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Gadsden resident celebrates 102nd birthday



By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

Birthday wishes were in order for Nina Tenerani, who celebrated her 102nd birthday Wednesday, Dec. 17, surrounded by friends and well-wishers who gathered to honor a life marked by service, generosity and gratitude.

Originally from California, Tenerani said she fell in love with Gadsden years ago while visiting friends. Drawn to the area's sense of community and natural beauty, she purchased a home and made the decision to put down roots in Alabama. Her son later followed her from California, confirming her permanent move to the South.

Even after more than a century of life, Tenerani continues to marvel at Alabama's scenery, particularly its woodlands, rivers and vibrant fall foliage. Friends say her appreciation for nature mirrors her outlook on life — curious, positive and deeply engaged.

Known for maintaining an active lifestyle, Tenerani has spent years volunteering throughout the community. Her service has included work with local churches, hospitals and libraries, and she remains involved in senior clubs and activities.

Tenerani credits her longevity to simple, consistent healthy habits. She starts each day with spinach and eggs for breakfast, enjoys beets

and avoids soft drinks altogether. Friends say her disciplined approach to wellness is paired with a joyful love of food and fellowship.

Of Italian descent, Tenerani is especially known for her cooking. Friends describe her as a generous host who delights in sharing family recipes, signature dishes and popular salads. They say she is always willing to go the extra mile for others, a trait that has endeared her to many across generations.

As she marked her 102nd birthday, those closest to Tenerani said her life continues to serve as a reminder that community involvement, healthy living and a giving spirit can leave a lasting legacy well beyond a single lifetime.

Alan Smith named Exceptional Educator for 2025

Gadsden State Community College President Alan Smith has been named an Exceptional Educator for 2025 by Business Alabama. The recognition honors educators who are nominated by their peers for their dedication to student achievement and their impact on education and workforce development across the state.

Smith leads Gadsden State during a milestone moment as the College celebrates its centennial year. With extensive experience in workforce development, capital projects and community relations, he has guided transformative investments in career and technical education while strengthening partnerships with schools, businesses and industry throughout the region.

Under Smith's leadership, Gadsden State has continued to expand programs that prepare students for high-demand careers, support economic development and uphold a century-long legacy of service and innovation. His leadership reflects a strong understanding of how accessible, high-quality education fuels opportunity and regional growth.

Smith holds degrees in agricultural business and economics and education from Auburn University and a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Alabama.

The Business Alabama Exceptional Educators program highlights education leaders across the state whose work strengthens student outcomes, workforce readiness and Alabama's economic future.



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Gadsden Regional performs first robotic thoracic surgery

Gadsden Regional Medical Center (GRMC) has reached a significant milestone in surgical services with the completion of its first robotic thoracic surgery, performed by cardiothoracic surgeon Lucman Anwer, MD, FACS, with Gadsden Physician Clinics' Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates.

Robotic thoracic surgery enables complex procedures within the chest to be performed through smaller incisions compared to traditional open surgery. Using a robotic platform, the surgeon operates from a console in the operating room, manipulating surgical instruments attached to robotic arms. A high-definition camera provides clear, magnified views of the surgical area, offering enhanced dexterity, precision, and range of motion beyond the human hand.

"This technology allows us to perform intricate thoracic procedures in a minimally invasive way, which can lead to less pain, smaller incisions, and faster recovery times for our patients," said Dr. Anwer. "Bringing robotic thoracic surgery to GRMC means we can offer additional surgical options close to home while maintaining the standards of safety and care."

Robotic thoracic surgery can be used for both cancerous and non-cancerous conditions, expanding treatment options for patients who may benefit from a less invasive approach.

"This milestone sets GRMC apart as a leader in the future of complex surgical care," said Michael Hall, CEO of Gadsden Regional Medical Center. "By investing in robotic technology and the expertise to use it, we

are enhancing our ability to perform intricate procedures, ensuring our community has access to quality care without having to leave the area."

The successful completion of GRMC's first robotic thoracic surgery underscores the medical center's ongoing commitment to innovation, quality, and improving patient outcomes through technology and specialized expertise. As with all surgical procedures, patient results may vary. Consult your physician about the benefits and risks of any procedure or treatment.

Gadsden Regional Medical Center is a 346-bed acute care hospital with inpatient and outpatient care. We are accredited by the Joint Commission and have recognized programs in cardiology, pulmonology, sleep medicine and stroke services.



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NEWS

Student leaders bring youth theater program to the stage with ‘Madagascar’

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

Two Northeast Alabama high school seniors are sharing their passion for the performing arts with younger students through Bama Rep KIDZ!, an award-winning youth theater competition team they co-founded and direct.

Sarah Crow, a 17-year-old senior at Ashville High School, and Will Thomas, an 18-year-old senior at Piedmont High School, created Bama Rep KIDZ! to introduce children ages 8-13 to theater while building confidence, teamwork and professionalism on stage.

Crow is involved in numerous academic and service organizations, including Super Seven, Beta Club, National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She also serves as a kindergarten student aide and participates in Big Brothers/Big Sisters. A dual enrollment student at Gadsden State Community College, Crow is a member

of Phi Theta Kappa and serves as vice president of the Etowah County chapter of the Youth Leadership Development Program.

An accomplished artist, Crow had an original photograph displayed at the U.S. Capitol in 2021 as a Congressional Art Show winner. She is a nine-year member of the Bama Rep Elite competitive musical theatre troupe, earning multiple state and national awards, and has served as a music director and choreographer for several productions. After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Montevallo and major in elementary education.

Thomas is active in National Honor Society, HOSA, the Student Government Association, Peer Helpers and the ACT 25+ Club at Piedmont High School. He is also a member of the Piedmont Blue Knights marching and concert bands. A dual enrollment student at Jacksonville State University and Gadsden State Community



College, Thomas is training to earn his certified nursing assistant credential.

Outside of school, Thomas has been nominated for the Calhoun County Honor Band for five years as a French horn player. He has spent six years with the Bama Rep Elite competitive musical theatre troupe, earning numerous individual and group awards. He plans to attend Jacksonville State University and major in biology with a concentration in pre-medical careers.

Bama Rep KIDZ! performs at the Alabama Youth Theater Experience in Rainsville. During last year's competition, the group earned awards including best set design and Spirit of the Festival, along with multiple individual honors. The program emphasizes hands-on learning in all aspects of theater, from performance to collaboration.

The idea for the group developed in December 2023 and became official in May 2024 after Crow and Thomas recognized



the potential of younger students and sought to create a welcoming space to develop their talents. Enrollment opens each summer through the organization's Facebook page and website, with auditions held during the first week of classes.

The group will present "Madagascar" at Gadsden City High School on the following dates:

Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are also avail-

able for an 11 a.m. school performance, though availability is limited. Teachers interested in bringing students can find additional information at www.alabamarep.com/field-trips.

Thomas and Crow credited strong family support and mentorship from past directors as key factors in the program's success. They said the opportunity to mentor young performers has been rewarding and encouraged the community to attend the production and support the students' hard work.

GSCC Cardinal Foundation receives \$10,000 grant

The Gadsden State Cardinal Foundation received a \$10,000 grant from the Tillotson-Menlo Charitable Foundation. The award will be used to expand training for the nursing program on our Cherokee Campus.

"This generous grant will make an immediate and meaningful impact on our nursing students," said Dr. Joey Battles, dean of Health Sciences. "Enhancing our training resources on the Cherokee Campus en-

ures that our students have access to the tools and experiences they need to succeed in today's healthcare environment. We are grateful for partners who believe in the potential of our students."

The Health Sciences Division at Gadsden State is a leader in healthcare education by offering degrees and certificates in a wide variety of exciting career choices. We are committed to strengthening the regional

healthcare workforce by preparing well-trained, compassionate professionals who are ready to serve our communities.

The Cardinal Foundation works to secure grants and donations from all sources to expand educational opportunities for the students of Gadsden State Community College.

"We are excited to receive the Tillotson-Menlo Charitable Foundation funds," said Hillary Folsom, director of advance-

ment at Gadsden State Community College and liaison to the Cardinal Foundation. "The Cardinal Foundation is always researching ways to expand our partnerships throughout the Gadsden State service area, ultimately benefiting our students and allowing us to fulfill our mission of, simply put, helping people."

The Tillotson-Menlo Charitable Foundation, based in Menlo, Georgia, is a private

nonprofit that supports health, education, economic development, and cultural initiatives in Menlo, Chattooga County, and surrounding communities — including neighboring counties in Alabama. Established in 2005 with an initial \$1 million donation from the Tillotson Corporation, followed by an additional \$9 million contribution, the foundation has since awarded millions of dollars to regional organizations.

Gadsden's Kameron Baba selected as Capitol Scholar

Ten UA students have been selected to travel to Washington, D.C., next summer for the University of Alabama System's 2026 Capitol Scholars program.

The program provides exceptional UA System students pursuing government-related careers with immersive summer internships and experiential learning opportunities in Washington, D.C.

"The Capitol Scholars Program offers students across the UA System an unmatched opportunity to develop professional skills and strengthen their career prospects," said Ray Cole, UA System Vice Chancellor for Federal Affairs. "Through direct engagement with federal policy-making and robust networking opportunities in D.C., these students gain unique experiences that support their long-term success."

The 2026 Capitol Scholars will participate in internships within Alabama congressional offices, congressional committees and government affairs organizations through-

out Washington, D.C. The curated program is designed for students to gain firsthand experience in the day-to-day operations of governmental affairs, strengthen leadership skills, develop expertise in policy research and advocacy, and participate in high-impact professional experiences. Scholars will enrich their professional growth by engaging in tailored networking and one-on-one mentorship with government leaders, policy experts and UA System alumni, ensuring their internship experience has a lasting impact.

"We are excited to welcome the third cohort of Capitol Scholars and to work with these exceptional UA System students," said Executive Director Carroll Phelps, who brings decades of experience leading internship programs based in Washington, D.C. "We look forward to building on the success of the past two years and providing scholars with life-changing experiences through internships, meetings with government affairs officials, and networking opportunities that

showcase the many ways they can pursue careers in government and prepare for future success."

Students at each of the UA System's three doctoral research institutions — The University of Alabama, The University of Alabama at Birmingham and The University of Alabama in Huntsville — were invited to apply for the program during the fall 2025 semester. Applicants underwent a rigorous, merit-based application and interview process, focusing on areas such as academic excellence, leadership and commitment to national, state and local community service.

The 2026 Capitol Scholars span from rising juniors to graduate students across all three UA System universities and represent various academic disciplines, including political science, business, law, computer science, engineering, public health and the humanities.

UA Students in the 2026 Capitol Scholars Class:

- Kameron Baba of Gadsden is a junior majoring in marketing.
- Jacob Bailey of Carmel, Indiana, is a junior majoring in business management.
- Reginald Clifton of Alexander City is a senior majoring in accounting.
- Destiney Crawford of Pike Road is a junior majoring in political science and legal history.
- Anna Dickey of Montgomery is a junior majoring in business management.
- Marah Inman of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is a senior majoring in English.
- Sam Miller of Midway is a junior majoring in environmental policy and legal history.
- Madelyn Parks of Spanish Fort is a junior majoring in political science and criminology.
- Andrew Stovall of Winfield is a first-year law student at The University of Alabama School of Law.
- Mary Sullivan of Hoover is a junior majoring in political science.

NEMCC names Bailey Elise Houston to VP's list

Five hundred and seventy-six (576) Northeast Mississippi Community College students achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.9 on a 4.0 scale for the 2025 Fall semester and, as a result, have been named to the college's distinguished Vice President's List.

Included in the list are representatives from 98 different cities, towns and communities across the United States of America: 560 Vice President's List scholars are from Mississippi, nine hail from Tennessee, three are from Alabama and one is from Arkansas, Arizona, Georgia and Kentucky, respectively. Just over 75-percent of students selected

for the 2025 Fall Vice President's List (435) came from the college's five-county service area of Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union counties, while 141 were from outside the service area.

Joining the over 575 individuals on the Vice President's List at Northeast was Bailey Elise Houston of Gadsden (35901).

Overall, 984 individuals were either named to the President's List or the Vice President's List at Northeast for the 2025 Fall semester.

Seven hundred and forty-seven (747) are from the Magnolia State, 21 live in Tennessee, and seven are from Alabama, two were

from Kentucky while Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, and Texas all had a representative on the honor rolls. One Presidential scholar calls Sweden home.

Of the 984 students making either the President's or Vice President's lists at Northeast, 750 reside within the college's five-county service area of Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union counties. Prentiss County led the way with 202 students from the five-county service area while Alcorn County brought in 192 individuals. Tippah, Tishomingo and Union were close to each other with 125, 120 and 111 students on ei-

ther the President's or Vice President's lists.

Of the 82 counties in Mississippi, 36 of them were represented on either the 2025 Fall President's or Vice President's List at Northeast.

Compared to Fall 2024, Northeast saw approximately 200 more students make the President or Vice President's List (984 to 789) as in the previous year.

In total, Northeast's sphere of influence touched 120 different cities, towns and communities across the United States of America and Sweden, with scholars hailing from 10 different states and/or countries.



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NEWS

Wreaths Across America Day celebrated at Old Harmony Cemetery

Wreaths Across America day was celebrated at Old Harmony Cemetery on Saturday, December 13, 2025. This is a national celebration that honors veterans by laying wreaths on their graves. The ceremony began at Rainbow City Community Center and ended with wreaths being laid on all known veterans buried in the cemetery.

The ceremony began with a welcome by Christy Medlin and an invocation by Pastor David Clowdus. The Gadsden City JROTC presented the colors, and them Emma Futral sang the National Anthem.

The following individuals honored

each branch of the military by placing ceremonial wreaths: Jeff Garmon - United States Air Force, Clark Hopper - United States Army, Larry Peppers- United States Marine Corps, Billy Ray Colvin - United States Navy, Michael Boggs -United States Space Force, Sonny Butler - United States Merchant Marines, George Colvin - POW/MIA.

Guest speakers were Rainbow City Mayor Joe Taylor and State Senator Andrew Jones.

A personal video message was sent by United States Senator Tommy Tuberville.

Debbie Medlin read the names of

all known veterans buried in Old Harmony Cemetery, and Michael Rodgers played Taps.

A special thank you goes to the following: Rainbow City Council members for attending, Jerry Ramsey for providing refreshments, Mollie Smith with the Etowah County Lions Club and Etowah County Historical Society for audio/video assistance, Marsha Robertson Smith for assistance with hospitality, Rainbow City Police Explorers post 2729, Boy Scout Troop 92 and Gadsden City JROTC for help with the laying wreaths.

Submitted by Stacey Garmon.



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Griffey appointed dean of academic programs and services at GSCC

Gadsden State Community College has appointed Dr. Derrick Griffey as the new dean of Academic Programs and Services effective January 2.

As the dean of Academic Programs and Services, Dr. Griffey will provide leadership for the College's largest instructional division, which includes the academic departments of Science, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Languages and Humanities, Fine Arts, and Business, Legal Studies and Computer Sciences. He will also oversee key academic support units such as the Teaching and Learning Center, Distance Education, Libraries and Learning Resource Centers, the Cardinal Tutoring Center, the Duplication Center, Faculty Development, and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

As part of his role as dean, he will also lead strategic planning and operational oversight for general education, liberal arts, STEM, transfer programs, the AAS degree programs housed within Academics, and a broad range of instructional initiatives. His work will focus on strengthening academic quality, supporting student persistence and completion, expanding high quality learning op-

portunities and ensuring that programs remain responsive to regional workforce and transfer needs.

"I am honored to serve Gadsden State in this new role," Griffey said. "Our academic programs play a vital part in shaping student pathways, whether they are transferring, entering the workforce, or continuing their education. I look forward to supporting our faculty and staff as we strengthen learning opportunities and help more students reach their goals."

Griffey has served in higher education for more than two decades. Before his appointment as dean, he served as the Director of Distance Education, Faculty Development and Learning Resources at Gadsden State where he guided the growth of online learning and use of library resources, coordinated faculty and staff professional development, and promoted the integration of instructional technologies across the College.

He earned a Ph.D. in instructional technology from The University of Alabama, a master's degree in history from The University of Alabama, a master's degree in sociology from Middle Tennessee State University and a bachelor's degree in secondary

education from Jacksonville State University. He began his academic journey as a student at Gadsden State, earning an Associate of Arts degree before transferring to complete his undergraduate studies.

Griffey remains active in statewide initiatives related to teaching excellence, instructional innovation and student success. He serves his community as a volunteer community instructor for the OLLI program at The University of Alabama (Gadsden Chapter), supporter of the United Way of Etowah County, and as a member of the Gadsden Shrine Club.

Griffey is committed to fostering a supportive academic environment where faculty and staff work collaboratively to promote high quality instruction and meaningful educational outcomes for all students.

"I am committed to fostering an academic environment where faculty and staff feel supported, connected and empowered," Griffey said. "When we work collaboratively and keep students at the center of our decisions, we create meaningful learning experiences that prepare them for success."



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LIFESTYLE

A birthday road trip for the youngest



Christmas has come and gone, and the New Year is right around this weekend corner. Time moves differently during this holiday season, and it can be rejuvenating and disorienting at the same time. Christmas orients time backward, New Year’s forward, and children’s birthdays anchor it in real time — especially when they fall right in the middle of the holidays.

Our youngest was born on December 22. I’ll never forget keeping a minute by minute log of every feeding, nap, diaper change and snuggle she had her first 24 hours in my attempt to convince the doctor that I did in fact know what I was doing as a fourth time mom of a newborn. I had a 12 year old, 5 year old, and 2 year old waiting for Santa, and I was not going to miss that. On Christmas Eve morning, we were released from the hospital to drive home with our Christmas baby. Each of my children have holiday-adjacent birthdays. These are fun, joyful, busy times, and birthdays seem to help anchor the memories because they are more than an annual celebration. Birthdays are moments to celebrate the person, but also to truly recognize who each child is, regardless of the holiday. Even the busi-

est days slow down a little when it is time to sing happy birthday.

This year, we dragged Olivia’s birthday out a little, and that road trip we had planned? It was a blast. We woke up that morning, packed a bag of snacks, and piled into the car. We drove to Rome, GA and found the exact spot on Berry’s campus where one scene was filmed. At this point, the girls were not fully sold on the idea of our trip. There was plenty of “I could die of embarrassment because my parents are so cringe” energy at this stop. But, being the dedicated-to-family-day-trip parents that we are, we pushed through, even getting pictures with the birthday girl’s Eleven and Demogorgon Carebears. From Berry’s historic Ford buildings, we moved on to the Creel House. This Second Empire Victorian mansion in downtown Rome, GA, is iconic and immediately recognizable to any Stranger Things fan. My husband and I have the parent street “cred” of personally knowing one of the home’s previous owners, which helped mitigate our “cringiness” into slightly less irritating parental-cool capital. At this point, I was showing off my parallel parking skills with aplomb, and not impressing the 16 year old one bit.

We hopped back in the car after posing the Carebears, Flat Stanley style a friend pointed out, in front of the mansion, and were off to our next stop. Fayetteville, GA was where a couple of the main characters’ homes were filmed, and we found those and grabbed quick pictures from the street. Olivia recognized the setting of another well-known scene where the boys ride their bikes down the street, and another

where Eleven flipped the vans that were chasing them. As we road down the same street in our car, her excitement was a lot of fun to witness.

Next up was the Abandoned Lab in Atlanta. A tragic accident happened the day before we went on our road trip, so I wasn’t sure if we’d be able to see this stop. But, when we pulled up, a security guard waived us on up to the fence line, saying we could get closer. This is the stop that started getting the girls really excited about the trip — mostly because while we were there posing Carebears in a tree and grabbing pictures several other carloads of fans pulled up. We met a family traveling up from Florida and took turns snapping pictures for one another, and navigating the mini traffic jam as we all tried to leave at the same time.

East Point, GA is the place to find the Abandoned Mill and Billy’s car. Olivia and I were the only ones willing to hop out because the Mill is now a bar, and there was quite a bit of traffic for a Saturday morning. But, not to be deterred, she and I got some epic pictures in front of Billy’s blue 1979 Chevy Camaro (and the Carebears got a photo opportunity on the hood).

Jackson, GA is where the downtown Hawkins scenes were filmed, and that was our next destination. It was absolutely worth the drive. (On our way into town, we even stumbled on a Buddhist monastery similar to the one we found once in Soddy Daisy, TN! More photo opportunities were had.) The Jackson town square was decorated for Christmas and all of the Stranger Things spots were hyped up and

decorated to the max. They even had Hopper’s 1980 Chevy Blazer parked on the square! We had the most fun exploring all of the cool props, checking out the murals painted everywhere, walking through the Upside Down, and even getting inside the Pizza Delivery van from Season 4.

On our way home, we stopped and ate at Tiffany’s Kitchen in Lithia Springs, GA. This is where the Benny’s Burgers scenes were filmed for Stranger Things, and we got pictures of Olivia sitting exactly where Eleven sat. The food was tasty diner fare, and our waitress was Tiffany’s sister. She was very kind even at the late hour, wishing Olivia a happy birthday and sharing some fun filming tidbits with us.

After our late dinner, we still had an hour and a half to drive home. The girls were worn out, and I was a passenger princess for the last leg of the drive. I took the opportunity to look through the pictures we’d taken, and back at some baby pictures of our birthday girl. It was a whirlwind day, but an unhurried one, crossing time zones twice and enjoying the slow dawning of recognition on Olivia’s face as she recognized each place we stopped. Sometimes in the middle of the holidays, days like this one are the best moments for truly appreciating where we are in our timelines. We don’t always need jam packed schedules and calendar countdowns--sometimes we just need a child getting taller in the back seat on a birthday trip.

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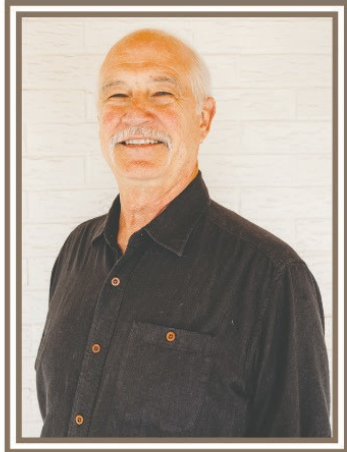
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Our prayers as presents for the Lord



Sandra Bost

My friend went to Heaven last week. She was a pillar in the sweet little church we joined back in 2014. She was the heart of the fellowship — a beloved matriarch whose presence felt like a quilt stitched from decades of stories and second chances. Eclectic in every sense, she was a collector of treasures others might call trinkets, each piece held with the quiet conviction that someday, somehow, it would serve a purpose. Nothing was ever wasted in her world; everything had potential—just like the people she loved. Life had not been gentle with her. Yet, she refused to let bitterness take root. Instead, she poured herself into the one place that never turned her away — her church — her Grace place. There, she had value. She was needed. She became the maker of

coffee, the keeper of the kitchen, and the decorator behind every celebration. Her hands, though worn, brought charm to every bridal or baby shower she helped host. She was cherished by all who knew her. Her hugs were a refuge, and her faith was a steady flame. Even as illness dimmed her strength, the memory of her devotion lingered like the aroma of Sunday coffee. And oh, how she loved those Sundays — especially the ritual of Sunday lunch at the local Mexican restaurant with her favorite friends. She was a woman of hope—a testament that brokenness can bloom into grace. In her story, hardship was not the final word — love was. And that love, stitched into every act of service and every shared meal, will outlast the years. What will not outlast the years are her daily prayers — except the ones that God continues to answer. Even as recently as four weeks ago, when dear friends picked her up from the nursing home and brought her to church, she asked me how school was going and told me she had been praying for me. She never failed to ask about my classes, or tell me that she had entreated Jesus on my behalf. Her life of prayer reminds us of what Psalm 50:13-15 teaches — that God doesn't

delight in sacrifices of food or ritual, but in hearts that call on Him and trust Him. When we pray, we give Him the gift He desires most: our dependence and our praise. That's why my friend's example matters so much. She understood that prayer honors God and brings Him joy. This truth is beautifully captured in a devotion another friend shared with me by John Piper, reflecting on this very passage. In "The Aroma of God's Favorite Food," Piper expounds upon the idea that God "...satisfies His appetite for joy...by magnifying the glory of His riches." He accomplishes this, according to Piper, by "filling up the deficiencies of people who pray." God's greatest joy comes when He answers our prayers because it shows off His glory. Did you catch that? Let me say it again, because it's big: God is happiest when He answers your prayers. Why? Because every answer is like a neon sign flashing, "Look how amazing I am!" This defies logic and reasoning. Our human "performance-based conditioning" leads us to believe that God is most pleased with our good deeds, our perfect church attendance, our fancy words when we pray — you get the picture. But, Psalm 50:15 suggests that when we simply ask and He gets to show off His goodness — that's His joy!

At Christmas, we celebrate the greatest Gift ever given — Jesus. But what can we give God for His "birthday"? Not gold or silver, bulls or goats. This year, we can bring Him something far more precious — our prayers. Every time we intercede for others, thank Him, repent of our sins, or simply talk to Him — we're giving Him a gift that honors Him and makes His heart glad. So, this Christmas, let's follow my friend's example. Let's pray without ceasing—for our families, our communities, and the world. Let's make prayer our gift to God, because when we do, we join in the Joy of Heaven and reflect the Love of Christ. And, we give God, as Piper proposes, "His special feast!" Jesus, thank you for the life and example of my sweet friend. Thank you for her fervent, faithful prayers. Teach us to honor You with the gift You desire most—our prayers. Help us to give You our hearts in trust and dependence. May our prayers bring You joy as You make Yourself Glorious! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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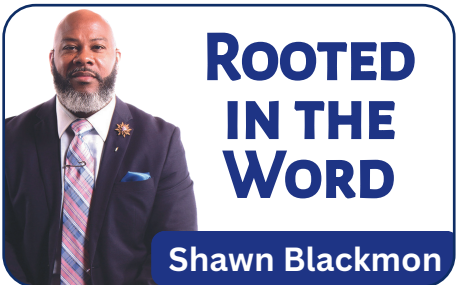
Are we celebrating Jesus?

Christmas traditions run deep. The lights go up, the same songs get played, and the familiar routines bring back memories of people we love and moments we don't want to forget. Those traditions matter. They connect generations. They remind us of where we've been. But here's the hard truth: good traditions can quietly replace great faith if we're not careful. There's a story of a village that treasured a blessed candle. They believed that candle carried power. Power for protection, healing, even miracles. Over time, their hope shifted. They weren't trusting God anymore; they were trusting the candle. When their faith was finally tested, they realized something unsettling: they had placed their confidence in what God

used, not in God Himself. And before we shake our heads at them, let's be honest, we do the same thing. We trust church attendance instead of Christ. We trust rituals instead of relationship. We trust symbols, routines, and seasons instead of the Savior. Now hear me clearly; traditions aren't the problem. Traditions are beautiful. But traditions without faith are empty, and routines without Jesus are powerless. Real faith isn't found in what we can touch or repeat. Real faith is trusting the unseen God who is actively working in every part of our lives. When Christ is at the center, traditions come alive. They stop being substitutes and become expressions of worship. They don't replace relationship because they

reflect it. So this Christmas, let's slow down and check our hearts. Are our traditions pointing us to Jesus or distracting us from Him? Are we celebrating what we've always done or who Christ truly is? True faith isn't anchored in our habits. It's anchored in who God is and what He has already done for us through His Son. And when Jesus stays at the center, everything else falls into its rightful place.

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 Verse

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

- Luke 2:11-14 (King James Version)

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Allen Hawkins

RAINBOW CITY - Allen Hawkins, age 68, of Rainbow City, AL went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, December 18, 2025. He was a lifelong member of White Springs Baptist Church and a lifelong resident of Rainbow City, Alabama. Allen was born on February 21, 1957 in Gadsden, Alabama. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who deeply loved his family. He was the youngest of four children and is preceded in death by his mother, Cordelia Curry Hawkins, his father, Louis Hawkins, brother, Bobby Hawkins, sister, Janice Campbell, and in-laws, Robert and Louise Gibson. Allen is survived by his wife, Ellen, daughter, Laura Hawkins Miller, son, Brett Hawkins, and sister, Serena (Bobby) Brothers. He leaves behind his special treasures Mason and Chloe Miller who he loved more than life itself.

Allen was a 1975 graduate of Southside High School and a 1979 proud graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Building Construction. He worked for the Gadsden Fire Department for 19 years and rose through the ranks, ending his career as Fire Chief for the City of Gadsden. After leaving the Fire Department he pursued his first love of building construction. He founded Allen Building Company in 1999 and built a successful career as a commercial construction contractor for the next 26 years. He was well respected in the field by his competitors who also became his friends. He took deep pride in his work and approached every project with skill and dedication which earned him a reputation for honesty and craftsmanship. He did many projects in Etowah and the surrounding counties. One of his last projects was Fire Station 7 for the City of Gadsden.

Allen was an avid pilot and proud owner of a Cherokee 180 for 35 years. He took his first solo flight at 16 years old and earned his pilot's license at the age of 17. His accomplishments as a pilot were private pilot, instrument, multi-engine and commercial licenses of which he was very proud.

Allen met his wife, Ellen in 1980, and they married that year. Together they raised two children, Laura Hawkins Miller and Brett Hawkins. One of his greatest loves other than Ellen, Laura, and Brett were his adored grandchildren, Mason and Chloe, who called him "Pop". They had his whole heart, and he loved them dearly.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jeremy Goodwin and staff, Angie and Jessica, Amy Dean Powell and Mike Ray for their friendship, and the 6th floor nurses and staff at Riverview Regional Medical Center.

The family received friends at Collier-Butler Funeral Home on Sunday, December 21 with a funeral service following. Graveside service immediately followed the service at Ashland City Cemetery-Ashland, AL (Clay County).

Pallbearers were grandson, Mason Miller, and members of Ellen's family. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his friends at Northeast Alabama Regional Airport in Gadsden, friends of the Gadsden and Rainbow City Fire Departments, and his construction colleagues.

Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions can be made to Samaritan's Purse, Wounded Warrior Project, or Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Alexandria "Alex" White

Alexandria "Alex" Lachelle White passed away on December 19, 2025, at the age of 36. She was born on November 14, 1989.

Alex was a beautiful soul who never met a stranger. She had the most beautiful smile. She loved her animals and she loved God. She was the light of many peoples life. She never had any children but she was a God-mother to her best friends son.

She was preceded in death by Alvin Mayben, Carmon Mayben, and Roy White Jr.

She is survived by her mother, Kelli Hogeland; grandmother, Nina White; great aunt, Pat Cassidy, and aunt, Michelle White.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Huckaby's Hope for Paws and Etowah Baptist Mission Center.

Special thanks to Attalla Police Department 1st on scene that started CPR and tried so hard to revive her.

Angel Celine Wagoner Kelly

We are saddened to announce the passing of Angel Celine Wagoner Kelly on December 16, 2025 at around 7:15 PM.

A funeral service for Angel was held Friday, December 19, 2025 at College Heights Baptist Church with Bro. Zac Clay officiating.

Angel was born on September 12, 1977 and was 48 years old at the time of her passing in Gadsden, AL.

Angel was a beautiful soul inside and out. She spent her life surrounded by family and friends up until her last earthly moments.

She was preceded in death by her mother Priscilla Parker.

She is survived by her father Donald (Carolyn) Wagoner, Brother Matthew (Stephani) Wagoner, Children Zoe Kelly and Jacob Kelly, Grandchildren Carter Dobbs and Kingston Dobbs. She is also survived by many beloved cousins and friends.



Carolyn Schroeder

GADSDEN - A visitation for Mrs. Carolyn Schroeder, age 79, of Gadsden, will be held on Friday, December 26, 2025, at Crestwood Funeral Home, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Schroeder passed away on Saturday, December 20, 2025.

Carolyn will be remembered for her love of fishing and gardening, especially flowers. More than anything, family was always first in her life. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all, and she will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jessica Gross; her parents, Boyd and Fran Ellen Stafford; her grandparents, David and Olivia Stafford and Benjamin and Lillian Mapes; and her sister, Martha Black.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Mathew Schroeder; her daughters Dana Machen, Tess Downes, and Holly (Craig) Newton; her stepchildren Josh Prater and Brittney (Ben) Lockabe; 13 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Bob Jones

GALLANT - Bob Jones, proudly of Gallant, AL, took His savior's hand in the early hours of December 22, 2025 leaving his robe of sickness for a new body. Bob was a man richly gifted by God with many talents. Those Bob loved most were gifted with treasures of his handiwork. Bob was married to Phyllis Jones 35 years and his greatest joy was his daughter Brileigh and her husband Andy. Bob worked as an industrial electrician at Gulf States Steel and U S Steel. Among his hobbies were photography, carpentry, landscaping and hiking in the woods surrounding his home and traveling to nearby states.

Bob bravely fought Parkinson's Disease for over 20 years. Along this journey God brought dear friendships, a love for exercise and the reality of God's provision in all things.

Bob was preceded in Heaven by his parents Bobby and Carolyn Jones

A special thanks to our family and friends who have shared in our joys and trials over the years. We could not have made it without your love and support and we pray blessings upon you in return. A special thanks to our nephew, Jeremy Ware, who traveled many miles to take care of his Uncle Bob and Aunt Phyllis in our greatest time of need. Arrangements entrusted to Etowah Memorial Chapel.



Gary Wright

LAWRENCEVILLE, GA. - Mr. Gary Wright, 83, of Lawrenceville, GA passed away Thursday, December 18, 2025. A funeral service was held Monday, December 22, 2025 at Collier-Butler Funeral Home with burial at Forrest Cemetery.

Mr. Wright attended Emma Sansom High School in Gadsden. He then moved to Georgia where he graduated from Dekalb Area Technical School and worked as a commercial HVAC technician until his retirement. He was a proud member of Teamsters Local 72 for over fifty years and could often be seen wearing his favorite York hat. He was an avid fisherman, competing in many tournaments. He enjoyed NASCAR races, travelling and spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Brenda Wright; his mother, Annie Wright; his father, Wiley Wright; and his brothers, Robert Wright and Don Wright.

He is survived by his children, Phillip (Kathy) Wright and Becky (Joel) Weatherholtz; grandchildren, Holly (R.T.) Smith, Aubrey Wright, Russell (Murphy) Corley, Leanna Wright, Bobby (Kristy) Wright, Taylor Wilson, Josh McElwaney, Jacob Weatherholtz, Sara Weatherholtz; great grandchildren, Amelia and Lilly Wright, Nash and Sawyer Corley, Kairi Smith, Myla McElwaney; dear friends, Linda and Jerry Heard, Phill Pritchett, Harold and Jackie Smith, Mike and Debbie Garris.

Cecil Earl King

Cecil Earl King, 80, passed from this life on December 16, 2025, at his home in Summerdale, Alabama.

Born in Pensacola, Florida on May 3, 1945, to Henry L. and Minnie L. King, he retired from the Anniston

Army Depot in Anniston, Alabama after a career of civil service. He went on to work for the postal service and AOD Federal Credit Union. After his retirements, he went on to enjoy working his small farm of animals and orchards. He did not know the meaning of resting; a plan for work was always hatching.

He was known for having never met a stranger. If he met you, he called you friend. What followed next was an invitation to accompany he and June on a cruise.

He was quite the jokerster. If you needed a good laugh, he was more than ready to oblige.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mel- anie June; two daughters, Cheryl (Corey) Powell and Christina (Daniel Decker); six grandchildren, Drake (Katie) Powell, Brooklyn (Alex) Stokes, Bence Decker, BryLee Decker, Ch- antel Decker, and Candan Decker; one great grandson, Mason Powell; one brother, Benjamin Timothy King; a host of nephews and nieces; and many friends, including special friend, Tim West- moreland. He is preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers, and two sisters.

The family would like to thank Amedisys Hospice for their care. Special thanks to Mary Nichols whose excep- tional care of Cecil and ev- ery detail imaginable truly made a difference to the family.

Arrangements are en- trusted to Glencoe-Hokes Bluff Funeral Home, Gad- sden, Alabama. The family will receive guests between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Fri- day, January 2, 2026, at the funeral home chapel. Be- cause we know Cecil likely invited you to join him on a cruise, the family invites you to wear your favorite cruise-themed attire.

George Marion "Babe" Silvey, Jr.

RAINBOW CITY - George Marion "Babe" Silvey, Jr., was born on September 26, 1929, in Rainbow City, Alabama, to George and Mae Silvey. He graduated from Etowah High School in 1948 and went on to proudly serve his country in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 14 years before serving in the Army for four years during the Korean War.

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

Babe was known for his quick wit, sneaky smile, and gentle sense of humor that often appeared just when you least expected it. He had a deep love of history and a voracious appetite for learning, spending countless hours reading and study- ing—especially anything related to history. Thought- ful and curious by nature, he could recall dates, events, and stories with ease and al- ways enjoyed sharing what he had learned.

In his younger years, Babe was an avid fisherman of the Coosa River. The river remained close to his heart throughout his life, and even in his last days, he knew it well. He never forgot his fa- vorite fishing spots, carrying those memories with him as faithfully as he carried his love for home, family, and tradition.

Above all, Babe will be re- membered for his unwav- ering faith in God, his undying love for his family, and his devotion to his country. He also never lost his apprecia- tion for simple pleasures, in- cluding his well-known love

of Big Jack's breakfast. He was loved by all who knew him, and his quiet strength, wisdom, and warmth will be deeply missed.

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

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

The family wishes to ex- press their heartfelt grati- tude to the many friends who lovingly supported the family with many kind deeds, phone calls and sup- port. The family would also like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Deborah Reiland and Enhabit Hospice for their exceptional care and compassion during his final days.

A funeral service was held December 23, 2025 at Col- lier-Butler Funeral Home, with Ray Tucker and Wade Hooper officiating.

Henry Livrett

RAINBOW CITY - Henry Livrett, age 85, of Rainbow City, passed away on December 21, 2025. A graveside service will be held at Crestwood Cem- etery on Friday, December 26, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., with Mike Smith officiating.

Henry will be fondly re- membered for his wonder- ful sense of humor and his kind spirit. He was a faith- ful member of First Baptist Church of Rainbow City and proudly served his country as a jet engine mechanic in the United States Navy. Fol- lowing his military service, he continued his career with the Department of Defense for an additional 15 years before retiring. Henry was a devoted husband and a friend to all, and he will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Laudie Livrett; and his sib- lings, Vonelle, Jeanette, and Billy.

He is survived by his lov- ing wife, Barbara Livrett; sister-in-law Ann Livrett; nieces, Angela Watts and Brenda (Glenn) Allison; nephews, Tim (Tracy) Mar- tin and David (Bethany) Martin; along with a large extended family.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Butterfly Home Care and the staff of Aveanna and Amedisys Hospice for their compassionate care and sup- port.



Janet Carol Tucker

GADSDEN - Janet Carol Tucker, of Gadsden, passed away on Wednesday, De- cember 17, 2025 at the age of 84. She was born on December 6, 1941 in Tus- caloosa County to the late Thomas James Clowdus and Elsie Joe Clowdus.

She was a graduate of Glencoe High School and Holy Name of Jesus Hospi- tal School of Nursing. She was a dedicated nurse for many years and served as the Director of Nursing at McGuffey Nursing Home until her retirement.

She is survived by her sons, Donald Henry (Claud- ia) Tucker of Birmingham, Lloyd Thomas (Serra) Tuck- er of Southside, and Ronald Allen (Dawn) Tucker of

Southside, her grandchil- dren, Bryant (Tatom) Tuck- er of Birmingham, Serrah Grace Tucker of Rainbow City, Jaxon Tucker, Mason Tucker, Beth Ann Tucker, and Caroline Tucker all of Southside, one great-grand- son, Sylas Weddington of Rainbow City, her brother, Wayne Clowdus of Plano, TX, and her sister, Connie (David) Stone of Carrollton, GA.

A Visitation was held on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at Collier-Butler Fu- neral Home in Gadsden with a Celebration of Life fol- lowing. Bro. L. Dale Butler officiated.

Pallbearers were Donald Tucker, Thomas Tucker, Ronald Tucker, Bryant Tucker, Jaxon Tucker, and Mason Tucker.

A private interment fol- lowed at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Southside.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff and residents of Paden Ridge Assisted Living Home and Gentiva Hospice for their care, love, and sup- port.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Can- cer Society.

James Jason Mitchell

ATTALLA - James Ja- son Mitchell, 49, of Attalla, passed away on December 21, 2025.

James was born in Gad- sden to his loving parents, James Mitchell and Donna Mitchell. He was a devoted son, brother, and uncle who cherished his family deeply. He is survived by his fa- ther, James; his mother, Donna; his sister, Brandi; his nephews, Garrett, Kyler, and Hudson; and his niece, Maya.

James loved fishing and found joy in life's simple moments. He had a kind heart and was always gentle and caring toward everyone he met. Above all, he loved his family and truly loved life. His warmth, kindness, and presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A Memorial Service to be planned at a later time.

Arrangements are en- trusted to Etowah Memorial Chapel.

Jeanette Paige Crawford

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jeanette Paige Crawford on December 13, 2025. She was 8 months old.

A memorial service was held Friday, December 19 at Whorton's Bend Bat- tist Church. Pastor Tommy Marshall officiated.

She was so happy and sweet to everyone. Always put a big smile on any- one's face. She had her first tooth and had just learned to crawl. She loved those super tall Jack Skellington inflatables. She loved say- ing Mama and Bababababa. She loved "talking back" to Nana. She loved singing to Adele. She loved the lazy river and water park. She had a favorite pacifier (it was pink). She loved banan- as, corn chowder, banana pudding, butternut squash, mashed potatoes, and steal- ing sips of Nana's coffee. She hated peas. She loved cuddles with Mama. She had a love-hate relationship with Oakley's kisses (the family dog). She loved Christmas lights. She loved passing a drumstick around with To- bie to chew on it. She loved so many things and she was such a good baby.

Jeanette was preceded in death by grandmother Heather Wood; great- grandmother Brenda Day (Benny), Crystal Atchley; great-great-grandmother Thelma Beason; great- grandfathers Wayne Wood, Robert Bickerstaff, Mitch Atchley; great-great-grand- father James Crawford. She is survived by her mother Madison Crawford; Paw- paw Jonathan Crawford; and Nana Nicole Crawford;

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uncles Ethan Stevenson (Tatum), Dakota Stevenson (Alexis), and Greg Hopkins; aunt Alyssa Tarvin; cousins Kash, Tobie, and Baily; multiple great-aunts, great-uncles, great-grandfathers, great-grandmothers, and great-great-grandmother.

The family would like to extend sincere thanks to the many doctors, nurses, and staff of Riverview Regional Medical Center with a special thank-you to Dr. Ferguson and nurses Matt and Brian, as well as Officer Jarred Dunn.

Jeffery Scott Bolton

A funeral service for Jeffery Scott Bolton was held Saturday, December 20, 2025 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home. Pastor Tommy Hayes officiated the service. Burial followed at Crestwood Cemetery.

Scott passed away on December 16, 2025 at the age of 58. He was born June 12, 1967. He was a resident of Etowah County.

He is preceded in death by his maternal mother, Linda Scott Bolton; grandparents, Mary Scott, and Hugh and Ruby Bolton.

He is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Joyce Bolton; son, Tyler Bolton; grandchildren, Brayden and Mallie Bolton; brother, Kenneth Bolton, Jr.; sister, Teresa Dewesse; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Scott was a man of many talents and passions. He was a general maintenance mechanic and farmer for years. He loved the outdoors and motorcycles. Scott was a kind hearted soul and never met a stranger. He was loved deeply by his family and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Jimmy Lamar Davis

Jimmy Lamar Davis, age 72, passed away on December 20, 2025, following an extended illness.

Jimmy was a longtime resident of Alabama. He was known for being headstrong, determined, and unwavering in his convictions. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Donna Kay Lester Davis; his parents, Jimmy F. and Gloria Davis; and his sister, Greta Champion.

He is survived by his three daughters, Tessa (Clint) Davis, Misty (Mark) Medders, and Melissa Davis; his grandchildren, Emily (David) O'Neill, Madison Cody, Isaac Cody, Charles Medders, Collin Cody, Connor Thrift, Mary Medders, Zoey Crawl, Ethan Medders, and Logan Thrift; his great-grandchildren, Paislee O'Neill and Mylee O'Neill; his sisters, Tina Davis and Gina Dula; and numerous extended family members.

The family will hold a private memorial service prior to his interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery and Mausoleum.

Kayla Bowman

GADSDEN - Kayla Bowman, age 31, of Gadsden, who passed away Tuesday, December 15, 2025.

Kayla graduated from Etowah High School in 2012 and received her certificate as a CNA that same year. She loved spending time with her sister and friends. Kayla became a mom in 2013 and 2020 and enjoyed telling anyone that would listen how proud she was of her two boys.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Gail Bowman

She is survived by her mother, Kim Vickery; father, Kevin (Kim) Bowman; children, Dawson Watts and Kingdon Allen; sister, Abby Bowman; brothers, Caden and Kyle Bowman; grandparents, Dexter and Jane Vickery and Tommy Bowman; uncles, Landon Vickery and Ken (Tracy)Vick-

ery; numerous cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to Drema Holley.



Larry Mitchel Troup

Larry Mitchel Troup, 80, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2025. Born January 23, 1945, to Edward and Ina Mae Troup.

Mitchel graduated from Emma Sansom High School in 1963. He was a graduate of Snead State and University of Alabama Birmingham. He worked at the Steel Plant for 35 years.

Mitchel was a much loved husband, father, and pop. He was very active in youth sports for many years. He coached and impacted many young men and women.

Mitchel enjoyed playing golf with a group of special friends, playing his guitar, watching his grandchildren play sports and spending time with his family.

Mitchel is survived by his wife of 59 years, Kay Lester Troup. He was also survived by two sons, Larry Troup, Kevin Troup and his spouse Holly Copeland Troup, grandchildren: Haley and Brady Troup.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Edward and Ina Mae Troup. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Troup, Albert Troup, and Phillip Troup.

He will be greatly missed and forever remembered.

At the family's request there will be no service.

Manguben R. Patel

GADSDEN - Manguben R. Patel, aged 80, passed away on December 19, 2025. Born on June 16, 1945, she was a resident of Gadsden, Alabama.



Margie "Fay" Chandler

GADSDEN - Margie "Fay" Chandler, age 98, of Gadsden passed away on December 19, 2025.

A Funeral Service honoring the life of Fay was held Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at Etowah Memorial Chapel, 12600 U.S. Hwy 431, Sardis City, AL. Fay was laid to rest at Hopewell Cemetery in Geraldine. Bro. Larry Gerrard officiated the service.

Fay was born in Texas on December 6, 1927 and grew up in Geraldine, AL. She lived there until moving to Gadsden in 1955 with her husband, Hayward Chandler, who preceded her in death on August 4, 1960.

Fay was a dedicated mother, "Nana", sister and friend. She was a life long member of Cherry Street Baptist Church where she was a faithful member of the choir.

To know her was to love her. She always went above and beyond what was expected of her. She loved her family and friends with all of her heart, and will be greatly missed by them and all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents James and

Wilda McMurray, and her brothers Marvin and Nolan; her sisters Elva, Weeda Bell and Marie.

She is survived by her daughter, Dianne Clayton (Danny) and sons, Michael Chandler (Linda) and Tony Chandler (April); four granddaughters, Stacey Kimmons (Sam), Cindy Marrs (Mike), Emily Burrtram (Matthew), Abby Olvey; three grandsons, Alan Chandler (Erica), Nicholas Chandler (Kelly), Stephen Chandler (Kate Heinzman-fiancé); Nine great grandchildren, one great-great grandson and many, many nephews and nieces; special friends, Pam Morgan, Melba Bailey, Theresa Turner and George Hawkins; special family friends Demet Jerkins and Meral and Russell Thomas.

The family would like to extend special thanks to all the staff at Gentiva Hospice and nurse Halie Deerman; her caretakers Joy Flenord, Carrie Harden, Mary Humphrey, Renethia Cleveland, Shelia Gilley, Claudette Jones, Shanice Francisco, Shannon Cline and Brittany Garcia.

Arrangements are entrusted to Etowah Memorial Chapel.

Phillip Wayne Bryant

Phillip Wayne Bryant was born on March 18, 1967, and passed away on December 16, 2025, at the age of 58.

A visitation was held at Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory on Saturday, December 20th, 2025, from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

Phillip was a 1985 graduate of West End High School, was a devoted family man and a beloved member of his community. Known as "Torque," He was a certified master technician for Harley-Davidson, BMW, and Ducati, having also completed advanced training in Italy. Phillip was always willing to help fix cars, four-wheelers, and motorcycles for those around him. He loved hunting and fishing, and his skill, generosity, and strong work ethic left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Phillip was preceded in death by his father, John Wayne Bryant.

Phillip is survived by his wife, Sheree Steapleton Bryant (Altoona); sons, Jason (Sabrina) Bryant (Altoona), Blake (Emily) Handy (Leesburg); grandchildren, Ryland, Lillian, Waylon Handy, Emma Ozment; Mother, Sue Bryant (Altoona); sisters, Sheila (Michael) Fanchier (Altoona), Brenda (Lamar) Miller (Albertville); nieces, Jessica (Chris) Ashley (Opelika), Dana (Brian) Bailey (Holly Pond); nephew, Kevin (Brandy) Tucker (Albertville); great-nephews and nieces, Chase and Cole Ashley, Elizabeth and Jackson Tucker

Raymond Lynn Holmes

ATTALLA - Raymond Lynn Holmes, age 56 of Attalla, passed away on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at Marshall Medical Center South.

He is survived by his wife; Leeanna Holmes, children; Kristi Holmes, Jason, Margot, Nicholas, and John, a host of grandchildren, brothers; Dennis and David, sister; Willadean and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; R.T. & Willie Holmes, siblings; Danny, Kenny, Belinda, Steve and Jewel and nephew; Christian.

A Memorial Service will be planned at a later time.

Arrangements are entrusted to Etowah Memorial Chapel.

Rosemary M. Dorsey

SOUTHSIDE - Rosemary M. Dorsey, 73 of Southside, Alabama passed away on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at her

residence. She was born, October 6, 1952, she was the daughter of the late Pat Lindsey and the late Annie Powell Lindsey.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tom Dorsey.

She was a loving sister to, Fred Duke, Eddie Lindsey, Wayne Lindsey, Gary (Alma) Lindsey, Pat Junior Lindsey, Brenda Gayle Lindsey, Norma Jean (Buck) Clem, Darlene Lindsey and Teresa Quinn.

Rosemary loved Florida and anything that had to do with the beach. Her eye for interior design was shown in every home that she lived in. She loved having kitty's around, she loved Corvettes and the beach.

Sarah Lucille Nabors Roberts

Sarah Lucille Nabors Roberts was born on March 22, 1932, the daughter of Max and Eugenia Nabors, and lived most of her life in Ashville, Alabama.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband Charles; and her siblings, James Nabors, Margaret Jones, Hazel Parr, Dorothy Putman, and Bobby Nabors.

She was welcomed by our Lord on December 17, 2025, and is survived by her family who loved her dearly. Three children: daughters, Pam Hinson (Mickey), Tammy Payne (Jerry) and son, Brian Roberts (Jennifer); seven grandchildren: Ashley Rhodes (Klint), Mike Hinson, Zachary Roberts, Chad Hinson (Lela), Hunter Roberts (Glenna), Charles "Chase" Roberts, and Gabriel Roberts; six great-grandchildren: Abe Hinson, Piper Hinson, Harper Hinson, Willow Hinson, Rowdy Terry, Etta Roberts; and two great-grandchildren on the way: Bennett Rhodes and

Sunny Roberts.

At 93 years old, Sarah "Meme" lived a life rich in fun, love, laughter, and deep devotion to her family. A true Southern woman in every sense of the word, she spent most of her adult life raising her three children, Pam, Tammy, and Brian. She was married to the love of her life, Charles, for 67 beautiful years, an example to us all of a partnership marked by loyalty and enduring love. She was the last living sibling of six, carrying with her the stories, strength, and spirit of a generation that shaped many to follow.

Sarah was happiest at the beach, on the river, in the mountains, or simply sitting in her garage, where time slowed down and she could feel the simple joy of reminiscing with the ones she loved. She loved nothing more than gathering with friends and family, celebrating anyone and any occasion. Her personality and laughter absolutely filled the air!

She also had a true green thumb and especially loved growing her roses. They always seemed to bloom just for her, longer than their season, because she loved them so much.

Sarah's kitchen was as legendary as she was. She made the best hush puppies, homemade pickles, peach cobbler, and canned tomatoes you ever tasted – and somehow, she mastered the best egg rolls, too.

With classic beauty that could have graced a 1950s movie screen and a laugh that filled the room, she left an impression no one could forget. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her and through all our memories, she will never be forgotten.

A funeral service for Sarah was held on Saturday, December 20 at Gums Springs Baptist Church in Ashville, Alabama.

Special thanks for her loving friend, Joy Thompson, and cousins Denise Putman and Sherry Brandon.

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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 Raymond Keith Whorton, a married man and Alisha Whorton to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Southpoint Bank, its successors and assigns dated May 29, 2015; said mortgage being recorded on June 4, 2015 as Instrument No. 3418664 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3438275 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Trust Bank, successor by merger to SunTrust Bank successor by merger to SunTrust Mortgage Inc., 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 9, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that parcel of land in Etowah County, State of Alabama, being known and designated as 2.89 acres more or less in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 13 South, Range 5 East, Huntsville Meridian; more particularly described as; Commence at the Northernmost corner of property described in deed from Michael Johnson to John C. Hopkins on November 19, 1979 and recorded in Deed Book 1321, Page 989 in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama; thence Northwesterly along the Southwesterly boundary of Lake Circle a distance of 79.63 feet to the Northernmost corner of property described in Deed made November 13, 1986 from Lee Investment Corporation to Ronald Hewlett Towers and the point of beginning of said 2.89 acre tract; thence South 39 degrees 56 minutes West a distance of 90.24 feet to a point; thence South 38 degrees 18 minutes West a distance of 48.47 feet to a point; thence South 06 degrees 48 minutes West a distance of 135.24 feet to a point; thence South 66 degrees 16 minutes West a distance of 167.94 feet to a point; thence North 37 degrees 53 minutes West a distance of 69.17 feet to a point; thence North 28 degrees 51 minutes West a distance of 111.57 feet to a point; thence North 21 degrees 20 minutes East a distance of 110.04 feet to a point; thence North 16 degrees 47 minutes West a distance of 156.60 feet to a point; thence North 83 degrees 03 minutes East a distance of 383.78 feet to Southwesterly line of Lake Circle; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly side of Lake Circle a chord line of South 22 degrees 34 minutes East a distance of 154.46 feet to the point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as 121 S Lake Drive, Rainbow City, AL 35906.

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.

TRUIST BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO SUNTRUST BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC. as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 955616 www.foreclosurehotline.net

December 12, 19, and 26, 2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

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

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

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH-EAST FOURTH OF THE NORTHEAST FOURTH OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGES 5 EAST OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST 16.3 FEET TO THE CENTER OF OT-WAY ROAD; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST 906.8 FEET TO AN EXISTING 1/2" ROD; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 880.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST 396.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST 880.0 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE

PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED.

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

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

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

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

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 25-07663AL www.foreclosurehotline.net

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December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Stephon Parker, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Bank, its successors and assigns, on November 13, 2014, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on November 17, 2014, as Document Number 3410055. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on January 21, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.39 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AND BEING A PORTION OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 IN SECTION 27, TWP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE A THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID FORTY; THENCE N 02 DEG. 26 MIN. 26 SEC W, A DISTANCE OF 29.85 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PINE-HAVEN ROAD; THENCE

N 88 DEG. 09 MIN. 16 SEC. E ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 590.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE N 02 DEG 24 MIN 37 SEC. W, LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 140.05 FEET THENCE N 88 DEG. 08 MIN. 39 SEC. E, A DISTANCE OF 115.00 FEET; THENCE S 02 DEG 24 MIN. 37 SEC.E A DISTANCE OF 140.11 FEET TO AFORESAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE THENCE S 88 DEG. 09 MIN. 16 SEC. W ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 115.00 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE FOLLOWING 0.94 ACRE PARCEL: COMMENCE AT A RAILROAD SPIKE ON THE INTERSECTION OF PINEHAVEN ROAD (VARYING R/W) AND THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF GARMON ROAD (60' R/W), SAID POINT MONUMENTING THE SW CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 - SE 1/4, SECTION 27, T-12-S, R-6-E OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. FROM SAID POINT OF COMMENCEMENT RUN N 2° 26'26" W AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID FORTY A DISTANCE OF 29.85 FEET TO A "WALKER" CAPPED IRON FOUND AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID PINEDALE ROAD AND THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID GARMON ROAD; THENCE RUN N 88° 09'16" E ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID PINEDALE ROAD A DISTANCE OF 590.05 FEET; THENCE DEFLECT LEFT, DEPART FROM SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND RUN N 02° 24'37" W A DISTANCE OF 150.09 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET (PLS #20141) BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE ALONG THE PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED COURSE A DISTANCE OF 199.27 FEET; THENCE RUN N 88° 02'12" E A DISTANCE OF 202.04 FEET; THENCE RUN S 01°51'23" E A DISTANCE OF 209.59 FEET; THENCE RUN S 88° 08'41" W A DISTANCE OF 85.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET (PLS #20141); THENCE RUN N 02° 24'37" W A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET (PLS #20141); THENCE RUN S 88° 09'16" W A DISTANCE OF 115.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING A PORTION OF THE NW 1/4 - SE 1/4, SECTION 27, T-12-S, R-6-E OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA AND CONTAINING 0.940 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

More commonly known as: 125 Pine Haven Rd, Gadsden, AL 35901

This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. 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.

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.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation ("Transferee")

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

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by William Floyd and wife, Penny Floyd, to Family Savings Credit Union on the December 8, 2023, said mortgage being recorded at Instrument #3567401, Mortgage Records, Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and the undersigned, by reason of such default, having declared the entire 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 (being the door facing Forrest Avenue) in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 16, 2026, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot Number One (1) in Block "K", in Cherokee Estates, Unit II, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 61, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

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

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

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

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

Etowah County, Alabama, the following described real property situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, to-wit:

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

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

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

REGIONS BANK successor by merger with AmSouth Bank
Holder of said Mortgage
Goodman G. Ledyard
PIERCE LEDYARD JOHNSTON, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
Post Office Box 161389
Mobile, Alabama 36616
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December 26, 2025. January 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

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

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

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

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

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

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

liens, 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.

NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 24-06237AL www.foreclosurehotline.net 24-06237AL

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Marsha L. Barnes was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/24/2025 to the Estate of Elizabeth Ann 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

December 12, 19, and 26, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Lynne Daniel Wood was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/24/2025 to the Estate of Margaret M. Daniel, 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 12, 19, and 26, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Angela Brooks was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/01/2025 to the Estate of Juanita Sims Carroll, 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 12, 19, and 26, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Mary Ann Pennington was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/01/2025 to the Estate of Richard A. Baker, 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 12, 19, and 26, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Beverly Wood was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/01/2025 over the Estate of Jean B. Crocker, 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 12, 19, and 26, 2025

FILE CLAIMS

Charles Darien Day was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/05/2025 to the Estate of Mary Jean Day, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Mary Ann Walker and Barbara Morris Vice was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/24/2025 to the Estate of Linda Joyce Morris, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Gina Kellett Moses was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/24/2025 to the Estate of Frances Ruth Elrod, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Lynn Clemons Watson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/25/2025 over the Estate of Betty Carolyn Fowler Clemons, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Monte Beckert McNew was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/02/2025 to the Estate of Carolyn Eloise McNew, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Angela Pinson was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/18/2018 to the Estate of Christopher Pinson, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Timothy Stephens was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/25/2025 to the Estate of Shirley Jean Stephens, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Anthony Carter Bellew was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/26/2025 to the Estate of Bertha Luvena Bellew, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

James Robert Morgan, Jr., John Todd Morgan, and Vickie Marie Morgan Laseter was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/01/2025 to the Estate of Bertha Vivian M. Morgan, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jacob Millican, ESQ. was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/01/2025 to the Estate of Jerry Claude Talley, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Lara E. Graves was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/01/2025 to the Estate of Mattie Jo Graves, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Stephen James Marriott was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/02/2025 to the Estate of Jane M. Petty a/k/a Jane Carole Marriott, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Justin L. Brown was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/02/2025 to the Estate of David Lawrence Brown, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Paulette C. Rogers was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/03/2025 to the Estate of Jerry Donald Rogers, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Edgar Howard was/ were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/09/2025 to the Estate of Wymon Howard, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Michael Anthony Daugette was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/09/2025 to the Estate of Wanda Faye Couey Daugette, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Phylliss Darlene Scott was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/10/2025 to the Estate of Ricky Delaney Scott, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 26, 2025, January 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF 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

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case #: 2025-751

IN THE MATTER OF: ROBERT MOSES, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

TO: Any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 20th day of JANUARY 2026 at 2:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 9TH

DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

December 12, 19, and 26, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARTHA BULLOCK, INCAPACITATED

CASE # 2025-592

TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY belonging to the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 6th day of January, 2026 at 2:30 pm was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, therefore at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

December 12, 19, and 26, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: WILLIAM DODD, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2025-752

TO: Michael Dodd and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 20th day of JANUARY 2026 at 2:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

December 12, 19, and 26, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY belonging to the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 20th day of JANUARY 2026 at 1:30 P.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 4TH day of FEBRUARY 2026 at 1:30 P.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

December 19, 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CV - 2025 - 900597

GRACE DARLENE WHITLOCK and JUSTIN WHITLOCK PLAINTIFFS

V. BARBARA CAROL PITTS AND THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

To reach a point of beginning for the hereinafter described parcel of land, commence at the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence run South 88 degrees 00 minutes West, along the South line thereof, 30.08 feet to a point in the West line of Turner Road; thence run North 02 degrees 14 minutes East along said West line, parallel with the East line of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, 1,150.15 feet to a point; thence run South 84 degrees 20 minutes West, 789.6 feet to a point, which is the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence from said point of beginning deflect 180 degrees left and run North 84 degrees 20 minutes East 100 feet to a point; thence deflect left and run North 02 degrees 14 minutes East 277.43 feet, more or less, to a point on the South line of Rocky Ford Road 80-foot right of way; thence Westerly along the South line of Rocky Ford Road 100 feet, more or less, to a point which is North 02 degrees 14 minutes East from the point of beginning; thence deflect left and run South 02 degrees 14 minutes West 277.43 feet, more or less, to the South property line, the point of beginning, and embracing portions of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 of SE 1/4) in Section Seven (7), Township Twelve (12) south, Range Eight (8) East of Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama.

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

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

The subject property is described as follows:

To reach a point of beginning for the hereinafter described parcel of land, commence at the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence run South 88 degrees 00 minutes West, along the South line thereof, 30.08 feet to a point in the West line of Turner Road; thence run North 02 degrees 14 minutes East along said West line, parallel with the East line of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, 1,150.15 feet to a point; thence run South 84 degrees 20 minutes West, 789.6 feet to a point, which is the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence from said point of beginning deflect 180 degrees left and run North 84 degrees 20 minutes East 100 feet to a point; thence deflect left and run North 02 degrees 14 minutes East 277.43 feet, more or less, to a point on the South line of Rocky Ford Road 80-foot right of way; thence Westerly along the South line of Rocky Ford Road 100 feet, more or less, to a point which is North 02 degrees 14 minutes East from the point of beginning; thence deflect left and run South 02 degrees 14 minutes West 277.43 feet, more or less, to the South property line, the point of beginning, and embracing portions of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 of SE 1/4) in Section Seven (7), Township Twelve (12) south, Range Eight (8) East of Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama.

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

subject property is 23258.

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

/s/ Brynn T. Crain
Circuit Judge

/s/Jason Knowles
Jason Knowles, Attorney for Plaintiff
413 Broad Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
256-547-7200

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

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

TO: Darrell Dewayne Rudolph, Jr.
Address unknown

Please take notice that a petition for adoption of a child born to Anna Hutchison Bothwell has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above alleging that the whereabouts of the biological father of said minor child are unknown and have not been disclosed to the Court. The minor child's date of birth is 07/30/2013. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

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

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

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION -FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, ex rel: Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

PLAINTIFF VS.

\$3,000.00 U.S. Currency

DEFENDANTS
In Re: Justin Lenard Glass

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 12th day of February 2026. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said currency.

DONE this the 11th day of December, 2025

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF:K.B.C AND K.P.C.

MINOR CHILDREN

TO: Harley Buice and Brandon Gipsom

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Etowah County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to K.B.C. born 04/07/2018 and K.P.C. born 05-01-2019. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama and with the Petitioner's attorney, Sheri W. Stallings, Assistant Attorney General, STATE OF ALABAMA DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES 220 West Main St., within fourteen (14) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgment can be entered against you. A parent has the right to representation of an attorney in a dependency or a termination of parental rights trial, and, if indigent, the Court may appoint an attorney if requested. Should the parent desire a court-appointed attorney, application should be made immediately upon receipt of notice of the action, by contacting the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama on or before the day of 31st day of December 2025

CASSANDRA JOHNSON
Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

Sheri W. Carver Stallings
Assistant Attorney General
Etowah County Department of Human Resources
220 West Main St.
Centre, Alabama 35900

December 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: JU23-353.02

IN THE MATTER OF: L.L. A Minor

NOTICE TO: SHELLYNN JACKSON

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

Dated this 5th day of December 2025,

Cassandra Johnson,
DISTRICT/JUVENILE COURT CLERK

ANDREW PERKINS
Attorney for the Petitioners
Perkins Law Firm
755 Walnut Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

of this notice or a default judgment can be entered against you. A parent has the right to representation of an attorney in a dependency or a termination of parental rights trial, and, if indigent, the Court may appoint an attorney if requested. Should the parent desire a court-appointed attorney, application should be made immediately upon receipt of notice of the action, by contacting the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama on or before the 1st day of January, 2026.

CASSANDRA JOHNSON
Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

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

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
ETOWAH COUNTY,
ALABAMA

CHARLES LEE MEANS,
PLAINTIFF,

Case No.:
DR-2025-900277

vs.
DIANA
WHEELER-MEANS,
DEFENDANT.

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

Done the 10th day of December, 2025.

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

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

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

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR
BIDS**

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 10:00am CST, Thursday, January 8, 2026 for A Modular Office Building: at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Etowah County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Bid Documents may be examined at the office of B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 442 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 and obtained from the Architect at cost of printing. Digital documents are available from the Architect at no cost.

A mandatory pre-bid conference shall be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 10am CST at Etowah County Transportation, 701 Gaines St. SW, Attalla, AL 35954.

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect ; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

Etowah County Board of Education (Awarding Authority)

B. Craig Lipscomb, Ar-

chitect, 256-390-5657,
craig@bclarch.com (Ar-

chitect)
December 12, 19, and 26,
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 George Wallace Drive Street Resurfacing Project No. 3606 in Gadsden, AL 35904 for the City of Gadsden, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Heath Williamson, PE for The City of Gadsden, Owner, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

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

**A BILL TO BE
ENTITLED AN ACT**

STATE OF ALABAMA,
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made:

Relating to Etowah County; to repeal Section 45-28-71, Code of Alabama 1975, providing an alternative process for filling vacancies in any Etowah County office which occur more than one year before the expiration of the term of office.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
Section 1. Section 45-28-71, Code of Alabama 1975, providing an alternative process for filling vacancies in any Etowah County office which occur more than one year before the expiration of the term of office, is repealed.
Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on January 2, 2026 at 10:00 am at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903.

Peggy Caldwell
Unit 39

Lucretia Love
Unit 169

December 19 and 26,
2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
AUCTION OF
ABANDONED
VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2002 Ford F150 Vin # 1FTRW07652KE32459 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 1/30/2026. The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

December 19 and 26,
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 February 8, 2026.

2015 Hyundai Accent
VIN: 3N1CN7AP-7KL846315

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

December 19 and 26,
2025

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Notice is hereby given that a 2006 Chevrolet Truck, VIN #2GCEK13T861157655 will be sold at auction to the highest bidder for cash on February 2, 2026, at 12:00 noon at 1410 Valley Drive, Attalla, AL 35954.

December 19 and 26,
2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to AAA PROPERTIES, LLC, P.O. BOX 863, ALBERTVILLE, ALABAMA 35960, 301-W N. 12TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, 701 FORREST AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF PEOPLES INDEPENDENT BANK, 5690 U.S. HWY 278 EAST, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903. believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 301-W N. 12TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

To reach the point of beginning, commence where the Northeast right of way line of Gardner Street (50' right of way) intersects the Northeast right of way line of North 12th Street (Variable right of way) and run Southeasterly along the Northeast right of way line of Gardner Street for a distance of 280.00 feet to a point said point being the point of beginning and from said point of beginning deflect 89°59'00" to the left and run a distance of 66.53 feet to a point; thence deflect 73°40'00" to the left and run a distance of 241.62 feet to a point; thence deflect 02°01'09" to the right and run a distance of 413.94 feet to a point; thence deflect 93°50'50" to the left and run a distance of 10.10 feet to a point in the Northeast right of way line of North 12th Street; thence deflect 110°20'01" to the right and run along the Northeast right of way line of North 12th Street a distance of 131.54 feet to a point; thence deflect 90°00'00" to the left and run along said right of way 11.00 feet to a point; thence deflect 90°00'00" to the right and run along the Northeast right of way line of North 12th Street for a distance of 513.97 feet to a point; thence deflect 00°38'07" to the left and run along the Northeast right of way of North 12th Street for a distance of 274.92 feet to a point on the Southeast right of way line of that certain right of way conveyed to the City of Gadsden on December 5, 1994 recorded in Deed Book "1931", page 333; thence deflect 43°27'25" to the right and run along said right of way a distance of 30.27 feet to a point of curve; thence deflect 52°16'00" to the right and run along a curve to the left having a radius of 275.00 feet, a central angle of 18°24'49", a distance of 88.38 feet to a point, said point being the point of reverse curvature of a curve to the right having a radius of 225.00 feet, a central angle of 36°38'22" and from said point run along said curve to the right a distance of 143.88 feet to a point; thence deflect 18°19'11" to the right from the chord of said curve to the right and run along said right of way a distance of 21.71 feet to a point in the Southwest right of way line of Alabama Great Southern Railroad (50' right of way); thence deflect 24°16'31" to the right and run along the Southwest right of way line of Alabama Great Southern Railroad a chord distance of 157.96 feet to a point; thence deflect 08°21'00" to the right and run along the Southwest right of way line of Alabama Great Southern Railroad a chord distance of 245.77 feet to a point; thence deflect 05°39'00" to the right and run along the Southwest right of way line of Alabama Great Southern Railroad a chord distance of 182.60 feet to a point; thence deflect 01°35'00" to the right and run along the Southwest right of way line of Alabama Great Southern Railroad a distance of 1421.00 feet to a point in the West right of way line of North 11th Street (50' right of way); thence deflect 56°04'00" to the right and run along the West right of way line for a distance of 77.43 feet to a point in the Northeast right of way line of North Wetter Street (30' right of way); thence deflect 83°26'00" to the right and run along the Northeast right of way line of North Wetter Street a distance of 604.14 feet to a point; thence deflect 79°31'00" to the left and run along the West right of way line of North Wetter Street for a distance of 112.40 feet to a point in the Northeast right of way line of Gardner Street; thence deflect

103°19'00" to the right and run along the Northeast right of way line of Gardner Street for a distance of 78.50 feet to a point; thence deflect 01°48'20" to the left and run along the Northeast right of way line of Gardner Street for a distance of 119.62 feet to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of the SW ¼ of the SE 14, the SE 14 of the SW 14 of Section 32, Township 11 South, Range 6 East and portions of the NE 4 of the NW 4, the NW 4 of the NE14, and the NE 14 of the NE 4 in Section 5, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama and contains 21.75 acres, more or less.
TAX ID#: 15-03-05-1-000-125.000; PPIN: 36392
TAX ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-245.000; PPIN: 19965
You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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December 26, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to GADSDEN PARC, LLC, 100 SOUTH BIRCH ROAD, SUITE 2701, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33316, 958 RAINBOW DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 958 RAINBOW DRIVE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Parcel 1: Commence at an existing concrete monument on the Easterly right-of-way line of Rainbow Drive (U.S. 411) at P.T. Station 16+35.78 of State Highway Project U-104(12) and run Southerly along the Easterly right-of-way line of Rainbow Drive a distance of 217.98 feet to an existing 1/2" rebar with cap stamped JBW&T INC. CA0046LS; thence deflect 96°15'26" left and run a distance of 572.67 feet to an existing 12" rebar with cap stamped JBW&T INC. CA0046LS; thence deflect 90°04'07" left and run a distance of 50.08 feet to an existing 12" rebar; thence deflect 90°03'20" right and run a distance of 206.45 feet to a point on the 511.0 contour of the H. Neely Henry Reservoir which is the point of beginning. From said point of beginning deflect 180°00'00" right and run a distance of 206.45 feet; thence deflect 90°30'20" left and run a distance of 149.96 feet to a point in concrete; thence deflect 90°00'51" left and run a distance of 193.50 feet to a point on the 511.0 contour; thence deflect left and run Northerly along the 511.0 contour of the H. Neely Henry Reservoir a distance of 150 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; said parcel of land being a portion of the SE 14 of the SE14, Section 9, and a portion of Fraction "C" of Section 10, lying and being in T-12-S, R-6-E, being situated West of the Coosa River, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and containing 0.69, more or less.

There is also conveyed with the above-described parcel an access easement for ingress and egress over a 50 foot strip as follows: Commence at an existing concrete monument on the Easterly right-of-way line of Rainbow Drive (U.S. 411) at P.T. Station 16+35.78 of State Highway Project U-104(12) and run Southerly along the Easterly right-of-way line of Rainbow Drive a distance of 217.98 feet to an existing 1/2" rebar with cap stamped JBW&T INC. CA0046LS; thence deflect 96°15'26" left and run a distance of 572.67 feet to an existing 12" rebar with cap stamped JBW&T INC. CA0046LS; thence deflect 89°55'53" right and run a distance of 25.00 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline of the said easement, being 50.00 feet in width and lying 25.00 feet each side of such centerline. From said point of beginning deflect 90°07'45" right and run in a westerly direction a distance of 575 feet, more or less, to the eastern right of way line of Rainbow Drive, and the end of the access easement.

Tax ID#: 15-02-09-0-001-

003.00
PIN# 34372
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Notice is hereby given to GADSDEN PARC, LLC, 100 SOUTH BIRCH ROAD, SUITE 2701, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33316, 126 RIVER ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 126 RIVER ROAD in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Parcel 2: Commence at the East right of way line of U.S. Highway 411 (Rainbow Drive) and the North line of Republic Steel Pump Station Easement which is recorded in Deed Book 6-H, page 252, and run Easterly along the North line of Republic Steel Easement a distance of 572.6 feet to the Republic Steel Pump station lot; thence deflect 89°56'40" right and run a distance of 100.0 feet; thence deflect 89°56'40" left and run along the South line of the Republic Steel Pump Station lot a distance of 193.5 feet to the 511.0 contour of the H. Neely Henry reservoir which is the point of beginning. From said point of beginning deflect 180°00' left and run Westerly along the South line of said pump station for a distance of 193.5 feet; thence deflect 89°56'40" right and run a distance of 50.0 feet; thence deflect 89°56'40" left and run Westerly along the South line of the Republic Steel Pump Station Easement a distance of 91.4 feet; thence deflect 84°20'30" left and run a distance of 96.77 feet to a point on the 511.0 contour of the H. Neely Reservoir; thence deflect 81°56' left and run Southeasterly along said 511.0 contour a distance of 64.86 feet; thence defect right and run Southerly, Easterly, Southeasterly, Easterly and Northerly along the meander line of said 511.0 contour a distance of 1095.0 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Said parcel of land being a portion of the SE 14 of the SE 14 of Section 9, T-12-S, R-6-E and a portion of the SW 14 lying West of the Coosa River, sometimes referred to as Fraction "C" in Section 10, T-12-S, R-6-E, lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.
Tax ID#: 15-02-09-0-001-006.001
PIN# 34375
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
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Notice is hereby given to LMN-CO, LLC, 201 GLENN STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 318 WILSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 318 WILSON STREET (BURNED HOUSE) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

PARCEL I:
Lot Number 23 in Block Number 4 of Walnut Park Addition as recorded in Book of Town Plats "B", Page 117, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.
Parcel II:
Lot Number 22 in Block Number 4 in Walnut Park Addition as the same shown in Map Book "B", Page 117, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and all being situated in

Alabama City, now Gadsden, Alabama.
Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-095.000
PIN# 50293
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to OTIS ADAMS, SR., (Deceased); P.O. BOX 335, ASHLAND, ALABAMA 36251-0335. Potential heirs are: OTIS ADAMS, JR., CLAUDIA ADAMS, DECEASED; JENNIE ADAMS-BUGGS; LEROY BOLDWARE, JR., (Deceased); BEVERLY HILL; MARTHA BUTLER; LEROY BOLDWARE, III; TYRONE BOLDWARE; DIANE BOLDWARE; JASON BOLDWARE; KAREN MOORE; THE RUTH STREET IRREVOCABLE TRUST; AND QUALLIA VAUGHN, THE RUTH STREET IRREVOCABLE TRUST, P.O. BOX 8036, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 407 N. 9TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: COM INT N ROW JONES ST & E ROW NORTH 9TH ST TH NE 199.5 ALONG ROW TO POB TH NE 40S TH SE 208 TH SW 40S TH NW 220S TO POB LYING IN SW1/4 NW1/4 GADSDEN 4-12-6 Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-273.000
PIN# 33451
You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
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Notice is hereby given to LIONEL PAIR, 1216 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 1218 ALABAMA AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Fifteen (15) in Paden Hughes Supplement to Block Number One (1) of the Interurban Land Company's First Addition, according to the map or plat of said Supplement recorded in Book of Town Plats "B", Page 208, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and being and lying in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.
Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-083.000
PIN# 36673
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
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Notice is hereby given to DELMOUS LARRY CANNON, 2701 HIGHLAND AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, with potential heirs; SHERRY GLASS, 121 JOHNSON DRIVE, PIEDMONT, ALABAMA 36272, TYRA LYNN CLICK, 3312 MILLER HOLLOW ROAD, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954, JOSEPH CANNON, 271 HUMMINGBIRD WAY, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906, and JULIE ROOKS, 1411 SUMMIT DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council

of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 2701 HIGHLAND AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-09-31-2-000-058.000
PIN# 18274
Commencing at S.W. Corner of Block Six, Plat One of the T.W. Listers Survey of the Clayton Addition to Alabama City, running North 166 Feet, thence East 82 Feet thence South 166 Feet, thence west 82 feet to beginning point. Corner being a part of the S.W. 14 of the N.E., Section 31, Township 11, Range 6, except a six foot alley on and along the West side of the aforesaid lot.
You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
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Notice is hereby given to RODERICK LEE STEPHENS, 514 CRESTVIEW DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 1415 ODESSA STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 1415 ODESSA STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-01-12-3-000-189.001
PIN# 32292
Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6 of Rearrangement of Blocks 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Sunnyside Addition, recorded in Plat Book C, Page 407, Etowah County, Alabama. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to DOROTHY TURNER, 2722 WYNTERHALL ROAD, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35803, PATRICIA FERGUSON, 121 SOUTH 10TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 385 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: PARCEL ONE: One lot or parcel 50 feet of even width, by 140 feet deep - Fronting 50 feet on the east side of Pennsylvania Avenue and running back easterly at right angles, 140 feet; the north line of which is 112 feet southerly from and parallel to the north line of Lot #10, in Block #4 of the "Hadley Farms Subdivision to Gadsden, Alabama," the map or plat of which appears of record in book of Town Plats "B", Page 236 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.
PARCEL TWO: Begin at the NW corner of Lot 10 in Block 4 of Hadley Farms, according to the map of which appears of record in Plat Book "B" at page 236 in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama and from said beginning point run southerly along the east line of Pennsylvania Ave. a distance of 62 feet, from thence deflect to the left 90 degs and run easterly a distance of 140 feet to a point, from thence deflect to the right 90 degs and run southerly parallel with the east line of Pennsylvania Ave a distance of 50 feet to the NE corner of the Turner lot, from thence deflect to the right 90 degs and run westerly along the north line of the said Turner lot, a distance of 140' to a point in the east line

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