. 09 MIN. 16 SEC. W ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 115.00 TO THE POINT

OF BEGINNING. THE FOLLOWING 0.94 ACRE PARCEL: COM-**MENCE AT A RAILROAD** SPIKE ON THE INTER-SECTION OF THE CEN-TERLINE OF PINEHAV-EN ROAD (VARYING R/W) AND THE EAST-ERLÝ RIGHT-OF-WAY GARMON ROAD (60' R/W), SAID POINT MONUMENTING THE SW CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 - SE 1/4, SEC-TION 27, T-12-S, R-6-E OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. COUNTY, ALABAMA. FROM SAID POINT OF COMMENCEMENT RUN N 2° 26'26" W AND

ALONG THE WEST

LINE OF SAID FORTY A DISTANCE OF 29.85 FEET TO A "WALKER" CAPPED IRON FOUND AT THE POINT OF IN-TERSECTION OF THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID PI-NEDALE ROAD AND THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID GAR-MON ROAD; THENCE RUN N 88° 09'16" E ALONG THE NORTH-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY SAID PINEDALE ROAD A DISTANCE OF 590.05 FEET; THENCE DEFLECT LEFT, DE-PART FROM SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND RUN N 02° 24'37" W A DISTANCE OF 150.09 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET (PLS #20141) BE-ING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LANDS HEREIN DE-SCRIBED. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE ALONG THE PREVIOUSLY DE-SCRIBED COURSE A DISTANCE OF 199.27 THENCE RUN FEET: N 88° 02'12" E A DIS-TANCE OF 202.04 TANCE FEET: THENCE RUN S 01°51'23" E A DIS-TANCE OF 209.59 FEET THENCE RUN S 88° 08'41" W A DISTANCE OF 85.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET (PLS #20141); THENCE RUN N 02° 24'37" W A DIS-TANCE OF 10.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET (PLS #20141); THENCE RUN S 88° 09'16" W A DISTANCE OF 115.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING A POR-TION OF THE NW 1/4 - SE 1/4, SECTION 27, T-12-5, R-6-E OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDI-

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> MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE** NOTICE

Whereas, default hav-

ing been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by William Floyd and wife, Penny Floyd, to Family Savings Credit Union on the December 8, 2023, said mortgage being recorded at Instrument #3567401, Mortgage Records, Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and the undersigned, by reason of such default, having declared the entire reindebtedness maining secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable, and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given, that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the under-signed, Dana L. Rice, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the Courthouse door (being the door facing Forrest Avenue) in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 16, 2026. the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number One (1) in Block "K", in Cherokee Estates, Unit II, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 61, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Said sale will be made

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

Family Savings Credit Union Dana L. Rice, Its Attor-

closure process.

Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C. P. O. Box 129 Alabama Gadsden. 35902 (256) 543-3664

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by BETTY L. BARKER. unmarried. as Mortgagor(s) to Am-South Bank, now to RE-GIONS BANK successor by merger with AmSouth Bank, as Mortgagee, dated the 25th day of October, 2006, and recorded in Instrument No. 3260245; said mortgage being modified by instrument dated July 26, 2007 and recorded in Instrument No. 328744. et seq. of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama; said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder during legal hours of sale, on the 29th day of January, 2026, in the city of Gadsden, at the front door of the Court House of Etowah County, Alahama. the following described real property situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, to-wit:

All that real property situate, lying and being in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, described as follows, to-wit: Lot(s) 22 -24 in Block 4, Roberts Avenue, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 96- 97 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alahama

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, reservations and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and/or those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure pro-

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, and the other purposes set out in said mortgage. The sale will be conducted subject to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and also to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the Mortgagee.

REGIONS BANK successor by merger with AmSouth Bank Holder of said Mortgage Goodman G. Ledyard LEĎYARD PIERCE JOHNSTON, P.C. Attorneys for Mortgagee Post Office Box 161389 Mobile, Alabama 36616 (251) 338-1300

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NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE** FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default

having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Kimberly D Herrera, and, Lorenzo Herrera to Navy Federal Credit Union dated May 15, 2018; said mortgage being recorded on May 17, 2018 as Instrument No. 3467725 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Navy Federal Credit Union, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on January 26, 2026 the following_property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots Number One and Two (1 & 2), in Block Forty-Two (42), of Bellevue Highlands First Addition, as recorded in Plat book "B", Page 286-290, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Gadsden, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 300 Harts Ave, Gadsden, AL 35904.

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

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

certified funds in the

amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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ed subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

The sale will be conduct-

NAVY FEDERAL CRED-IT UNION as holder of said mort-

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MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE SALE** Default having been

made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Blake M Leath, an unmarried man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Southern Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, on May 23, 2016, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Prohate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3434610; with Modification Agreement recorded on November 07, 2023 in Instrument Number 3566011, also signed by Morgan Michelle Leath; the undersigned MidFirst Bank, as Mortgagee/Transferee. under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash. in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on February 4, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, towit: All that part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 5 East of the Huntsville Merid-

ian, more particularly

described as follows: Commencing at a railroad spike found at the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said section; thence along the North line of said section, North 88 degrees 24 minutes 34 seconds West a distance of 708.00 feet to an iron pin set, within the right-of-way of Horton Gap Road, at the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning, leaving said section and right-of-way, South 02 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds East a distance of 362.81 feet to a 3/8 inch rebar iron found; thence South 60 degrees 57 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 139.82 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 02 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West a distance of 434.19 feet to an iron pin set on North line of said section said point being within the right-ofway of said Horton Gap Road; thence within said right-of-way and along said section line, South 88 degrees 24 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 125.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, less and except any easements or rights-ofway, and being a portion of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 5 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 5255 Horton Gap Rd , Boaz, AL 35956. THIS PROP-ERTY WILL BE SOLD

ON AN "AS IS, WHERE

IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RE-COURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TI-TLE, USE AND/OR EN-JOYMENT AND WILL SOLD SUBJECT THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL ENTITLED PARTIES THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful hidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. MidFirst Bank, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood. AL 35223 www. tblaw.com TB File Num-25-13644-MF-AI ber: 01/02/2026, 01/09/2026,

January 2, 9, and 16, 2026

01/16/2026

MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by McGriff and Charles Spouse, Myra McGriff, originally in favor of Compass Bank, on April 14, 2009, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3312592: the undersigned PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass Bank, as Mortgagee/ Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash. in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on February 4, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot Numbers Twenty Seven 27 and Twenty Eight 28, in Block Number Four 4, in Elliot Park First Addition, according to the map therefore recorded in Plat Book B, Page 118 and 119, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, formerly Alabama City, Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 3612 Western Ave , Gadsden, AL 35904. THIS PROP-ERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RE-COURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TI-TLE, USE AND/OR EN-JOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure

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process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the process. foreclosure This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. PNC Bank, Association. National successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass Bank. ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. 2501 20th Place South Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw. com TB File Number: 23-02017 01/02/2026, 01/09/2026, 01/16/2026

January 2, 9, and 16, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Charles Darien Day was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/05/2025 to the Estate of Mary Jean Day, 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

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Darnell Ormond Grimes was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/11/2025 to the Estate of Ormond R. Grimes, Jr., deceased, Probate Court of Ftowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Mary Ann Walker and Barbara Morris Vice was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/24/2025 to the Estate of Linda Joyce Morris, 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

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Gina Kellett Moses was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/24/2025 to the Estate of Frances Ruth Elrod, 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

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Lynn Clemons Watson was/were appointed Representa-Personal tive(s) on 11/25/2025 over the Estate of Betty Carolyn Fowler Clemons, 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

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FILE CLAIMS Monte Beckert McNew

was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/02/2025 to the Estate of Carolyn Eloise McNew, deceased,

Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

December 19, 26, 2025

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

and January 2, 2026 FILE CLAIMS

Pinson was/ Angela were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/18/2018 to the Estate of Christopher Pinson, 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

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FILE CLAIMS

Mary Nichole Sowell was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/18/2025 to the Estate of Jimmy Barron. deceased. Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

December 26. 2025. January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Timothy Stephens was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/25/2025 to the Estate of Shirley Jean Stephens, 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

December 26, 2025,

FILE CLAIMS

January 2 and 9, 2026

Anthony Carter Bellew was/were appointed Representa-Personal tive(s) on 11/26/2025 to the Estate of Bertha Luvena Bellew, 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

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

James Robert Morgan, Jr., John Todd Morgan, and Vickie Marie Morgan Lasseter was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/01/2025 to the Estate of Bertha Vivian M. Morgan, 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

December 26, 2025,

January 2 and 9, 2026 FILE CLAIMS

Jacob Millican, ESQ. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/01/2025 to the Estate of Jerry Claude Talley, 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

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FILE CLAIMS

Lara E. Graves was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/01/2025 to the Estate of Mattie Jo Graves, 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

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS Stephen James Marriott

was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/02/2025 to the Estate of Jane M. Petty a/k/a Jane Carole Marriott, 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

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FILE CLAIMS

Hill Matt was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 12/02/2025 to the Estate of Charles Sims A/K/A Charles Edward Sims, Probate deceased. Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

December 26, 2025,

Justin L. Brown was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/02/2025 to the Estate of David Lawrence Brown, 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

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Paulette C. Rogers was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/03/2025 to the Estate of Jerry Donald Rogers, 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

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FILE CLAIMS

Stacey Lawder was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/03/2025 over the Estate of John William Gilam, 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

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FILE CLAIMS

Edgar Howard was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/09/2025 to the Estate of Wymon Howard, 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

December 26, 2025,

January 2 and 9, 2026 FILE CLAIMS

Michael Anthony Daugette was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 12/09/2025 to the Estate of Wanda Faye Couey Daugette, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama no-tifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Phyliss Darlene Scott was/were appointed Representa-Personal tive(s) on 12/10/2025 to the Estate of Ricky Delaney Scott, 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

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AAR-ON JUNIOR PHILLIPS, DECEASED CASE NO: 2025-00780

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of AARON JUNIOR PHILLIPS, Deceased, having been submitted to the Honorable Scott W. Hassell, Judge of Probate, by Petitioners, Janice Philips and Aaron Phillips, on the 10th day of December, 2025; Notice is hereby given

that all persons contesting said Petition shall file a response thereto with the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902, within 30 days of the date of this publica-

Done this the 23rd day of December, 2025

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 2, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING THE PROBATE

COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: JEANNETTE RAGAN. **INCAPACITATED** Case #: I-215

TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY belonging to the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the

20th day of JANUARY 2026 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 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025

Scott W. Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

NOTICE OF HEARING

and January 2, 2026

THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: JAMES WALKER, ALLEGED INCAPACI-TATED Case #: 2025-773

TO: Kay Bryant and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LET-TERS OF GUARDIAN-SHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 4TH day of FEBRU-ARY 2026 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

DONE THIS THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

Scott W. Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

choose.

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CV - 2025 - 900597

GRACE DARLENE WHITLOCK and JUSTIN WHITLOCK **PLAINTIFFS**

BARBARA CAROL PITTS AND

THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOL-LOWS: To reach a point of be-

ginning for the hereinafter described parcel of land, commence at the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence run South 88 degrees oo minutes West, along the South line thereof. 30.08 feet to a point in the West line of Turner Road; thence run North 02 degrees 14 minutes East along said West line, parallel with the East line of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, 1,150.15 feet to a point; thence run South 84 degrees 20 minutes West, 789.6 feet to a point, which is the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence from said point of beginning deflect 180 degrees left and run North 84 degrees 20 minutes East 100 feet to a point; thence deflect left and run North 02 degrees 14 minutes East 277.43 feet, more or less, to a point on the South line of Rocky Ford Road 80-foot right of way; thence Westerly along the South line of Rocky Ford Road 100

West 277.43 feet, more or less, to the South property line, the point of beginning, and embracing portions of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 of SE 1/4) in Section Seven (7), Township Twelve (12) south, Range Eight (8) East of Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama. AND

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

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

case. The subject property is described as follows: To reach a point of beginning for the hereinafter described parcel of land, commence at the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence run South 88 degrees oo minutes West, along the South line thereof, 30.08 feet to a point in the West line of Turner December 19, 26, 2025 Road; thence run North 02 degrees 14 minutes East along said West line, parallel with the East line of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, 1,150.15 feet to a point; thence run South 84 degrees 20 minutes West, 789.6 feet to a point, which is the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence from said point of beginning deflect 180 degrees left and run North 84 degrees 20

minutes East 100 feet to a point; thence deflect left and run North 02 degrees 14 minutes East 277.43 feet, more or less, to a point on the South line of Rocky Ford Road 80-foot right of way; thence Westerly along the South line of Rocky Ford Road 100 feet, more or less, to a point which is North 02 degrees 14 minutes East from the point of beginning; thence deflect left and run South 02 degrees 14 minutes West 277.43 feet, more

or less, to the South property line, the point of beginning, and embracing portions of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 of SE 1/4) in Section Seven (7), Township Twelve (12) south, Range Eight (8) East of Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County,

Alabama. The address of the subject property is 7903 Rocky Ford Road, Gadsden, AL 35903. The PIN for the subject property is 23258.

Done the 4th day of December 2025 Cassandra Johnson Circuit Clerk of Etowah

/s/ Brynn T. Crain

256-547-7200

County

Circuit Judge /s/Jason Knowles Jason Knowles, Attorney for Plaintiff 413 Broad Street Gadsden, AL 35901

December 12, 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

In The Matter of the Adoption Petition of **7ACHARY** LAMON BOTHWELL CASE NO.:2025-00143

TO: Darrell Dewayne Rudolph, Jr. Address unknown

Please take notice that a petition for adoption of a child born to Anna Hutchison Bothwell has been filed in said Court the Petitioner(s) by named above alleging that the whereabouts of the biological father of said minor child are unknown and have not been disclosed to the Court. The minor child's date of birth is 07/30/2013. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response

within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be con-

Attorney for Petitioner: Victoria Parris Stigile, Esquire 945 Chestnut Street Gadsden, AL 35901

sidered terminated.

Given under my hand this the 16th day of December 2025.

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF CONDEMNTION -FORFEITURE

December 19, 26, 2025,

January 2 and 9, 2026

ACTION STATE OF ALABAMA, ex rel: Etowah County

Drug Enforcement Unit, CIRCUIT THE

COURT OF ETOWAH

COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO: CV-25-118-GCD

PLAINTIFF \$3,000.00 U.S. Currency

DEFENDANTS In Re: Justin Lenard Glass

ANY PERSON CORPORATION OTHER ENTITY CLAIM-ING AN OWNER'S BO-NA FIDE **INTEREST** IN THF HEREINABOVE DE-SCRIBED 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 currencv. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 12th day of February 2026. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said currency.

DONE this the 11th day of December, 2025

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: JU23-353.02 IN THE MATTER OF:

You are hereby given

NOTICE TO: SHELYNN JACKSON

L.L, A Minor

notice that a Petition has been filed seeking to terminate your parental rights to your minor child: L.B.L., born January 23, 2022. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the Etowah County Juvenile Court Clerk within fourteen (14) days of the date of last publication of this notice, or a default judgment by may be entered. The address is: Etowah County Juvenile Court, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama, 35901. You are notified that you have the right be represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, one can be appointed by the Court. This matter is set for hearing on February 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. before Judge Skelton at the Etowah County Judicial Building, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama, 35901.

Dated this the 5th day of December 2025,

Cassandra Johnson, DISTRICT/JUVENILE COURT CLERK ANDREW PERKINS

Attorney for the Petition-

ers Perkins Law Firm 755 Walnut Street Gadsden, AL 35901

December 12, 19, 26, 2025 and January 2,

2026 NOTICE OF **PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF**

PARENTAL RIGHTS IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA IN RE THE MATTER OF A.J.C. AND A.G.C. MI-NOR CHILDREN

TO: Harley Buice and Kenvatti Coleman

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 A.J.C, born 02-17-2023, A.G.C. born 02-17-2023, 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. Stallings, Assistant Attorney General, STATE OF ÁLABAMA DEPT. OF HUMAN RE-SOURCES 220 West Main St., within fourteen (14) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default iudament can be entered against you. A parent has the right to representation of an attorney in a dependency or a termination of parental rights trial, and, if indigent, the Court may appoint an attorney if requested. Should the parent desire a court- appointed attorney, application should be made immediately upon receipt of notice of the action, by contacting the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama on or before the 1st day of January, 2026.

CASSANDRA JOHN-SON Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

Attorney for Petitioner: Sheri W. Stallings Assistant Attorney General Etowah County Department of Human Re-

sources

Centre, Alabama 35960 December 12, 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

220 West Main St.

NOTICE TO DIANA WHEELER-MEANS OF COMPLAINT FOR **DIVORCE**

COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA CHARLES LEE MEANS.

CIRCUIT

PLAINTIFF, Case No.: DR-2025-900277

THE

IN

DIANA WHEELER-MEANS,

DEFENDANT. Diana Wheeler-Means, who is named as the Defendant in the abovestyled case and whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Plaintiff's Complaint for Divorce that has been filed in this case. You must answer the Complaint within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication or thereafter a default judgment for divorce and other relief may be rendered

against you. Done the 10th day of December, 2025.

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

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

December 12, 19, 26,

2025 and January 2,

2026

LEGAL NOTICE

accordance with

Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Alabama Grading & Excavation, LLC, has completed the Contract George Wallace Drive Street Resurfacing Project No. 3606 in Gadsden, AL 35904 for the City of Gadsden, Owner(s), 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 Heath Williamson, PE for The City of Gadsden, Owner, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. December 19, 26, 2025,

January 2 and 9, 2026 A BILL TO BE **ENTITLED AN ACT**

STATE OF ALABAMA, **COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

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feet, more or less, to

a point which is North

02 degrees 14 minutes

East from the point of

beginning; thence de-

flect left and run South

02 degrees 14 minutes

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced

the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made:

Relating to Etowah County; to repeal Section 45-28-71, Code of Alabama 1975, providing an alternative process for filling vacancies in any Etowah County office which occur more than one year before the expiration of the term of

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-28-71, Code of Alabama 1975, providing an alternative process for filling vacancies in any Etowah County office which occur more than one year before the expiration of the term of office, is repealed.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.

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RESOLUTION NO. R-876-25

Ordering Abatement of

located at 601 TUS-CALOOSA AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BEG INT N LINE OF SEC 4 & NW ROW OF T A & G RAILROAD ROW TH 460S ALONG SAID N LINE TH SW TO N'LY ROW OF TUSCALOO-SA AVE TH SE ALONG TUSCALOOSA AVE TO THE INT OF N'LY ROW OF TUSCALOOSA AVE & NW ROW OF TA & G RAILROAD ROW TH NE ALONG NE ROW OF T A & G RAILROAD ROW TO POB BEING 14 AC(C) LYING IN NW1/4 NE1/4 GADSDEN 4-12-

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-1-000-007.000 PIN# 33081

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to SI-ARES PROPERTY, LLC, P.O. BOX 8000, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35902. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-877-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located

NORTH 11TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

All of that land bounded as follows: Bounded on North by the South line of the Hugo Hecht Plat and the South line of Plat produced Easterly said plat being recorded in Plat Book "C" Page 6; on the East by Jacksonville Court, Plat or map being recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 147; on the South by the North line of Alley as described in Deed Book 4 "M", Page 502, on the West by the East line of North 11th Street, save and except a 50 foot lot on the North side as described in Deed record Book 530, Page 597 all plats and deed Records in the Etowah County Probate Office or more fully described as follows: begin at a point on East line of North Eleventh Street which point is 50 feet Southerly from the Southerly line of the Hugo Hecht Plat as platted and recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 6 in the Etowah County Probate Office; Thence run Easterly and parallel to the Southerly line of the said Hecht plat and said line produced for 125.0 feet to a point; Thence run Southerly and in a direct

line 69.4 feet to a point which is 132.0 feet Easterly from the Easterly line of North 11th Street; thence run Westerly direction and parallel to the Southerly line of said Hecht plat for 132.0 feet to a point in the Easterly line of North 11th Street; Thence run Northerly and along line of North 11th Street 70.0 feet to the point of beginning. Lying in and being a portion of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 5, Township 12 South, Range 6 East, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-1-000-061.000 PIN# 36318

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by

the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to ROSE NELL BRANTLEY, 18204 DEFOREST AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO 44128, 439 NORTH 11TH STREET, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and

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

Adopted by the City Gads-Council den on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-878-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located

507 CHESTER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot 5, Block 27, accord-

ing to the Survey of Walnut Park or West Point Second Addition, as recorded in Map Book "B", Page 117, in the Probate Office of Etowah County,

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-445.000 PIN# 50184

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to SEBRINA PAYNĚ, 163 WILSON CIRCLÉ, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 507 CHESTER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAM 35904, KATHERINE B & HUSB JEREMY L BAK-ER, 163 WILSON CIR-GADSDEN, AL 35901.

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

should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code. Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-879-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building

Official has determined that a structure located 108 CHIEFTAIN WAY in

District 1 in the City of

Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number two (2), Block "J", of Cherokee Estates, Unit Two (2), according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book G, Page 61,

Probate Office, Etowah

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-3-000-245.000 PIN# 44435

County, Alabama.

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to TUSCACAL, 2084 VALLEY-

DALE ROAD, BIRMING-HAM, ALABAMA 35244 TUSCACAL 108 CHEIFTAIN WAY GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF FIRST BANK OF AL-ABAMA, PO BOX 797, TALLADEGA, AL 35161.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is

authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code. Adopted by the City Council of Gads-Council Gadsden on December 9,

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-880-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located

316 CROMWELL AVE-NUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot No. Seventeen (17) in Block Number One (1) in May Flower Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 37, in the Office of the Probate Judge of Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-06-24-2 000-025.000 PIN# 45228

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to STEVEN R ŠATTERWHITE, 3166 HIGHFIELD DRIVE, HIGHFIELD MONTGOMERY, ABAMA 36111, CROMWELL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-881-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located

1501 HARRISON AVE-NUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots Numbers Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20) in Block Number Twenty-six (26), in the Gadsden Realty Company's South Gadsden Addition, according to the map thereof as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Book of Town Plats "B", Pages 314-315, and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-03-08-3-000-164.000 PIN# 39523

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to the potential heirs of ROY WOOD, GLENDA WOOD DABBS, 2822 COUNTRY ROAD 386, BOAZ, ALABAMA 35957, the potential heirs of ROYCE ROB-ERT WOOD, SHAWN WOOD, 1617 PIERCE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904 BRANDI ROLL, 233 IVY LANE, SPRINGVILLE ALABAMA 35146, and RAY KEITH WOOD (Incarcerated at the Etowah County Jail), 827 FOR-REST AVENUE, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35901 SHAWN WOOD AND BRANDI ROLL 'PER-SONAL REP', 233 IVY LANE, SPRINGVILLE, ALABAMA 35146.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes

should be abated. The Building Official is authorized to

abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

a nuisance in violation

of the City Code and

Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Adopted by the City

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-882-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located

SHORT JACK-SON AVENUE (County records list property address as 1605 SHORT JACKSON AVENUE) in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number 10 in Block 34 in Gadsden Realty Company's South Gadsden or Crescent Heights Addition, according to a map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book Pages, 314 and Probate Office, Etowah County, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with the mobile home presently located on a portion of said real estate.

ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-103.000 PIN# 39397

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to MARY LEE RECTOR, 1603 SHORT JACKSON **AVENUE** GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 1605 SHORT JACKSON AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, TERRI ELAINE BEAIRD & 'ETALS' AND **RUFUS LEON RECTOR** AND JAMES MATTHEW RECTOR, 1603 SHORT JACKSON ST, GADS-DEN, AL 35904

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-883-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance Whereas, the Building

Official has determined that a structure located 1054 TUSCALOOSA AV-ENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: House and Lot Fifty (50)

feet wide and One Hundred Forty-Eight (148) feet long, on Tuscaloosa Street Bound East by Mrs. Ross and North by Arthur McCauly (Now known as the Dock Drain home), more particularly described as being on the North Corner of Tuscaloosa Street and Callants Alley, and facing Spring Street, together with all improvements located thereon and being known as 1054 Tuscaloosa Avenue, and being and lying in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Legal Description as follows: Beginning in the South right of way Tuscaloosa Avenue and West right of way Tuscaloosa Court the Northwest 50' along South 148'-140 1

South right of way Tuscaloosa Avenue then South; thence East 50' to the West right of way Tuscaloosa Court the Northeast 148'-140' South on right of way to the point of beginning, said property being and lying in Section 5, Township 12 South, Range 6 East, in the City of Gads-

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-1-000-055.000

abama.

den, Etowah County, Al-

PIN# 36311

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to TONY CROOK, 1054 TUSCALOOSA AV-ENUE, GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA 35904.

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

of the City Code and

should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code. Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9,

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

2025.

RESOLUTION NO. R-884-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located

11 E. WILKINSON AVE-NUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

That certain parcel of land with all the buildings and improvements thereon, being designated as Lot Number Twenty (20), Parcel Number Three (3), as shown on map of property of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, recorded in Plat Book "F", pages 51-65, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah

ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-200.000 PIN# 18618

County, Alabama.

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to TIMOTHY SHAWN WAITS and LISA DANNETTE TAY-LOR, 104 HARWOOD DRIVE. GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 11 E. WILKINSON AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

with the City Code.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-885-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1601 BARNES AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 1,3 & N1/2 LT 5 BLK 2 STEEL PLANT ADD PLAT A-274 7-12-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-206.000

PIN# 39313

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to PEG-GY JOHNSON, 2916 MCGUIRE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-4446. Now, Therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026 RESOLUTION

NO. R-886-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 507 CHES-TER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 5 BLK 27 WALNUT PARK OR WEST POINT #2 PLAT B-117 1-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-445.000 PIN# 50184

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinance es, notice of a public hearing has been given to KATHERINE B. & husb JEREMY L. BAK-ER, 163 WILSON CIR-CLE, GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA 35901, SEBRINA PAYNE, 507 CHESTER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

the Code Ordinances.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-887-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1315 CREST AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LTS 7 & 8 BLK 6 PLAT D-123 ELLIS ADD 7-12-

ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-098.000 PIN# 39137

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to PEGGY ANN PANKEY (KEENER), 1315 CREST AVENUÉ, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-4461

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

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

the Code Ordinances. Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 2, 2026 RESOLUTION NO. R-888-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

846 located HUTCHINS AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

COM NW COR LT 5 JOHN V COE SUB PLAT A-362 & W ROW OF HUTCHINS AVE, TH S 152 ALONG SAID ROW TO POB,TH CONT 151.26 TH W'LY 285S,TH LEAVING SAID ROW RUNNING N'LY 150.26,TH E'LY 274S TO POB, BEING PT LT 5 JOHN V COE SUB PLAT

ID#: 10-07-25-3-000-152.006 PIN# 14448

A-362 25-11-6

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to BERTIE D. & MI-CHAEL E. MARTIN, 846 HUTCHINS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-1870. Now, Therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE OF GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this deci-

sion in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-889-25

January 2, 2026

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1710 MCKIN-LEY AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 4 & PT LT 5 BLK 49 CRESCENT HEIGHTS SOUTH GAD PLAT B-314 8-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-231.000

PIN# 39664 is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to VER-NON H. BOHANNON 4063 GREEN VALLEY ROAD, SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA 35907.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA, as follows:

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-890-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1307 NEW YORK AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 3-5-7 BLK 6 KEN-TUCKY ADD #2 PLAT B-210 GADSDEN 7-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-049.000 PIN# 39175

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ME-GAN HOPKINS, 1307 NEW YORK AVENUE GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on

give notice of this deci-

sion in accordance with

the Code Ordinances.

December 9, 2025. Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-891-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1312 NEW YORK AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

KENTUCKY ADD #2 PLAT B-210 **GADSDEN 7-12-6** Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-

LTS 14,16,18 BLK 4

000-046.000 PIN# 39178 is a nuisance and or-

dered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to CRYS-TAL FAYE BROOKS & ETALS AND LA SONYA CARROLL AND CARRIE ROBERTS, 2216 BUST-ER WILLETT ROAD ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954. Now, Therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALA-

BAMA, as follows:

the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by remov-

1. The Council finds that

01-02-2026 Legals .indd 5 12/30/25 10:41 AM ing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION

NO. R-892-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance located at 1412 PIERCE

AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 5-6 BLK 15 SOUTH GADSDEN ADD PLAT

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-058.000 PIN# 39453

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to CHRISTOPHER WAT-1412 PIERCE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

the Code Ordinances.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-893-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 2406 RAIL-ROAD AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 8 BLK 26 ALFORD'S 2ND ADD PLAT A-308

Tax ID#: 15-03-06-1-000-193.000

PIN# 37752

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to READY INVEST-MENTS, LLC, 9723 US HIGHWAY 431, AL-BERTVILLE, ALABAMA 35950, G DAVID & WF PAULETTE J GREER, 54 GEER DR, GADS-DEN, AL 35901-8832.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE GADSDEN, ALA-

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

the Code Ordinances.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-894-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1611 ROO-SEVELT AVENUE in

District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 16 BLK 39 CRES-CENT HEIGHTS OR SOUTH GAD PLAT B-314 **GADSDEN 8-12-6**

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-258.000 PIN# 39700

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to JOHN OSMAN IIĬ, 1611 ROOS-EVELT AVENUE, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35904. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE

OF GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-895-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1509 STATE STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, particularly demore scribed as:

LTS 6-13 BLK 21 GADS-DEN REALTY CO SUB PLAT B-314 GADSDEN

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-4-000-083.000 PIN# 38860

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to REU-BEN DUDLEY, 1509 STATE STREET, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35904 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE

OF GADSDEN, ALA-

BAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by remov-

sion in accordance with the Code Ordinances. Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on

ing said nuisance and to

give notice of this deci-

December 9, 2025. Iva Nelson, City Clerk

January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-896-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 3304 SUDIE AVENUE (County records list property address as 400 CLARK STREET) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 13 BLK 8 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5

ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-305.000 PIN# 50519

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to PHILLIS CARROLL, 3304 SUDIE AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA

35904-2268. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF GADSDEN, ALA-

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

the Code Ordinances.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-897-25

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 505 TID-MORE STREET (County records list property address as 505 TIDMORE BEND ROAD) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BEG NE COR LT 9 NORTH HIGHLANDS 1ST ADD PLAT C-149 TH NW 155.82 ALONG S ROW OF TIDMORE BEND RD TH SW 265.82 TH SE 149.33 TH NE 231.05 TO POB BEING PT LT 9 NORTH HIGHLANDS 1ST ADD PLAT C-149 GADSDEN

ID#: 10-07-35-3-000-028.002 PIN# 80156

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to VAŠHAUNDA ŘAG-LAND, 505 TIDMORE BEND ROAD, GADS-DEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on December 9, 2025.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk January 2, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE **POSSESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on February 15, 2026.

2006 Acura TSX VIN: 4CL96866C013220

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

January 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk, City of Gadsden, Alabama, at the City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Room 411, Gadsden, Alabama until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 27, 2026, for the GADSDEN SPORTS PARK PHASE V, Bid Request No. 3608, located in the City of Gadsden, Alabama.

submitted 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. Submit requests for these documents and questions to Jake.Ross@3notch.com at least five days prior to the scheduled bid opening. All bidders must be registered with Three Notch via the request above in order to submit a bid. Bids received from unregistered bidders will

be rejected.

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 bidder shall file with

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 Section 39-1-1(a), Code of Alabama 1975, and evidence of insur-

ance as required by the

bid documents within

ten (10) days after being

notified that he has been

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

Code of Alabama 1975.

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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, contracting

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 employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must also certify they will make facilities handicap accessible to the extent required by law.

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

January 2, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FORPROPOSED DINANCES FOR GAR-BAGE AND SANITARY SEWER FEES OF THE-CITY OF ATTALLA

The City Council of the City of Áttalla will hold a public hearing on Mon-day January 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the Attalla City Hall's council chambers located at 612 4th Street NW, Attalla, AL 35954, to consider the adoption of the following:

Ordinance to replace existing garbage ordinance and increase the garbage fee from \$14.50 to \$19.50 per unit.

Ordinance to replace existing sanitary sewer rate ordinance that will increase the Sanitary Sewer Base and Usage Fee by 30%.

All interested persons may examine and review the proposed ordinance in the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours, before and after the meeting referenced herein.

Mandy Cash, City Clerk January 2, 2026

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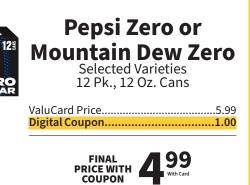


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