



7 DAY FORECAST

Friday
January 16



High: 55
Low: 36

Saturday
January 17



High: 51
Low: 22

Sunday
January 18



High: 39
Low: 23

Monday
January 19



High: 46
Low: 18

Tuesday
January 20



High: 39
Low: 20

Wednesday
January 21



High: 52
Low: 36

Thursday
January 22



High: 58
Low: 43

Hokes Bluff SRO Robbie Deason honored



Submitted photo

Standing left to right: Board Member Tim Langdale, Lt. Jason Plunkett, Officer Robbie Deason and Dr. Alan Cosby.

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

Hokes Bluff Elementary and Middle School resource officer Robbie Deason was honored with the School Resource Officer Achievement Award at the Side School Safety Summit.

Deason, who has served in law enforcement since 2010, is an integral part of the Hokes Bluff Elementary family and community, according to Assistant Principal Jamie McCain, who nominated him for the award.

"His daily presence brings warmth, safety and encouragement to everyone he encounters," McCain said. She added that Deason is well loved by students because of his consistent interactions and involvement with them.

McCain said Deason greets students each day with hugs, high-fives and fist bumps of encouragement. "Every day, Officer Deason can be caught

walking the hallways and securing the school perimeter, ensuring that our little eagles are protected and cared for," she said.

In addition to his general school resource officer duties, which include providing safety training for faculty and staff, Deason implemented and coordinates the Hokes Bluff Elementary School flag team for fifth-grade students, teaching the importance of proper flag etiquette. He also supports students beyond the school day by assisting with car and bus duty and attending school events.

Providing safety and serving as a positive influence for students, faculty and staff are not only the most important aspects of his job, but also his favorite parts, Deason said. He emphasized the importance of helping others, especially those less fortunate.

Deason said his experiences in law enforcement have taught him the value of resiliency and persis-

tence. "Do the best you can do, and if it doesn't work out, learn from it and do better — different — next time," he said.

He credited Officer Rick Hill, a longtime school resource officer in Rainbow City, with inspiring his career in service. Deason said Hill's positive influence on students and the impact he was able to make motivated him to pursue a similar path.

When asked about his proudest accomplishment, Deason said it comes in moments when former students approach him years later and share that they remember his kindness and guidance.

Deason said his advice to new or incoming resource officers is to love what they do and commit to the job for the right reasons — to help people.

"I work at Hokes Bluff Middle and Elementary School with great administrators, staff and teachers," Deason said. "I love what I do."

Wintry mix possible across Alabama this weekend

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

State meteorologists are monitoring a pair of weather systems expected to affect Alabama from Friday through the weekend, bringing periods of rain, falling temperatures and the potential for wintry precipitation in some areas.

According to Jim Stefkovich, meteorologist for Alabama Emergency Management Agency, an upper-level disturbance will move across the state Friday evening into early Saturday, producing widespread showers. After a brief break, a second system is expected to arrive Saturday evening into Sunday morning, accompanied by another surge of cold air.

It is this second round of precipitation that could bring a change from rain to a rain-and-snow mix or possibly snow, particularly in areas south of Interstate 20 before the system exits the state.

Stefkovich stated several outcomes are still possible. In one scenario, precipitation could end before temperatures drop enough to support snow, though this is currently considered unlikely. Another possibility is that any snow that does fall would melt quickly due to warm ground temperatures, especially if precipitation amounts remain light as currently forecast.

A third, less certain but higher-impact scenario involves the development of a low-pressure system in the northern Gulf

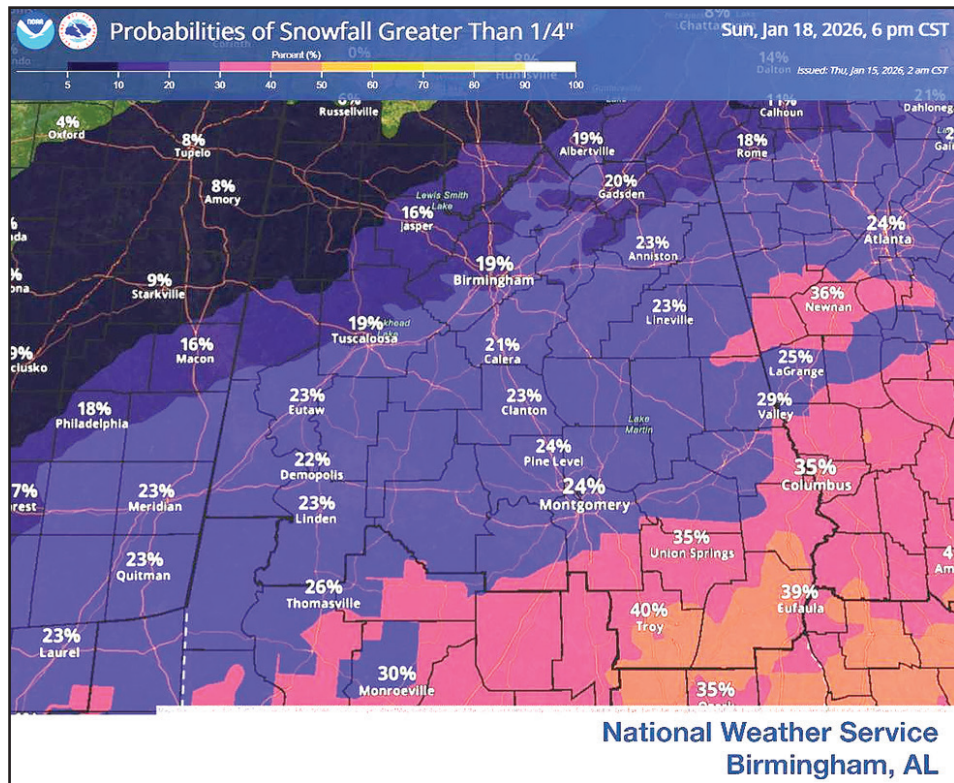
of Mexico as the cold air arrives. If that system strengthens, it could draw additional moisture into Alabama and increase the potential for accumulating snow. The stronger the low-pressure system becomes, the greater the chance for measurable snowfall.

Meteorologists caution residents not to rely on social media graphics showing extreme snowfall totals, noting that forecast models are still struggling to resolve the exact track and strength of the system. Current snowfall probabilities are based on blended guidance from multiple weather models used by the National Weather Service.

Temperatures across the state will remain well below normal through early next week. Thursday is expected to be cold and breezy, with highs in the 30s across north Alabama and 40s elsewhere. Wind gusts of 15 to 25 mph will make conditions feel colder, with overnight lows dropping into the 20s.

Friday will bring milder daytime temperatures, ranging from the upper 40s in the north to the mid-60s along the coast, followed by lows in the 30s and 40s. Saturday highs are forecast in the 40s across northern areas and near 60 in the south, with overnight lows falling into the teens in north Alabama and lower 30s near the coast.

Sunday is expected to be the coldest day of the period, with highs only in the lower



30s in the north and mid-40s near the coast. Morning lows will be widespread in the teens and lower 20s. Cold conditions continue into Monday and Tuesday, with highs generally in the 40s north and 50s south before cooling again Tuesday.

Residents are encouraged to stay updated on the forecast as confidence increases over the next several days. Residents are also encouraged to drip water faucets to prevent ruptures when the temperatures drop below freezing.

Chick-fil-A restaurant coming to Highway 77

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

Popular southern chicken restaurant Chick-fil-A is moving forward with plans

to add a second restaurant in Gadsden following action by the Gadsden City Council.

During its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13, the council approved an agreement with

the popular fast-food chain to develop a new location along Alabama Highway 77 near Interstate 59 at Airport Road, city officials confirmed.

The proposed site sits on

roughly three acres of city-owned land adjacent to the Church of the Highlands campus. Under the terms of the agreement, Chick-fil-A will construct its restaurant on approximately 1.7 acres

and is required to begin building within 30 months.

City leaders noted that the project does not include any tax abatements.

Chick-fil-A previously operated a location inside

the Gadsden Mall, which closed in 2023.

The Atlanta-based chain operates more than 3,000 restaurants nationwide, including over 60 locations in Alabama.

Local native lands administration role at CVEC



JACKIE BREHM EDMONDSON

Jackie Brehm Edmondson has stepped into the role of manager of marketing and member services for Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC). She brings three decades of experience in public relations, marketing, journalism and community engagement to the position.

At CVEC, Edmondson is responsible for developing and implementing marketing programs for the Coosa Valley family of service companies, including Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative, Coosa

Valley Propane and Coosa Valley Technologies. She will also lead Member Services initiatives aimed at continuing strong relationships between CVEC employees and the cooperative's members.

"Jackie's experience, leadership and passion for serving communities make her an exceptional addition to our team," said Jon Cullimore, general manager of CVEC.

Edmondson is a graduate of Troy University, where she earned a degree in public relations and print

journalism. She launched her career as a lifestyles reporter for newspapers in Alabama and North Carolina before transitioning into public relations (PR).

Her first professional PR role was with the Richmond County School System in North Carolina, where she served as director of public relations and volunteerism. After three years, she returned to her home state of Alabama to join The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Gadsden as manager of internal communica-

tions and public relations, a position she held for 13 years. She then spent a decade at Gadsden State Community College as director of public relations and marketing.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Edmondson has been widely recognized for her extensive community service. She is currently on the Public Relations Committee for the Challenger Learning Center of North Alabama.

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NEWS

Area students earn college honors and degrees

Several local students were recently recognized for academic achievements at Troy University and Samford University during the Fall 2025 semester.

Troy University announced students who completed graduation requirements during the Fall 2025–2026 academic year. Local graduates include Evan Oliver of Rainbow City and Tara Cunningham of Gadsden.

Troy University also released its Chancellor’s List for Fall Semester and Term 2, honoring full-time undergraduate students who earned a 4.0 grade point average. Those recognized include Isabella Edmondson of Glencoe, Aislyn Godfrey of Rainbow City, Taylor Gray and Samineyen Blount of Gadsden, Christopher Rains of Attalla, and Zachary Stanford of Boaz.

In addition, Samford University named 2,575 students to its Fall 2025 Dean’s List. To qualify, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours. Local honorees include Judd Malone, Jake Malone, Kimberly Cornelius, Garrett Shoars, Jillian Shoars, and Albert Theriot of Gadsden; Joanna Rayburn, Paige Martin, and Lauren Weaver of Rainbow City; Jason Knowles and Samuel Pence of Southside; Biak Chin Sung of Altoona; and Kinsleigh Akins and Ella Ford of Gallant.

Blood clots pose health risk; experts urge awareness

Blood clotting is a natural and necessary process that helps the body heal after injury, but when clots form improperly and do not dissolve, they can block blood flow and lead to life-threatening complications, according to medical experts. Nationally, blood clots contribute to a death approximately every six seconds in the United States.

Dr. Kerri Bally, a pulmonologist with Etowah Pulmonology Associates, said blood clots can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender, though certain factors significantly increase risk.

“Clots can occur suddenly, leading to a lack of blood flow,” Bally said. “The impact can be severe and, in some cases, fatal. Early recognition and treatment are critical.”

Risk factors include pregnancy, cancer treatment, major surgery, and prolonged hospitalization. Additional contributors include obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking, a family history of blood clots, and being over the age of 60.

Symptoms of blood clots vary depending on where they form. Pain is common at the site of the clot and may occur in the arm, leg, or abdomen. Sudden swelling in one limb — particularly if it is warmer or redder than the other — may also signal a problem.

One of the most common types of clots, deep vein thrombosis (DVT), typically forms in the large veins of the legs or arms. The danger with DVT is that a clot can travel to the lungs, causing a pulmonary embolism.

Pulmonary embolisms can present with symptoms such as chest pain that worsens with deep breathing, shortness of breath, coughing up blood, rapid or irregular heart beat, or a sudden increase in pulse rate. In some cases, sudden death may be the first symptom.

Medical professionals urge individuals experiencing these warning signs to seek immediate medical attention. Diagnostic testing, including imaging scans, can help determine the cause of symptoms, and certain clot-dissolving medications may be effective if administered within hours of symptom onset.

Prevention, Bally said, begins with understanding and managing personal risk factors. Regular movement is one of the most effective ways to reduce clot risk, particularly after long periods of sitting, travel, or surgery. She recommends standing and stretching frequently, flexing the legs and feet while seated, and considering compression garments during extended immobility.

Patients preparing for surgery or those with elevated risk factors should discuss preventative strategies with their healthcare provider, including whether medication is appropriate.

Maintaining overall cardiovascular health also plays a role in prevention. Doctors advise eating a heart-healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight, managing stress, and controlling chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol.

Gadsden Regional Medical Center, a 346-bed acute care hospital serving Etowah County, offers inpatient and outpatient services and is accredited by The Joint Commission. The hospital provides specialized care in cardiology, pulmonology, sleep medicine, and stroke services.

Residents seeking more information or a primary care provider can schedule appointments online through the medical center’s website.

Submitted by Will Mackey, Marketing Director, Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

HAPPENING TODAY

Unity Parade set for Friday

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.

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/form/s/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKwGDLk17qCmeEAs-t9bUlp78zO-us1WDLpe7qy15x4ltvg/view-form>.

For more information, contact Deborah Miller at 205-359-0375 or deborahmiller72@outlook.com.

Ultimate Elvis Valentine Concert set for February 7

David Lee will bring his annual Valentine’s concert, Ultimate Elvis, to the Pitman Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026. The one-show-only performance begins at 3 p.m., with doors opening at 2 p.m., at the historic venue located at 629 Broad St.

Ticket prices range from \$15 for general admission to \$35 for table seating, with front-row seats available for \$30 and reserved seating for \$25. The first 50 paid reserved ticket holders will receive a Valentine gift from David Lee. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at davidlee.ticketspice.com/pitman2026.

Songwriters Night set for Jan. 16

Country on the Coosa: A Nashville Songwriters Night will feature acclaimed Nashville songwriters Rachel Thibodeau and Styles Haury on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026, at The Venue at Coosa Landing in Gadsden.

The event will showcase an intimate, Nashville-style performance highlighting original songs and the stories behind them. Thibodeau is a multi-platinum, award-winning songwriter best known for co-writing the 4x Platinum hit “Good Directions,” recorded by Billy Currington, which spent three weeks at No. 1 and earned ASCAP Song of the Year honors. Her work has also been recorded by artists including Trisha Yearwood, Reba McEntire, Tim McGraw, Martina McBride, Parmalee, and Katharine McPhee.

Haury brings his own extensive catalog and experience, with collaborations and recordings by several well-known country artists. The evening promises a behind-the-scenes look at the songwriting process and a night of music and storytelling celebrating the craft of country songwriting.

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She is also on the Worlds of Work of East Alabama Planning Committee. She has served as board president for the United Way of Etowah County, the Boys and Girls Club of Gadsden/Etowah and the Alabama Community College System Public Relations Association. Her involvement

with the Chamber of Commerce of Gadsden/Etowah has included leadership of the Excellence in Education Committee and service on the Existing Business and Growth Committee and the Leadership Etowah Committee. She has also contributed her time to the Gadsden Public Library Foundation, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer

Society Relay for Life and the American Red Cross.

Her dedication to service has earned her numerous honors, including recognition as a Super Citizen by the Liberty Legacy Foundation and Attalla Elementary School, the Beverly Burton New Board Member of the Year by the Alabama Area Council of the Boys and Girls Clubs and Woman

of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama.

Edmondson lives in Glencoe with her husband, Todd. They are parents to Sarah Kate, 22, and Mary Elizabeth, 20.

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LIFESTYLE

To live not knowing



This week, I have turned the heaters on and off in the house. We’ve piled on layers of sweater and jackets, and stripped right back down to short sleeves the next day. It is January in Alabama, the time when we live in the space between seasons, not knowing from one week to the next what to expect, and the unknown plays a big role in getting ready for work and school each day. Spring semester is off to a great start, and with it, a new literature class. Literature often forces us to sit with the discomfort of contradiction and the unknown.

This matters for all of us in today’s noisy, polarized, scary world.

This week, I was getting ready for literary analysis class that acknowledges complexity and how more than one thing can

be true at the same time. This can be a very uncomfortable truth to acknowledge. It is so much easier to believe there is only one right answer on a test question, or that there is only one correct way to view a situation. Tolerating the discomfort of not knowing what to think without rushing to a conclusion is a skill, not a failure.

Gilda Radner said “Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what’s going to happen next. Delicious Ambiguity.” As I read with my girls, on my own, and even with students, this is something we discuss frequently. Reading isn’t about having all of the answers, but about paying attention to the details. It is about weighing all of the possibilities, braiding together the ones that fit, and coming up with new ideas and approaches to age-old questions and human experiences.

Reading teaches us how to listen without interrupting. It trains our minds to consider empathy instead of immediately demanding agreement. Reading allows us to experience complexity without chaos. Reading doesn’t always hand us nice, neat answers, but it does provide space to sit with our questions. Without questions, there would

be no learning. Jiddu Krishnamurti described it like this: “There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.” If we cannot tolerate the uncertainty of the unknown, we cannot learn. If we cannot learn, we cannot fix what needs to be fixed.

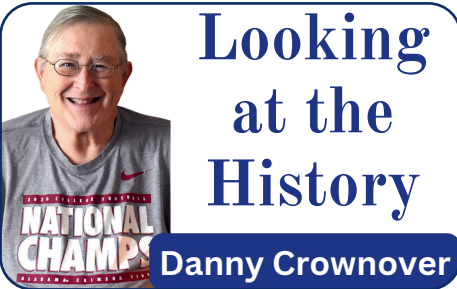
Today, I intentionally make more time for reading than I have in the past. I used to have the luxury of time. I could just wait until I had nothing else to do, then I’d pick up a book. Life is so busy these days that I have to make time to read. If I don’t it will fall by the wayside, usurped by chores and work and mindless scrolling. And, I cannot survive mentally and emotionally in the world around me right now without giving myself at least as much positive reading as negative — and the negative sneaks up in videos, e-mails, Facebook and Instagram Reels, TikToks, memes, headlines, blurbs.

The everyday experiences of so many around us right now are heavy and scary and unpredictable. There are those who believe they have all the answers and the right to strip others’ rights. There are those who believe they cannot reason their own

beliefs and ideas, and so they take up those of the loudest around them. There are those who are terrified to rock the boat for fear of retribution, so they are quiet in their uncertainty. But, we don’t need to be scared of uncertainty. Uncertainty spurs us to ask questions, and questions are how we learn and grow. Reading helps us consider questions and ideas and experiences that may be new and unfamiliar. It allows us to experience empathy for situations unlike our own. These are the skills necessary for a better world — not having all the answers. Richard P. Feynman says it this way: “I can live with doubt and uncertainty and not knowing. I think it is much more interesting to live not knowing than to have answers that might be wrong. If we will only allow that, as we progress, we remain unsure, we will leave opportunities for alternatives. We will not become enthusiastic for the fact, the knowledge, the absolute truth of the day, but remain always uncertain ... In order to make progress, one must leave the door to the unknown ajar.”

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Beginning of the Meighan Bridge



Back in 1947, shortly after James E. Folsom took over as governor of Alabama, he made a tour of the state. He went with director Ward McFarland of the state highway department and the highway committee of the legislature to get firsthand information about the needs of highway and bridge construction in various counties.

When they came here, they were met by Gadsden’s Lt. Gov. James C. Inzer, speaker William Beck of the House of Representatives and Etowah County representatives James Allen, E.L. Roberts and Edward B. Miller. Gadsden’s mayor J.H. Meighan and associate commissioners Morris Ford and Robert McElroy and other interested parties.

Mayor Meighan, who acted as spokesman for the city officials, made the first official plea for a new bridge across the Coosa River, declaring that Gadsden offered one of the best examples of what improved traffic-ways can do toward building a community.

In launching the campaign for a new bridge, something that had been talked about for several years, the mayor said that 20 years ago the only crossing on the river was on the L. & N. Railroad bridge.

At that time there were a few small stores on the east side and a comparatively small number of homes. The population of East Gadsden was estimated at around 300.

In 1927, he said, the state built the Broad Street (Memorial) bridge at a cost of \$393,640.30. Two years later the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company located its dixie plant in East Gadsden and that section started building.

Business houses, a bank, a branch post office, schools, churches, small manufacturing plants, the Alabama School Of Trades, Starnes Park and Campbell Court with 250 dwelling units, the Gadsden Ordnance Shell Plant, Burns Park with 320 dwelling units, the Army Air Forces Depot, hundreds of new homes and 110 dwelling in Brookwood Addition soon followed.

The Alabama Power Company also announced the building of a \$14,000,000 steam power plant in East Gadsden. Goodyear started out with 750 employees and in 1947 it had 3,500.

The mayor also stated that he and his associates had reason to believe that a large industry would take over the shell plant and would provide an additional payroll of five million dollars a year...

within three or four years. He was speaking of the Allis-Chalmers plant which was in operation.

He said that Gadsden had experienced a phenomenal growth, and that the greatest part of it was on the east side, all of it largely the result of building the river bridge in 1927.

The state’s investment of \$399,640.30 had been returned to the state treasury many times through the location of the Goodyear plant alone. The expansion had reached the point, he said, where the one bridge across the Coosa River was not adequate to take care of the traffic.

In March, 1946, state engineers made a traffic survey in Gadsden. It showed that in a 24-hour period, 14,884 vehicles crossed the river bridge, including 374 regularly scheduled buses, road buses on state highways.

(In August of 1968, Meighan Bridge had a traffic count of 27,000 vehicles per day while Memorial Bridge had 21,000.)

The mayor said that a year after that survey was made the traffic was much heavier and that there were times when traffic jams were of a serious nature. He pointed out, too, that in 1930 Gadsden’s population was 24,042 and in 1940 it was 36,975. In 1946 a special census showed a population of 51,340 with 11,107 of that number residing in East Gadsden.

The mayor concluded with this statement: “I hope that the state will see fit

to invest in another bridge in Gadsden, which will not only take care of our present traffic needs but will also make possible further returns to our state treasury through revenues and additional employment to our people.”

Since that meeting the city commission was able to furnish even more startling figures about the growth of the city and its need for a new bridge.

The bridge was finally built. On December 18, 1954, the bridge officially was dedicated, with Mary Spence Meighan and Lynn C. Meighan, granddaughters of the late mayor, cutting the ribbon to open the bridge to traffic. A short ceremony took place in a brisk, cold wind, with Congressman Albert Rains delivering the dedicatory address.

Following the speech by Rains, James E. “Big Jim” Folsom, governor-elect, was introduced and spoke briefly on his association with Meighan. The wife of the late mayor, with son J. Herbert Meighan Jr., had the seats of honor on the speakers’ platform.

Since Meighan Bridge opened, it has now become a traffic bottleneck. With six lanes approaching either sides of the 4-lane bridge, public officials are now planning a whole new bridge over the Coosa River with more lanes.

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Hope starts here: Share a meal, share love



In a world that often feels divided, I’ve found solace in moments of unity and kindness. From a young age, God instilled in me a love for serving others; so much so, that I chose to enroll in ministry school for missions and outreach. That decision changed my life; it led me to my calling.

One of the most impactful experiences was serving alongside the incredible team

at Mercy Chefs. They taught me what it truly means to feed others, not just with food, but with love and hope. In those kitchens, I learned that a warm meal can be more than nourishment; it can be a lifeline, a reminder that someone cares.

I’ll never forget one particular dish: Chili Mac. It was simple, hearty, and comforting, a warm bowl that felt like a hug for people who had lost everything. Watching someone take that first bite and seeing their shoulders relax, their eyes soften; that’s when I understood the power of food. It’s not just about flavor; it’s about healing, dignity, and connection.

That season planted a seed in me that continues to grow today. Every time I step into the kitchen, I’m reminded of the power a simple meal has to bring comfort and connection. If you know someone who’s hurting, consider sharing a dish with them.

It doesn’t have to be elaborate, just made with love. Sometimes, that small gesture is all it takes to remind someone they’re not alone. And if you feel led to do more, visit Mercy Chefs online and discover how you can help bring hope to those in need.

Comforting Chili Mac

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can (15 oz) tomato sauce
- 1 can (15 oz) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (15 oz) kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups beef broth
- 2 Tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp cumin
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups elbow macaroni (uncooked)
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Instructions:

1. In a large pot, cook ground beef over medium heat until browned. Drain excess fat.
2. Add onion and garlic; sauté until softened.
3. Stir in tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, beans, beef broth, chili powder, cumin, salt, and pepper. Bring to a simmer.
4. Add macaroni and cook until pasta is tender (about 10-12 minutes), stirring occasionally.
5. Remove from heat and stir in cheddar cheese until melted and creamy.
6. Serve warm; preferably with a side of cornbread and a smile!

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 3 Councilman Larry Avery will conduct a community meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Carver Community Center located at 1030 Tuscaloosa Avenue.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

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DEVOTIONALS

A lesson from Memaw’s kitchen



My maternal grandmother’s birthday was this past week. I called her Memaw. She grew up in the deep South and had the Southern accent to prove it. She had a perfect way of stretching out single-syllable words and knew exactly when to throw in a “bless your heart.” She and Governor Ivey could have been voice twins.

My birthday is in January, too, along with her son—my uncle. It was tradition for Memaw to make a yellow cake with homemade fudge icing for us. She always garnished it with pecan (pronounced / puh-KAHN/) halves in concentric circles around the top of her two-layer delicacy. It is a tradition I have missed now for almost 20 years since she went to Gloryland. I have tried many times to make the cake the same way she did, but nobody makes it like Memaw.

There’s something legendary about the way our grandmothers cook. They don’t always need fancy gadgets or culinary de-

grees—just a pinch of this, a dash of that, and a whole lot of love. Which reminds me of a story I shared last year.

It was 1993, and my sister was a newlywed, determined to impress her husband with a breakfast-for-dinner. She hadn’t cooked much beyond college mac-and-cheese, but how hard could biscuits and grits be?

She laid out her ingredients and started with biscuits, following the recipe on the flour bag. Feeling unsure, she called Memaw for guidance.

“Hey Dahlin’,” Memaw answered in her sweet Southern drawl. “Whatcha doin’?”

“I’m cooking breakfast for dinner and need your help,” Sister said. “The recipe on the flour bag calls for baking soda and baking powder, but I don’t have any powder.”

“Honey, just add a little extra soda. It’ll be fine.”

So my sister grabbed the box of baking soda from the freezer—the one meant to absorb odors—and tossed in two teaspoons. Following Memaw’s instructions, she cut in the Crisco, added buttermilk, kneaded the dough, and rolled it out. With no biscuit cutter, she used a juice glass just like Momma did, and popped them in the oven.

Next came the grits. With Memaw still on the phone, she boiled water and measured as told, but paused over the printed directions. “Memaw, the box says ‘yield:

two cups.’ What’s yield?”

“Oh, I don’t know, Sugar, I always leave that out of mine.”

Satisfied, she dumped in the grits and let Memaw go. She fried the bacon, scrambled eggs, and pulled the biscuits from the oven—oddly yellow and hard as bricks. She was crushed.

When her husband came home, sensing how hard she had worked, he bravely ate a tough yellow biscuit (with a hint of freezer burn), extra-crispy bacon, and rubbery eggs. The saving grace? Perfectly buttered grits.

He complimented the grits, and to this day, that’s how we fix them—just like Memaw—without the yield.

My sister had worried about the “yield”—the exact measurement the recipe would make. But, Memaw reassured her that it wasn’t necessary—she always left it out and they came out fine. This reminds us of God’s Grace: we don’t have to “measure up” perfectly—or even understand the directions—to receive His love. As 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness (ESV).”

God doesn’t require us to meet some spiritual “yield” before He helps us. Paul tells the Corinthians that God’s Grace—His undeserved favor, love, and strength—is enough for any mess we’re in or trial we face. And Paul would know. When he

begged God to take away that pesky thorn, God basically said, “Nope, but here’s some Grace. It’ll do.”

Just like Memaw’s grits didn’t need yield to be made with love, our lives don’t need flawless measurements for God to work through us. He delights in taking what we have—our brokenness, our efforts, our obedience—and making something beautiful.

In fact, this passage shows us that when we are at our wits end—our weakest—that is when His power is on full display.

When we stop striving to measure up and simply trust Him, we experience the freedom of grace. And that is something we can shout from the rooftops!

Where in your life are you still trying to “measure up”? How can you rest in the truth that God’s grace is enough for you today?

God’s Grace is not based on the world’s idea of strength or our own self-reliance, it is in humble dependency on a Faithful God.

So, if you’re worried about measuring up this year, relax! God’s grace yields everything you need. No fancy gadgets, no perfect recipe—just trust and obey.

And if anyone tells you otherwise, then bless their heart.

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Praying for our leaders

BY MICHAEL BROOKS

The Roman god Janus was the god of two faces. A mature face looked back with reflection. A youthful face looked forward with anticipation. How fitting the first month of the year is named for him in the sense that we do both things.

I looked back at 2025 in my inaugural sermon this year suggesting we’ll remember January 2025 with the images of two U.S. presidents.

Former president Jimmy Carter died shortly after Christmas in 2024 after celebrating his 100th birthday the previous Oct. 1. His funeral was conducted at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 9 last year. The simple gravesite for him and first lady Rosalynn Carter opened

to the public last July in Plains, Georgia.

Jimmy Carter was an humble Baptist deacon and Bible teacher. He taught adults at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains about 70 percent of the time in his retirement years before COVID-19. Andrew Greer published an anthology of these lessons last fall in his book, “More Than A President—Sundays With Jimmy Carter.”

Maranatha has a simple church chores sign-up list as many rural churches do. For many years the Carters were on the volunteer list. Mrs. Carter would come on her assigned Saturday and clean the building, and President Carter would take his turn mowing the grass. I’d imagine he’s the only president in history who mowed grass with Secret Service protection!

A few days after Carter’s funeral, a new president was inaugurated on Jan. 20. Grover Cleveland had been the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms as our 22nd and 24th chief executive, but Trump became our 45th and 47th president.

How might one describe President Trump? With respect, I don’t think we’d call him humble, but would choose adjectives like “proud,” “brash” and “unfiltered.”

These two men are from different political parties and vastly different in so many ways, but they share one thing in common: they’re elected officials Christians are exhorted to pray for.

During the early months of the Watergate crisis, televangelist Oral Roberts said, “No Christian has a right to criticize the president until he first prays for the president.”

I think Roberts was correct.

Scripture doesn’t tell us all we’d like to know about political engagement. Jesus didn’t conduct a voter registration drive or sponsor a march on Jerusalem or Rome. It fell to the Apostle Paul to speak three simple principles: we obey civil authority, we pay taxes and we pray for all those in authority over us (Romans 13, 1 Timothy 2).

Modern church leaders do well to offer public prayers for our president and other leaders with frequency, reminding us all to do the same in daily devotion.

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

Weekly Bible Verse

“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.”

- 1 John 4:20-21 (King James Version)

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OBITUARIES



**Eeron Danyale
Graham Edwards**

GADSDEN - Eeron Danyale Graham Edwards, age 45, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on April 20, 1980, in Gadsden, Alabama.

Eeron was a woman whose life was defined by love, determination, and devotion to her family. She attended Emma Sansom High School before continuing her education at Jacksonville State University, where she proudly served as a cheerleader. She later attended Auburn University, where she graduated, and went on to Harrison Pharmacy School, reflecting her strong work ethic and commitment to helping others.

Eeron enjoyed reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Above all else, her greatest joy was her daughter, Tomee. Eeron cherished every moment with her, especially the simple comfort of smuggling together, which brought her unmatched happiness.

She is survived by her loving husband of 23+ years, John Edwards; her beloved daughter, Tomee Edwards; and her parents, Aaron and Debra Graham; Brother, Dray Graham, and all of whom will forever cherish her memory.

A visitation will be held Friday at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Gadsden. A funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m., with Bro. Mat Alexander officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Collier-Butler Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Bo Arthur, Cory Brown, Tom Clanton, Jared Edwards, Dray Graham, Nick Myers, Jason Plunkett, Jeramey Shoffitt, Paul Cunningham Jr., Luke Peek, and Riley Edwards.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Westbrook Christian School, First Baptist Church of Gadsden, Gadsden Regional Medical Center; Rana Davis; Dr. Andy Vann; Dr. David Spigel; Dr. Castillo Elquis; ProHealth Hospice; and the Sarah Cannon Research Institute for their compassionate care, support, and dedication shown to Eeron and her family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Eeron Edwards Memorial Fund (donation options to be announced at later time), honoring Eeron's passion for education and her lasting legacy.

Eeron's life, though far too short, was filled with love, grace, and meaning. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Carmen Marie Douglas

ATTALLA - Carmen Marie Douglas, born on November 15, 1982, in Alabama, passed away on January 8, 2026, at the age of 43. Carmen was a resident of Attalla, Alabama.

Candace Shropshire

CARTERSVILLE, GA. - It is with deep sympathy we announce the passing of Candace Shropshire of Cartersville, GA, who transitioned on Monday, January 5, 2026, at the age of 38. We ask that you keep her family

and friends in your thoughts and prayers during the difficult time.

Candace R. Shropshire was born on October 20, 1987 to the union of the late Thomas Shropshire and Claudette Chatman in Gadsden, Alabama.

Candace was loved and cherished by so many and she was crazy about her kids and family. She was always laughing, dancing, eating and acting silly. Candace was full of life, to know her was to love her.

Candace was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Shropshire; grandparents, Alva J. Chatman and Joe Chatman, Attalla, Alabama; James (Katie) Shropshire, Gadsden, Alabama.

On January 5, 2026, she gained her heavenly wings in the comfort of her home in Cartersville, GA.

Candace leaves to cherish her many memories her daughter, Olivia Shropshire, Cartersville, GA; son, Jacob Brown, Cartersville, GA; mother, Claudette Chatman, Cartersville, GA; sisters, Tiffany Chatman, Adairsville, GA, Cedricia Williams, Cartersville, GA, Thomasa Shropshire, Gadsden, AL; brothers, Antonio Shropshire, Torton Shropshire, Galan Hoyt, all of Gadsden, AL; uncles, Brien Chatman, Arrington, TX, Everette Chatman, Howma, LA; great-uncle, James (Cynthia) Mitchell, Atlanta, GA; great-aunt, Estell Mitchell, Gadsden, AL; special friend, Kristy Richardson, Cartersville, GA, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.



Carolyn Bellew

Carolyn Bellew, born October 29th, 1954, passed away January 11th, 2026, at 71 years of age.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her parents John C. and Annie Bell Patterson and two of her siblings Virginia and Tommy.

She is survived by her life partner James. Children Clint and Teresa (Shane). Grandchildren Emily, Jessica (Damon), Alex, Dustin (Lexi), Justin, Colton, Benton, Paislee, Jason, Brennan, and Bryleigh. Siblings Myra, Marshall (Diane), Janey, Susan (Charlie), and Charlsley (Larry). Chosen family Brandy (Daniel), Dana (Brian), Austin (Allie), and Fin. Special friends Linda and Val. And a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends too numerous to count who all love her.

Carolyn was a devout Christian woman whose kindness touched the hearts of countless people in her community and beyond. Carolyn is the glue of her family, a waypoint and cornerstone of strength and love. She enriched the life of all those who encountered her. Mom, Nana, Sister, and Friend are words that, individually, cannot fully encapsulate the depth of her life among those who knew her. She will be sorely missed and forever cherished.

A visitation for Carolyn was held Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Morgan Funeral Chapel, 625 Gilbert Ferry Rd. SE, Attalla AL, 35904. Service was officiated by Brother Eddie Stevenson.

Annie Marie Dixon

Annie Marie Dixon went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Marshall Medical Center North.

Her funeral service was held Tuesday, January 13 at

2:30 p.m. at Boaz Carr Chapel with interment at Sneed Memorial Cemetery. Brother Tony Holcomb officiated.

She is survived by her sons; Scott Dixon and Michael Dixon (Carrie), daughter; Melissa Amos (Jason), grandchildren; John Sloan (Christy), Erin Miller (Heath), Leah Compton (Collin), Dawson Amos (Graci) and Christen Amos, great-grandchildren; Noah and Shephard Sloan and Duncan, Preston and Sloan Miller. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law; Barbara Green and Joan Green.

She is preceded in death by her husband; W. C. Dixon, parents; Forrest and Imogene Lee Green, brothers; Archie, Gerald and Billy Green and sisters; Myrtle Butler, Gaynell Lemons and Bessie Moore.

Annie was a retired Cosmetologist. She operated her own business, Annie's Beauty Shop, for over 35 years.

Annie was a member of the Attalla Golden Age Club, Boaz Senior Center, Encouragers of Rainbow City, Beulah Baptist Joy Club and Red Hatters of Gadsden. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, loved taking trips and sharing a good meal with them.

Annie enjoyed going to church and was always ready for a good old fashioned Southern Gospel singing. She also enjoyed volunteering at Marshall Medical Center South where she could meet and greet people and share a good story and laugh.

Annie loved life and lived it to the fullest for all of her 81 years. She loved her children and her grandchildren; she considered them to be her greatest blessings in this life. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her, and if you knew Annie, you knew she never met a stranger.

Nina Ruth Miller

Nina Ruth Miller, born on June 17, 1941, passed away on January 9, 2026, at the age of 84.

A visitation will be held at Collier-Butler Funeral Home, located at 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, Alabama, 35901, on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, followed by a graveside service at 2:00 pm at Berea Church of Christ in Gaylesville, Alabama, 35973.

Michael Byers

Michael Gerrod Byers was born on July 12, 1970, to parents Barbara Byers and the late Ernest Stephens, Jr. He was called home to his eternal rest on January 8, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, strength, and cherished memories.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Stephens, Jr., his grandmother, Naomi Coleman, and four brothers: Kenneth Byers, DeWayne Byers, Timothy Byers, and Xaizer Stephens.

Michael kept the faith. He loved the Lord and was a born-again believer of Jesus Christ.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved mother, Barbara Byers, his special Long-Life companion, Pamela Wilson. His children, T'zia Jackson, Tamia Gibson, and Whitley Concepcion, along with four grandchildren, all of Gadsden, Alabama.

Michael is also survived by four brothers: Frank (Cathy) Byers of Center Point, Alabama; Philip (Charlotte) Byers of Gadsden, Alabama; Aubry (Charilyn) Byers of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Vernon (Loraine) Stephens of Gadsden, Alabama. Six sisters—Tara Byers, Lawanna Byers, Janice Stephens, Bobbie Maurbury, Deborah Green, and Diane Cylar—also of Gadsden, Alabama.

He was loved and supported by his two caring

aunts, Arretta Thomas of Gadsden, Alabama, and Linda Wright of Detroit, Michigan, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whose lives he touched.

Celebration of life will be 12:00 noon Saturday, January 27, 2026 in the chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home. Pastor Charles Kirkpatrick, officiating.



Eric Wayne Heard

GADSDEN - Eric Wayne Heard, born on August 5, 1957, passed away on January 7, 2026, at the age of 68. He was a resident of Gadsden, Alabama.

A visitation was held at Collier-Butler Funeral Home, located at 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901, on Monday, January 12, 2026, followed by a funeral service.

Mr. Heard was laid to rest at Rainbow Memorial Gardens, located at 1440 W Grand Ave, Gadsden.

James R. "Ronnie" Hayes

GALLANT - James R. "Ronnie" Hayes, age 80 of Gallant, passed away peacefully at his residence surrounded by his family that loved him on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

He is survived by his wife; Joyce Hayes, son; Scott (Pam) Hayes, daughters; Erica (Dustin) Harbin, Destiny Sherrell, adopted daughter; Brandi Farmer, grandchildren; Tyler (Brenna) Hayes, Holly Hayes, Blake (Erica) Shell and Brandy (Joey) Wells, a host of great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his son; Mark Hayes, parents; Charles & Hazel Hayes, brother; Bill Hayes, and sister; Becky Sims.

His Funeral Service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Etowah Memorial Chapel. He will be laid to rest at Memory Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends on from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026 at Etowah Memorial Chapel. Bro. Ken Gillilan will be officiating. Pallbearers will be D.J. Thrasher, Dustin Harbin, Christopher Leigh, Jeremy McCoy, Steve Hayes, Mason Johnson, and Samuel Lemons.

Janice Powell

ALTOONA - Janice Powell, age 85 of Altoona, passed away on Monday, January 12, 2026 at her residence.

She is survived by her daughter; Lenita (Ken) McGrady, son; David (Denise) Powell, grandchildren; Tiffany (Josh) Hames, Steffany Coker, Christopher (Melissa) Jones, Brandon Holmes, great-grandchildren; Reece Jones, Kyleigh Hames, Lucas Hames, and a host of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by parents; John & Savannah Powell, Husband Haskell Jones and grandson-in-law; John Coker, 7 brothers and 3 sisters.

Her Funeral Service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026 at Etowah Memorial Chapel. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. before the service. Bro. Dale Powell and Bro. Jimmy Al-lison will be officiating. She will be laid to rest at Butler Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Christopher Jones, Brandon Holmes, Cotton Walker, Dale Powell, Joseph Gilliland and Josh Hames.

Joe Ann Williams

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 pm Friday, January 16, 2026, at New Destiny Christian Church, for Joe Ann Williams. Bishop Steve Smith will be the eulogist.

Mattie Woody

GADSDEN - A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Please join us in mourning the passing of Ms. Mattie Louise Woody of Gadsden, AL who traded time for eternity on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at the age of 77. We ask that you please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Services to be announced at a later date.

John Scott Barron

HOKES BLUFF - Graveside Funeral Service for John Scott Barron, 56, of Hokes Bluff were held Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 1:30 PM at New Bethel Cemetery with Laurie Broom officiating the service.

Mr. Barron passed away, Friday, January 9, 2026.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Glenda Barron and by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bobby and Dorothy Martin.

Left to cherish the memory of Scott is his loving wife of 35 years, Jane Barron, his sons, James Barron (Emma) and Chase Barron (Kendall), his grandchildren, Louise, Alice, Emily, Landon, Daniel and Karson, his brother, Billy Barron and his nieces and nephews, Josh Barron, Krista Nelson and Danielle Roden.

Scott loved all things involving his Grandchildren. Spending time with them and being around them was his favorite pastime. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and working on appliances. He will be deeply missed.

Pallbearers were Chase Barron, James Barron, Dustin Crum, Joe Patterson, Josh Barron and Hans Sims.

Mary Nell Banks

Mary Nell Banks was born on December 2, 1938, and passed away on January 6, 2026, at the age of 87.

A visitation was held at Morgan Funeral Chapel on Saturday, January 10, 2026. Rev. Nathan Daniels officiated.

Mary was a member of First Baptist church of Ashville, and Joy Sunday school class. She worked for 42 years at Farmers and Merchants bank, as well as, Union State Bank. Mary enjoyed spending time in her sunroom bird watching with Thomas, and their cat Twinkle.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, William Elbert Sprayberry; mother, Lora Effie Sprayberry; and James B. Little

Mary is survived by Thomas Banks, Amy (Mark) Marbut, Ryan Marbut; Glenn (Maria) Little,

Lauren (Matt) Dees, Mark (Deborah) Banks, Amanda (Scott) Jenkins, Bryce, Brynlee, Matthew (Hannah) Griffin, Annie and Samuel Dean, and Norma Jean Beck.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Ashville, 85 5th Ave, Ashville, AL 35953, or St Jude Children's Hospital.

Special thanks are given to the staff of Baptist Health Shelby Hospital and Monark Grove Greystone Assisted Living.



**Randall Dale "Mac"
McDonough**

Randall Dale "Mac" McDonough, age 72, passed away on January 11, 2026, after a brief illness.

Randall was born on September 20, 1953, to Sanford and Mary McDonough. He was a graduate of Gadsden High School and began his working career with Williams Packing Company, where he was employed for several years. He later joined the Gadsden Police Department, dedicating 25 years of faithful service before retiring.

Randall was preceded in death by his parents, Sanford and Mary McDonough, and his mother- and father-in-law, Juanita and Herbert Patterson.

He is survived by his wife, Carol McDonough; his sister, Wanda Pruitt; his brother-in-law, Herbert Patterson Jr. (Mary Alice); his chosen brothers, Tony Hulsey and Dean Hulsey; and his chosen sister-in-law, Lisa Pointer.

In accordance with Randall's wishes, there will be no services.

Tracey Smith

SARDIS CITY - Prestige Memorial Funeral Home and Crematory sadly announces the passing of Mrs. Tracey L. Smith, age 58, of Sardis City, AL, who traded mortal for immortality on Wednesday, January 07, 2026.

She is survived by her loving family.

We ask that you please keep The Smith Family and those families that may be going through the same lifted in prayer.

Rebecca Wilcher

A visitation for Rebecca Wilcher will be 12-6 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2026 in the chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home.

Celebration of life will be 1 p.m. Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Fellowship Baptist Church. Pastor Scottie Rice Eulogist. Burial Oaklawn Cemetery.

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William Rodney Martin
GLENCOE - William Rodney Martin, age 72, of Glencoe, Alabama, passed away on January 6, 2026.
Rodney was born to William O. Martin and Imogene Martin, both of whom preceded him in death. He was employed by Goodyear Tire and Rubber for many years. He spent his life devoted to his family and will be remembered for his quiet strength, steady presence, and the love he had for those closest to him.
He is survived by his children, Charlie Martin (Ashley) and Laura Hood (Blake); and his beloved grandchildren, Reagan, Malory, Charlotte, and Henry, who were a great source of joy and pride in his life.
Rodney was preceded in death by his wife, Cynthia Martin; his brother, Michael Martin; and his parents, Wil-

liam O. Martin and Imogene Martin.
Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Crestwood Funeral Home.
The family would like to express special thanks to the MICU staff at Gadsden Regional Medical Center for their continuous support, dedication, and compassion.
Rodney will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who William Rodney Martin, age 72, of Glencoe, Alabama, passed away on January 6, 2026.
Savannah Ruth Coffey
ROCKLEDGE - Savannah Ruth Coffey, age 92 of Rockledge, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at her residence.
She is survived by her children; Diana (Greg) Pate, Lynn (Anthony) Rowan, Judy (Jimmy) Calvert, Scott (Lee) Coffey, Teresa (Kevin)

Marshall, sister; Sandra Oliver of Gadsden, 9 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by her dear husband of 52 years; Vandel Coffey, parents; Auby and Lula Hallmark, grandson; Chris Pate, and brothers and sisters.
Special thanks to Dr. Debra Reiland and staff, Enhabit Home Health & Hospice of Gadsden, caregiver Melissa Williams, Rachel Epperson, and Tammy Sauls
She dearly loved her grandchildren and loved for them to come visit and spend time with her. She was an avid Alabama Fan and she loved to cook.
In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Enhabit Hospice and St. Jude's Hospital.
A Private Graveside Service will be at Hillcrest Cemetery. Bro. Rickey Hall will be officiating. Pallbear-

ers will be Matt Mosley, Heath Rowan, Zachary Coffey, Aden O'Rourke, Jason Rowan, and Scott Coffey.
Scott Swary
Scott Swary, born on April 28, 1964, passed away on January 10, 2026, at the age of 61.
Todd Wright
GADSDEN - With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Todd Wright on January 7, 2026, at the age of 60. Todd was born on January 27, 1965, in Gadsden, Alabama, and lived a life devoted to hard work, integrity, and family.
Todd began working at Wright Hearing Center at the age of 16, a business founded by his father and later took over ownership. Todd worked alongside his two sons who continue to help run the business today.

Todd was also active in the hearing industry, serving on multiple professional boards. He also proudly served nine years in the United States Army. Known for his strong work ethic and dependability, always taking pride in providing for those he loved. Outside of work, he enjoyed boating, fishing, spending time at the beach, cheering on Alabama football, and listening to music—especially Kenny Chesney. He especially treasured time spent with his wife and grandchildren.
Above all, Todd was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He was known for his steady presence, kindness, and willingness to help others.
Todd was preceded in death by his parents, Sharon Gale Pfister and Clarence W. Wright, and his sister, Marie L. Hendrix.
He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Brenda E. Wright; his children,

Joshua Wright (Carlie Theodoroy), Matthew Wright (Jackie); his grandchildren, Hayes Wright, Griffin Reeves, Ellis Wright, and Jack Wright; and his brother, James Warren Wright (Dana), special Mother-in-Law, Frances Nelson; and numerous nieces and nephews.
A service celebrating Todd's life was held on January 11, 2026, at Collier-Butler Funeral Home. Burial followed at Williams Southside Funeral Home.
Memorials may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital. The family extends special thanks to Rich and Sarita Tanner, Rosa and Corey Foster, and Tammy and Daryl McClure for their support.
Todd will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

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SPORTS

SHS tennis team honored at state championship ring ceremony

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

Sardis High School Principal Josh Wallace and Assistant Principal Mattie Cofield welcomed family members, friends and fans to the state championship ring ceremony for the Sardis High School girls tennis team on Jan. 6, 2025.

Wallace offered a special welcome to Dr. Alan Cosby and members of the Etowah County Board of Education in recognition of their attendance and continued support throughout the season.

Under the direction of head coach Amanda Johnson, who recently completed her 12th season with the Lions, along with assistant coaches Evan Johnson and Dustin Young, the team finished the 2025 season with a perfect 20-0 record. The Lions claimed tournament championships at Russellville and Pell City and captured the AHSAA Section 6 Tournament title, sweeping all nine events and scoring a record 84 points.

At the 2025 AHSAA Class 4A-5A Girls State Tournament, the Lions totaled a school-record 65 points and won the state championship by 23 points.

The team produced two singles state champions, one singles state finalist and two doubles state champions. Sardis was the only public school girls team to win a state championship since the AHSAA combined the 4A and 5A classifications in 2015.

Members of the SHS state championship team include:

Callie Rae Bonds — No. 1 singles sectional champion and state finalist; No. 1 doubles sectional champion and state finalist

Jayden Johnson — No. 2 singles sectional champion and state quarterfinalist; No. 1 doubles sectional champion and state champion

Taylor Johnson — No. 3 singles sectional champion and state champion; No. 2 doubles sectional champion and state champion

Jesa Leigh Bonds — No. 4 singles

sectional champion and state champion; No. 2 doubles sectional champion and state champion

Landrey Johnson — No. 5 singles sectional champion and state quarterfinalist; No. 3 doubles sectional champion and state semifinalist

Libby Kate Talton — No. 6 singles sectional champion and state semifinalist

Julia Phillips — No. 3 doubles sectional champion and state semifinalist

Lila Bryant

During her tenure at Sardis, Johnson has led the Lions to eight Section 6 championships and eight appearances at the Class 4A-5A State Tournament, finishing among the top seven teams each year.

School leadership also extended special thanks to Corey Ray, president of First Bank of Boaz, for presenting the team with the state championship sign that will be displayed at the tennis complex and for the bank's continued support of the SHS tennis program.



Sardis Middle School hosts county basketball tournament

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

Etowah County junior high basketball teams and coaches were recognized for strong performances during the county Junior High Basketball Tournament, hosted by Sardis Middle School from Jan. 6-10.

Hokes Bluff Middle School's eighth-grade girls basketball team, coached by Drew Hall, captured the county championship after defeating Sardis Middle School 34-30 in the final.

The Lady Eagles advanced to the championship game with a 29-26 overtime win against Rainbow Middle School.

Hokes Bluff finished the season 17-4, averaging 34.5 points per game while allowing 19.3 points per game. Baylee Rowland, Kylee Noles and Kelsie Holliday each scored more than 100 points during the season. Rowland, Noles, Holliday, Lilli Wood and Willa Neal were named to the all-county team. Jenna Staats was named the county tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Sardis Middle School's Ella Payne and Abby Sims were also named to the all-tournament team.

Rainbow Middle School's seventh-grade boys basketball team, led by head coach Landon Johnson and assistant coach Hudson Jones, defeated Sardis Middle School 45-25 to claim the county championship. Terry Bates, Baker Tubb, Owen Sigler and Andrew Estes were named to the all-tournament team. Bates was named tournament MVP.

The Panthers entered the tournament with a 14-6 record.

Sardis Middle School's seventh-grade girls basketball team, coached by Adam Lawrence with assistant Justin Terrell, defeated Rainbow Middle School 45-9 to win the county championship. The Lions entered the tournament with a 10-0 record. All-tournament team honors went to Abigail Lawrence, Addison Lawrence, Maci Clark and Brynlee Walker of Sardis and Charleigh Bellamy, Malory Aaron and Sadie Carter of Rainbow. Sardis Middle School's Addison Lawrence was named MVP.

Sardis Middle School's eighth-grade boys basketball team, coached by David Burt, defeated Hokes Bluff 42-39 to secure the county championship. The Lions reached the final after defeating Gaston 51-15. All-tournament team honors went to Grayson Lee, Connor Clark, Rylan Garrett and Rylan Smith. Lee was also named MVP.

Other players named to the seventh- and eighth-grade all-tournament teams included Bryer Moore and Pacey Kidd of West End; Zane Bowen, Dasie Street and Jayanna Ayers-Baker of Gaston; Lukas Wagnon, Marcelo Juan Diego, Ridge Ranpey and Callie Cook of Glencoe; Tanner Hall, Christian Houston, Ellis Martin and Raynlee Daugherty of Rainbow Middle School; and Tate Simmons, Jaxon Ponder, Will Miller and Bryson Langley and Grayson Frytag of Hokes Bluff. Dax Wallace, Brady Rowan and Cash Gilmer represented Sardis Middle School.

Sardis Middle School made school history by advancing all four of its basketball teams to the county championship games.

See photos from the tournament at GadsdenMessenger.com.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Blake M Leath, an unmarried man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Southern Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, on May 23, 2016, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of 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 Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said section; thence along the North line of said section, North 88 degrees 24 minutes 34 seconds West a distance of 708.00 feet to an iron pin set, within the right-of-way of Horton Gap Road, at the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning, leaving said section and right-of-way, South 02 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds East a distance of 362.81 feet to a 3/8 inch rebar iron found; thence South 60 degrees 57 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 139.82 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 02 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West a distance of 434.19 feet to an iron pin set on North line of said section said point being within the right-of-way of said Horton Gap Road; thence within said right-of-way and along said section line, South 88 degrees 24 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 125.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, less and except any easements or rights-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. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law

Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. MidFirst Bank, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-13644-MF-AL 01/02/2026, 01/09/2026, 01/16/2026

January 2, 9, and 16, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Charles McGriff and Spouse, Myra McGriff, originally in favor of Compass Bank, on April 14, 2009, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3312592; the undersigned PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass Bank, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on February 4, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot Numbers Twenty Seven 27 and Twenty Eight 28, in Block Number Four 4, in Elliot Park First Addition, according to the map therefore recorded in Plat Book B, Page 118 and 119, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, formerly Alabama City, Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 3612 Western Ave , Gadsden, AL 35904. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law

ness 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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by William D. Tolton and Melissa A. Tolton, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants with a Right of Survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, on February 5, 2007, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on February 16, 2007, as Document Number 3265138; WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was subsequently modified on August 22, 2017, and said modification being recorded on September 21, 2017, as Document Number 3456798. The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificate holders of the CWABS, Inc., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on February 17, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at an existing capped rebar "Wright" at the Northeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 10 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama and run South 00° 49' 08" West along the east line thereof 838.05 feet to the point of beginning herein described; thence from said point of beginning, continue South 00° 49' 08" West along the east line thereof 167.61 feet to a point; thence run North 85° 22' 57" West leaving said east line 1325.57 feet to a point in the west line of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4; thence run North 00° 54' 00" East along the west line thereof 168.07 feet to a point; thence run South 85° 21' 43" East leaving said west line 1325.37 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a portion of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 10 South, Range 6 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama.

More commonly known as: 205 Wesley Ln, Attalla, AL 35954-9180

This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business

day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificate holders of the CWABS, Inc., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4 ("Transferee")

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

January 16, 23, and 30, 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 Jessica Ray Pena, Latoya Dionne Bothwell, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Equity Home Loan, Inc., its successors and assigns dated June 17, 2024; said mortgage being recorded on June 18, 2024 as Instrument No. 3575877 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2025, Page 3599949 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on February 18, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 25 of Brakestone Hills Subdivision, according to the survey and plat thereof as the same appears of record in Plat Book I, Page 53 in the Probate Office for Etowah County, Alabama, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 165 Mary Elizabeth Ln, Boaz, AL 35956.

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

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

easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
as holder of said mortgage
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Birmingham, AL 35203
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FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 25-07629AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

January 16, 23, and 30, 2026

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

January 9,16, and 23, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Sharon Y. Page was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/08/2025 to the Estate of Carolyn Ann Renfro, 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

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

January 9,16, and 23, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Debora K. Thomas was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/11/2025 to the Es-

tate of Froschina 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

January 9,16, and 23, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Matthew Mabrey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/12/2025 over the Estate of Barbara Laverne Prichett, 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

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

January 9,16, and 23, 2026

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

January 9,16, and 23, 2026

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, 2026

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, 2026

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

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

TO: Tranita 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

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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.

DONE THIS THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH

COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY JANE REAVES, DECEASED
CASE NO: 2025-00805

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of BETTY JANE REAVES, Deceased, having been submitted to the Honorable Scott W. Hassell, Judge of Probate, by Petitioner, Samuel Timothy Reaves by and through his attorney, Jason Knowles on the 17th day of November, 2025; Notice is hereby given that all persons contesting said Petition shall file a response thereto with the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902, within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Done this the 8th day of January 2026

SCOTT W. HASSELL
JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 16, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF: HALL, GARY WAYNE DECEASED.

You will take notice that a Petition for Disposition of Remains filed by London Pearce, for the disposition of the remains of Gary Wayne Hall, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 25th day of November, 2025, is set to be heard on the 21st day of January, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., alleging that there are no known next of kin to take custody of the remains of the Decedent.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this matter or desire to take custody of the remains of the Decedent of the proper disposition, you must file a written response within two (2) days of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Courthouse, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.

DONE THIS THE 13th DAY OF January, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

January 16, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF: ROBERTSON, TAYLOR RAE DECEASED.

You will take notice that a Petition for Disposition of Remains filed by London Pearce, for the disposition of the remains of Taylor Rae Robertson, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 6th day of December, 2025, is set to be heard on the 21st day of January, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., alleging that there are no known next of kin to take custody of the remains of the Decedent.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this matter or desire to take custody of the remains of the Decedent of the proper disposition, you must file a written response within two (2) days of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Courthouse, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.

DONE THIS THE 13th DAY OF January, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

January 16, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF Evelyn Kramer

NOTICE TO THE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED NEXT OF KIN OF EVELYN KRAMER

You will take notice that a Petition filed by LONDON PEARCE OF ETOWAH COUNTY CORONER for the disposition of the remains of EVELYN KRAMER, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 15TH day of DECEMBER 2025, is set to be heard on the 21st day of January 2026 alleging that there

are no known next of kin to take custody of the remains of the Dece-dent.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this matter or desire to take custody of the remains of the Decedent for proper disposition, you must file a written response within two (2) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Courthouse, 800 Forrest Ave, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 16, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: 2025-00808

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL JOHN R. COPPER, DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Plaintiff,

V.

ANDREA LACHELL WHISENANT, an individual; TOMAS FRANCISCO, an individual; BECKY NORDGREN, 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 in said complaint that certain real property located in the county of Etowah, State of Alabama, and described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION - TRACT 123 A part of the SE 4 of the SE of Section 11, Township 12-Sm Range 6-E, identified as Tract No. 123 on Project No. RCR-028-759-0002 in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

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. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902 and the attorney for the Plaintiff, John F. Porter, III of The Porter Law Group, P.C. at 123 East Laurel Street, Scottsboro, Alabama 35768.

You are further notified that the hearing of said complaint has been set by this Court for February 11th, 2026 at 2:30, at which time you may appear and answer said complaint or file objections thereto if you so desire.

If the application to condemn is granted by the Court, a Commissioner's hearing will be scheduled within 30 days thereafter to determine damages which may be due the defendants. For information on the date and time of such hearing, please contact the Probate Court during regular business hours at 256-549-5375.

This the 5th day of January, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA,

A municipal corporation Plaintiff, V. GULF STATES STEEL ACQUISITION CORP., An Alabama Corporation; GULF STATES STEEL INC., an Alabama Corporation; SHAWMUT BANK OF CONNECTICUT; ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; and BECKY NORDGREN, 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.

CASE NO.: 2025-00512

NOTICE TO: GULF STATES STEELACQUISITION CORP., GULF STATES STEEL INC. OF ALABAMA, SHAWMUT BANK OF CONNECTICUT, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR INTEREST PARTIES CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

You are hereby notified the City of Gadsden, by and through their attorney, J. Lance Smith, Esquire has filed a complaint in writing seeking to condemn for the uses and purposes set forth in said complaint that certain real property located in the county of Etowah, State of Alabama, and described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION A part of the NW of SE 4, Section 8, Township 12S, Range 6E, identified as Tract No. 1 on Project No. STP-SU-2815(256) in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the NW of the SE 4 of section 8, T-12-S, R-6-E; thence S09°28'54"W along the west line of the NE ¼ of the SE 4 a distance of 342.17 feet to a point on the permanent easement line (said line offset 71.00 feet left & parallel to centerline of project); thence S20°39'39"W along said line a distance of 54.60 feet to a point on the permanent easement line (said point offset 71.00 feet left & perpendicular to centerline of project at PT station 14+08.21); thence following the curvature thereof and along said line an arc distance of 153.42 feet (said arc having a chord bearing of S22°43'31"W, a clockwise direction, a chord distance of 153.38 feet and a radius of 2129.00 feet) to a point on the permanent easement line (said point offset 71.00 feet left & perpendicular to centerline of project at PC station 13+21.68); thence S24°47'22"W along said line a distance of 24.21 feet to a point on the acquired right-of-way line (said point offset 71.00 feet left & perpendicular to centerline of project at PC station 13+21.68); thence S24°47'22"W along said line a distance of 24.21 feet to a point on the acquired right-of-way line (said point offset 71.00 feet left to centerline of project) (said point also on the grantor's property line); also being the Point of Beginning of the property herein described; thence S34°56'02"E along the grantor's property line a distance of 47.35 feet to a point on the west present right-of-way line of South 11th Street; thence S24°27'00"W along said present right-of-way line a distance of 193.17 feet to a point on said present right-of-way line; thence S34°27'17"W along said present right-of-way line a distance of 101.75 feet to a point on the acquired right-of-way line; (said point perpendicular to centerline of project at station 9+80.52 left) thence N26°54'30"W along the acquired right-of-way line a distance of 31.09 feet to a point on the acquired right-of-way line, said point 71.00 feet left of and perpendicular to South 11th Street station 10+00.00; thence N24°18'03"E along the acquired right-of-way line a distance of 60.75 feet to a point on the acquired right-of-way line, said point 71.00 feet left of and perpendicular to South 11th Street PC station 10+60.75; thence following the curvature thereof and along said acquired right-of-way line an arc distance of 9.13 feet (said arc having a chord bearing of N24°32'43"E, a clockwise direction, a chord distance of 9.13 feet and a radius of 1000 feet) to a point on the acquired right-of-way line, said point 71.00 feet left of and perpendicular to South 11th Street PT station 10+69.28;

thence N24°47'22"E along the acquired right-of-way line a distance of 228.19 feet to the point and place of Beginning; the above described parcel contains 0.266 acre, more or less. 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. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902 and the attorney for the plaintiff, J. Lance Smith, Esq., 200 Chestnut Street, Suite A, P.O. Box 129, Gadsden, AL 35902. You are further notified that the hearing of said complaint has been set by this court for January 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at which time you may appear and answer said complaint or file objections thereto if you so desire.

If the application to condemn is granted by the Court, a Commissioners' hearing will be scheduled within 30 days thereafter to determine damages which may be due to the defendants. For information on the date and time of such hearing, please contact the Probate Court during regular business hours at 256-549-5333.

This the 11th day of December, 2025.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

Lance Smith, Esq.
200 Chestnut Street
P.O. Box 129
Gadsden, AL 35902

January 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In the Small Claims Court of Etowah County, Alabama Case # SM-24-901646 Publication Notice to: Mario Jackson. A Complaint has been filed in this court for amounts owed to Butler Electrical Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$3,278.96, exclusive of costs and interest, said case being styled as Butler Electrical Contractors v. Mario Jackson. You must file an answer to the Complaint within 30 days of perfection of service by publication. Your answer is to be filed in the Small Claims Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Long & King, LLC
2100 Club Drive, Suite 150
Gadsden, AL 35901
256-442-0201

January 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

In The Matter of the Adoption Petition of JENNIFER DIAL
CASE NO.:2025-00449

TO: Unknown father Address unknown

Please take notice that a petition for adoption of a child born to Laura Ann Dial has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above alleging that the identity and/or whereabouts of the biological father of said minor child are unknown and have not been disclosed to the Court. The minor child's date of birth is 04/26/2020. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

Attorney for Petitioner: David King, Esquire
2100 Club Drive, Suite 150
Gadsden, AL 35901

Given under my hand

this the 14th day of January 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

January 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

NOTICE OF COURT ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 31-CV-2025-900242.00

AIMEE CAROLE PARKER, Plaintiff, V. ON-TEII-ON DABREE MCHENRY, Defendant

ORDER AUTHORIZING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND FINDING AVOIDANCE OF SERVICE BY THE DEFENDANT

On the basis of the Affidavit of Process Service and Affidavit of Plaintiff's Counsel filed with the Plaintiff's Motion to Service Defendant by Publication, the Court finds that said Motion is due to be, and it hereby is granted. Moreover, on the basis of the thorough Affidavit of Process Service, the Court makes a specific finding that the Defendant is avoiding service of process.

The Plaintiff shall cause notice as provided by law to be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Etowah County, Alabama. She further shall cause an Affidavit of Publication thereafter to be filed with the Court.

DONE this 4thday of December, 2025.

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

Katie Tait Copeland, Attorney for Plaintiff Shunnarah Injury Lawyers
219 S. 3rd Street
Gadsden, AL. 35901
(205)983-8123 – Phone
ktait@asilpc.com

January 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR BILL TO QUIET TITLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CV-2025-900531
JOHN D. BAILEY, Plaintiff,

vs.
A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL ONE: FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER ONE (1), CARLISLE ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THEM AP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK K, PAGE 49, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE RUN NORTH 85 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 39.59 FEET (PLAT), 39.81 FEET (FIELD) TO A POINT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 05 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 81.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 75 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 129.20 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 20 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 103.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 77 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 183.34 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 07 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 133.75 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 368.59 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 05 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID TRACT EMBRACING A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4), SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL TWO:

FIVE (5) ACRES IN A SQUARE IN THE NW CORNER OF THE NE ¼ OF THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, LYING AND BEING IN ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, LESS AND EXCEPT THOSE PORTIONS CONVEYED TO MICHAEL KEVIN NIX BY DEED RECORDED IN D-1998-0225; SAVE AND EXCEPT THOSE PORTIONS CONVEYED TO THE EXCHANGE BANK OF ALABAMA BY DEED RECORDED IN D-2001-2176; AND SAVE AND EXCEPT THOSE PORTIONS CONVEYED TO LISSA MADDOX BY DEEDS RECORDED IN D-2001-4039 AND D-2001-4040. SAID DESCRIPTIONS EMBRACING A PORTION OF THE NE ¼ OF THE SW ¼ IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST.

LISSA MADDOX and MAC SMITH, INCLUDING ANY HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF THE SAME AND THOSE WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any person claiming any future, contingent, reversionary, remainder, or other interest therein, who may claim any interest in the above described property Defendant

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

Done the 9th day of January, 2026.

SONNIE J. STEEN
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Joshua B. Sullivan
Knowles & Sullivan, LLC
413 Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35901
Phone (256)547-7200
Fax (256)467-6322

January 16, 23, 30 February 6, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE FOR JOB COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Hudak Construction Co., Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for A New Medical Office Building for The Department of Rehabilitation Services at 225 East Broad Street, Gadsden, AL. 35903 for the State of Alabama and the City of Gadsden and have made request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect at 442 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL. 35901.

Hudak Construction
400 W. Meighan Blvd.
Gadsden, AL 35901

January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. BR-0205(507) 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 Bridge Replacement and Approaches on SR-205 over the Alabama and Tennessee River Railway, LLC (ATN) to include the Re-Alignment of SR-205 and Old Guntersville Gadsden Road. Length 0.700 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 One Hundred Eighty (180) Working Days. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$58.00 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 predetermined 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 \$4,690,977 To \$5,733,416 .

The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

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

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

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

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

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director

January 9, 16, and 23, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STPAA-2826(250) ETOWAH AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES, 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 Resurfacing (Scrub Seal), Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on Old US Highway 411 from the junction of Broken Arrow Road to the junction of CR-20. Length 5.129 mi.

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