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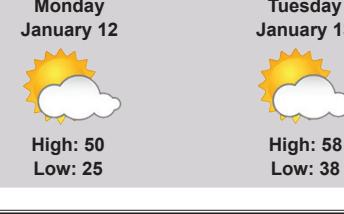
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## 7 DAY FORECAST

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## Strong storms and flooding possible Friday

By Kaitlin Hoskins  
News Editor

Parts of Alabama could see strong to severe thunderstorms Friday, Jan. 9, as a slow-moving cold front brings widespread rain and unsettled weather to the state, according to forecasters.

Rain and storms are forecast for Friday, with the heaviest rainfall expected across North and Central Alabama. Forecasters say a slow-moving boundary could produce 2 to 4 inches of rain in those areas, raising the potential for localized flooding. Rain totals are expected to be lighter across southern Alabama,

generally under one inch.

The National Weather Service has issued a flood watch for Etowah County effective Thursday, Jan. 8, through 12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Periods of heavy rainfall during this time could lead to localized flooding, especially in low-lying and flood-prone areas.

The Storm Prediction Center has placed parts of northwest and west-central Alabama under a slight risk (Level 2 of 5) for severe thunderstorms Friday afternoon through Friday night. A marginal risk (Level 1 of 5) extends eastward into central and eastern portions of the state, including

Etowah County and areas near the Alabama-Georgia line.

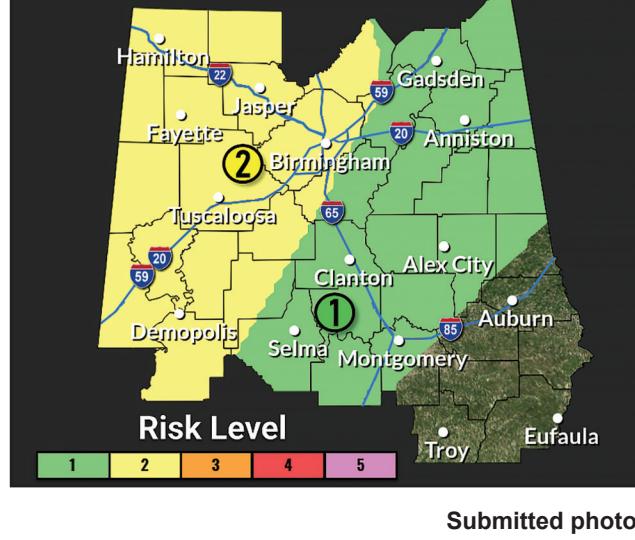
The severe weather threat is considered conditional, as forecast models show limited surface-based instability. If instability is greater than expected, some storms could produce damaging wind gusts of up to 60 mph. A brief, isolated tornado and quarter-size hail are also possible. Heavy rainfall and localized flash flooding remain the primary concerns.

Rain is expected to taper off early Saturday in North Alabama and end statewide by Saturday afternoon. Cooler air will follow the front, with temperatures

falling through the 50s Saturday in northern counties. Sunday is expected to be sunny and cooler, with highs in the 40s and 50s. A widespread freeze is possible by Monday morning.

The Etowah County Emergency Management Agency said it is monitoring the situation and will provide updates as conditions change. Residents are encouraged to stay informed through official National Weather Service forecasts at weather.gov/bmx.

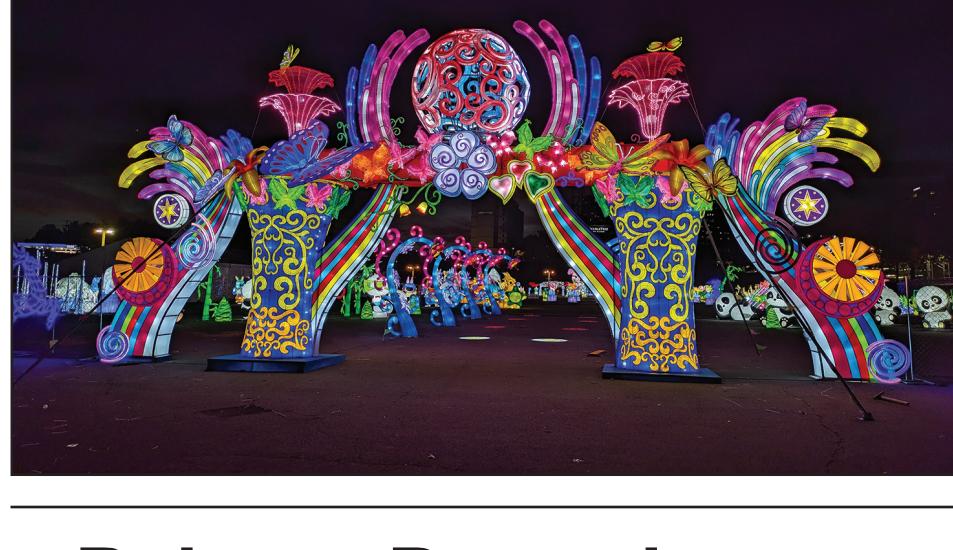
Looking ahead, weather conditions are expected to remain quiet next week, with seasonable temperatures. Highs will generally



Submitted photo

be in the 40s and 50s, with lows in the 20s and 30s. Only a low chance of light rain is expected midweek.

## Lantern Festival coming to Noccalula Falls Park



A memorable new experience is coming to Gadsden's Noccalula Falls: a Spring Lantern Festival featuring art, culture and entertainment throughout the park from Feb. 13 to April 5, 2026.

"We're always looking for exciting events to bring to Gadsden," said Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford. "Between Christmas at the Falls and the busy summer season, we had an opportunity to do something new, and this Spring Lantern Festival is a perfect fit. It will be a fun event for families to enjoy!"

The City and Noccalula Falls Park are partnering with Kaleido Entertainment to present the Spring Lantern Festival on weekends in the coming months.

Visitors will be able to stroll through hundreds of stunning lanterns illuminated with vibrant LED lights. The lanterns are

traditionally hand-crafted by artisans from small pieces of Chinese silk cloth and steel wire.

Some pieces depict Chinese legends and lore, while others celebrate the beauty of nature.

Admission also includes a live show of world-class acrobatic performances as well as train rides around the park. Food and drink vendors will also be on hand.

"Our staff does an incredible job with Christmas at the Falls, and we're looking forward to working with Kaleido Entertainment to bring a unique and unforgettable kind of experience to the park," said Noccalula Falls Park director Brandon Stephens.

Tickets are available at [cityofgadsden.com](http://cityofgadsden.com).

Submitted by Michael Rodgers.

## Pajama Day raises more than \$30,000 for SHP

By Karla McArthur  
Correspondent

The seventh annual Pajama Day fundraiser raised \$30,496.37 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, continuing a growing tradition of generosity among students, schools and community partners across the region.

Peer Helpers programs throughout the Etowah County School System participate in the initiative each year as part of Giving Tuesday activities held at the

beginning of December. Students are invited to make a small donation in exchange for wearing pajamas to school, with all proceeds benefiting Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring children and families have a safe and comfortable place to sleep.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a 501(c)(3) organization that builds and delivers beds to children in need. The organization began in a garage during an especially cold Christmas season, when

volunteers built a single bed for one family. That small act of service quickly grew into a national movement, now consisting of more than 325 chapters across the United States.

The Gadsden chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace serves Etowah, Cherokee, Clay, Talladega, Cleburne and Calhoun counties. The chapter is led by President Tommy Goodman and Co-President Paul Moore, along with a network of volunteers who help build and deliver beds throughout the year.

With the addition of this year's Pajama Day proceeds, the fundraiser has generated a seven-year grand total of \$183,101.45. The initiative has seen consistent growth since its inception, with donations increasing each year. What began with \$8,000 raised in 2019 has expanded to more than \$30,000 in 2025, reflecting strong and sustained community support.

Students and staff within the Etowah County School System raised approximately \$12,000 of

this year's total. An additional \$16,429 was contributed by other school systems, churches and participating businesses across the state, highlighting the broader reach and impact of the annual event.

Organizers say the continued success of Pajama Day underscores the power of small contributions coming together to make a meaningful difference, helping ensure that more children in the region can sleep safely and comfortably in their own beds.

## Gadsden approves first zoning revision in 40 years

The City of Gadsden has adopted its first new zoning ordinance since 1982 — a planning update that will benefit the city for years to come.

"One of the first major projects my administration undertook was the development of the GROW Gadsden master plan," said Mayor Craig Ford. "Gadsden hadn't had an updated master plan in more than 45

years, and we needed to reassess the city's long-term development plans."

Over the course of more than a year, Gadsden held community meetings to gather input about what citizens consider important for the future.

"As soon as the GROW Gadsden plan was approved in 2024, we started working on revised zoning to give us some updated

guidelines for development," Ford said. "Here we are 18 months later, and I'm excited that it's been approved."

The City partnered with Kendig Keast Collaborative, a nationally recognized urban planning consultant, to work on the updated zoning.

The new ordinance sets guidelines for riverfront-oriented development, residential,

historic and commercial areas, as well as updated site design standards.

"New growth doesn't always fit into old and sometimes outdated codes," Ford said. "I want to thank the Planning Commission, our Planning and Zoning departments, Kendig Keast, the City Council and the citizens for helping us take another big step towards Gadsden's future."

## Tigers For Tomorrow offers \$5 January admission

Tigers For Tomorrow at Untamed Mountain is inviting the community to explore one of Alabama's most distinctive wildlife destinations this month through its annual "Goodwill to All" \$5 Admission Promotion.

Running Jan. 1-31, the promotion offers general admission for \$5 per person on regular January operating days. The reduced rate is designed to make wildlife education and conservation experiences more accessible to families, students, seniors and visitors from across the region.

The Goodwill to All initiative was created to remove financial

barriers that might prevent people from connecting with animals and nature. Last year, the program welcomed more than 4,800 visitors from across Alabama, and organizers say participation continues to grow each year.

"January can be a tough month for many families," said Sue Steffens, co-founder of Tigers For Tomorrow. "Goodwill to All is our way of giving back—opening our gates wider, strengthening community connections, and ensuring everyone has access to meaningful wildlife experiences."

Visitors can enjoy a self-guided walking tour through the pre-

serve, up-close views of tigers, lions, wolves, bears and other animals, and educational storytelling centered on conservation, empathy and coexistence. January also offers one of the most comfortable seasons to visit the outdoor preserve.

On colder January weekends, guests are invited to gather around a fire pit, where hot chocolate and s'mores will be available, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for families and visitors.

Tigers For Tomorrow is a USDA-licensed nonprofit wild-animal preserve celebrating more than 25 years of providing refuge,

care and environmental education. The organization is currently undertaking a major redevelopment and expansion project to enhance animal habitats while continuing its mission of serving as a permanent, last-stop home for animals in need.

No coupons or special codes are required for the January promotion.

During December through February, the preserve is open to the public Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. From March through November, public hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Friday

through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The preserve is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. No reservations are required.

Regular admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, with children under 3 admitted free. Private tours and field trips are available by appointment Wednesday through Sunday.

New photo policy at preserve: Photos are allowed, however, there is a strict no harassment tolerated policy. Please find more information on the website or Facebook page.

For more information, visit [www.TigersForTomorrow.org](http://www.TigersForTomorrow.org).



# NEWS

## ECBOE highlights partnerships, approves initiatives

By Karla McArthur  
Correspondent

The Etowah County Board of Education held its monthly meeting Jan. 6 at 4 p.m., recognizing achievements across the district and approving several initiatives and personnel actions.

Board President Jay Freeman called the meeting to order, and board member Amanda Johnson opened with a prayer.

Superintendent Dr. Alan Cosby welcomed those in attendance and recognized Gadsden State Community College President Alan Smith, who introduced members of his leadership team, including Dr. Joey Battles, dean of health sciences; Dr. Derrick Griffey, dean of academic programs and services; Dr. Tera Simmons, executive vice president; Jessica Slaten, dean of financial and administrative services; and

enrollment specialist Cody Beck.

Smith and the GSCC team highlighted the college's longstanding partnership with Etowah County Schools through its dual enrollment program and introduced the Cardinal Promise, a new initiative offering scholarship waivers and tuition reductions to qualifying prospective students. Smith concluded by thanking the district for its continued collaboration and support.

Cosby responded by expressing appreciation for Gadsden State's role in supporting Etowah County students and the community.

The board also recognized Hokes Bluff Elementary School resource officer Robbie Deason. Lt. Justin Plunkett honored Deason for receiving the School Resource Officer Achievement Award. Deason was nominated by Hokes Bluff Elementary Assistant Principal Jamie McCain.

Board members approved the minutes from the Dec. 2, 2025, meeting. Questions regarding the minutes may be directed to board secretary Monica Snead.

Chief School Financial Officer Susan Bishop presented financial statements showing an unreserved fund balance of 4.03 months as of the end of November 2025, compared with 3.6 months at the same time last year. The board unanimously approved the budget analysis.

Cosby also requested approval to purchase the OneToOnePlus asset management and helpdesk ticketing system, which will replace the county's current system and is expected to save approximately \$6,000. The board approved the purchase, along with the county's contract with Rain-Crow Environmental Asbestos Coordinator Services.

Personnel actions were approved col-

lectively, including supplements, contracts and additional duties for faculty and non-faculty, new substitute teachers, resignations and retirements. Board members congratulated all newly approved personnel.

Informational items included the ongoing junior high basketball county tournament at Sardis Middle School through Jan. 10, the upcoming varsity basketball county tournament at Southside High School beginning Jan. 12, and the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Jan. 19.

Cosby closed the meeting by thanking attendees and congratulating those recognized. The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3 at 5 p.m.

Agendas for all ECBOE meetings are available at [ecboe.org](http://ecboe.org) under the "District Info" section.

## GSCC announces Summer and Fall 2025 graduates

Gadsden State Community College honored graduates from the Summer and Fall Semesters during commencement on December 18 at Gadsden State Cherokee. The College recognized 558 students who successfully completed the requirements for associate degrees, certificates, and short-term certificates, earning a total of 913 credentials.

There were 188 students honored for their academic achievement with traditional cords signifying the level of honor they achieved.

In total, 45 students received the highest honor by graduating Summa Cum Laude with a 3.9-4.0 GPA wearing a gold cord to signify their exceptional academic success. Additionally, 55 students graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.7-3.89 GPA receiving a red cord. Recognized as Cum Laude graduates for a 3.5-3.69 GPA were 52 students

earning a red and gold cord. A group of 36 students graduated with distinction for earning a certificate while maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA. These students received a red and black cord for their hard work.

The graduates are:

Altoona – Kristen Eller, Dalton Garmon, Kathryn Grayson, Makenna McKee, Kara Reynolds, Viridiana Saucedo, Zachary Stewart, and Jacob Watts  
Attalla – Jeffery Baty, Mary Boley, Tiffany Brock, Colton Cagle, James Clark, Josynez Gammie, April Hammonds, Hannah Hufstetler, Macie Hunt, Brooklyn Jones, Sydney Jones, Madison Kelley, Syden Lindsey, Ethan Logan, Cassandra McDaris, Kaitlyn Nelms, Abigail Nelson, Kylee Roden, Kaylee Rogers-Lee, Sarah Scarborough, David Smith, Matthew Vasser, and Jennifer Wynn  
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Gallant – William Clark, Lelah Rogers, and Abigail Smith

Glencoe – Maghan Alford, Ashley Baccus, Kaleb Barber, Emily Cornelius, Kaylee Higdon, Judson Littlejohn, Savannah

Rogers, Phillip Simmons, Kayla Stamps, Anna Stanley, Peyton Thompson, and Shelby Tullis

Rainbow City – Catherine Anderson, Jessa Barnes, Ciara Bowers-Jones, Robert Brooks, Kristy Cooper, Monique Curry, Koby Dillard, Jaden Duran, Haleigh Graves, Julianna Hayes, Kristin Hays, Breunna Holt, Jaklyn Holt, Virginia Horton, Kokou Houkpati, Saydee Kilgore, Diamond McCadney, Tshegofatso Moeng, Manci Patel, Ethan Tolson, and Sidney Vance

Sardis – Jacob Beck

Southside – Drake Albury, Meredith Bain, Elanor Battle Krusick, Lauren Boyd, Emily Howell, Michael Hyland, Merrideth Keener, Cayden McCord, Logan Perkins, Jackson Sims, Deannia Spiller, Britney Stephens, Alyssa Streefkerk, Philip Ulrich, Sheena Wallace, and Tristan Wrage

Steele – Ariel Miller

## Gadsden State launches Cardinal Promise campaign

Gadsden State Community College has launched the Cardinal Promise, a new scholarship campaign designed to make higher education more accessible for students across the region by significantly reducing tuition costs and expanding scholarship opportunities.

Through the Cardinal Promise, students who have earned a high school diploma or GED may qualify for 50% off tuition, helping remove financial barriers for individuals seeking to start or continue their college

education.

In addition, 2026 graduating high school seniors who have completed at least six credit hours of dual enrollment at any institution are eligible to receive 75% off tuition, creating a clear and affordable pathway from high school to college.

"The Cardinal Promise reflects our commitment to meeting students where they are and making college attainable for every family," said Alan Smith, president of Gadsden State Community College. "Cost

should never be the reason a student delays or abandons their educational goals."

The Cardinal Promise works alongside Gadsden State's existing financial aid programs and a wide range of additional scholarship opportunities available to both current students and graduating high school seniors.

Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, technical

or career-related accomplishments, leadership and extracurricular involvement, and talents in areas such as fine arts or athletics.

"Our goal is simple," Smith said. "We want students to see Gadsden State as an affordable starting point that leads to real opportunity, whether that means entering the workforce or continuing toward a four-year degree."

Students are encouraged to explore eligibility requirements, deadlines, and scholarship options by visiting [www.gadsdenstate.edu/scholarships](http://www.gadsdenstate.edu/scholarships) or contacting the Office of Financial Aid via email at [fainaid@gadsdenstate.edu](mailto:fainaid@gadsdenstate.edu) or by phone (256) 549-8284.

## Jacksonville State honors emerging scholars for Fall

Jacksonville State University recognized more than 930 high school students as Emerging Scholars for the Fall 2025 semester, honoring those who earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while completing dual enrollment coursework at the university.

The Emerging Scholars pro-

gram highlights the academic achievements of high school students who take college-level courses through Jax State while still completing their secondary education.

Local students recognized include Jacob Massey and Kelsey Hulsey, Leah Lewis, Nicholas Yaeger, Rylan Bertram and

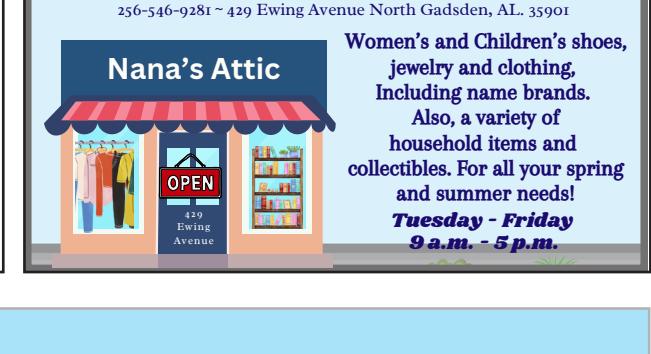
Naheel Alabbasi, all of Rainbow City; Francesca Ford of Altoona; Daphne LaRoche of Attalla; Corbin Watts, Andrew Clark, Isabella Barrow, Eli Stewart, Malia Sneed, Jayden Phelps, Ryan McDill, Natalie Gilbert, Ryder Mecham, Tatum Ellis, Abbey Griffin and Jilliana Brooks, all of Gadsden; Tanner

Silvey, Allie Humphrey, Addison Nunnelee, Ryan Lumpkin and Audrey Wheeler of Southside; and Charlie Bennett of Attalla.

Jacksonville State University, founded in 1883 as a state teachers' college, has grown into a comprehensive regional university offering more than

150 areas of study at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including more than 40 online programs. The university is located in the Appalachian foothills between Birmingham and Atlanta.

More information about Jacksonville State University is available at [www.jsu.edu](http://www.jsu.edu).



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# NEWS

## Girl Scouts kick off 2026 cookie season

Girl Scouts in North-Central Alabama are getting ready for the start of the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie season — a familiar and much-anticipated tradition for families across the region.

More than 4,500 girls in 36 counties will take part in the program through Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama, with local troops expected to sell upwards of one million packages of cookies during the 2026 season.

Beginning February 6, Girl Scouts will be out in their neighborhoods selling cookies at booths set up at shopping centers, local stores, and community events. Cookie booths give customers the chance to meet local Girl Scouts and support their activities while stocking up on favorite treats. Cookies are priced at \$6 per package.

This year's cookie lineup includes well-loved favorites like Thin Mints and Samoas, along with a brand-new cookie called Explorermores, inspired by the flavor of rocky road ice cream. During the 2026 season, customers who purchase five packages of cookies can enter to win free Girl Scout Cookies for a year — one package per week.

Most importantly, money raised through cookie sales stays local and helps Girl Scouts pay for trips, outdoor adventures, and community service projects. Along the way, girls learn how to set goals, manage money, talk with customers, and make decisions — skills they'll use long after cookie season.

Customers can also choose to donate cookies through the council's Care to Share program. Donated cookies are given to local Hometown Heroes, including workers in public safety, utility services, healthcare, education, and other essential fields. Donations can be made in \$6 increments at cookie booths or online, and the



cookies are delivered by local Girl Scouts.

To find a cookie booth near you or to purchase cookies online, visit [girlscoutsnca.org/cookiefinder](http://girlscoutsnca.org/cookiefinder).

Businesses interested in hosting a cookie booth or making bulk purchases may contact [customercare@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsnca.org).

## Area students earn honors at multiple universities

Several local students were recognized for outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2025 semester, earning placement on Dean's Lists and President's Lists at universities across the region and nation.

At Lindsey Wilson University in Columbia, Kentucky, Jadan Burns of Gadsden was named

to the Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester. The Dean's List honors full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while maintaining good academic standing. Lindsey Wilson University is a private liberal arts institution founded in 1903 and affiliated with The United Meth-

odist Church.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) announced multiple area students were honored for their academic performance during the Fall 2025 term, which ran from September through December. Students named to the President's List earned a grade point average

of 3.70 or higher. Those recognized include Ashley Maharry of Boaz; Jenna Robinson of Attalla; Emily Williams of Gadsden; Nancy Quinn of Hokes Bluff; Heather Cole of Gadsden; and Amanda Honeycutt of Gadsden.

Additionally, Lauren Fowler of Gadsden and Nicole Shropshire of Gadsden were named

to SNHU's Dean's List, which recognizes full-time undergraduate students who earn a GPA between 3.50 and 3.699. Southern New Hampshire University is a private, nonprofit institution serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide through online and campus-based programs.

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**O**n December 23, Thomas Harold Smith, Sr. celebrated his 100th birthday. Born in Southside, and a graduate of his beloved Smokeneck Tech, Harold entered the US Navy in 1944 during WWII. He served aboard the USS New York and fought bravely for his country at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and many other smaller battles throughout the Pacific. After the war, he returned home and married Lurlene Brown, the prettiest girl in all of Etowah County. Together, they made a home on Brown's Hill just south of Glencoe, and raised two beautiful children, Linda and Hal. Harold worked his entire career for the Alabama Gas Company, and won the annual Alagasco Golf Tournament too many times to accurately count. An avid golfer, Harold has made five holes-in-one at the Briarmeade Golf Course, where he also served as the president of the Board of Directors for a time. His service to his country, to his family, and to this community are a testament to his loving spirit and his deep devotion to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## IRS announces start of tax season

The Internal Revenue Service announced that the 2026 federal tax filing season will begin Monday, Jan. 26. Taxpayers will have until April 15, 2026, to file their 2025 income tax returns and pay any taxes owed.

The IRS expects to receive approximately 164 million individual tax returns this year, with most filed electronically. Several provisions of the recently enacted One, Big, Beautiful Bill take effect this filing season and may affect tax credits, deductions and refunds.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to use online tools available at IRS.gov, including Individual Online Accounts, refund tracking through "Where's My Refund?" and guidance on new tax forms such as Schedule 1-A. The new schedule allows eligible taxpayers to claim deductions related to tips, overtime, car loan interest and enhanced deductions for seniors.

IRS Free File will begin accepting returns Jan. 9 for qualifying taxpayers, while Free File Fillable Forms will be available to all taxpayers starting Jan. 26. Additional free filing options include MilTax for military members and eligible veterans, as well as IRS-certified volunteer assistance programs.

Taxpayers are also urged to watch for tax scams, choose reputable tax preparers and consider direct deposit for refunds, as the IRS continues to phase out paper refund checks.

## TOGGLE awards coming soon

The Theatre of Gadsden will host its annual TOGGLE Awards on Jan. 31. The ceremony honors the performers, volunteers and behind-the-scenes contributors who helped make the 2025 season a success. Modeled after major awards shows, the evening will include entertainment, special performances and recognition of outstanding achievements. The theatre's 2026 season will be announced during the event.

Ghostlight Theater will present Something Rotten! Jr. Jan. 16-18. The musical comedy takes audiences back to the Renaissance with a fast-paced, humorous story adapted from the Broadway hit.

Tickets for both events are available at [www.theatreofgadsden.org](http://www.theatreofgadsden.org).

## Mardi Gras Parade set for Feb. 7

The Krewe of Rowdy Revelers will present a Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, at 4 p.m. The parade will feature floats, beads and music along Broad Street in Gadsden.

Entry fees vary by participation type and include \$15 per horse (refuse

catch bags required), \$25 for walking-only krewes or groups, \$30 per classic car group or club, \$50 for floats or float sponsors, \$75 for business signage entries and \$150 for corporate entries.

Those interested in participating

can sign up online at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWGDLk17qCmeEAs-t9bUlp78zOus1WDLpe7qyl5x4ltvg/viewform>.

For more information, contact Deborah Miller at 205-359-0375 or [deborahmiller72@outlook.com](mailto:deborahmiller72@outlook.com).

## Annual Unity Parade set for Jan. 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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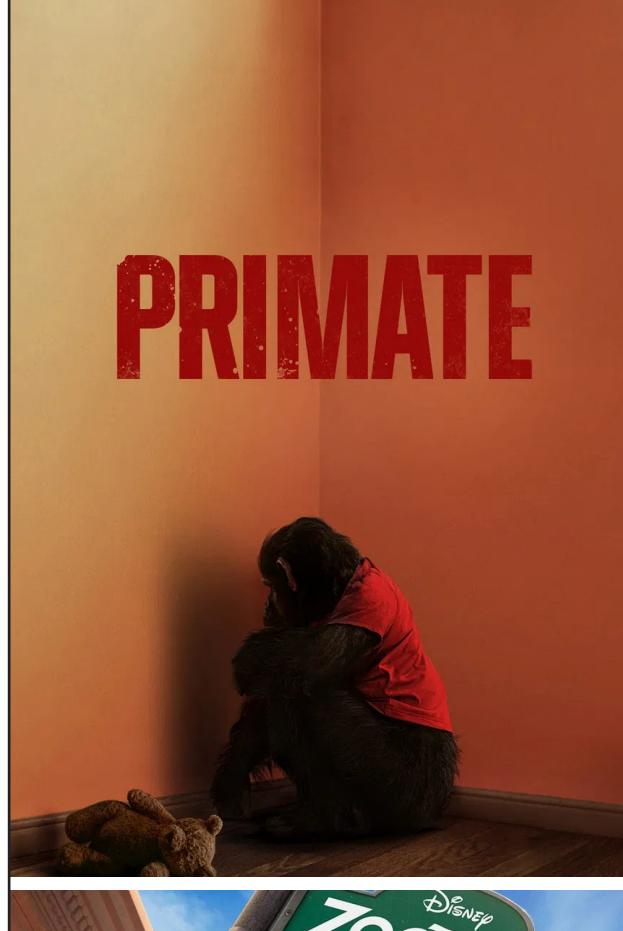
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# LIFESTYLE

## Speak our truth quietly and clearly



*Arranging  
the  
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Tabitha Bozeman

The New Year is upon us. My inbox and social media feeds have been inundated with lists for resolutions, deep cleaning approaches to kick off 2026, book lists, the best diet and exercise plans, and so on. It's exhausting. It is particularly exhausting when 2025 often felt like an exercise in survival. So, for 2026, I've decided to wipe away the fog of generalizing life and focus on the details. Sometimes we need to take a step back and look at the overall picture; but, it can be a very short distance between "big picture" and "dissociation." And, as Lennon reminds us "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." If we are only focused on the big picture, then, are we really even living?

One thing the ending of one year and beginning of another brings is, if not exact clarity, at least a kind of thematic understanding of the past 12 months. This is something people have been interested in since ancient times:

making meaning out of the mundane. Whether it is astrology, spiritualism, art, literature, or self-help books, most people like to take inventory at various points in life. Ancient Chinese astrology did this through the Legend of the Great Race, creating the Chinese Zodiac's 12 signs. In this legend, 12 animals compete in a race, and the order they finished became the order of the cycle of the years. 2025, for example, was the Year of the Snake, which is associated with adjusting to change, shedding things that no longer fit or serve you well, and deepening introspection which leads to growth and wisdom. 2026, on the other hand, is the Year of the Fire Horse, and can be expected to be full of intensity, momentum, and change. It will not happen again until 2086.

Intensity, momentum, and change can sound like a nightmare ride on the merry-go-round without perspective. This year, rather than hopping on the merry-go-round and rushing through my days and months, though, I think this last year has been a solid reminder of how important it is to intentionally choose where I will focus my energy and momentum. Carl Sandburg said it like this: "Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you."

Each year contains loss and growth, and "some changes look negative on the surface but you will soon realize that space is being

created in your life for something new to emerge" (Eckhart Tolle). My goal this year is to be on the lookout for these spaces left by last year because, as Rainer Maria Rilke points out, "If your daily life seems poor, do not blame it; blame yourself that you are not poet enough to call forth its riches; for the Creator, there is no poverty."

My challenge to myself then becomes "How creative am I?"

Can I admit loss and still see in it potential for growth? Can I recognize even small progress and celebrate it? Can I set aside cynicism and choose to see humanity? Can I acknowledge the discrepancies between who I want people to be and who they are and honor the individual? Can I roll with change and still craft meaning? Can I be honest about where I am and where I want to be, but still see the beauty in the now?

Some friends and I discussed recently how we'd like to take what has been learned in 2025 and apply it to how we live and move through 2026. This requires intentional review of the past, honest plans for the future, and continual intention in the present. The continual part can be exhausting. There are places we move through each year, even if we'd like to stay. There are friendships that strengthen, while others wither even when we don't want them to. There are goals that are met, or must be abandoned or re-assessed. The unrelenting continuousness of it all is

where it is easy to tip over from "attention" to "dissociation." If we allow time to just rush over us, spinning and tilting us like a wave pushing a swimmer beneath the surface, we will miss out on the solid ground beneath us. A deep breath, then, and intentionality allows us to live each day with peace and clarity, even if there are moments that take us off guard.

After all, whether we step back to consider it or not, the big picture isn't changing. We are here for a little while, then we become stories. The real challenge, and biggest payoff, is in the everyday. I've shared Whitman's "O me! O Life" before, and I love the reminder in it that we are each here to "contribute a verse." Another poem that gives us ways to craft our contribution, though, is a re-discovered favorite of mine called "Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann:

"Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others"

May we each go placidly through 2026, speak our truth quietly and clearly, and be poet enough to call forth the riches hidden in our daily lives.

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## City job changes under old method



**Looking  
at the  
History**

Danny Crownover

Back in the good old days a newly elected board of mayor and aldermen meant a new police force, a new city clerk, a new city treasurer, a new street overseer, a new street tax collector and the like.

Those who wanted such jobs invariably got out and helped to elect their favorites, sometimes with definite promises of jobs and often on the belief that their work and their influence would guarantee the coveted plums.

Every change of administration, therefore,

brought disappointment to the unsuccessful candidates and frequently caused much bitterness among them.

In all fairness it should be said that many of these candidates for minor offices merely assumed that they had received promises.

Some of them had exaggerated notions about their ability to corral votes and many of them had no influence with other voters at all. A few expected and were paid money for such work as they may have done but they too were over-rated as vote getters more often than not.

When a new administration was sworn in, its first business was to elect the minor officials. It merely went through the motions of that duty, for at a secret caucus during the previous week it had met and selected all employees, and usually such proceedings were kept a dark secret.

In other words, it was all cut and dried before the mayor and aldermen had been sworn in.

For years it was the practice to receive

written applications from job hunters. As had been arranged after several applications for a particular job had been read an alderman would place one of them in nomination and his election followed by unanimous vote.

It was recalled for one such meeting when the caucus agreement went through in perfect order. After the session was over a reporter for the local newspaper was taken aside by a man who failed to be re-elected a patrolman.

"I don't understand it at all," he said, "for I had the positive promise of three aldermen to keep me as a policeman. I wasn't even placed in nomination yet I worked hard for those three men I believed them to be my personal friend and I trusted them."

What happened was that he was traded off and as was explained by the three aldermen, the man had assumed that he had been actually promised anything.

Some of the policemen were able to hang on through the various changes notable

Captain Will Thorton and Chief Sam L. O'Bannon, both later retired on pension.

Two or three times the latter was elected chief by popular vote when the primary system was first tried out.

The city clerk was also elected by the people. It was not until recent years that the police department was put on a permanent basis through the creation of a civil service board. The policemen and firemen became selected by the board after an examination as to their qualifications.

They could not be dismissed without an open trial before that board, unless they waive that right, which, is a resignation. This rule became in practice in most cities and has resulted in better fire and police protection.

It encourages men to give faithful service and makes them better officials. Then, too, the pension system means security in old age, a reward for being dutiful and efficient.

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# DEVOTIONALS

## Here's to an unwrapped year – and dancing!



We are already a week into the new year, and I finally looked at my Spotify "Wrapped." I wasn't super surprised by the results, but it did make me laugh out loud. It said that since I listened to 143 different genres of music, taste like mine "can't be defined" — then gave me a listening age of 57! I didn't even know that was a thing. Since I will be 54 this month, I will let that one slide!

Social media is a mixed bag this time of year, but I am here for it. I love the Christmas posts of families happily gathered. And especially enjoy the year in review wrap-ups. It does my heart good to see the highlights of friends far and near.

Another feature I enjoy is the memories that Facebook shares. This past week, it handed me two of my own yearly recaps—one from the year we lost my husband's mother while walking through a myriad of other difficult

circumstances, and one from the following year that was filled with lots of joyful memories and milestones for our family.

Those two posts side-by-side stopped me for a moment. Same family. Same God. Two completely different seasons. And it reminded me of two steady truths: first, that God never changes—even when our years look nothing alike; and second, that Scripture tells us there is a season for everything.

It's easy to look at people's "highs" on social media and imagine how much better their seasons are than ours. We forget that people are posting their highlights and not their everyday realities.

We also forget that social media is only a snapshot into one moment in a person's whole season. And, let's be honest, it's essentially a digital talent show where everyone wears their sparkliest costume, pretending the zipper didn't just break backstage while they were putting it on.

And that is where the truth slips in quietly, almost unexpectedly: our year doesn't have to look amazing for God to be in it. Some years come with fireworks. Other years come with extinguishers. But every year—every single season—comes with the same faithful God walking through it with us.

Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

(NIV)." When our feeds swing from celebration to sadness, when one year feels like fireworks and the next feels like fire drills—He doesn't change. His character doesn't waiver. His presence doesn't take a vacation. His love doesn't need an algorithm or viral moment to show up in our lives.

Scripture also reminds us that, "For everything there is a season...a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance" (Ecclesiastes 3:1,4, ESV). When life unfolds in its different seasons, it is important that we embrace the experiences that make up our human journey—for there are lessons to be learned with a steady God who spans them all.

So, if your current season looks more like "unplug the smoke detector, we burned dinner again" than "get the camera, we perfectly iced this three-tier cake" take heart. The same God who held you in the valley is the God who will meet you on the mountaintop—and on every ordinary Tuesday in between.

Your year may not seem post-worthy, but it is God-worthy—because He's been in every moment. And, here's the truth. Even if your year didn't earn a lot of likes, Heaven sees all of it. Sometimes, surviving a tough season, forgiving someone who hurt you, choosing peace over drama, or trusting God when you didn't "feel" Him, are the victories that mat-

ter most.

The mountain-top years excite us. The valley years grow us. And God uses both mountains and valleys to shape us.

I asked Copilot to help come up with a devotional connection to the "2025 Wrapped" idea, and I thought it did a clever job coming up with this "unwrapped" reflection activity.

It said, "Forget the aesthetic posts. Try asking yourself:

1. What did God carry me through that never made it online?
2. What small joy showed up on a hard day?
3. What lesson did I learn that I wouldn't trade?

4. Where did God surprise me—maybe even in a silly way?

5. What do I want to trust God with in the new year?

This is your real "Wrapped"—the one God cares about.

So, here's to an unwrapped year—one where we see His faithfulness on display in every season. And, may it be one that involves a season of dancing.

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## The call has gone out — will you answer?

We live in a world full of spiritual emergencies. People are hurting, confused, broken, and searching for hope. And in the middle of it all, God is calling every believer to respond.

Think about first responders. When an emergency call comes in, they don't stop to ask if they're on the clock. They don't debate whether it's convenient. If they've been trained and equipped, they move.

The same is true for believers. When God saves you, He sends you. This life of faith is not about clocking in and clocking out. It's about answering the call.

Here's the truth we don't always like to hear. If you're saved, you're sent.

There is no opting out of kingdom work. The Christian life is not a cruise ship where we sit back, relax, and enjoy the view. It's a battleship. Lives are at stake. Souls are on the line. And every believer has a role to play.

Jesus made the assignment clear when He said, "Go and make disciples of all nations." That command was not just for the original disciples. It was for all of us. And He didn't send us alone. He promised, "I am with you always."

So why do we struggle to obey?

Often, we want a new word from God when we haven't obeyed the last one. We fill notebooks with notes. We listen to sermons and podcasts. We shout over prophetic declarations. But obedience is missing.

We're asking God for step B while we're still standing at step A.

Revelation without obedience is spiritual hoarding. God has already spoken. He told us to forgive. To serve. To pray. To give. To reconcile. To go. Yet we keep asking for confirmation instead of action.

God has never waited for perfect people. Every person He used in Scripture was broken in some way. He didn't bless them because they got it all right. He blessed them because they moved.

The assignment is not hidden. We don't need a new word. We need a new level of obedience.

Before asking God what's next, we should ask ourselves if we've done what He already told us to do. Delayed obedience is still disobedience. But when we walk in the last word, God unlocks the next one. And this assignment is personal.

The Great Commission is not just for

pastors and preachers. It's for parents, students, employees, and everyday believers. You're not just working a job. You're on mission. You're not just raising children. You're making disciples. You're not just attending church. You're representing Christ wherever God has placed you.

And here's the encouragement. Jesus never gives a mission without provision.

When He told the disciples to feed the five thousand, He also multiplied the bread. When He sent the twelve, He gave them authority. Power follows obedience. Some of us have access to God's power, but our obedience hasn't caught up yet.

You don't just have purpose. You have power. You don't just have responsibility. You have backup.

When you bring what you have, God supplies what you lack.

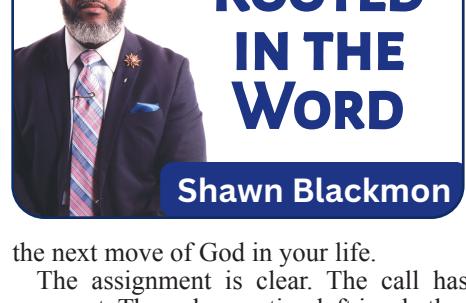
So this week, don't ask God for a new assignment. Ask Him to show you where obedience is missing. Is there forgiveness you've delayed? Service you've avoided? Prayer you've neglected? A step of faith you've been postponing?

Choose one area where God has already spoken and take action. Obedience unlocks

the next move of God in your life.

The assignment is clear. The call has gone out. The only question left is whether you'll answer.

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

**“Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.”**

- Amos 5:14-15 (King James Version)

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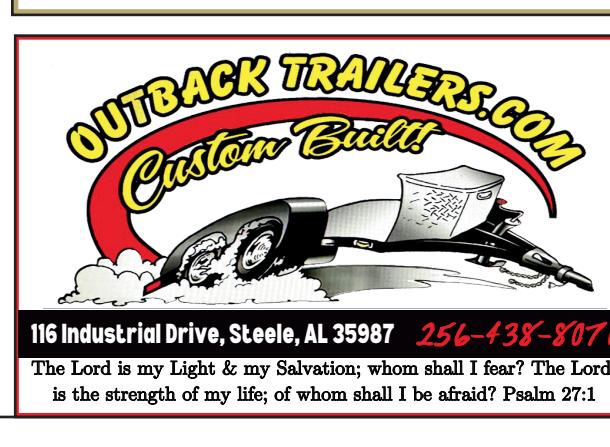
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# OBITUARIES



## Alma Elizabeth Perry

Graveside service for Alma Elizabeth Perry, age 81 of Hokes Bluff, will be 11 AM Tuesday at Union #3 Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Glencoe-Hokes Bluff Funeral Home will be in charge of the services.

Miss Perry passed away January 2, 2026 at Gadsden Health and Rehab. She was preceded in death by her son Mark Perry.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Michael (Penny) Perry, daughter, Suzanne Annette Perry, grandchildren, Madison (Johnny) Scott, Kaleigh Pledger (Tyler) Hickman, and Katherine Perry, sisters, Erika (Craig) Scott and Ruth Berona, brother, Raimund Wehrle.

Miss Perry was born in Germany but lived most of her life in the states. She loved gardening.

Pallbearers are family.

## Bertha Suttles-Kirkland

In person signing of the book and viewing of Bertha Suttles-Kirkland will be 12pm - 6pm Friday, January 9, 2026 in the chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home.

Celebration of life will be 1pm Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Perry Thomas Ministries 299 Truss Ferry Rd. Lincoln, Al. 35096.



## Billie Carolyn Gates Clokey

Billie Carolyn Gates Clokey went to meet her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, January 1, 2026, surrounded by her family at home.

Born on August 20, 1928, Billie was a loving and devoted wife for 65 years to the late David Lauren Clokey. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold Gordon Gates and Effie Pauline Cox Gates of Memphis, Tennessee; brother, Harold Gordon Gates, Jr., Memphis, Tennessee; and sisters, Mary Pauline Gates Craig, Jackson, Tennessee and Virginia Lorraine Gates Topp, Gulfport, Mississippi.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Clokey Calahan and son-in-law, Joseph Delcambre Calahan, Guntersville, AL; son, David Lauren Clokey, Jr. and daughter-in-law, Patricia Ann Hill Clokey, Gadsden, AL; grandchildren, Lauren Ellen and husband Phil of Atlanta, GA, Katie Lambert and husband Chad, Elberta, AL, David Clokey, III and wife Allison, Jimmy Clokey and wife Ally all of Gadsden, AL, and Will Clokey and wife Kearse, Birmingham, AL; great grands, Will, Jack, and Sam Ellen; Luke and John Lambert; David, IV, Danley and Benjamin Clokey; James and Mary Lillion Clokey; and Joe Clokey.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to the Nurses and staff of Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

## Curtis C. Fuller

Rev. Curtis C. Fuller passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on Sunday, December 28, 2025.

Funeral services for Rev. Curtis was held at Morgan Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Bro. Johnny Wilson officiated.

Curtis was a man of God first and foremost, loved playing the guitar and singing in church, and was a man who believed in doing the right thing even if it hurts.

He retired from the United Paint Co, Sears, and the ministry. After retiring, he spent the majority of his time raising a garden, canning, tinkering with cars and anything he could find. He was the master of jerry rigging, loved Auburn foot-

minster Christian School. Billie and David loved traveling and made friends with many Alabama football fans and fans of the opposing teams, often visiting them during the off season. Billie was the perfect hostess throughout her life - always making sure her guests were comfortable and well fed. She loved to cook and always seemed to have David's favorite cake on hand, a pound cake with caramel icing. She was self-sacrificing, generous, quick wit and fun!

She certainly will be missed by her family and friends.

The family is grateful for the loving care of her sisters - Linda Davis, Mary Hyatt, Wana Carroll, Robin Powers, Kathy Lindsay and Cristy Smith.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests any donations be made to Rainbow Presbyterian Church, 3220 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, AL 35906; or to The Gideons International, Gadsden Camp, P.O. Box 1161 Gadsden, AL (35902-1161).

A memorial service was held at Rainbow Presbyterian Church, 3220 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama on Sunday, January 4, 2026. A private burial in Forrest Cemetery was held prior to the service.

Connie Joan Poole Bivins

**GADSDEN** - A funeral service was held Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at Gospel Truth Lighthouse Church, for Connie Joan Poole Bivins, age 84, of Gadsden, who passed away, December 28, 2025. Reverend Larry Perkins and Glenn Dennis will officiate. Burial will follow at Rainbow Memorial Gardens. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Bivins was a member of Gospel Temple Truth Lighthouse Church and enjoyed her time reading and studying her bible. She loved her family dearly and cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren.

Connie was preceded in death by her Husband, Kenneth Bivins; sisters, Dean Green and Helen Chapman; brothers, Carl Poole and Calvin Poole.

She is survived by her son, Ken (Kristy) Bivins; grandchildren, Dylan Bivins, Bret Bivins, and Emily Bivins; siblings, J.R. Poole, Dellie McGatha, Jerome Poole, and Alice Colefish; a host of nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to the Nurses and staff of Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

Danny Edward Parker

**RAINBOW CITY** - Mr. Danny Edward Parker, 68, went home to be with the Lord on January 6, 2026, at his home in Rainbow City, Alabama. Danny passed peacefully with his wife, Teresa, by his side.

Born in Gadsden, Alabama, on October 15, 1957, to Charles E. Parker and Elsie E. Parker, Danny was a graduate of Glencoe High School and attended Gadsden State Community College for two years. Danny retired from Interstate Batteries in Rainbow City, Alabama, after a career as a warehouse manager. He was musically gifted and enjoyed playing guitar and passed his musical talents on to his son and grandsons. Danny loved his family fiercely, and with his entire being. He was an avid hunt-

er, fisherman, and a huge fan of all things Crimson Tide. Most importantly, he had a personal relationship with Jesus, evidenced by his humble demeanor and kindness to all.

Danny is survived by his wife of 48 years, Teresa Parker; two children, Diane (Thomas) Lawless and Joshua (Brandi) Parker; five grandchildren, Isaiah (Kenzie) Lawless, Bradley Parker, John Samuel Parker, Keira Lawless, and Ethan Parker; one great grandson, Terry Lawless. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Elsie Parker; brother, Richard Parker; sister, Carolyn Erwin.

The Parker Family would like to thank Dr. Warren, Dr. Higgins, and the MICU/SICU staff of Gadsden Regional for the care provided for Danny in the last three weeks of his life. Additionally, the family would like to thank ACG (Agape Care Group) Hospice of Rainbow City, AL, for fulfilling Danny's final wishes to be home and at peace, surrounded by his family in his time left on this earth. Charity, Jaime, Ashley, and Hollie of ACG Hospice were all instrumental in getting Danny home quickly and as smoothly as possible - you all will never know how much this meant to Danny and family. A special thanks to Hollie of ACG Hospice, for her kindness, expertise, and the tender care provided for Danny when he arrived home. Last, but not least, the family would like to thank Matt Rose for stepping in to assist in honoring Danny's memory. Arrangements are entrusted to Glencoe-Hokes Bluff Funeral Home, Gadsden, Alabama.

A memorial service to celebrate Danny's life will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Glencoe-Hokes Bluff Funeral Home.

Danny Wayne Smith

**ATTALLA** - Danny Wayne "D.W." Smith, 70, of Attalla, passed away peacefully at his home January 1, 2026.

Danny proudly served his country in the US Navy.

He is survived by his daughters, Shannon Robertson, Jamie (Al) Cooper, Beth Smith, and Kerri Smith; sister, Julie (Eddie) Dillard; brother, Greg Smith; grandsons, Justin and Jacob Winningham; and granddaughters, Abbey and Brooklyn Self.

D.W. was preceded in death by his wife, Tonya Smith; and parents, Horace and Evelyn Smith.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Roger Hyatt for all the care, love, and support for Danny.

A celebration of life was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2026, with visitation starting at 2 p.m. at Village Chapel.

Deborah Ann Lind

**ATTALLA** - Deborah Ann Lind, born on March 7, 1970, in New Jersey, passed away on January 1, 2026, at the age of 55. She was a resident of Attalla, Alabama.

Edith Mae (Smith) Fortenberry

**SOUTHSIDE** - Mrs. Edith "Edie" Fortenberry, age 103, of Southside, AL, passed from this life on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at her residence. She lived a long and faithful life to her Lord, husband and family. Always quick to share that she attributed her long life because "the Lord loves me".

Mrs. Fortenberry was born in Limestone County, Alabama to her late parents G.G. Smith and Corrine (Tennison) Smith who owned and operated a dry goods store in Elkmont, AL. A close and loving older sister Bernice (Smith) Watts preceded her in death.

Edith graduated in 1946 from Florence State Teach-

ers College, now known as University of North Alabama, that prepared her to teach children in Alabama, Florida and Texas.

Mrs. Fortenberry enjoyed during her life ballroom dancing, riding horses and using her teaching talents inside and outside the classroom.

In addition to her parents and sister, she was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Maurice "Pete" Fortenberry of Haleyville, Alabama.

Mrs. Fortenberry is survived by her son, Ronald "Ron" Fortenberry (Kay); son Randy Fortenberry (Kristi) daughter Robin Slaughter (Chris) niece Ellyn Foltz (Paul) nephew John Watts (Linda) grandchildren; Tyler Fortenberry (Chelsea Smith) Hailey, Sadie, Carter Jane and Macy Moon, Logan, Molly, Parker, Collin and Hudson. Two great, great grandchildren Lyra and Luca Fortenberry.

A visitation was held Monday January 6, 2026, at Williams Southside Chapel. Funeral services were conducted immediately following visitation in the chapel of Williams Southside Chapel. Burial followed with interment beside her husband.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to United Way.

## Georgia Eugenias

Georgia Eugenias left her earthly body and passed into her heavenly resting place on December 31, 2025.

She passed peacefully in her sleep at McGuffey nursing home surrounded by the most caring and loving caregivers.

Georgia was born August 18, 1932 and was the third daughter of George and Amfithea Malfas.

In 1952 she married the love of her life Lambros Eugenias from Samos, Greece, and had two children Emanuel and Amfithea "Thea" Bass. Georgia was proceeded in death by her parents, her two sisters, her beloved daughter, Thea, and her step grandson, Brandon Scott, Sparks, and her husband Lambros.

Georgia, and Lambros owned the Sombrero restaurant, the Empire restaurant, and Manny steak and seafood house and a very successful catering business.

Georgia is survived by her son Emmanuel (Velda) of Gadsden, step granddaughter Stephanie Jae Sparks of Gadsden and granddaughter Alexis (Taylor) Noon of Brunswick, Georgia, and three great grandsons Gabrielle Mitchell of Gadsden, Noah Moon and Micah Moon of Brunswick, Georgia.

Georgia was a member of the holy Trinity- Holy Cross Greek Orthodox church in Birmingham. Her family faith, and Greek culture were the most important parts of her life.

She listed among her most loved family that she will miss as the Vezertis and Condell family in Gadsden, the Patelos family in Birmingham, the Gulas family in Chattanooga, the Malfas family in Chicago, her two nieces in Greece Danai Eugenia and Evangelia, Mytilinou and the Pampoukas family in Basel, Switzerland. She leaves her dearest friend from college, Barbara Russell of Gadsden and dear friends too many to mention.

Georgia was an active and hard-working woman. As her son put it, "She was the best cooker in the world". Anyone who ate her food would agree. She was very civic minded and very involved in her community.

Special accolades were her leadership skills, "she was lovingly referred to as General by her immediate family. She was the first woman president of the Alabama Restaurant Association. She served as president of The Altrusa Club and the beautification board and served on a board of the Gadsden Etowah tourism association, she was one of the founders of the taste of Gadsden.

# OBITUARIES

## Jackie William Clark

**ATTALLA** - Jackie William Clark, born on January 24, 1954, in Alabama, passed away on December 19, 2025, at the age of 71. Jackie was a resident of Attalla, Alabama.

## Jeffrey Alan Toole

**GLENCOE** - Funeral service for Jeffrey Alan Toole, age 65 of Glencoe, was held Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with Pastor Anthony Copeland officiating the services.

Mr. Toole passed away at Tanner Medical Center in Carrollton, Georgia January 3, 2026. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mandi Marie Pierson, grandson, Triston Allyn Toole, father, Archie Lee Toole, sisters, Karen, Tina, and Sheila Toole.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Abby Toole, daughter, Erin Collier, grandchildren, Genesis, Amber, and Jaz'lynn Collier, mother, Barbara Parrish, several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Toole was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. He graduated from Cross Keys High School, Georgia. He was the store manager at Farmers Furniture for 26 years where he retired. He was very involved in his family and an avid Alabama Football fan.

Family request no flowers and that donations may be made to ASPCA to help save animals, [www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org), or you can donate to St. Jude Children's Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

## Jessica Rose Parker

**GADSDEN** - Jessica Rose Parker, age 41, of Gadsden, Alabama, passed away on December 30, 2025. Jessica was born on February 2, 1984, and was deeply loved by her family and friends.

Jessica worked at Cedar Ridge Pet Camp as a professional dog groomer and took great pride in caring for the animals entrusted to her. She loved life, had the biggest heart, and would help anyone without question, and her personality could light up any room.

Jessica is survived by her children, Makon Parker and Kalista Parker. She is also survived by her parents, Steve Parker and Rose Humphrey, who cherished her dearly.

A memorial service to honor Jessica's life will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Morgan Funeral Home in Attalla, Alabama. Family and friends are invited to gather, remember, and celebrate the joy and kindness she brought to everyone who knew her.

## John Hammock

**GADSDEN** - Visitation will be begin at Noon on Friday, January 9, 2026, and the Funeral will be at 2 pm at Crestwood Funeral Home for John Hammock, age 85, Gadsden, AL, who died January 3, 2026. Jason Kirby will officiate. There will be no graveside service as John wished to be cremated. The Family requests casual dress as John was most comfortable in Magellan brand shirts, shorts, and sandals or sneakers.

John Hammock graduated from Gadsden High School and Jacksonville State University, served in the Army Reserves, and worked at the steel plant in Gadsden for over 20 years, where he strived to find the best hiding spots to read the newspaper and take a nap.

John, Johnny to his friends, was a natural born storyteller and certified yapper. He was the kind of fellas that never met a stranger. He could talk about football, baseball, geography, history, the supernatural, books, music, and movies, but he really

loved to talk politics. A life-long liberal, he kept abreast of national news, and read the local newspaper everyday. He taught his daughters not to trust the government or anyone over 30. He celebrated Veteran's Day by planning out how many free meals he could get in one day and which friend would accompany him. This and his enthusiasm for any free meal earned him the name "Free Food Johnny" at his neighborhood pub.

Johnny felt most at home in two places - out in nature and in a comfy chair in the library. He loved nature and encouraged that love in his family, friends and any stranger that would listen.

After he retired, he spent time traveling to different states to hike portions of the Appalachian Trail.

He visited National Parks and beaches all over the U.S., but he would say that the mountains of North Georgia always called him home. He spent a few months every year at, or nearby, Vogel State Park. He spent every day he could at the Gadsden Public library. He befriended members of the staff there over the years and thought of them as his honorary grandkids. They have a special chair for him and always had a newspaper ready. I'm sure the library seems extra quiet now, but hopefully not for long as he was asked to haunt them after his passing.

John instilled values in his daughters such as a sense of adventure, imagination, whimsy and a love of horror movies. Known to be a bit stubborn (who said that?), he also taught his daughters how to debate and argue their points, something he may have regretted at certain points along his life.

When they were young, he took them traveling every Summer and to the library every Saturday, sharing his passion for learning, experiencing new places, and considering new and different ideas.

After the funeral, family and friends are invited to join his daughters for John's favorite meal deals: soup, salad and breadsticks at Olive Garden.

He is survived by his daughters, Suzanne (Suzie) Hammock and Melanie (Cookie) Kirby, his son-in-law, Jason Kirby, his brother Mac Hammock, his sister, Sally Hammock, and his many nieces and nephews, Lisa, Ted, Jeff, Kay, David, Tim and Rhonda.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Helen Hammock, his wife, Judy Hammock, and his brothers, Jim Hammock, Ken Hammock, and Robert Hammock.

Lorene was raised in the South Gadsden Community. She graduated from Etowah High School in 1949. She worked at Pizzitz and McRae's where she enjoyed selling cosmetics.

Lorene then went to work at the Etowah Tourism Board. Her last job was Walmart as a door-greeter. She was a member of Higher Ground Baptist Church.

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

Honorary Pallbearers will be Doug Pritchett, Don Cotton, and the entire staff of the Gadsden Public Library.

Special Thanks to Carol Wright and Amber McFadden at the GPL, the staff at Encompass Health, and Hospice Nurses/Heroes, Britney Hamilton and Kayla Howington.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your Local Library or Humane Society.

**John Matthew Guest**

**RAINBOW CITY** - John Matthew Guest was born on April 6, 1967, in Alabama. He passed away on January 1, 2026, at the age of 58. He was a resident of Rainbow City, Alabama.

**Judy K. Cook**

**HOKES BLUFF** - Funeral service for Mrs. Judy K. Cook, 82, of Hokes Bluff was held Monday, January 5, 2026 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with Rev. Tony Holland and Rev. Samuel Roe officiating.

Burial followed at Liberty United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Our loving mother went

to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 surrounded by her family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Don Cook; daughter, Sharon (Tootsie) Tidmore Trippe; parents, Knox F. and Betty Mae Keener; brothers, K.C. Keener and James E. Keener; sisters, Helen Gentry and Betty Ann Keener.

Left to cherish her memories are her daughter, Amy Cook; sons, Todd (Whitney) and Byron (Melissa) Tidmore sons-in-law, Michael Burgess and Clark Trippe; 6 grandkids and 4 great-grandkids; best friend, Edith Turner; and several nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to ACG Hospice and the Hokes Bluff Senior Center for bringing mom her food over the past years, also thanks to her church family at Liberty Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Colonel Thomas J. Sims; parents, Q.B. and Ruby Gilliland; sister, Maverene Dobbs and Annette Mayo; and brother, Allen Gilliland.

She leaves behind her son, John Timothy Sims; grandchild, Savannah Sims; nieces and nephews, Judy Tidwell, Sherry Young, Charlotte Herring, Libby Salzer, Patty Standridge, David Dobbs, Pam Bearden, and Jeanie Perry.

Janella worked for the Government for 25 years; she owned Sims Jewelers.

She was a graduate of Emma Samson High School and a graduate of Business College. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and the Hokes Bluff Eastern Star.

Janella was a devoted mother and wife who traveled many parts of the world with the love of her life; she will be so deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Special thanks to Butterfly Home Care.

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

She was a beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great-Great-Grandmother and friend to many.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, all nine of her siblings, son, Dewayne Suits and grandson, Dane Suits.

She is survived by her son, Dennis (Rebecca) Suits, daughters Denita Farmer, Dana Smith, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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Honorary pallbearers will be Robert Reed, Larry W. Morehead.

The family wishes to express special thanks to friends, Cathie Scarbrough MD, Rebecca Hairelson, Robert and Sherin Reed, and Leslie Johnson Malone (Proverbs 18:24).

**Mary Gilliland Sims**

**GLENCOE** - A graveside service for Mary "Janella" Gilliland Sims, 90 of Glencoe, was held Thursday, January 8, 2025 at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. Rev. Anthony Copeland officiated the service.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Colonel Thomas J. Sims; parents, Q.B. and Ruby Gilliland; sister, Maverene Dobbs and Annette Mayo; and brother, Allen Gilliland.

She leaves behind her son, John Timothy Sims; grandchild, Savannah Sims; nieces and nephews, Judy Tidwell, Sherry Young, Charlotte Herring, Libby Salzer, Patty Standridge, David Dobbs, Pam Bearden, and Jeanie Perry.

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# LEGALS

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by BETTY L. BARKER, unmarried, as Mortgagor(s) to AmSouth Bank, now to RE-GIONS BANK successor by merger with AmSouth Bank, as Mortgagor, 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.

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 Mortgagee.

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  
(251) 338-1300

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.

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NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

as holder of said mortgage

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Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Blake M. Leath, an unmarried man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Southern Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, on May 23, 2016, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3434610; with Modification Agreement recorded on November 07, 2023 in Instrument Number 3566011, also signed by Morgan Michelle Leath; the undersigned MidFirst Bank, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public

outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on February 4, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: All that part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 5 East of the Huntsville Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a railroad spike found at the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said section; thence along the North line of said section, North 88 degrees 24 minutes 34 seconds West a distance of 708.00 feet to an iron pin set, within the right-of-way of Horton Gap Road, at the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning, leaving said section and right-of-way, South 02 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds East a distance of 362.81 feet to a 3/8 inch rebar iron found; thence South 60 degrees 57 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 139.82 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 02 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West a distance of 708.00 feet to an iron pin set, within the right-of-way of Horton Gap Road; thence within said right-of-way and along said section line, South 88 degrees 24 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 125.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, less and except any easements or rights-of-way, and being a portion of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 5 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 5255 Horton Gap Rd, Boaz, AL 35956. THIS 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. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass Bank, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 23-02017 01/02/2026, 01/09/2026, 01/16/2026

January 2, 9, and 16, 2026

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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 Giliam, 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,  
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#### FILE CLAIMS

Phyllis 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,  
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#### FILE CLAIMS

Dena D. Ponder was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/05/2025 to the Estate of Delores J. Aultman, 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

January 9, 16, and 23,  
2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Judy Panell Elkins was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/05/2025 to the Estate of Norma H. Panell, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

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#### FILE CLAIMS

Sharon Y. Page was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/08/2025 to the Estate of Carolyn Ann Rennfroe, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

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#### FILE CLAIMS

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#### FILE CLAIMS

Jimmie Frank Smith, Jr. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/10/2025 to the Estate of Doris Jean Weaver Smith, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

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#### FILE CLAIMS

Debra K. Thomas was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/11/2025 to the Estate of Froscina Dewese Hand, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

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#### FILE CLAIMS

Matthew Mabrey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/12/2025 over the Estate of Barbara Laverne Pritchett, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

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#### FILE CLAIMS

Patricia Rice was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/15/2025 to the Estate of Shirley T. Sparkman, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

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#### FILE CLAIMS

Angel Hollingsworth was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/15/2025 over the Estate of Jerry Wayne Hollingsworth, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

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#### FILE CLAIMS

Malinda Dunn was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/17/2025 to the Estate of John David Jones, 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

January 9, 16, and 23,  
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#### FILE CLAIMS

Brandi D. Thomas Williamson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/29/2025 to the Estate of Connie D. Arivett, 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

January 9, 16, and 23,  
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#### FILE CLAIMS

Donna Skaggs was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/30/2025 to the Estate of Carolyn Khadan, 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

January 9, 16, and 23,  
2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

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Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

January 9, 16, and 23,  
2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

BONNIE L. COOPER was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/10/2025 to the Estate of John F. Porter, 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

January 9, 16, and 23,  
2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

JOHN R. COOPER was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/11/2025 to the Estate of John F. Porter, 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

January 9, 16, and 23,  
2026

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Judge of Probate

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2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF:  
KENNETH E.  
STEPHENS,  
DECEASED  
Case No.: 2025-00579

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of KENNETH E. STEPHENS, Deceased, having been submitted to the Honorable Scott W. Hassell, Judge of Probate, by Petitioner, JOYCE STEPHENS on the 23rd day of December, 2025; notice is hereby given that all persons contesting said Petition shall file a response thereto with the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902, within thirty (30) days of this date of publication.

Done this 7th day of January 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 9, 16, and 23,  
2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:  
LEIGH WINECOFF, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED  
Case #: 2025-733

TO: John Winecoff & Clint Wilks, 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 11th day of FEBRUARY 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

January 9, 16, and 23,  
2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:  
BILLY JOE BUGGS, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED  
Case #: 2025-748

TO: Trantia Gentry, 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 3rd day of FEBRUARY 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 5TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

January 9, 16, and 23,  
2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: 2025-00808  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. MARTIN, DECEASED.  
Case No.: 2025-00467

TO: Madeline Martin; whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court a Petition for Letters of Administration and Appointment of Court Administrator for the Estate of William E. Martin, deceased.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 18th day of February, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to contest the same if you deem proper.

DONE THIS THE 6th DAY OF January 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

January 9, 16, 23, and  
30, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:  
ANDREA LACHELL WHISENANT, an individual; TOMAS FRANCISCO, an individual; BECKY NORDGREEN, Etowah County Tax Collector; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants

NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, AND/OR INTERESTED PARTIES  
ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

You are here notified the State of Alabama, by and through their attorney, John F. Porter, III, Esquire has filed a complaint in writing seeking to condemn for the uses and purposes set forth

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:  
NANCY LOCONTO, INCAPACITATED  
Case #: 2025-678

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 2nd day of FEBRUARY, 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.

A house and Lot located at 1508 Sarah Street, Gadsden, Alabama, more particularly described as: Lot Number Six (6), in Block Number One (1), in Manos Subdivision according to the map thereof as recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 249, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication to file an answer or other response with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, P.O.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$3.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$1,478,357 To \$1,806,881. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM, on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

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

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JOHN R. COOPER  
Transportation Director

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**NOTICE TO  
CONTRACTORS  
FEDERAL AID  
PROJECT NO.  
STPSU-2815(257)  
ETOWAH COUNTY,  
ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on January 30, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Planing, Resurfacing, Sidewalk Improvements, and Traffic Stripe on Walnut Street from the intersection of South 8th Street to the intersection of South 5th Street in Gadsden. Length 0.379 mi.

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

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Sixty (60) Working Days.

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January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

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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 Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered.

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THE CITY OF  
ATTALLA  
BY:  
Larry Means, Mayor  
DATE:  
January 6, 2026

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following storage units will be auctioned on January 14, 2026 beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the business premises of Southtowne Mini Warehouses, Southtowne is located at 199 Woodland Drive, off of Steele Station Road in Rainbow City, AL. 356906.

JOHN R. COOPER  
Transportation Director

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

**ADVERTISEMENT  
FOR BIDS**

PROJECT:  
Minor League Field  
Concrete Improvements  
Project No. M-089

OWNER:  
The City of Attalla, Alabama

Separate sealed bids for the construction of the Minor League Field Concrete Improvement Project will be received by The City of Attalla at the City Hall of Attalla at 612 4th Street NW, Attalla, AL, 35954 until 10:00 A.M. CDST on Thursday, January 29, 2026 in the Council Chambers and then at said place publicly opened and read aloud. The project will consist of grading and pouring concrete around the minor league field located at the Attala Sports Complex located at 102 Case Avenue, Attala, AL.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the Attala City Hall or copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from The City of Attalla Engineering Department. Upon request, documents will be shipped after all shipping and handling charges are collected.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any

or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest and responsible bidder. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted.

The contents of units # 121 will be disposed of on Friday January 16, 2026 for charges past due: Amy Thomas, Unit # 121.

Brriarmeade Village Mini Warehouses  
409 W. Main Street,  
Glencoe AL. 35905

January 9 and 16, 2026

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following units will be auctioned or otherwise disposed of on

January 22, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the premises of Stock It N

Lock It Mini Storage located at 3403 Rainbow Parkway, Rainbow City, AL. 35906.

Allison Baty  
Unit 91-C

Harold Hicks  
Unit 74-C

Amy Mason  
Unit 28-A

Stacie Yates  
Unit - 240-I

Jose Garcia  
Unit 202-H

Gabriea Morris  
Unit 266-J

Calvin Sumpter  
Unit 201-H

Deanna Sumpter  
Unit 241-I

April Huff  
Unit 312-K

Breanna Christensen  
Unit 184-G

January 9 and 16, 2026

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Forest Clauch  
Unit 52

Brunson Assoc.  
Unit 151

Deborah Walker  
Unit 408

Rachel Franks  
Unit 526

Selena Pack  
Unit 562

Kevin McCombs  
Unit 736

Steve Powell  
Unit 788

Brook Tuck  
Unit 802

Thomas Strickland  
Unit 28-3B

Angela Nelson  
Unit 13-11

Kenneth Maltbie, Jr.  
Unit 336

Tabatha Mobby  
Unit 421

Ryne Sith  
Unit 475

Kristie Bell  
Unit 585

Jason Wood  
Unit RV15

Regina Martin  
Unit 101

Southtowne Mini Ware-  
houses  
199 Woodland Drive  
Rainbow City, AL. 35906

January 9, 2026

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE  
POSSESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take pos-  
session of the following described abandoned

vehicle(s) on February  
15, 2026.

2006 Acura TSX  
VIN: JH-  
4CL96866C013220

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

January 2 and 9, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
AUCTION OF  
ABANDONED  
VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that the Kelton Wrecker LLC will offer for sale at

public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned

motor vehicles:

2006 FORD F150  
VIN: 1FTPX-  
12536FB72988

The public auction will

be held at Kelton Wreck-  
er LLC located at 1625

Forrest Ave Gadsden

AL 35901 at 8:00 AM

on 02/07/2026. The seller

shall have a right to

reject any bid that is

unreasonably low and

may postpone the public

auction until another

time and place. In addi-

tion, the seller expressly

reserves the right to bid

and purchase at the

public auction.

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