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Coosa Christian Football (12-2) will face off against Lanett at Protective Stadium in Birmingham at 3 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Bo Starkey



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Hokes Bluff's basketball teams tallied up some big mileage earlier in the week as they traveled on both Monday and Tuesday to Boaz and Geraldine.

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Zyan Gibson (left) and Ty Sims (right), student athletes at Gadsden City High, recently signed to colleges.

Submitted photo


Emblem opening a new branch in Rainbow City

Emblem Credit Union is proud to announce the purchase of the former Wells Fargo building on Rainbow Drive as part of their continued commitment to growth. The property will undergo a complete renovation to create a branch that blends modern convenience with a strong sense of community. While renovations will begin soon, a specific timeline for opening has not yet been finalized.

This major project underscores Emblem's dedication to expanding access and enhancing member experience. In addition to this new branch, Emblem has broadened its footprint by adding five new counties. Now serving Etowah, Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, DeKalb, Marshall, Morgan, St. Clair, and Talladega counties, this expansion doubles their reach and positions Emblem as a leading financial partner for communities across Alabama.

"The decision by Emblem Credit Union to locate in Rainbow City marks another important step in our community's forward momentum," said Joe Taylor, Mayor of Rainbow City, "This new location will become a vital part of our aggressively growing city, providing residents and businesses with convenient financial services while strengthening the economic foundation that continues to set Rainbow City apart. We proudly welcome Emblem Credit Union to the City of Promise."

Cosby announces retirement at December meeting



DR. ALAN COSBY

**By Karla McArthur
Correspondent**

The Etowah County Board of Education held its monthly meeting Dec. 2 at 5 p.m., recognizing outstanding achievements and approving several district initiatives and personnel actions.

Board President Jay Freeman called the meeting to order, and Vice Chair Tim Womack opened with prayer.

Superintendent Dr. Alan Cosby welcomed attendees and recognized Gadsden Regional Medical Center CEO Michael Hall, CFO Candy Garmany, Marketing Director Will Mackey and COO Brandon Nelson. Their team and hospital, serving as Kindness Council members of the 501(c)(3) charity neighborhood bridges, donated supply backpacks to all school nurses in the system.

Etowah County Lead Nurse Dawnya Duke and Jennifer McGriff, executive director of neighborhood bridges of Etowah County, emphasized the importance of nurses being prepared on the go as first responders. Cosby praised the county's school nurses, calling them "unsung heroes."

The board approved minutes from the Nov. 7 meeting. Questions may be directed to board secretary Monica Snead.

Chief School Financial Officer Susan Bishop presented financial statements showing an unreserved fund balance 3.83 months as of Oct. 25, 2025. The board unanimously approved the budget analysis.

Board meeting dates for 2026 were unanimously approved on a motion by board member Danny Golden and seconded by member Tim Langdale.

Revisions to the federal programs policy, updated job descriptions for the director of student services, counseling and accountability, and director of academic support services were all approved unanimously on motions by Womack and Golden.

During recognitions, Sardis Middle School Assistant Principal Clint Brannon was honored as District 6 Assistant Principal of the Year. SMS Principal Chris Royal praised Brannon's role in initiatives that helped increase the school's academic report card score by 10 points.

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John Jones Elementary celebrates state report card

**By Karla McArthur
Correspondent**

Faculty, staff and students at John S. Jones Elementary School celebrated their exceptional state report card score of 97 with a schoolwide event.

Principal Jenny Ryals said several teachers asked to recognize the 67th day of school because of a "six-seven" trend among students. "We decided to build off of that, and our faculty and staff took the vision and ran with it," Ryals said. "What's better than 67...97!"

The celebration included confetti, a balloon drop and cake. Each grade-level faculty team also chose a walkout song as they took a victory lap in front of the student body. Ryals said the child nutrition program, custodial, resource and support staff joined in as well.

"True academic excellence is a full school culture," she said. "All of our faculty and staff are part of the success at John S. Jones, so we made sure everyone was part of the celebration."

Ryals said the school has a decades-long record of academic excellence. "We have always been a leader in our school system and in Etowah County at large," she said.

According to Ryals, the school spent last year restructuring its Professional Learning Communities to strengthen teachers' understanding of grade-level state standards. "We have been very purposeful in both identifying essential standards and breaking them down to better understand the skill sets each standard encompasses," she said. "This allows us to pinpoint student mastery and better remediate and enrich learning at individual levels."

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December is a leading month for U.S. home fires

The holiday season is often touted as the most wonderful time of year, but it also presents an increased risk of home fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), December is a leading month for U.S. home fires, with Christmas Day and Christmas Eve representing the second- and third-leading days of the year for home cooking fires, respectively, in 2024.

"Many of the activities we engage in during the holiday season reflect leading causes of home fires, which explains why we consistently see the number of home fires climb at this time of year," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

While cooking significantly contributes to the increased risk of home fires during the holiday season, other contributing factors include Christmas trees in the home, the use of holiday decorations, particularly those involving candles or electrical lighting, and the use of heating equipment.

NFPA's latest statistics (annual averages between 2020 and 2024) underscore the factors that collectively contribute to the December spike in home fires:

Cooking
Cooking is a leading cause of reported U.S. home fires, home fire injuries, and deaths. An estimated 48 percent of home structure fires, 35 percent of home fire injuries, and 16 percent of home fire deaths involved kitchen and cooking equipment.

Unattended equipment is a factor in an estimated one-quarter (25 percent) of reported home cooking fires and nearly half (43 percent) of the associated deaths. Thanksgiving is the leading day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

Heating
Heating equipment is another leading cause of U.S. home fires with nearly half (46 percent) of all home heating fires occurring from December through February. Space heaters and heating stoves were the type of heating equipment responsible for the largest shares of home heating equipment fires, accounting for nearly half (47 percent) of the fires, seven out of 10 deaths (73 percent), and seven out of 10 injuries (70 percent).

Holiday Decorations
U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 835 home structure fires that began with decorations (excluding Christmas trees), resulting in three civilian fire deaths, 29 civilian fire injuries and \$18 million in direct property damage. Nearly half (47 percent) of these fires occurred because the decorations were too close to a heat source, such as a candle or other heat-producing equipment. Candle fires peak in December and January; 12 percent of candle fires occur in December and 10 percent occur in January.

Christmas Trees

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Little Caesars



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St. James student earns spot in 2026 All-State Choir

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

Congratulations are in order for 13-year-old St. James Catholic School student Claire Sullivan, who was selected for the Alabama Vocal Association's 2026 All-State Choir.

Sullivan is a member of the Gadsden Youth Chorus and the St. James Church Angels' Voices Choir. Her mother, Alicia Sullivan, said Claire has been singing since she could talk.

"She would belt out 'Let It Go' from Frozen as a toddler," her mother said.

Claire began formal music training at St. James with music teacher Richey Holcomb, who taught her to recognize notes and rhythms and encouraged her passion for music. She continued her development at the Gadsden Youth Chorus under directors Gina Garmon and Lana Cornutt at the Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts.

Sullivan became interested in auditioning for All-State after her GYC

directors mentioned upcoming tryouts in class. "I was excited, and my mom signed me up for it," she said. "Mrs. Garmon helped me practice my songs so that I could do my best in the audition."

Sullivan began cantoring at school Masses in third grade and earned her first solo as a fourth grader in the St. James Christmas musical. She has since performed in numerous music and theater productions with Alabama Repertory Theatre and Theatre of Gadsden. She was recently cast as King Julien in Madagascar the Musical Jr., which will be performed in January.

Outside of music, Sullivan is captain of the St. James Middle School Scholar's Bowl team, president of the Beta Club and a member of the BamaRep Kidz theater troupe.

Earning a place in the All-State Choir will give Sullivan the opportunity to perform alongside students from across Alabama.

Sullivan said she plans to continue

practicing the music she has been assigned and refining her vocals and breathing techniques. "This way, I can sing longer and louder," she said.

Sullivan expressed gratitude for Holcomb, as well as theater coaches Sarah Crow and Will Thomas at BamaRep Kidz. She said their dedication inspired her love for performing. She also credited Garmon and Cornutt for helping her improve as a vocalist.

"I am also thankful for my directors at St. James Catholic Church, Becky Barnes and Sunita Graves, who have given me several opportunities to sing more at church so I can share my talents with my faith community," Sullivan said.

Upcoming performances include:

Dec. 17 — A Lamb's Tale (St. James Christmas musical)

Jan. 4 — St. James Epiphany Cantata

Jan. 23-25 — Madagascar Jr. (also a competition piece to be performed again at the Alabama Youth Theater Experience on the weekend of Feb. 6)



Challenger Center launches "Sojourner Campaign"

The Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama has launched its Sojourner Campaign, a month-long opportunity for community members, businesses and supporters of STEM education to make a lasting impact on the region's future workforce.

Through Dec. 31, 2025, the Sojourner Campaign invites donors to give at any level to support high-quality STEM programming, immersive space-mission simulations and hands-on learning experiences that introduce students across northeast Alabama to in-demand career paths.

Named in honor of NASA's Sojourner rover — the first robotic explorer to operate on the surface of Mars — the campaign symbolizes courage, discovery and the power of taking bold first steps.

"Every contribution made during the Sojourner Campaign strengthens our mission to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers and innovators," said Tony Smith, chairman of the board of directors. "This is more than a fundraiser — it's an investment in the future workforce and economic vitality of our region."

As a special tribute to those who give by Dec. 31, 2025, all Sojourner donors will be permanently recognized on the Sojourner Wall inside the Challenger Learning Center. This recognition opportunity is limited to participants in the inaugural campaign.

Funds raised will directly support:

- Immersive simulated space missions aligned with Alabama academic standards
- Workforce-pipeline initiatives that introduce students to engineering, aerospace, computer science and emerging technologies

Expanded programming that reaches underserved and rural communities

Equipment, technology and curriculum enhancements that elevate STEM experiences for all learners

The Challenger Learning Center encourages individuals, families and organizations across northeast Alabama to join this mission of discovery, innovation and long-term community impact.

How to Give

Donations can be made online throughout December through the

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama.

About the Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama

The Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama provides dynamic, hands-on STEM education through space-themed simulations and programs designed to ignite curiosity, build teamwork and inspire future careers. The center serves students, educators and community participants across the region, helping build a stronger, more prepared workforce for tomorrow's economy.

JSU mourns passing of trustee emeritus Bob Kennamer

Jacksonville State University is mourning the loss of Bob Kennamer, Trustee Emeritus, alumnus, and one of the most dedicated servants in the university's history. Kennamer passed away Sunday morning, leaving behind a legacy shaped by leadership, loyalty, and an unparalleled devotion to the institution he cherished for nearly seven decades.

Kennamer enrolled at Jacksonville State in September 1955, attending what was then Jacksonville State Teachers College. As a student, he quickly became known for his initiative and involvement on campus, serving as Vice President and President of the Student Government Association and as a proud member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

During his term as SGA President, he led the fundraising effort that re-established Jax State's baseball program, securing the equipment needed for Coach Frank Lovrich and his student-athletes to return to the field. He graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and later became

the university's first single male dorm director while beginning graduate studies.

"Bob Kennamer truly loved Jacksonville State. You could see it in the way he supported our students, our programs, and the people who make this place special," said Jax State President Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr. "He devoted his life to serving this university and the people who make it special. For decades, he gave his time, his energy, and his wisdom to help guide Jax State through times of challenge and times of tremendous growth. To me, he wasn't just a trusted leader—he was a dear friend. The impact of his service will be felt for generations, and we are a better university because of the life he lived."

After a successful career in insurance and real estate development, Kennamer continued to demonstrate the same dedication to service that defined his time as a student. In 1980, he was appointed to the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees, where

he served for more than 26 years. Throughout that time, he provided steady, thoughtful leadership as the university experienced significant growth and change. He also served on the JSU Foundation Board as a founding member and on the SouthTrust Bank Board of Directors. His counsel remained invaluable long after he was named Trustee Emeritus.

Kennamer's commitment to Jacksonville State extended well beyond his years on the Board. He remained deeply engaged in the life of the university, offering advice, supporting key initiatives, and helping strengthen programs across campus. He and his late wife, Lou, played an enduring role in expanding opportunities for students and enhancing the overall Jax State experience. In recognition of their dedication, the university honored them with the naming of Bob and Lou Kennamer Hall, and in 2006, Kennamer received an honorary doctorate from Jacksonville State University.

In 2009, Jax State Athletics honored Bob and Lou Kennamer with the Jimmy Bryan Award, recognizing their decades of dedication to Gamecock student-athletes. He was also a member of the university's Lifetime Leaders Society, reflecting a lifetime of involvement and service.

For all his accomplishments, it is his kindness, loyalty, and genuine care for others that the Jax State family will remember most. Generations of students, faculty, staff, coaches, and alumni were impacted by his encouragement and by the example he set.

As the Jax State family grieves this profound loss, we extend our deepest sympathies to those impacted by Kennamer's life. His legacy of service, leadership, and love for Jacksonville State will continue to inspire all who follow.

A Celebration of Life and Reunion of Friends will be held on Tuesday, December 9, at 3 p.m. at the Stone Center on the campus of Jacksonville State.

Thanksgiving meals

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The school also worked to reduce chronic absenteeism, one of the three factors the state uses to calculate report card grades, along with student achievement and student growth.

"To us — and pardon the pun — it is elementary. Students need to be at school in order to grow and achieve," Ryals said. "So we targeted the needs of students who are struggling with attendance."

The initiative paid off. The Panthers improved by 1.39 points in student

achievement and 0.74 points in chronic absenteeism. In student growth, the school earned the maximum value of 45 points, achieving 100% growth for the past five report cards from 2018-19 through 2024-25.

Ryals said the school is already looking ahead. "We have set our sights on next year," she said. As bookkeeper Krista Weaver put it, "Next year when we get a 99—or 100—we will know what to do to celebrate even bigger."

GSCC students attend summit

Students and staff from Gadsden State Community College's Valley Street Campus recently attended the three-day Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMC) Workforce Development Summit held November 13-16 in Birmingham. The event brought together students from TMC's 10 two-year historically Black community colleges (HBCCs) institutions.

The summit featured sessions focused on workforce development, industry trends and professional growth. Students also participated in a career fair that connected them with premier employers across multiple sectors. Attendees had the opportunity to network with top industry professionals, explore

diverse career pathways and gain firsthand insight into evolving workforce needs.

Three students from Gadsden State's Valley Street Campus were awarded scholarships during the conference:

Jonathon Moody, Construction Technology stu-

dent — \$5,000 Toyota Scholarship

Mya Mostella, Diagnostic Medical Sonography student — \$10,000 Cal & Annette Johnson HBCC Scholarship

Shasta Webb, Diagnostic Medical Sonography student — \$10,000 Cal & Annette Johnson HBCC Scholarship.

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GSCC’s music groups continue holiday tradition

The Gadsden State Community College Show Band and A Cappella Choir will continue their annual holiday tradition with Christmas with the Cardinals, a festive performance featuring holiday music in a variety of styles. The free event will be held at 6 p.m. on Dec. 9 in the Inzer Hall- Black Box Theatre on the Wallace Drive Campus.

“The choral groups will provide holiday music full of cheer and entertainment at this year’s Christmas with the Cardinals,” said J.T. Harrell, director of the A Cappella Choir. “As director, this is my favorite time of the year. People are always eager to hear Christmas music and celebrate the season of giving.”

The A Cappella Choir will perform a collection of classic Christmas carols along with other seasonal favorites.

Desmond Mitchell, director of the Show Band, said he collaborated with students to choose the song selections for the event.

“We invite the entire community to enjoy the Christmas with the Cardinals performance from the GSCC Show Band, filled with classics and contemporary songs,” he said. “Sing along to a mix of pop, R&B, soul and country Christmas music performed by our musicians and singers.”

Students from the Division of Fine Arts have transformed the venue into a warm and welcoming holiday setting for guests of all ages.

“Christmas with the Cardinals is free to the public. We invite our community to come and experience the Christmas spirit with the Gadsden State Cardinal family,” said Mario Gallardo, chair of the Division of Fine Arts. “Our students are excited for the opportunity to showcase their talents and spread holiday cheer.”

Christmas with the Cardinals will take place in the Inzer Hall – Black Box Theatre, located at 119 Naylor Circle. For more information about the A Cappella Choir and Show Band, visit www.gadsdenstate.edu/FineArts.

Mia Jenne of Glencoe showcases designs during event

Twenty-three apparel design seniors presented their final collections at the annual Fashion for Life showcase on Nov. 16 at the Bama Theatre in downtown Tuscaloosa. The runway event serves as the culminating experience of the students’ capstone course, a project they begin preparing for before their senior year.

Drawing on the knowledge and skills gained throughout the program, students designed and produced cohesive collections that reflect industry-level expectations. The development process, along with the planning and execution of the show itself, mirrors the professional realities they will encounter as they enter the apparel industry after graduation.

All proceeds from ticket sales were donated to the United Way of West Alabama, with the amount raised matched by Estee Lauder Companies.

Mia Jenne of Glencoe was one of 23 designers showcasing their apparel.

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state’s flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service.

With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides a forward-thinking environment and over 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state’s largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.

Clots can happen: Learn risks, symptoms, prevention

Blood clotting is vital for recovery from injury, but when clots form and don’t dissolve properly, they can block blood flow and cause serious health problems. On average, one person in the U.S. dies from a clot-related death every six seconds.

Dr. Kerri Bally, a pulmonologist with Etowah Pulmonology Associates, said everyone is at risk for clots, regardless of age or gender. Pregnancy, cancer treatment, major surgery, or hospitalization for several days can increase the risk. Being overweight, having diabetes or high cholesterol, a family history of blood clots, smoking, or being over 60 can also elevate the risk.

“Clots can occur suddenly, leading to reduced blood flow. The impact can be significant, even fatal,” Dr. Bally said. “Symptoms vary depending on where the clot occurs — in the legs, arms, lungs, heart, or brain — but the need for timely medical care is consistent. There are more treatment options the sooner the blockage is identified.”

Pain often occurs where the clot is located, whether in the arm, lower leg, or even the stomach. Sudden swelling in one limb could also be a warning sign.

With deep vein thrombosis, when a clot forms in a large vein such as the lower leg or arm, there is concern it could travel to the lungs. Symptoms may include sudden swelling in a limb, pain or tenderness not caused by injury, or skin that is warm, red, or swollen.

A pulmonary embolism occurs when a clot blocks blood flow in the lungs. Symptoms may include a fast pulse, chest pain that worsens with deep breaths, bloody cough, shortness of breath, or an irregular heartbeat. In some cases, the first symptom is sudden death.

Seek medical attention immediately if you experience any of these symptoms. A medical exam can determine the cause, and a provider may recommend a diagnostic scan. Certain medications can break up or dissolve clots if administered within hours of symptom onset.

“Your best bet in preventing clots is knowing and managing your risks,” Dr. Bally said. “There are a number of actions you can take to support your health.”

Dr. Bally recommends regular movement to help prevent clots. Avoid sitting or remaining still for long periods, especially after a long flight, travel, or surgery. At a desk, flex your legs, feet, and toes, and get up to move frequently. If extended sitting is unavoidable, consider wearing compression socks or clothing. Patients should discuss clot prevention with their doctor before surgery and review whether preventative medication is needed if they have risk factors.

Basic health measures also apply: eat a heart-healthy diet, maintain a healthy weight, manage stress, and control chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.

Cosby retirement

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Hokes Bluff Middle School, led by Principal Dr. Beverly Neal and Assistant Principal Brian Allred, was recognized for meeting or exceeding A+ College Ready PSAT growth goals. Students who earned qualifying scores received \$50 gift cards from A+.

West End Elementary School Principal Dr. Heather Wilson and school resource officer Jeff Pitts presented a proposal to purchase two-way radios for the school, citing limited cell service and internet instability. Wilson said the radios would offer more reliable communication for staff.

Cosby reiterated items first presented Nov. 7, including installing weapons detection systems in all county high schools and LED lighting upgrades at football stadiums. The board also approved purchasing the ConnectWise remote monitoring system for the technology department.

Personnel actions were approved unanimously. Whitesboro Elementary Principal Mary Beth Gilliland attended in support of the school’s newly approved secretary/bookkeeper, Elissa Tarvin Huerta.

The board also approved TEAMS contracts for the 2025–26 school year, faculty and non-faculty supplements, new substitute teachers, additional resignations and retirements, and extended congratulations to all new personnel.

Cosby closed Tuesday’s meeting by announcing he will retire as superintendent of Etowah County Schools on April 1, 2026.

Cosby said it has been “the honor of a lifetime” to lead and serve the Etowah County Schools community for 33 years, including 16 as superintendent. He said he is proud of the accomplishments he and the district have achieved together, including earning an A on the state academic report card and maintaining strong financial stability across the system.

He said it has been a privilege to work alongside students and employees who “consistently set high standards,” and noted he has been fortunate to serve with dedicated and supportive board members throughout his tenure.

“I’m deeply grateful for the collaborative spirit that has defined all these years. Etowah County Schools are a treasure and the future remains exceptionally bright,” Cosby said, adding that he remains committed to ensuring a smooth transition as the board prepares for new leadership.

Cosby called his decision to pursue other opportunities bittersweet. He thanked his wife, Jeannie, for her support and said he appreciated the confidence board members placed in him when he was hired in March 2010.

He said the district has accomplished much during his tenure and promised more progress in the remaining four months before his retirement.

The meeting concluded with a standing ovation for Cosby and his years of service.

Agendas for all ECBOE meetings are available at ecboe.org under the “District Info” section.

Home fires

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Christmas tree fires don’t happen very often, but when they do, they tend to be more serious. U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 143 home fires that started with Christmas trees, resulting in an estimated seven civilian deaths, 13 civilian injuries, and \$15 million in property damage. Nearly one in four (24 percent) Christmas tree fires were started by lamps or bulbs. Eleven percent were started by candles. Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in 40 percent of home Christmas tree fires.

Lithium-Ion Batteries

Many people will be buying and gifting electronic devices that contain lithium-ion batteries. As the use of these devices has increased in recent years, so too has the number of related fires. It’s important to understand the risks associated with these batteries and ways to prevent them:

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Use charging equipment that is only compatible with your device. To be safe, use only the charging equipment that is supplied with your device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions.
- Stop using your device if the battery shows signs of damage, such as an unusual odor, excessive heat, popping sounds, swelling, or change in color.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.

“Understanding where potential threats exist and taking the steps needed to prevent them can go a long way toward ensuring a festive, fire-safe holiday season,” said Carli.

NFPA offers a wealth of information and resources to help minimize the likelihood of cooking, heating, candle, Christmas tree, and decoration fires. Learn more at nfpa.org/winterholidaysafety

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Community Calendar

Dec. 5-Feb. 28
Imagination Place's holiday favorite, Let It Snow, returns for the season at the Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts, 501 Broad St. Children from toddlers through fourth grade will love playing in a 12' x 12' snow area made of a non-toxic, snow-like polymer that is cool to the touch but won't get them wet or cold. The winter wonderland-themed exhibit also features an ice castle bounce house, a slide, and climbing obstacles. Field trips are now booking—email ip@culturalarts.org or call (256) 543-2787, ext. 22 for reservations. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 5-Jan. 10
Ice Bumper Cars return for the season at 344 1st Street, Gadsden. Riders of all ages can spin, bump, and glide across the ice in motorized, inflatable cars. The schedule is as follows: Dec. 26-Jan. 7, 2-9 p.m.; Jan. 8-9, 5-9 p.m.; and Jan. 10, 2-9 p.m. The attraction is closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 7. Admission is \$10-\$15 per person.

Dec. 5-Jan. 3
Christmas at the Falls at Nocalula Falls Park features millions of lights, a train ride, and various vendors. The park is closed Dec. 24-25.

Dec. 5-Jan. 4
Lights On the Landing: The Magic of Christmas returns to River Rocks Landing in Gadsden. This family-friendly drive-through holiday experience features one mile of choreographed

Christmas lights set to festive music. Gates open nightly at 5 p.m. for cars to enjoy the sparkling displays, take photos, and sing along to carols.

Dec. 5
Gadsden Christmas Parade takes place on Broad Street from 7th to 2nd Street beginning at 5:30 p.m., with lineup starting at 4:30 p.m. The parade features floats, marching bands, and holiday cheer. In case of inclement weather, the parade will be rescheduled.

Dec. 6
Yellow Jacket Christmas Village will be held at the Glencoe High School Parking Lot from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will sell gifts, and live music is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food vendors will be on site.

Carver Christmas Parade starts at 5:30 p.m. at Carver Square, 1030 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Gadsden.

Carver Christmas Market will take place at Carver Square from 6-8 p.m.

Dec. 7
Annual Holiday Tour of Homes runs from 1-5 p.m., featuring homes and businesses in Gadsden. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 day-of and can be purchased online or at select local businesses. Participating homes include The Woman's Club, The Wright Home, The Butts Home, The Woods Home, and Gunn-Bellenger House.

Southside and Rainbow City Christmas Boat Parade takes place from 6-7 p.m.

at Southside Landing, 721 Pier, AL-77, Southside.

Dec. 8
Southside Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting begins at 6 p.m., with lineup at 5 p.m. at Southside High School. After the parade, meet at City Hall for the official tree lighting. The event features performances by the Pride of Southside Marching Band and Southside High School Choir, Santa Claus, and food trucks.

Dec. 9
Kings of Swing Free Christmas Concert will be held at the Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts, 501 Broad St., from 6-9 p.m. Free admission. Guests are encouraged to bring food and drinks.

Dec. 12-21
A Charlie Brown Christmas hosted by Theatre of Gadsden takes place at the Ritz Theatre, 310 Wall Street, from 7-10 p.m. nightly. For information, call 256-547-7469.

Dec. 13
Walnut Grove Christmas in the Grove begins at 10 a.m., with Santa, kids' activities, food, and live music at Walnut Grove Park, 4099 Vandiver Street. The Christmas Parade begins at 2 p.m.

Snacks with Santa at Imagination Place, 501 Broad Street, from 10 a.m. to noon. Children can visit Santa while enjoying free snacks provided by Downtown Gadsden, Inc.

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LIFESTYLE

May we find little things that help us reset



Arranging the Pieces
Tabitha Bozeman

This week, we finally turned on our “extra” heaters. These wall-hung gas heaters are a sensory throwback to childhood: the smell of a match, the click-clacking of the pilot button, and the immediate, blistering warmth. The cold is here, and after the storms, the fall leaves are officially off the trees and on the ground. Edith Sitwell describes it this way: “Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is time for home.” The season for wintering is here.

Wintering is, in its practical sense, when many animals and humans either travel to warmer climates, or hunker down until the season passes. As we burrow into this sea-

son, blankets and sweaters and scarves at the ready, we have an opportunity to observe what truly is enough. Nature does not hold onto what is no longer needed. Leaves drop from trees, and the trees do not miss them. The squirrels and birds use and eat what they have. The landscape becomes less cluttered as the wind clears the trees, but the beauty doesn’t disappear. Our very human tendency during this time, though, is to fill up all the spaces left by the season. We fill up visual space with holiday decorations. We fill up our pantries with supplies. We fill up our calendars with activities and parties. And, there is nothing wrong with celebrating the season and gathering with those we love. But, there is also no reward to be won for overburdening and exhausting ourselves.

Recently, my girls and I have been doing an evening reset. Busy days full of classes and homework and grading and bowling and holiday excitement can lead to dysregulation and frustration and tears. So, after dinner, we find a spot to sit and read, watch a show together, or journal, and have a cup of tea. This is my peak wintering.

With the busyness of the holidays, though, it isn’t always feasible to go

straight home and winter in solitude. Sometimes, a reset is needed in the middle of chaos, too. This week, I was in the middle of an out-of-town bowling alley, and there was a long break until our girls bowled. The place was over-crowded, and so loud it was hard to think. The youngest and I found a spot and sat down, and did our own little reset in the middle of the noise: a few deep breaths, tuning into a favorite show for a few minutes, some hugs, and a snack worked wonders. We didn’t have to completely escape the situation, just regulate our response to it.

Sitwell was right about winter being a time for the comfort of home, but we don’t always get that option when we need it. Some days, wintering looks like tea and books and blankets at home. Other days, we can find an inner homecoming in the middle of a busy bowling alley with a child leaning against us. Both of these show us that we don’t need more to feel grounded and connected during the holidays. Taking a breath, giving a hug, listening to a song--all of these moments remind us what really matters, and how sometimes we don’t need more time/blankets/space/quiet. We just need enough: “He who knows enough is

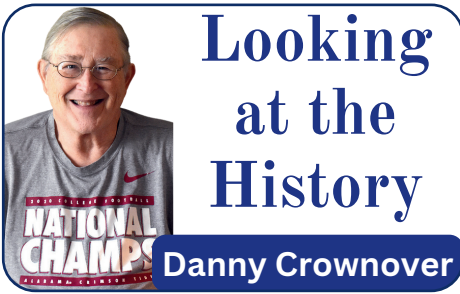
enough will always have enough.” Enough calm, enough presence, enough grace to know when to pause, breathe, and reset.

Robert Frost knew the power of this reset, and wrote about it in “Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening”: “Whose woods these are I think I know./ His house is in the village though;/ He will not see me stopping here/ To watch his woods fill up with snow./ My little horse must think it queer/ To stop without a farmhouse near/ Between the woods and frozen lake/ The darkest evening of the year./ He gives his harness bells a shake/ To ask if there is some mistake./ The only other sound’s the sweep/ Of easy wind and downy flake./ The woods are lovely, dark and deep,/ But I have promises to keep,/ And miles to go before I sleep,/ And miles to go before I sleep.”

As our days grow shorter, and the weather colder, may we find the little things that help us reset, re-center, and remember that usually we already have enough.

Tabitha Bozeman is an instructor at GSSC. Email at tabithabozean@gmail.com.

A public well on the court house grounds



Looking at the History
Danny Crownover

Back in 1899 the local newspaper won its fight for a public well on the courthouse grounds when the county appropriated \$50, the city \$25 and some businessmen the remainder of the money. This was necessary to bore a well at the southeast corner of the courthouse under the bell tower — and the work actually started.

The contract called for a well “at least” 100 feet deep and six inches in circumference. The newspaper insisted for several years that the well was greatly needed because farmers coming to town to trade had no place to get a free drink of water.

The well was drilled to a depth of 105 feet through solid slate. When the vein was struck the holes was filled for 90 feet and stayed that way.

The water had a mineral taste with slate predominating. For a long time, the people thought it had medicinal qualities. Every hour in the day one or more persons came by to fill bottles and jugs in the belief that their health was being improved by drinking the water.

Then one day a laboratory test showed that it was polluted to a high degree and was actually a menace to the community. Many

protested the decision, but the well was finally abandoned and filled in.

The newspaper that year was conducting a campaign against vagrants, claiming that they loafed on the courthouse steps and that some of them actually laid down on the steps and slept for hours.

It also complained that on the northside of Broad Street between Third and Broad Streets, the vagrants blocked the sidewalk in front of a hall and forced pedestrians bent on legitimate business to walk around them. Many resented this, and finally the city took action and kept the sidewalk clear.

In 1899 there was a baseball park at Eleventh Street and the L. & N. Railroad which was the scene of many good games.

There was no fence around the park, and the diamond and outfield were laid off on ground that was cultivated back in the early 1880. One recalled an interesting game in which Centre beat Gadsden by a score of 7 to 6.

Tol Shropshire, one of the editors of the Coosa River News, was an outfielder and the manager. He protested many decisions by the umpire and would run in full speed from centerfield to express his disgust at what he thought was a raw deal. He wore long hair in those days and while racing into the plate it bulged out in every direction. There were innings when he protested at almost every decision on balls and strikes and ran himself breathless. He was fair and honest himself and he demanded those qualities of everybody, including a baseball umpire.

Contact The Vagabond at dkcrown@bellsouth.net.



A delicious mix of crab and pasta: Crapasta



ECHOES FROM THE KITCHEN
Samantha Hill

One of my favorite joys in the kitchen is building meals that feel personal, something that speaks to the tastes of the people I love. My son Gabriel has always been my little sous-chef, eager to stir, sprinkle, and taste along the way. He’s especially fond of two things: cheese and seafood. So, when

I wanted to surprise him with a dish that combined both, we came up with a playful name together. Crapasta, a nod to the crab sticks he loves to snack on and the pasta that makes this dish so comforting.

Cooking with my children isn’t just about feeding them; it’s about building their confidence. I want them to feel at home in the kitchen, to know that they can create something delicious with their own hands. Crapasta is the perfect recipe for that. Simple steps, familiar flavors, budget friendly, and a result that feels special.

The best part of Crapasta isn’t just the flavor; it’s the memory of Gabriel standing beside me, stirring the sauce with determination, sprinkling cheese with a grin, and proudly serving a dish he helped create. It’s a reminder that food is more than suste-

nance; it’s connection, confidence, and joy.

Ingredients

- ½ stick (4 Tbsp) butter
- 2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 2 Tbsp diced garlic
- 2 bags frozen cheese ravioli
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 2 cups shredded Italian blend cheese
- 1–2 cups imitation crab sticks, cut into bite size pieces (or real crab, if you prefer)
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Optional: fresh parsley for garnish

Instructions

1. Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms and garlic, sautéing until softened and fragrant (about 5–7 minutes).
2. While the mushrooms cook, bring a large pot of salted water to a rolling boil.

Add ravioli and cook according to package directions.

3. Stir heavy cream into the mushroom mixture. Let it simmer for about 10 minutes, reducing slightly.
4. Add shredded cheese and stir until melted into a creamy sauce. Fold in crab sticks.
5. Drain ravioli and add to the sauce. Toss gently to coat.
6. Season with salt and pepper, garnish with parsley, and serve warm.

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

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DEVOTIONALS

From God’s word - What type of fragrance do we carry?



Have you ever thought much about another person’s fragrance or noticed how the environment shifts when someone enters the room?

According to Webster’s Dictionary, fragrance is defined as a “pleasant aroma or a sweet smell.” If someone were to ask the type of fragrance you are, I wonder if most of us would immediately think they were asking what type of perfume, deodorant or shampoo we use. Instead, what if someone were to ask, “When you enter a room, what do you think is the first thought or

response of others?” Rather than an “ingredient” representing you, how does your “presence” represent you?

As I read more about the description of a fragrance, I was amazed to see all the different benefits of a fragrance. For an example, a fragrance brings emotional and physical healing, a calming, boosts confidence, it is energy-enhancing, relaxing and makes one attractive. I had to stop and ask myself, “Is this how people would describe me when I am around them or when I walk in a room?” Scripture gives us several beautiful examples of a fragrant aroma.

Hosea 14:6. “Its branches will spread out like beautiful olive trees as fragrant as the cedars of Lebanon.” Olive trees do not have a beautiful smell, but the cedars in the mountains of Lebanon, along with trees of frankincense and other odoriferous trees and plants give off a very excellent aroma, much like perfume in the air. Some theologians have said that this denotes the sweet and grateful smell the

Lord smells in His people or His gracious acceptance of them. Others have said that this represents the spiritual fragrance of the church to God and man. How grateful we should be that even on our bad days, our God sees us as a pleasant aroma.

Ecclesiastes 7:1. “A good reputation is more valuable than costly perfume.” Ecclesiastes 10:1 says “As dead flies cause even a bottle of perfume to stink, so a little foolishness spoils great wisdom and honor.” Solomon explains that just as dead flies can destroy the sweet fragrance of a bottle of perfume, so foolishness and the lack of wisdom can destroy our good name and reputation. Our fragrance is reflected by what we fill our minds with and the choices we make each day.

2 Corinthians 2:15-16. “Through our yielded lives he spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere we go. We have become the unmistakable aroma of the victory of the Anointed One to God - a perfume of life to those being saved and the odor of death to those who are perish-

ing. The unbelievers smell a deadly stench that leads to death, but believers smell the life-giving aroma that leads to abundant life. And who of us can rise to this challenge?” Wow, am I an unmistakable aroma of the victory of the Anointed One to God?

Ephesians 5: 1-2. “Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are His dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loves us and offered Himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.”

Lord, I pray Your Word would sink deep down into our hearts today. Reveal to us what our fragrance represents to others and forgive us for the times when we have not been a pleasant aroma to others. Please make us more like You and help us carry Your fragrance everywhere we go. Thank you, Lord, for being our calming, relaxing and healing aroma. We love you!

If you would like me to join you in prayer, please e-mail me at tonif77@gmail.com. I would love to pray for you!

You’re more blessed than the chaos tells you

Have you ever had one of those days where everything just feels overwhelming? The phone won’t stop ringing, deadlines are looming, and it seems like everyone needs something from you. By the time you finally get home, you’re exhausted and all you want is silence. But even in the quiet, your mind is still racing with tomorrow’s to-do list.

Here’s what’s interesting: often we’re not overwhelmed because we’re lacking something. We’re overwhelmed because we’re blessed with a lot. Think about it - you have responsibilities because people trust you. You have opportunities because God opened those doors. You have de-

mands on your time because you matter to others. The challenge is recognizing that our blessings can sometimes feel like burdens when life gets loud. That promotion you prayed for comes with more pressure. The growing family you wanted brings more chaos. The ministry opportunities you desired require more sacrifice.

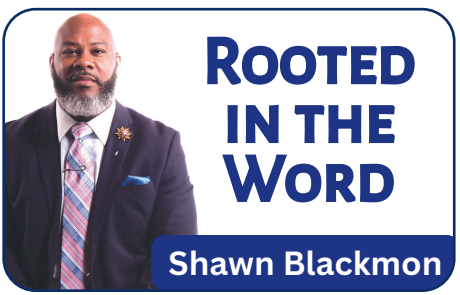
But what if we shifted our perspective? What if instead of seeing these as overwhelming burdens, we recognized them as evidence of God’s favor in our lives?

Sometimes the very things that stress us out are actually answers to prayers we prayed months or years ago. When life gets loud, gratitude gets quiet. The noise

can drown out your perspective. But hear me — you’re more blessed than the chaos wants you to believe. Shift your focus and you’ll see God’s fingerprints all over your life.

Keep your heart right and keep moving forward.

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.

Weekly Bible Verses

- “ **Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.** ”

- John 8:12 (King James Version)
- “ **Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.** ”

- Isaiah 41:9-10 (King James Version)

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OBITUARIES



Charles Louis Copeland

GADSDEN - Charles Louis Copeland, 77, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2025, surrounded by family and friends. Born June 19, 1948, to William and Helen Copeland in Smithtown, New York, before moving to Gadsden, Alabama to live out the rest of his life.

Charles was the founder and owner of Copeland Construction. Founded in 1974, he built the company from the ground up and became highly respected in Etowah County and surrounding areas. For 50 years, he formed relationships throughout the county and served his clients tirelessly, doing whatever necessary to meet the needs of those he worked with. In addition, Mr. Copeland served as Alabama Homebuilders Association President for numerous years throughout his career.

Charles was a family man, who valued spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren above all else. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon among his church family. His journey on earth was full of love, compassion and unwavering faith in God. His passing has left a void in the hearts of family, friends, and many more whose lives were touched by him. We ask that you remember him not for the way his life ended, but for the way it was lived, and for the impact it had on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Charles is survived by his children: Kevin Copeland and his spouse, Jamie Copeland; Holly Copeland Troup and her spouse, Kevin Troup; Grandchildren: Haley Troup; Abby Copeland Partridge, spouse Campbell Partridge; Brady Troup; Kaycee Copeland Chamblee, spouse Jacob Chamblee; great grandchild, Brooks Partridge; and sister, Candi Minton.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years: Shirley Copeland; Parents: William and Helen Copeland; Brother: Richie Copeland; Fur baby: "Duke".

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Pruitt's restaurant and staff for always providing a sense of community and warmth, special friends of the family Melissa Thorton, Emma, Katie, Kenzie and Meghan. ACG Hospice, Jamie Battles and Kelsey Young.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, Nov. 25 with a funeral service held on Wednesday, Nov. 26.



Audrey "Murlene" Sims

GADSDEN - A memorial service will be held at 3 pm December 7, 2025 at North Gadsden Church of God for Murlene Sims, age 84, of Gadsden, passed away on December 1, 2025.

Murlene will be remembered for her generous spirit and the joy she found in helping others. She was al-

ways busy—whether working as a dedicated hairdresser or serving her community as a tax appraiser. She loved traveling, especially cruises, Las Vegas, and casinos. Murlene truly embraced life, but her greatest love was always her family. She was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

Murlene was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Sims; daughters, Charlene Sims and Maxine Jones; son, Mike Sims; sister, Glenice Laney; and brothers, Gary Blevins, parents Check and Eunice Blevins.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Amanda (Josh) Hunter and Daniel (Lindsey) Sims; and her great-grandchildren, Ada Hunter, Jael Hunter, and Kailee Hunter. Son in law Jeff Jones, niece Janice(Greg) May, Nephew Wayne(Rosie) Laney and cousin Lynn Jones

The family extends a special thank you to Southern Care New Beacon Hospice and Gadsden Regional for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to North Gadsden Church of God.

Charles Wayne Smith

HOKES BLUFF - A funeral service for Charles Wayne Smith, 84 of Hokes Bluff, was held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, November 29, 2025 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with Rev Allen Mancil and Scott Reeves officiating the service. Burial followed the service at New Bethel Cemetery.

Mr. Smith passed away at his home Wednesday, November 26, 2025, surrounded by his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, K.M. (Bo) and Jessie W. Smith, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Fred W. And Annie May Lipsey, his sisters, Myra Carnes and Rita Carnes.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 62 years, Ann, his son, Mike (Tracy) Smith, his daughters, Kim (Allen) Mancil, Cristy (Brian) Bigelow, his grandchildren, Emily, Amber, Tyler (Savana), Dorothy, Ashley, his great grandchildren, Aly and Emersyn and a host of nieces and nephews.

He graduated from Hokes Bluff High School in 1959. He was a faithful member of New Bethel FCM Church in Hokes Bluff. He served in the Army Reserve and received an honorable discharge. He worked for Dixie Tool and Die for almost 30 years. He was a die-hard fan of the Auburn Tigers.

Pallbearers will be Scott Reeves, Mark Reeves, Andrew Reeves, Bobby McCullough, Phillip Griffith and Keith Gray.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Pro Health Home Health and Hospice especially Kelli White.

Donna Franklin

Donna Franklin, age 66, went to be with the Lord, surrounded by the love of her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister whose kindness and steady presence touched all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband of 41 years, Tim Franklin; her children, April Ford and David Franklin; her son-in-law, Justin Ford; and her grandchildren, Aiden Ford, Caroline Ford, and Heloysa Ford, who brought her endless joy. She is also survived by her brother, Joey Clark.

Donna recently retired from the Etowah County Board of Education, where she faithfully served as a bookkeeper and made many cherished friendships. She was also a longtime member of Hokes Bluff First Baptist Church, where she found community, comfort, and

strength in her faith.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the MICU staff at Gadsden Regional for the compassionate care and support they provided.

Visitation was held Sunday, November 30th, from 1:00–3:00 PM, with the funeral service at 3:00 PM, all at Hokes Bluff First Baptist Church.

Her memory will forever be treasured by those who loved her.

Evangelist Emma Childs

GADSDEN - With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the earthly transition of Evangelist Emma Jean Childs of Gadsden, who traded time for eternity on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at the age of 74.

Emma Jean was born on October 30, 1951, in Gadsden, Alabama, to her parents David Williams, Sr. and Ruby Frances Glass, beginning a life that would become a legacy of faith, love, and unwavering commitment to the Most High's people.

On December 24, 1970, Emma Jean married the love of her life, Britton Childs III, and together they built a beautiful family rooted in devotion and strength. She was the beloved mother of Patricia, Britannia, and Britton IV. Her family was her joy, and each of them carries the imprint of her love, wisdom, and strength.

A hard-working and dedicated woman, Emma Jean was employed with Shoney's Restaurant and later with Tyson Foods. Yet her greatest and most impactful work was done in ministry. She was a well-sought-after Evangelist, a true trailblazer whose voice carried authority, compassion, and conviction. She faithfully served at Deliverance Holiness Church, where she held the position of Assistant Pastor, before transitioning to Lion of Judah Worship Center, a ministry she dearly loved. In her later years, she embraced the fullness of the Truth and served with renewed passion and purpose.

Emma Jean was known for her kind spirit, her love for life, and her unwavering desire to encourage others to become everything The Most High called them to be. She was a woman of prayer, discernment, and boldness—never afraid to speak truth, yet always doing so in love. She deeply loved The Most High, His Word, and her church family at Lion of Judah Worship Center. Her commitment to ministry, her strength of character, and her genuine compassion will remain an enduring part of her legacy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David Williams, Sr. and Ruby Frances; her siblings, Lynda Sue Williams, Eric Williams, Leroy Williams, David Williams, Jr., David "C-Boy" Williams, Delania Cunningham and Angela Crumpler; her brothers-in-love, Ellis Cunningham and Jerry Washington; nephew Yahshay Yahshar'al.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband of 54 years, Britton Childs III; children, Patricia (James) Parker, Britannia Childs, and Britton Childs IV; grandchildren, Jamee Parker, Jonathan Parker, Xandria Brigham, and Britton Childs V; her sisters, Vera "Vicky" Washington, Carrie (Robert) Stubbs, and Della (Eric) Guerrero; her godbrother, Ocie Hope; nephews, David (Tresea) Williams, Patrick (Antina) Washington, Claude Reeves, and Stephen (Mary) Cunningham; nieces, Alicia Crumpler and Erica Stubbs; her special cousin, Eula Wade; her sisters-in-love, Justine Williams, Roberta Harville, Claudia (Robert) Ferguson, Gloria Knight, Gwendolyn Rudolph, and Carolyn Childs; brothers-in-love, Willie Childs, Sanbert (Janie) Childs, and Sanford Childs; she is also lov-

ingly remembered by her additional children, Jessie Melton, Brandon Smith and Morgan Tierra Childs; special friends, Noressa Thomas, Cheryl Williams, Mary Scissum and Evelyn Robinson and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended relatives too numerous to name.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Evangelist Emma Jean (Williams) Childs, please visit our floral store.

Services

Visitation: Saturday, December 6, 2025, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~ Etowah Chapel, 401 N. 9th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Celebration of Life: Sunday, December 7, 2025, 2:00 PM, New Covenant Ministries, 303 S. 11th Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Interment following funeral service: Sunday, December 7, 2025, Crestwood Cemetery, East Broad St, Gadsden, AL 35903.



Faye L. Howard

Faye L. Howard, born on January 8, 1928, passed away on November 25, 2025, at the age of 97.

George Frank McLeod

GADSDEN - George Frank McLeod was born on July 23, 1943, in Alabama. He passed away on November 22, 2025, at the age of 82. He was a resident of Gadsden, Alabama.

Honi Taylor

GADSDEN - It is with deep sympathy we announce the passing of Honi Taylor of Gadsden, AL, who transitioned on Monday, December 1, 2025, at the age of 40. We ask that you keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during the difficult time.



Evelyn Pauline Williamson

GADSDEN - Pauline, (affectionately known as Polly in her younger years) was born in Gadsden, Alabama to her parents, Paul and Evelyn Tarvin. After graduating from Gadsden High in 1958 she went on to work in Accounts Receivable for Flower's Bakery where she eventually retired. She married her husband Charles E. Williamson in 1969. She then had their daughter Tara Williamson in 1970. Pauline was an active person who enjoyed bowling, softball, tennis, fishing and gardening. She is fondly remembered by her grandchildren as loving, encouraging and creative, always humming a song, usually one sung by her favorite, Ella Fitzgerald. She is most especially remembered by her daughter, Tara, who she spent the last years of her life with being cared for.

Survived: She is survived by her daughter, Tara (Perry) Hodge, her grandchildren Katie Mae Campbell, Joshua (Hannah) Campbell, Charlie Hodge, and her great-granddaughter, Evelyn Probus.

Preceded: She is pre-

ceded in death by her husband Charles Williamson, her mother Evelyn McCa-rver Tarvin, her father Paul Tarvin, and her brother, Dr. William L. Tarvin.



Hoyt Lee Fugatt

Hoyt Lee Fugatt, 79, passed away Sunday, November 30, 2025. A visitation was held on Wednesday, December 3, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The funeral service took place after, with Keith Screws officiating. All services took place at Collier-Butler Funeral Home, with burial following at Rainbow Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Fugatt was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was loved by many. He loved his family greatly. He was a very hard-working man and worked as a truck driver for many years. Most of his trucking friends knew him by his CB handle, "Backbumper." He always enjoyed making people laugh and smile. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He gave his life to Jesus in a prayer he shared with his beloved daughter, Christy Clotfelter.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Barbara Fugatt, of 47 years of marriage; his father, Thomas Fugatt; his mother, Mozelle Fugatt; and his brother, David Fugatt.

He is survived by his children: Lisa (Chris) Borden, Bobby (Linda) Fugatt, and Christy (Terry) Clotfelter; Granddaughters: Misti (Ben) Ragan, Marissa Amberson, Tiffany (Caleb) Carpenter; Grandson: Justin (Krista) Fugatt; And 16 great-grandchildren.

Jerry Tumlin

A visitation was held from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Village Chapel Funeral Home for Jerry Tumlin, 72, who died Monday, December 1, 2025. Burial followed at Williams Southside Memorial Park.

Mr. Tumlin was a welder at Gadsden Scaffold and then worked at Goodyear, where he retired after 25 years. He was an avid Alabama Football fan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Tumlin; parents, Raymond and Willie Tumlin; brother, Jimmy Tumlin; and sister, Sandra Clines.

He is survived by siblings, Linda Bates, Bob (Caren) Tumlin, Danny (Pam) Tumlin, and Debra (Ray) White; and a host of extended family and friends.

LaToya Kemp

GADSDEN - It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Ms. LaToya Kemp, 44, Gadsden, passed away Monday, Nov. 24, 2025 Surrounded by her loving family.

Patricia A Stimpson

Patricia A Stimpson, aged 86, passed away on November 30, 2025.

A visitation will be held at Collier-Butler Funeral Home located at 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL, 35901, on December 8, 2025, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The funeral service will take place at the same location in the Chapel on December 8, 2025, starting at 12:30 pm.



Johnny Reuben Tow

GADSDEN - Johnny Reuben Tow, age 65, of Gadsden, Alabama, passed away on November 27, 2025. He loved Alabama football, enjoyed being outdoors, and was known for always having a good time.

Johnny never met a stranger and would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need.

He is survived by his mother, Emma Tow; his sisters, Peggy, Bobby, Susan, and Button; his daughters, Lenora and Candace and his grandchildren, Chloe, Clarence, Caizleigh, and Camara.

Johnny was preceded in death by his father, Forney Tow; his brother, Mitchell; and his sister, Jackie.

Visitation will be held at Village Chapel Funeral Home on Friday, December 5, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 6:00 p.m.



Linda Ann Riley

Linda Ann Riley, born on March 11, 1941, in Alabama, passed away on November 30, 2025, at the age of 84. She was a resident of Rainbow City, Alabama.

Linda was a great business owner. A longtime member of Meadowbrook Baptist Church. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School. Linda also went on mission trips, taught at New Life good role model.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents Charlie Revels and Willie Pearl Revels; brothers Jerry and Gene Revels.

Linda is survived by her Husband Luther Riley, Children; Pam (David) Bone and Lynn Riley, and also her sister Janice (Phil) Brown.

The family would like to say a special thanks to the pastoral staff at Meadowbrook Baptist Church and friends.

A graveside service will be held at Rainbow Memorial Gardens, located at 1440 W Grand Ave, Gadsden, Alabama, 35904. The service is scheduled for December 3, 2025, at 11:00 am.

Linda Ann Riley will be laid to rest at Rainbow Memorial Gardens, Gadsden, Alabama.



Peggy Jane (Creel) Ware

Peggy Jane (Creel) Ware, 84, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2025. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother,

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sister, friend, teacher, and devoted servant of her church and community.

A visitation was held at Collier-Butler Funeral Home, 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, Alabama, on November 28, 2025, from 9:00–11:00 a.m. The funeral service followed at 11:00 a.m., with Bro. Bill Drummons officiating and special music by Allen Hudson. Burial took place at Rainbow Memorial Gardens. Collier-Butler Funeral Home directing.

Peggy dedicated 35 years to shaping young minds as an elementary school teacher. She taught at Alma Hinson, John Jones, First Baptist Church of Rainbow City, and retired from Southside Elementary after 29 years of faithful service. Her gentle spirit, patience, and love for children left a lasting impact on countless students and families.

Peggy’s life was filled with joy, fellowship, and a deep love for her church. She enjoyed traveling with her Sunday school group, listening to southern gospel music, and spending time antique shopping. She was a proud member of the Red Hat Society, a Sunday school teacher, and a devoted member of Southside Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children, Kim (Bob) Clark and Brian (Bradlie) Ware; her grandchildren, Brianna (Scott) Holderfield, Allison (Nick) Smith, Austin (Brittany) Ware, Chelsea Clark, Tanner Ware, Wilson Clark, and Derrick (Kelsey) Bowling; and her great-grandchildren, Crimson Holderfield, Lane Holderfield, Tobias Smith, Dominic Smith, Gabrielle Ware, Londyn Ware, Paisley Ware, Thomas Chambers, Envy Chambers, Kirsten (Cyle) Butenhoff, Abby (Drake) Stewart, and Gavin Holderfield. She is also survived by her great-great grandchild, Eden Stewart; and her sisters, Debbie Higgins and Abby Voss (Aaron

Wesp).

Peggy was preceded in death by her loving husband of 38 years, Larry Ware; her parents, Arline and William “Buck” Speaks; her parents-in-law, Stacey and Lula Ware; and her brother, Ross Speaks.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Morgan Brock, Courtney Malcolm, and Lindy Gilbert of Gentiva Hospice for their compassionate care and support.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that school supplies be donated to the school of your choice in Peggy Jane’s honor, continuing her lifelong passion for education and children.

Peggy will be remembered for her kindness, her steadfast faith, and the warmth she shared with everyone she met. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of her family, friends, former students, and all who had the blessing of knowing her.

William Williams

William Williams, born on December 17, 1953, passed away on December 2, 2025, at the age of 71.

Travis Scott

A Celebration of Life service for Travis Scott, 83, of Gadsden will be held 3:30pm Sunday, December 7, 2025 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with Kyle Bryan officiating the service. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 3:00 PM to the time of the service.

Mr. Scott passed away Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at his home.

Mr. Scott is preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Shelby “Jean” Scott; parents, W.T. Scott and Avis Swafford; brothers, Freddie Scott and Wallace Scott; and his sister, Brenda Owens.

Left to cherish the memory of Mr. Scott are his daughters, Deana Smith and Nata-

sha Scott (Amanda); brother, Larry Scott (Amelia); special friends that are chosen family members, Carolyn and Leon Myers; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Scott served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1966-1968. He loved to spend time with his family. Travis was everyone’s handyman and enjoyed doing what his wife and family liked. Travis loved Alabama football and he loved taking care of people; Mr. Scott will be so deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital or the The Lucy Bryan Memorial Fund <https://onrealm.org/FirstUnit-edMeth94212/-/form/give/Lucy>.

Tina Lee Barnard

RAINBOW CITY - A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Victory Bible Church in Albertville, 140 Saratoga Street 35950, for Tina Lee Barnard, 66, of Rainbow City. Pastor Mike Gaskin will officiate.

Tina was born on January 5, 1959 and made her journey to Heaven on Saturday, November 29, 2025 to be reunited with her loved ones waiting on her. She was of the Baptist Faith. Tina was a 1977 graduate of Southside High School. She dedicated her life to her family, being a caretaker to her mother, a devoted mother to her children and any of their friends that called her “Mama.” Her greatest joy was raising her grandchildren. She loved naps with her cats, making Tik Tok Videos, her four-legged grandchildren, bon fires, sitting on the porch and a good gospel singing.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 25 years, Allen Barnard, her

grandparents, George David and Birdie Tate and Chester and Lillie Loyd, her parents, Earl and Ernestine Tate, her brother and best friend, Tim Tate, special cousin, Donna Mershon and her chosen son, William Woodruff.

Left to cherish the memory of Tina are her husband, Darryl Foster, children, Kristy and John Parris, Stacey and Tavaris Smith, Alexandra Foster and Blake Nicholas, grandchildren Kaitlyn Kerr and Zak Kimberling, Tavaris Smith, Zayden Nicholas, and chosen grandson Cameron Thompson, siblings, Brenda and Marty Fuller, Mary Ann Thacker, and Johnna Jenkins, nieces and nephews Cory and Haley Fuller, Zac and Jake Mizell and Matthew and Maddie Tate, great niece and nephew Collins and Henry Fuller, special cousins Becky and Jacky Austin, her chosen family, the Smith family from Moss Point, Mississippi, lifelong friends Carol Garrison and Janice Clark, chosen children, Kelli Cason, Amanda Carroll, Tiffany Champion and Haven Seale and a host of extended family and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Advantage EMS for their compassion and care when transporting their mother.

Her memory will forever be treasured by those who loved her.

John 14:1-4

Thomas Anthony Musick

GLENCOE - Thomas Anthony “Tony” Musick, formerly of Mobile, AL, currently of Glencoe, AL passed from the life surrounded by his family and friends on Saturday, November 29, 2025.

Funeral service for Tony will be held 2pm Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with David Marker and Keith Ritchie officiating. Burial will

follow at Crestwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1pm until time of service at the funeral home.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas A. “Tom” Musick and Dianne Warren Musick.

He is survived by his sister, Dana Musick Johnson (Kyle); nephew, Nathan Johnson (Hannah) of Pell City, AL; nieces, Rachel Dyann Weathington (Dakota), of Attalla, AL and Heather Callan (Will) of Centre, AL. He had several nieces and nephews including Bentley Head, Jackson Whaley, Scarlett Weathingotn, Embry Pearl Weathington, Marleigh Kate Callan, and Dawson Callan; and a very loving aunt, Rosemary Carroll; and several cousins.

Tony attended Freed Hardeman University in Henderson, TN for two years and completed his nursing degree, BA in Nursing at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL in 1985. He worked as a Registered Nurse at USA Knollwood Hospital ER in Mobile, AL for 25 years. He continued his career at University Hospital Trauma Unit until his retirement in 2015.

He was a member of Glencoe Church of Christ and previously attended Creekwood Church of Christ in Mobile, AL. He was a huge Green Bay Packers fan. He also loved Braves baseball and Alabama football. “Roll Tide Roll!!!!” Tony enjoyed deer hunting, duck hunting, and any kind of fishing. He was a member of Turkey Creek Hunting Club in Fulton, AL. He will be so deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the loving sitters who he called “Angels”, Becca Bohannon and Lisa Murphy. Also, Rebecca Hoskins, and the nurses from Gentiva Hospice, Tammy, Linde, and Jennifer.

Tavarus Tuck Jr

GADSDEN - Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Mr. Tavarus D. Tuck Jr., age 19, of Gadsden, AL, who traded mortal for immortality on Friday, November 21, 2025. He is survived by his loving parents. We ask that you please keep The Tuck Family and those families that may be going through the same lifted in prayer.

Services

Public Viewing: Saturday, December 6, 2025, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Shiloh Baptist Church, 1037 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Celebration of Life: Saturday, December 6, 2025, 12:00 PM, Shiloh Baptist Church, 1037 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Interment following funeral service:, Saturday, December 6, 2025, Lincoln Hill Cemetery, 408 Miller Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35903.

Ruth Harvey

Today, we come together to celebrate the homegoing of our beloved Ruth Harvey, born June 27, 1942, to the late William and Kate Harvey in Gadsden, Alabama. We gather to comfort each other in grief and to honor the life that Ruth lived. A life that was full of hope, happiness, laughter, and love regardless of the circumstances.

On November 23, 2025, Ruth united with her mother and father; her siblings, Eugene, Willie Mae, Alberta, Milton, Gwen and Geraldine, Jody and Louise and grandson, Jamel Ervin.



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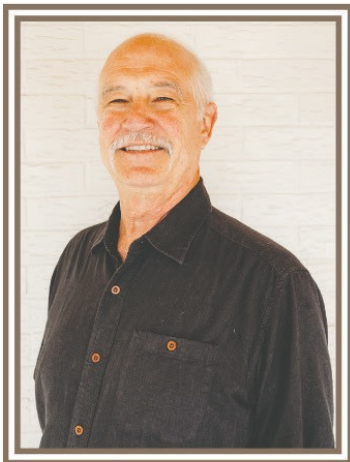
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Scarlett Green

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Local Schedules

College Basketball

Men's

Dec. 6
GSCC at Enterprise State Community College at 4 p.m.

Dec. 8
Wallace Community College-Selma at GSCC at 6 p.m.

Dec. 11
Copiah-Lincoln Community College at GSCC at 7 p.m.

Women's

Dec. 6
GSCC at Reid State Technical College at 2 p.m.

Dec. 10
Chattanooga State Community College at GSCC at 5 p.m.

High School Basketball

Girls

Dec. 5
Southside vs. Jacksonville at home at 6 p.m.

Sardis at Douglas at 6 p.m.

Piedmont at Etowah at 5:45 p.m.

Glencoe at Hokes Bluff at 5:45 p.m.

Susan Moore at West End at 5:30 p.m.

Westbrook at Oneonta at 5:45 p.m.

Ranburne at Gaston at 6 p.m.

Dec. 6
Hazel Green at Gadsden City at 6 p.m.

Dec. 8
Southside vs. Cherokee County at home at 6 p.m.

Sardis at Ashville at 6 p.m.

Dec. 9
Gadsden City at Plainview at 6 p.m.

Sardis at Crossville at 5 p.m.

Southside vs. Glencoe at home at 6 p.m.

St. Clair County at Etowah at 5:45 p.m.

Southeastern at West End at 5:30 p.m.

Ohatchee at Westbrook at 5:45 p.m.

Gaston at Pleasant Valley at 6 p.m.

Coosa at Faith Christian at 6 p.m.

Boys

Dec. 5
Southside vs. Jacksonville at home at 7:30 p.m.

Piedmont at Etowah at 7 p.m.

Glencoe at Hokes Bluff at 7:15 p.m.

Susan Moore at West End at 7 p.m.

Westbrook at Oneonta at 7 p.m.

Ranburne at Gaston at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 6
Hazel Green at Gadsden City at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 8
Southside vs. Cherokee County at home at 7:30 p.m.

Sardis at Ashville at 7 p.m.

Etowah at Hayden at 8 p.m.

Glencoe at Alexandria at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9
Gadsden City at Plainview at 7:30 p.m.

Southside vs. Glencoe at home at 7:30 p.m.

St. Clair County at Etowah at 7 p.m.

Southeastern at West End at 7 p.m.

Sardis at Crossville at 6:30 p.m.

Ohatchee at Westbrook at 7 p.m.

Gaston at Pleasant Valley at 7 p.m.

Coosa at Faith Christian at 7:30 p.m.

See more sports on www.gadsdenmessenger.com

Coosa heads to state championship

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

The Coosa Christian Conquerors have conquered the attention of Etowah County as they prepare to compete for the AHSSA Super 7 Football State Championship this Friday.

Coosa Christian (12-2), coached by Rush Propst, secured a 44-36 victory over Pisgah (11-3) on Friday, Nov. 28, to clinch a berth in the Class 2A semifinals. Propst is making his first appearance in the AHSAA state finals since 2006. He guided Hoover to the 6A championship game seven-straight years from 2000-2006.

Since Coosa's first team formed in 1976, the school has made 13 play-off runs. The Conquerors last made it to the championship finals in 2023, where they lost to Leroy.

The last two seasons have been plagued with fines and forfeitures

for Coosa Christian, with the Conquerors forfeiting five games in 2023 due to violations of the AHSAA Transfer Rule and with the team forfeiting five games in 2024 and being placed on restrictive probation ahead of the 2025 football season for playing an ineligible player in violation of the AHSSA's Coaching Outside School Year Rule.

Prior to the start of the 2025 season, Coosa announced that then-head coach Mark O'Bryant was suspended to meet all terms of the AHSAA's probation ruling concerning violations in the school's football program. As a result of O'Bryant's departure from the program, the AHSSA lifted the restrictive probation and replaced it with a period of non-restrictive probation for a period of one year, with the understanding that "should any similar violations occur in the future, addi-



Photo courtesy of Bo Starkey

tional restrictive sanctions will be assessed."

With their rocky past behind them, the Conquerors are preparing to face Lanett (12-2) on Friday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. at Protective Stadium in Birmingham. Lanett is

looking to add a third championship trophy to their shelf this year. They previously won championships in 2019 and 2017. This will be the first time the Panthers and Conquerors face each other on the football field.

Hokes Bluff takes on Boaz and Geraldine

By Matthew Watkins
Sports Correspondent

Hokes Bluff's basketball teams tallied up some big mileage earlier in the week as they traveled on both Monday and Tuesday to Boaz and Geraldine, respectively. Early season matchups are obviously pivotal in preparing teams for area play, and each of these opponents are unique compared to Hokes Bluff's non-area slate from a season ago.

Hokes Bluff's varsity girls, led by Head Coach Evan Talbot, got off to an extremely slow start against Boaz. The Pirates didn't fare much better. Each team primarily utilized zone defenses for most of the contest, which can usually lead to a lot of three-point attempts and quick entries into the paint. However, each team shot poorly in the opening two quarters, leading to an uneventful halftime score of 10-9 in favor of Boaz.

Each team started to find its footing in the second half, though. The Lady Eagles connected on six three-pointers in the game, but five of those came in the second half. Boaz responded to each mini-run that Hokes Bluff made, and it came down to Lady Eagles junior Mary Davenport sinking a crucial free throw with 4 seconds remaining to secure the 35-31 Hokes Bluff victory. Hokes Bluff's senior guard Pressley Wall led the team with 10 points. Addison Simmons, a sophomore forward, added 8 points of her own, and Mazely Ball, a freshman forward, had 6.

The varsity boys contest was played in stark contrast to the girls game, with points pouring in early and often from both sides. Boaz took a 14-13 lead into the second quarter, and that's where they separated themselves from the Eagles. After the opening quarter, Boaz outscored Hokes Bluff 53-34, leading to a 67-47 win. For Hokes Bluff, the lone bright spot came in the form of senior guard Ronan McFadden, who led all scorers with 27 points.

The following night at Geraldine, the Lady Eagles started out on fire. They raced out to a 16-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. For the rest of the game, Hokes Bluff would not allow their lead to get any less than 15, and cruised to a 56-32 victory, the sixth win in a row for the Lady Eagles (6-1). Addison Simmons led the team with 12 points, and senior forward Emma Doss added 9 of her own. Mazely Ball also scored 9 points.

The Hokes Bluff boys team got a little of their groove back against the Bulldogs, but it was far from an easy feat. It was a tight contest for much of the first three quarters, with neither team being fully able to pull away from one another. However, the fourth quarter was all-Hokes Bluff. The Eagles' senior guard, Noah Johnson, got hot in the closing minutes and helped stretch their lead to double-digits. He would go on to finish with a game-high 24 points. The Eagles held on to their lead until the final buzzer sounded, giving them a 53-41 victory. Ronan McFadden chipped in 8 points, and freshman forward Brody Morgan added 7.

Both Hokes Bluff teams will play again tonight at home against their crosstown rival, Glencoe. The junior-varsity girls game will start the action at 3:30, with all other games to follow.



Photo by Alex Chaney/Special to the Messenger

Hokes Bluff's Haylen Marbut (#3) gathers for a layup.

Recent Scores

High School Girls Basketball

Nov. 25
Sardis girls varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's non-conference game against Springville, 31-37.

Gadsden City girls varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's tournament game against Saint James (Montgomery), 32-54.

Southside girls varsity basketball team won Tuesday's tournament game against Hayden, 51-7.

Hokes Bluff girls varsity basketball team won Tuesday's non-conference game against Sand, 49-18.

Glencoe girls varsity basketball team won Tuesday's non-conference game against Lincoln, 49-46.

West End girls varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's home non-conference game against Asbury, 45-47.

Westbrook Christian girls varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's home non-conference game against Southeastern, 41-47.

Nov. 26
Glencoe girls varsity basketball team won Wednesday's home non-conference game against Weaver, 60-25.

Dec. 1
Hokes Bluff girls varsity basketball team won Monday's non-conference game against Boaz, 35-31.

Dec. 2
Glencoe girls varsity basketball team won Tuesday's home conference game against Ohatchee, 61-30.

Hokes Bluff girls varsity basketball team won Tuesday's non-conference game against Geraldine, 56-32.

West End girls varsity basketball team won Tuesday's home conference game against Cleveland, 45-15.

High School Boys Basketball

Nov. 25
Sardis boys varsity basketball

team lost Tuesday's non-conference game against Springville, 49-71.

Hokes Bluff boys varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's non-conference game against Sand Rock, 57-69.

West End boys varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's home non-conference game against Asbury (Albertville), 45-53.

Westbrook Christian boys varsity basketball team won Tuesday's home non-conference game against Southeastern, 67-27.

Southside boys varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's tournament game against Northridge (Tuscaloosa), 41-70.

Nov. 26
Sardis boys varsity basketball team won Wednesday's non-conference game against Geraldine, 56-45.

Dec. 1
Hokes Bluff boys varsity basketball team lost Monday's non-conference game against Boaz, 47-67.

Southside boys varsity basketball team won Monday's home non-conference game against Etowah, 54-47.

Dec. 2
Westbrook Christian boys varsity basketball team won Tuesday's home non-conference game against Gaston, 76-38.

Glencoe boys varsity basketball team won Tuesday's home conference game against Ohatchee, 83-41.

West End boys varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's home conference game against Cleveland, 61-68.

Southside boys varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's home non-conference game against Ashville, 55-70.

Hokes Bluff boys varsity basketball team won Tuesday's non-conference game against Geraldine, 53-41.

Gadsden City boys varsity basketball team won Tuesday's non-conference game against Hewitt-Trussville, 61-57.

College Basketball Men's Team

Dec. 2
Gadsden State men's basketball team defeated Marion Military Institute at home on Tuesday, 108-93.

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This year, nearly 190,000 screaming football fans will fill up Bryant-Denny and Jordan-Hare stadiums for every home game. That's a lot of people! But you can pack both stadiums all season long and the total will still be less than the nearly 3 million adults who read Alabama's daily and weekly newspapers.



If you're reading an Alabama newspaper, you're already on a winning team. And if you're an Alabama business, remember that you'll score big with our state's newspapers.

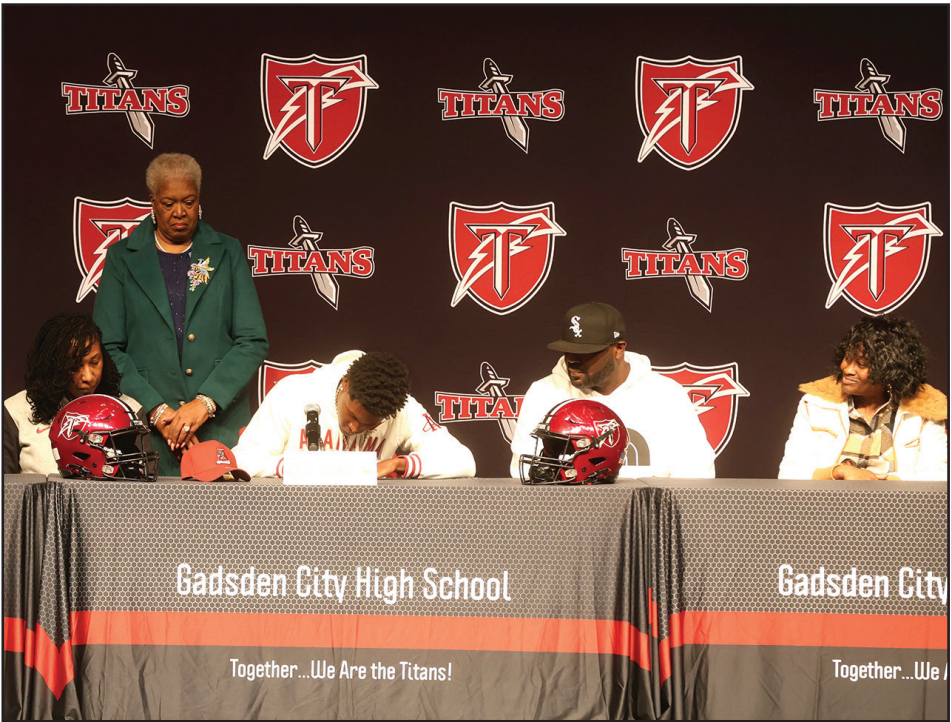
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Gadsden City athletes make it official at signing day

Gadsden City High School athletes recently celebrated a college signing day at the GCHS auditorium. Zyan Gibson signed on to University of Alabama and Ty Sims signed on to Jacksonville State University. Pictured below, left, Zyan Gibson (sitting left) and Ty Sims (sitting right) pose with GCHS football coaching staff at signing day. Pictured below, right, Zyan Gibson (left) and Ty Sims (right) pose after signing to University of Alabama and Jacksonville State University. Pictured bottom left, Ty Sims' family celebrates after he signed to Jacksonville State. Pictured bottom right, Zyan Gibson's family looks on as he signs to University of Alabama. *Submitted photos.*



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Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jesus Eduardo Gonzalez Ortega and wife, Leighanna Brooke Gonzalez, to Emblem Credit Union on the 3rd day of March, 2025, said mortgage being recorded at Mortgage Book 2025, Page 3588669, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and the undersigned, by reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable, and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given, that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Dana L. Rice, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the Courthouse door in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 15th day of December, 2025, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Lots Number 22 and 23 in Canoe Creek Paradise, as recorded in Plat Book H, page 22, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. This conveyance is subject to subdivision restrictions, utility, drainage, and sewer easements, and minimum setback line, if any, applicable to the aforesaid property appearing of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama. This conveyance is also subject to any prior reservation, severance or conveyance of minerals or mineral rights.

Subject to the restrictions recorded in Misc. Book 93, page 899, and amended by Misc. Book 241, page 39, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

Emblem Credit Union
BY: /s/Dana L. Rice
Dana L. Rice, Its Attorney
Tumbach, Warren, Rice,
Lloyd, Frederick
& Smith, P.C.
P. O. Box 129
Gadsden, Alabama 35902
(256) 543-3664

November 21, 28 and
December 5, 2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Jessica Kirk and Shan F. Kirk, Jr., wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, First Federal Bank, and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 28th day of June, 2021, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3523444; said Mortgage having been transferred and assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, First Federal Bank, and Lender's successors and assigns) to Alabama Housing Finance Authority by virtue of that certain Assignment of Mortgage dated October 7, 2025, and recorded in said Probate Office in Miscellaneous Book 2025, at Page 3599061. The undersigned Alabama Housing Finance Authority as Assignee of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale

contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse in the City of Gadsden, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 29, 2026, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said property being situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: All of Lot 5 and the North 75 feet of Lot 4, said 75 feet evenly along, South of, and contiguous to and parallel with the South line of said Lot 5, Block 2 of Sardis Addition No. 2 as recorded in Plat Book G, Page 261 in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Etowah County, Alabama, and subject to those certain protective and restrictive covenants as found of record in Misc Book 44, Page 59 in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

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ALABAMA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY
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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 Karla Gowens, married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Acopia, LLC, its successors and assigns, on January 12, 2022, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on January 14, 2022, as Document Number 3533810. Data Mortgage Inc., DBA Essex Mortgage, 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 February 18, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot Number Five (5), of the Larydale Subdivision Unit Two (2), as recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 99, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and run Northerly, along the East line of said Lot #5 and #6, 106.00 feet to a point; thence deflect 89° 54' to the left and run Westerly 165.00 feet to a point; thence deflect 90° 06' to the left and run Southerly 106.00 feet to an existing capped rebar on the South line of Lot #4; thence deflect 89° 54' to the left and run Easterly along the South line of said Lot #4 and #5 165.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a portion of Lots Numbers Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6), of the Larydale Subdivision Unit Two (2) to Glencoe, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 99, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. More commonly known as: 1123 Larry St, Glencoe, AL 35905
This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will

be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

Data Mortgage Inc., DBA
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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 Shirley T Sparkman A/K/A Shirley Tomlin Sparkman A/K/A Shirley JoAnn Tomlin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Family Savings Credit Union, its successors and assigns dated April 2, 2020; said mortgage being recorded on April 17, 2020 as Instrument No. 3500925 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2025, Page 3596297 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 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 7, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number Nineteen (19), Block Number Four (4), in Crestview Land Company's Addition to Gadsden, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "D", Pages 144 and 145, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 618 Magnolia Ave, Gadsden, AL 35903.

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

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien,

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

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

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

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

PUBLICATION DATES: August 22, 2025, August 29, 2025, September 5, 2025, September 26, 2025, December 5, 2025. NEWSPAPER: The Messenger. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by John Brackett Moore, a married man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Zillow Home Loans, LLC, on January 12, 2024, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3568818; the undersigned PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on September 10, 2025, 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: A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the center of the Public Road leading to Formans Lake and on the North line of Fractional Section Four (4) Township Twelve (12) Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian, Said beginning point is 176 feet measured along said North line Westerly from the North East corner of the Northeast Quarter of the above described Fractional Section, and thence run along the said North line run in a Southerly direction a distance of Three Hundred Ninety Two feet more or less to a point in the center of the Public Road leading from the Old Walnut Grove road to Formans Lake and from the center or from this point run in an Easterly Direction and meandering said road to the beginning point which is the center of the said road and on the said North line of

the Fractional Section 4, and embracing a portion of the North East Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Fractional Section 4, Township (12) South of Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County, Alabama and being and lying west of Big Wills Creek containing two and 55/100 acres more or less, save and except however, that certain one half acres heretofore conveyed by W. B. Horton and wife, Ola Horton to Jackie Mims and wife, Lola Mims, by deed dated 27th February, 1951, and recorded in books 460, Page 279, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, said land being conveyed subject to the rights of the public to us the South 15 feet for road purposes, minerals in the above described property is reserved. Together with all improvements located thereon. Property street address for informational purposes: 3125 Miller Hollow Road, Attalla, AL 35954. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from September 10, 2025 until November 19, 2025, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from November 19, 2025 until January 21, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-06342-PM-AL

December 5, 2025

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms of that certain Mortgage, executed on July 14, 2015, by MAM Investments Series Nine, LLC, a Nevada LLC, as Mortgagor, to FVP, LLC, a Florida LLC, as Mortgagee, which said Mortgage is recorded at Instrument #3420670, and which said Mortgage and underlying promissory note was assigned to Garafalo Family Revocable Trust and recorded at Instrument #3429040, and which said Mortgage and underlying promissory note is currently held by Garafalo Family Revocable Trust, and Garafalo Family Revocable Trust is authorized to enforce the terms of the Mortgage secured by said promissory note by virtue of the

power of sale thereunder and § 35-10-12, Ala. Code 1975, the following described real property was to be sold on 12/2/2025, but is postponed and will instead be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of Etowah County during the legal hours of sale on March 2, 2026

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Lonesome Bend Road and Air Depot Road in the Northeast corner of Section 30, Township 12 South, Range 7 East; thence Due West along the observed South ROW line of Air Depot Road 325.00 ft. to a capped rebar at the point of intersection of said South ROW line of Air Depot Road and a 40 ft. Right of Way; said point being the true point of beginning of the hereafter described parcel; thence South 00 degrees 00 min. 19 sec. West and leaving said South ROW line of Air Depot Road 469. 92 ft. to a 3/ 8 inch pinch top pipe; thence North 89 degrees 56 min. 41 sec. West 235.21 ft. to a 3/ 8 inch pipe; thence South 00 degrees 03 min. 54 sec. East 722.84 ft. to a ½ inch pipe on the observed Northeast Right of Way line of Louisville & Nashville Railroad (aka the Southwest Right of Way line of a recorded road right of way); thence North 34 degrees 08 min. 59 sec. West along said ROW line of railroad 180.00 ft. to a capped rebar; thence North 00 degrees 03 min. 54 sec. West 26.79 ft. to a capped rebar on the observed Northeast ROW line of said recorded road row; thence North 34 degrees 02 min. 30 sec. West along said row 227.22 ft. to a ½ inch pipe; thence North 00 degrees 09 min. 32 sec. West and leaving said row line 828.51 ft. to a capped rebar on the observed South ROW line of Air Depot Road; thence Due East along said ROW line 465.00 ft. to the true point of beginning. The conveyance will be subject to all easements, restrictions and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Liens and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. The property is being sold "as is, where is". Said property is sold without warranty or recourse, express or implied as to title, use or enjoyment. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

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2025

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Kenya Rice, a married woman, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., on April 17, 2023, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3556389; the undersigned PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on January 15, 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: Commence at a 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 8 East; thence South 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 734.24 feet along the East line of said forty to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA497-LS) also being the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 325.00 feet along said forty line a 3/8-inch rebar on the Northerly right of way of U.S. Highway Number 278 (80-foot right of way); thence leaving said forty line North 69 degrees 43 minutes 21 seconds West 283.00 feet along said right of way to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA-497-LS); thence leaving said

real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lots 28, 29, 30 and 31 in Block Number 4 "Mountainview Park" as recorded in Plat Book C, Pages 176 and 177, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements thereon.. Property street address for informational purposes: 2441 Scenic Dr., Gadsden, AL 35904. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-03251-PM-AL 12/05/2025, 12/12/2025, 12/19/2025

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jason McIntyre and Jennifer McIntyre, husband and wife, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Family Savings Credit Union, on June 14, 2017, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3452124; the undersigned Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on January 15, 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: Commence at a 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 8 East; thence South 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 734.24 feet along the East line of said forty to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA497-LS) also being the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 325.00 feet along said forty line a 3/8-inch rebar on the Northerly right of way of U.S. Highway Number 278 (80-foot right of way); thence leaving said forty line North 69 degrees 43 minutes 21 seconds West 283.00 feet along said right of way to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA-497-LS); thence leaving said



right of way North 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds East 325.00 feet to a 1/2-inch capped re-bar (CA-497-LS); thence South 69 degrees 43 minutes 21 seconds East 283.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 9234 US Highway 278 E , Hokes Bluff, AL 35903. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale, The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-06399-CE-AL 12/05/2025, 12/12/2025, 12/19/2025

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FILE CLAIMS

Marguerite Comutt and Stanley Green was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 10/21/2025 to the Estate of Addie Stonecipher Conaway, 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

November 21, 28, and December 5, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Brenda Whitfield Jones was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/22/2025 to the Estate of Patsy Ann Whitefield, 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

Ray A. Morris was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/23/2025 to the Estate of Jane Posey 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

November 21, 28, and December 5, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Barry Dale Collins was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/24/2025 to the Estate of Mary Helen Collins, 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

November 21, 28, and December 5, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Diretha Allen was/were appointed Personal

Representative(s) on 10/29/2025 over the Estate of Josephine Stover Robinson, 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

November 21, 28, and December 5, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Katherine Barnes was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/03/2025 to the Estate of Elizabeth Brooklynn Barnes, 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

November 21, 28, and December 5, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Brandy Clemmons was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/06/2025 to the Estate of Larry Green Whisenant, 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

November 21, 28, and December 5, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Brandy Spencer was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/07/2025 to the Estate of Nora Velecia Spencer, 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

November 21, 28, and December 5, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Garrett Gibbs was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/31/2025 over the Estate of Matthew Raye Gibbs, 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

November 28, December 5 and 12, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Floyd Mark Carnes was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/26/2025 over the Estate of Floyd Thomas Carnes, 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

November 28, December 5 and 12, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Rodney Clark Jennings was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/10/2025 to the Estate of Paula Kay Patton 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

David A. Culp and Rachel E. Culp (AKA Rachel Culp Moorman) was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/05/2025 to the Estate of Henry Culp, IV, 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

Andre Ash was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/22/2025 over the Estate of Cassie Marilyn Ash, 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

John Marc Guthrie was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2025 to the Estate of John Kenneth Guthrie, Jr., 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

November 28, December 5 and 12, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Mitchell Bryant Kennedy, Jr. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/20/2025 to the Estate of Gary James Kennedy, Sr., deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Jerry Wayne Dean was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/07/2025 to the Estate of Margaret Ophelia Dean, 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

November 28, December 5 and 12, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Phillip W. Williams, Jr. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/04/2025 to the Estate of Alfred West, 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

November 28, December 5 and 12, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Andrea Collett was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2025 to the Estate of Jerry Wayne Collett, 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

Jennifer Tamburello was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/22/2025 to the Estate of Avis W. 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

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FILE CLAIMS

John Timothy Phillips and Tatina Phillips was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/19/2025 over the Estate of Jeffery Todd Phillips, 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Olivia R. Walden was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/17/2025 to the Estate of B.W. Walden a/k/a Bobbie Willie Walden, 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 Bailey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/17/2025 to the Estate of George D. Maddox, 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

John Strickland was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/12/2025 to the Estate of Nancy Godfrey Bobo, 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Linda Davis Hester was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/13/2025 to the Estate of Henry Taylor Davis, II, 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILECLAIMS

Cecilia Ann Mecham was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/13/2025 over the Estate of Margaret Ann Cranford, 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

David L. Holmes and Bobbie Ann Ross was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/17/2025 to the Estate of Betty Roberta Holmes, 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILECLAIMS

Harry Donald Guldedge was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/19/2025 to the Estate of Eloise Smith Guldedge, 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

January Millican was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/20/2025 to the Estate of William Brett Jenkins, 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Kendra S. Eidson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/1/2025 to the Estate of Boyd V. Eidson, 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Wanda Adcock and Kathy Murphee was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 11/20/2025 to the Estate of Jerinne K. Cash, 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Jacob Millican, Conservator was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/21/2025 over the Estate of Apolonia Burton, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

December 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Lori Ann Stokes Burris was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/20/2025 to the Estate of Troy Lee Burris, 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Carolyn Day was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/14/2025 to the Estate of Clyde Junior 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 5, 12, and 19, 2025

NOTICE OF ESTATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF: LARRY GLENN BOLEY, DECEASED. Case No.: 2025-00579

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of LARRY GLENN BOLEY, Deceased, having been submitted to the Honorable Scott W. Hassell, Judge of Probate, by Petitioner, JERRY D. BOLEY on the 5th day of September 2025. Notice is hereby given that all persons contesting said Petition shall file a response thereto with the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, within thirty (30) days of this date of publication.

Done this 3rd day of December 2025.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

December 5, 12, and 19, 2025

TO: Danielle Matthews and Brynnley; whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court an instrument

purporting to be in the Last Will and Testament of Geraldine O'Hair, deceased, and a petition in writing and under oath praying for the admission to probate and record in this Court of said instrument as the true Last Will and Testament of the decedent. A Petition for Removal of Personal Representative has also been filed.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 3rd day of February, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petitions will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John David Jones, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

DONE THIS THE 1st DAY OF December, 2025.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

November 21, 28, and December 5, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

DARRELL GREEN, Plaintiff, VS CV-2024-900079.00

IN RE: The Estate of DAVID MICHAEL SIMS, presumed deceased Case No. 2025-00553 Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of August 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Murlene Sims, seeking to have David Michael Sims declared presumed deceased under the laws of Alabama and to be issued Letters of Administration in the Estate.

A hearing on the said Petition is scheduled to be held on the 29th day of December, 2025, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama. Any person interested in the estate may appear and contest the same, if they see fit.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

December 5, 12, and 19, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY EDWIN JONES, DECEASED.

ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO: 2025-00696

TO: Larry Edwin Parr, whereabouts unknown

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be and appear before this Court on the 5th day of January, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Larry Edwin Jones, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent. This the 10th day of November, 2025

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT

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NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE O'HAIR, DECEASED. Case No.: 2025-00314

TO: Danielle Matthews and Brynnley; whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court an instrument purporting to be in the Last Will and Testament of Geraldine O'Hair, deceased, and a petition in writing and under oath praying for the admission to probate and record in this Court of said instrument as the true Last Will and Testament of the decedent. A Petition for Removal of Personal Representative has also been filed.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 3rd day of February, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petitions will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John David Jones, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

DONE THIS THE 1st DAY OF December, 2025.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

December 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

DARRELL GREEN, Plaintiff, VS CV-2024-900079.00

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

DARRELL GREEN, Plaintiff

eral
Etowah County Department of Human Resources
220 West Main St.
Centre, Alabama 35960

December 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025

NOTICE OF PROPOSED VACATION OF AN ALLEY RUNNING BETWEEN 304 & 310 CHILTON STREET

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

A Parcel, containing 0.05 Acres, more or less, beginning at the North East corner of Lot 22 in Block 3 in the Ewing Addition to the City of Gadsden, Alabama, according to the map thereof recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Plat Book "B", pages 396 and 397; Thence, S 80° 43' 40" W for a distance of 117.45 feet the along the Southern Line of a 20 foot Alley to the North West corner of Lot 20, Block 3 in the Ewing Addition to the City of Gadsden, Alabama; Thence, N 09° 16' 29" W for a distance of 20.00 feet to the Northern Line of a 20 foot Alley; Thence, N 80° 43' 40" E for a distance of 105.76 feet to the South East Corner of Lot 1 in Block 3 in the Ewing Addition to the City of Gadsden, Alabama; Thence S 39° 35' 54" E a distance of 23.17 feet along the Western Right of Way of Chilton Street.

A resolution granting assent to this vacation will

be considered by the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 1000 a.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 90 Broad Street. Objections to the passage of the resolution will be heard at that time. A map of the proposed vacation will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Engineering Department, third floor, Room 302, City Hall.

Iva Nelson
City Clerk

November 14, 21, 28, and December 5, 2025

LEGAL ZONING NOTICE

At a regular meeting of the City Council of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, First Floor, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, commencing at 10:00 a.m., a public hearing will be held to consider the adoption of an ordinance substantially as follows:
The Gadsden City Council will consider several amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinances to revise and update specific provisions of the current Zoning Ordinances Chapter 130 "Zoning" including:
Zoning Districts and Dimensional Standards
Land Uses
General Provisions
Measurements and Word Uses
Maps
Chart of Permitted Uses
For more specific details regarding the proposed changes, please contact Tracci Cordell, Zoning Administrator at tcordell@

cityofgadsden.com or Call 256-549-4525. A draft of the Maps and the Ordinance can be found at www.Cityofgadsden.com/zoning.

Iva Nelson
City Clerk

November 28, December 5, and 12, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Alabama Grading & Excavation, LLC, has completed the Contract Dalehaven Place Drainage Improvement Project 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. Alabama Grading & Excavation, LLC

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NOTICE OF JOB COMPLETION

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of completion for project AL-21590 - McCaig Road - for the City of Lincoln, in Talladega County, Alabama. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on November 21, 2025 and ending on December 5, 2025. All claims should be filed at Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction,

LLC P.O. Box 1890, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902 during this period.

November 21, 28, and December 5, 2025

NOTIFICATION OF BID FOR THE CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER OF NORTHEAST ALABAMA

Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama is soliciting sealed competitive bids for the landscape/irrigation installation project at the Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama, 1986 Challenger Way, Rainbow City, AL 35906.

All sealed bids must be received by City Clerk of Rainbow City, no later than 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2026. Bids received after this time will not be considered.

BIDS will be awarded separately or as a whole for:

- 1) landscape installation of cultivated area (Zone A),
- 2) Irrigation system for cultivated area (Zone A), with options for
- 3) rock wall at the building front elevation and planting bed at outer edge of the portico; color and design to match the building exterior,
- 4) Mowed Turf/Naturalized Meadow,
- 5) Outdoor lighting for aesthetics and safety.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on December 10, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Rainbow City Hall, 3700 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama. The landscape design and selection of planting materials will be discussed

at the pre-bid meeting. Interested contractors are encouraged to attend to review project scope, ask questions, and tour the construction site.

Bid packets, specifications, and additional information may be obtained from Dr. Farrah Hayes, fhayes@challenger.al.org.

The Challenger Learning Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding process.

December 5, 12, and 19, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units will be auctioned on December 10, 2025 beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the business premises of Southtowne Mini Warehouses, Southtowne is located at 199 Woodland Road in Rainbow City, AL. 356906.

Marcia Hardney
Unit 240

Tammy Deli
Unit 165

Jacqueline Looney
Unit 326

Kim Ball
Unit335

Sonya Atchison
Unit 361

Janis Poleate
Unit 407

Deborah Walker
Unit 408
JA Rod Brock
Unit 412

Tabatha Mobuary
Unit 421

Latonya Ruthledge
Unit 446

Sky Smith
Unit 451

Fatima Bibb
Unit 512

Kathryn Floyd
Unit 545

Joe Gielarowski
Unit 577

Mary Butler
Unit 581

Kristie Bell
Unit 585

Donna Gregor
Unit 13-8

Suzanna Rager
Unit 48-16

Lauri Price
Unit 28-1B

Thomas Strickland
Unit 28-3B

Ligaya Ferguson
Unit 34-1A

Angela Nelson
Unit 13-11

Konnie Taylor
Unit 706

Chris Smith
Unit 715

Jacob Cornelious
Unit 717

Brian Labar
Unit 720

Chris Patterson
Unit 775

Brook Tuck
Unit 802

Suzanne Moon
Unit 818

Bryan Charlton

Unit 827 & 830

Sammy Satcher
Unit M3

IMO US Alabama Inc.
Unit RV30, RV31,
RV37/38

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

November 28 and December 5, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be disposed/auctioned by Rainbow Self Storage on December 13, 2025 at 10:00 located at 209 E. Grand Avenue, Rainbow City, AL. 35906

Meredith McCowan
Unit 42 & 43

November 28 and December 5, 2025

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on 01/16/2026 at 8:00 am.

2023 Chevy Silverado
2500 HD LT
VIN: 1GC1YNEY-7PF219229

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

November 28 and December 5, 2025

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Gadsden State Community College

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