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House OKs Rep. Butler's electricity prices bill

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

The Alabama House of Representatives Tuesday approved a bill that would require the Public Service Commission (PSC) to hold formal rate hearings on electricity prices in the state at least once every three years.

HB 475, sponsored by Rep. Mack Butler, R-Rainbow City, would also prohibit utility companies from passing costs for lobbying efforts, advertising and grants onto customers.

The bill's passage on a 104-0 vote came amid mounting public concern over the state's electricity prices, among the highest in the South, and a few weeks after a bill that would have ended PSC elections and required public information meetings but not formal rate ones was declared dead by Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman.

According to the Energy Information

Agency, Alabama's average residential electricity price was 16.01 cents per kilowatt-hour in December, the highest in the South.

"Alabama's rates are some of the highest in the region, third highest in the nation, we're considerably higher than [Tennessee Valley Authority] TVA," Butler said.

Alabama has not had a formal rate case hearings since 1981. In those hearings, representatives of utilities give sworn testimony under oath about the data behind rate increases. The PSC uses a process known as rate stabilization and equalization, which guarantees utilities a rate of return on their investments. Critics say the process leaves the reasoning behind rate increases opaque and cuts the public out of the process.

Energy Alabama, a non-profit organization that advocates for more renewable energy use in the state, said in a statement Tuesday that the bill "does what Alabamians have been demanding."

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Rep. Mack Butler, R-Rainbow City, speaks to a colleague on the floor of the Alabama House of Representatives on March 17, 2026 at the Alabama Statehouse in Montgomery.

Challenger Center to host STEM competition

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

In recognition of America's 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama is launching a regional academic challenge for middle school students. The competition invites students to identify and defend what they believe is the greatest American STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) invention or innovation of the past 250 years.

The competition allows the Challenger Learning Center to partner with America250 Alabama by inspiring emerging leaders to explore their knowledge of shared history — who we are, where we came from and where we can go in the future. Engaging key stakeholders, including school leaders, teachers and parents, will lead to

discussions at school and at home about American discoveries that have shaped the world as it exists today.

Open to students in grades 5-6 across the center's 12-county service area — Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, DeKalb, Etowah, Jefferson, Marshall, Randolph, Talladega and St. Clair — the competition promotes critical thinking, historical reflection, STEM literacy and a renewed focus on past accomplishments that have improved communities, the state, the nation and the world.

Students will research American contributions in science, technology, engineering and mathematics over the past 250 years, select the invention or innovation they consider most significant and defend their choice with three well-reasoned justifications.

Dr. Farrah Hayes, executive director of the Challenger Learning Center, identified this historic

milestone as a unique opportunity to honor the nation's contributions to the world while inspiring the next generation of leaders, thinkers and innovators.

"We are excited to open this competition to stimulate STEM learning and critical analysis of the numerous inventions and innovations created by Americans that have advanced our nation as a world leader," Hayes said. "Teachers have joined in our excitement about this competition and are eager to encourage students to participate."

Each student may submit only one entry. Public, private and homeschool students are eligible to participate, and schools may submit an unlimited number of individual entries.

Eight winners will be selected by a panel of judges in the four STEM categories — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in both fifth and

sixth grades. Each winner will receive \$50 and be recognized at the Challenger Learning Center booth during the Rainbow City Drone Show on June 27, 2026.

Information on competition rules and procedures for submitting an entry is available at www.challengeral.org

Questions may be sent to Stem250@challengeral.org

About Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama

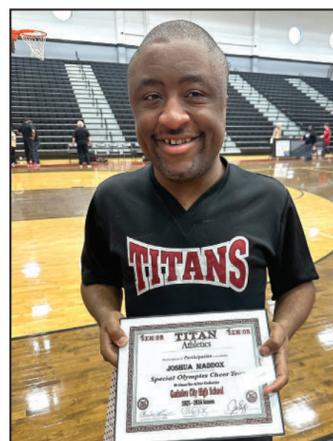
The Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama is part of a global network of more than 30 Challenger Learning Centers that has reached more than 6 million students worldwide. The centers offer a variety of fully immersive, hands-on STEM programs designed to increase knowledge and confidence in STEM subjects, spark interest in STEM careers and expand the workforce pipeline.

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About America250 Alabama

The mission of America250 Alabama is to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States' Declaration of Independence by supporting and promoting programs and events that educate, engage and unite Alabamians around the nation's founding principles.

Its three guiding principles are to educate, to engage and to unite. By educating Alabamians about shared history, the initiative aims to foster a better understanding of who we are, where we come from and where we choose to go together in the future. By engaging Alabamians, it seeks to inspire citizens to continue shaping the nation as it evolves toward a more perfect union. And by uniting Alabamians in celebrations, it recognizes the power of diverse stories while maintaining focus on common bonds.



Submitted photos

From left to right: Albert Hall, William Stewart, Zack Moon, Cameron Banks, Ernestina Martinez and Joshua Maddox.

Gadsden City celebrates senior Special Olympians

Gadsden City High School Titans Special Olympics basketball and cheer teams celebrated the teams' seniors last week. The honored students were Albert Hall, Williams Stewart, Zack Moon, Cameron Banks, Ernestina Martinez and Joshua Maddox.

Albert Hall has participated in Special Olympics basketball for 6 years. He has also been on the Special Olympics swim team for six years, increasing in skills and distance each year and winning gold and silver medals at the state games each year. Albert participates in the track and field games each year for the Etowah County

Special Olympics. He has been a participant in the Beautiful Rainbow Café for five years. After graduation, Albert will be a part of the Project Search Program offered to graduating seniors to help them find employment.

William Stewart has participated in Special Olympics basketball for five years. He has also been on the Special Olympics swim team for five years, increasing in skills and distance each year and winning gold and silver medals at the state games each year. William participates in the track and field games each year for the Etowah County Special Olympics. He has

been a participant in the Beautiful Rainbow Café for four years. After graduation, William will be a part of the Project Search Program offered to graduating seniors to help them find employment.

Zack Moon has participated in Special Olympics basketball for six years. He has also been on the Special Olympics swim team for six years, increasing in skills and distance each year and winning gold and silver medals at the state games each year. Zack participates in the track and field games each year for the Etowah County Special Olympics. He has been a participant in the Beautiful Rainbow

Café for five years. After graduation, Zack will be a part of the Project Search Program offered to graduating seniors to help them find employment. Zack will carry the torch in for the Etowah County Special Olympics Games on April 23.

Cameron Banks has participated in Special Olympics basketball for four years. He also participates in the track and field games each year for the Etowah County Special Olympics. After graduation, Cameron can choose to come back to school for more assistance in transition skills until age 21 or stay at home and look for employment on

his own.

Ernestina Martinez has been a member of the cheerleading squad for three years. She has also been part of the swim program for learning how to swim for four years. After graduation, she will be at home with family and possibly enrolled in an adult school program if available.

Joshua Maddox has been a member of the cheerleading squad for three years. He has also been part of the swim program for learning how to swim for two years. After graduation, he will be at home with family and possibly enrolled in an adult school program if available.

NEWS

'If you're not kind of strong, you give up...' Gadsden man with kidney disease awaits donor match

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor

On Thursday, Charles Beshers Jr. spent most of his day at University of Alabama at Birmingham hospital to undergo testing that he might have to repeat next week when he visits Erlanger hospital in Chattanooga — a process he has to complete once a year to remain on the transplant list at both hospitals.

A CT scan, chest X-ray, EKG, stress test and Doppler ultrasound are all completed at UAB. Erlanger can use most of those results for its own records, but Beshers said UAB is more particular.

"They are good and they are thorough," Beshers said. "But there are little things that are different."

For Beshers, the trips are just one part of a routine that he has become accustomed to since 2022.

Beshers had lived with low kidney function for several years, but it had remained stable — until he contracted COVID for the second time and was hospitalized. Within days, Dr. Wan Kwan, a nephrologist at Gadsden Regional Medical Center, told him his condition had worsened.

"About 1 in the morning, Dr. Kwan came into my room and said, 'Your kidneys have failed completely,'" Beshers said. "He said, 'In the morning we're going to put a port in your chest and start dialysis.'"

A central venous catheter, or chest port, is used for short-term, emergency situations when time does not allow for an arteriovenous fistula, which is typically placed in the forearm or upper arm, according to the Metropolitan Vascular Institute.

It wasn't until the surgeon arrived the next morning that the shock began to wear off and reality set in. The procedure took place in his hospital room. A tent was built around his bed, and an air pump was used to sterilize the air inside. An hour later, he was headed to his first dialysis treatment.

"I didn't know what was going on or what they were doing," Beshers said. "All I saw were tubes with blood coming out and blood going in. It was cleaning my blood because my kidneys couldn't do it anymore."

Since then, dialysis has become a constant.

More than one in seven adults are estimated to have chronic kidney disease. For people who have diabetes or high blood-pressure, the leading causes for kidney failure, it's one in three, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

As many as nine in 10 aren't aware they have CKD because the early stages have no symptoms, according to the institute.

Beshers now travels to Attalla three days a week — Monday, Wednesday and Friday—for treatments that last more than four hours. Each session is vital for his health.

When he first began dialysis, his appointment was at 10 a.m., which he said was terrible because it made it difficult to do much before or after. Over time, he moved into the earliest available slot at 4:30 a.m.

"Not many get well, and a few have gotten a transplant, but not many that I know of," Beshers said. "It's kind of scary, too, because that means a lot of people aren't there anymore."

Over the years, he has gotten to know many of the people who sit alongside him during treatment. For nearly five hours, three days a week, they share the same space — and it's noticeable when someone doesn't return.

Each time, he tells himself not to ask where they are.

"You miss them, you know, when they sit next to you or close to you. I kid around with the techs because they work hard, and they get upset when people pass away," Beshers said. He paused for a long moment to contain his emotions. "I can see where, if you're not kind of strong, you give up — but I can't do that."

While dialysis sustains him, a transplant remains his best chance at a longer, more stable life.

About two years ago, a niece-in-law was tested to see if she was a match — and she was a perfect match. However, the testing process takes time, and during that period she began taking an over-the-counter supplement for hair and nails, he said. When she returned for additional scans, doctors found kidney stones caused by the supplements, making her ineligible to donate.

"It was tough. I held it all on the inside," Beshers said. "I was very upset, but I try not to show it to my wife, kids and grandkids. I'm pretty good at bottling things up."

What hurts him the most, he said, is when people look him in the eye and say they will get tested but never follow through.

"I'm not going to ask them," Beshers said. "I'm never going to say, 'Hey, did you go get tested?' I'm just not built that way."

For now, Beshers continues his routine — dialysis three days a week, annual evaluations and the long wait for a transplant.

March is National Kidney Awareness Month. According to the National Institutes of Health, the observance aims to raise awareness about kidney disease, which affects more than 35 million adults in the United States.

Kidney disease is often referred to as a "silent disease" because it has few early symptoms. It can lead to kidney failure, heart disease or stroke. Health organizations use the month of March to promote early detection, healthy lifestyles and managing risk factors such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

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Cusimano, Roberts, Mills and Knowlton adds Campbell to team

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

Cusimano, Roberts, Mills & Knowlton, LLC has announced the addition of attorney Carson Campbell as an associate in the firm's legal practice.

Campbell will focus on serious injury cases, including workers' compensation, slip-and-fall incidents, and motor vehicle accidents. In her role, she will assist clients by providing strategic legal counsel and advocacy, and by supporting the firm's commitment to client service.

"I am honored to join a team that shares my commitment to standing up for people in our community," Campbell said. "It's incredibly rewarding to use my experience to make a real difference for those who need a voice."

Campbell earned her Juris Doctor from Cumberland School of Law, graduating in the top 10 percent of her class. While in law school, she served as writing editor of the Cumberland Law Review and was selected as a Caruthers Teaching Fellow.

Before joining the firm, Campbell spent several years representing employers and insurance companies in workers' compensation and liability matters. Her experience on the defense side provides insight into insurance company strategies, which she now uses to advocate for individuals pursuing injury claims.

In addition to her legal practice, Campbell has written and spoken on workers' compensation issues, including presentations for the National Business Institute and articles published in Business Alabama and The First Report.

Firm partner Gregory S. Cusimano said Campbell's addition strengthens the firm's legal team.

"We are thrilled to welcome Carson Campbell to our team," Cusimano said. "Her talent, energy and dedication to excellence will enhance everything we do."

Outside the office, Campbell enjoys community involvement, participating in local service and pageantry organizations, boating with her husband and their two dogs,



and exploring new restaurants.

The addition of Campbell reflects the firm's ongoing commitment to growth and development both internally and in the public and legal communities.

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NEWS

Beautiful Rainbow Cafe gains recognition

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor

In its 10th year of operation, the Beautiful Rainbow Cafe, located in the Gadsden Public Library was selected as the Alabama Council of Administrators of Special Education program of the year.

The award is a reflection of the hard work administrators put into overseeing the program so that Leita Conner and Chris Wood, special education teachers at Gadsden City High School, can continue their program at the cafe, Wood said.

“It’s all work-based learning with Gadsden City schools,” Wood, culinary arts educator, said. “All of our students come from the special education department.”

In the mornings, Conner teaches a first-block class while Wood gets students off the bus and then heads over to the cafe to bring out the food that was prepared the night before. After Conner finishes her class, she heads over to the cafe to start teaching there.

“Before Chip Rowan started the program, none of the students with severe intellectual disabilities were getting jobs in the community,” Conner said. “Now, it’s over 60. We have amazing success stories of students going out in the community and finding jobs.”

All the dishes are made in house, from scratch without using any mixes or pre-made items, other than the occasional canned good item or lettuce and greens in the winter months. Across the street from the library sit 12 garden beds behind the muraled fence where, with help from the Garden Club, students grow and harvest what they will cook.

“A lot of people have preconceptions,” Connor said. “Like, ‘it’s vegetarian, it’s horrible. I’m not going to eat that, I’d like steak.’ Well so do we, we’re just not going to serve it... Our customers are very loyal. If they want vegetarian or vegan, they know where they can get it.”

Lunch is served Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Tuesday to Thursday they are open until 5 p.m. for coffee, sweets and drinks.



Lindsey Frazier/Messenger

Employees at Beautiful Rainbow Cafe (from left to right) Chef Chris Wood, Jack Ross, Ja'Von Meadows, Alexis Collins and Leita Conner with the Program of the Year award and the first ever Rainbow Beautiful cookbook.

Worlds of Work event connects students to careers

Thousands of students from across East Alabama explored future career opportunities during the annual Worlds of Work (WOW) event presented by Eastman, March 10-12, 2026, at the Oxford Civic Center.

Worlds of Work is an immersive, hands-on career exploration event hosted by Gadsden State Community College and designed to introduce students to the wide range of career pathways available in the region. Approximately 8,000 students from Workforce Region 2 attended, representing schools in Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Etowah, Randolph and Talladega counties.

The event welcomed 8th-grade and 11th-grade students from public, private and homeschool programs, giving them an opportunity to interact directly with industry professionals and experience real-world demonstrations of careers in high-demand fields.

Through interactive exhibits and demonstrations led by industry partners, students explored 11 career worlds aligned with regional workforce needs, including agriculture and outdoor resources, automotive and modern manufacturing, business and entrepreneurship, communications, media

and marketing, construction, education and training, energy and utilities, engineering and technology, healthcare, public safety, and transportation, distribution and logistics.

“Worlds of Work gives students the opportunity to step into real career environments and experience firsthand the skills and opportunities that exist right here in East Alabama,” said Lisa Morales, Community and Workforce Liaison at Gadsden State Community College and Worlds of Work event director. “By connecting students with local employers and industry professionals, we

help them begin thinking about their future and see the many pathways available after high school.”

Participants gain insight into education, training and credential pathways while learning about careers available in their own communities. The event also aims to motivate students to stay engaged in school and begin planning their future career paths.

Worlds of Work is a collaborative regional initiative that brings together educators, employers and workforce leaders to strengthen the pipeline between education and industry across East Alabama.

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NEWS

Alabama House committee approves bill requiring schools to post the Ten Commandments

By Ralph Chapoco
Alabama Reflector

An Alabama House committee on Wednesday approved legislation to require school districts to post the Ten Commandments in different locations.

HB 216, sponsored by Rep. Mark Gidley, R-Hokes Bluff, would require schools to display a poster of the religious document in fifth through 12th-grade classes and within the common areas, such as cafeterias and school libraries, in every school within the district.

"This is strictly a historical reference to remind our students of one of the documents that was one of the foundational principles of the founding of this country," Gidley told the House Judiciary Committee.

Several Democrats on the committee expressed concerns about the legislation.

"It feels like we are continuously, especially in the last two years, trying to force Christianity on students no matter what their religion may be," said Rep. Penni McClammy, D-Montgomery.

Gidley filed the same bill in 2025. It passed the House of Representatives but stalled in the Senate. Earlier this month, the House Education Policy Committee approved the bill with little discussion before it was referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration on Wednesday.

Alabama approved a constitutional amendment in 2018 to allow the Ten Commandments to be displayed in public spaces, and federal courts have allowed the document to be displayed for historical, and not religious or moral, context in schools.

In 2024, Louisiana passed a law that required the Ten Commandments to be displayed in classrooms, but a federal court last June blocked the law. The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision last month but did not rule on whether the law was constitutional.

A federal court on Monday blocked six school districts in Arkansas from enforcing the state's law that required them to display the Ten Commandments.

The legislation says the Ten Commandments "are a key part of the Judeo-Christian religious and moral tradition that shaped Western Civilization and ultimately the founding of the United States."

HB 216 requires the display to be contingent on avail-



Anna Barrett/Alabama Reflector

Rep. Mark Gidley, R-Hokes Bluff, speaking to House Speaker Pro Tem Chris Pringle, R-Mobile, on the floor of the Alabama House of Representatives on March 12, 2026, in the Alabama Statehouse in Montgomery, Alabama. The House Judiciary Committee Wednesday approved a bill requiring displays of the Ten Commandments in schools.

able funding.

Rep. Ontario Tillman, D-Bessemer, asked if the legislation would "allow other religions if a teacher decides to place a different set in their classrooms in the historical sense."

Gidley said that would not apply because he considers the Ten Commandments is one of the nation's founding documents.

"Let me remind you that there were no other religions that were part of the founding of our country," Gidley said.

The bill moves to the full House. There are seven days left in the 2026 regular session.

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"It requires rate hearings under oath, reduces Alabama Power's outrageous profit margins, and bans the utility from charging customers for its lobbying and political activities. This is the kind of meaningful reform that changes bills, not just headlines," the statement said.

U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville said if elected for governor, he would create an energy secretary position. The Alabama Senate last week passed a bill that would create the position while expanding the PSC to seven members, giving the governor the power to appoint four of the commissioners this year and the secretary of energy Butler said the bill is too controlling.

"I think the [bill] currently in the

Senate has a little too much power. Maybe bring that in a little bit, but [Tuberville] is out front recruiting industry and business to our state, so I do think he needs that energy secretary," he said after the bill passed.

Butler also said he would like to find a way to combine both bills if amendments are offered.

"I would imagine they've got plans for my bill as well upstairs. So I'm hoping we can meet somewhere and have a meeting of the minds and maybe take the best of the two bills, merge them together," he said.

Butler has also cited a leaked phone call between John Dodd, policy manager for Energy Alabama, and R.B. Walker, director of state and federal

affairs for Alabama Power. During the phone call, Walker encouraged Dodd to support a previous PSC bill sponsored by Rep. Chip Brown, R-Hollingers Island that would have ended PSC elections.

"There was a leaked audio between a power company lobbyist that irritated people in our district, and I heard from so many people about that that they literally heard the power company conspiring against them, and that has really brought this to the forefront. So the power company has no one to blame but themselves," Butler said during debate.

There are seven days left in this year's legislative session. The bill moves to the Senate.

Local free tax filing help available

Free tax preparation and electronic filing services are available through a partnership between the IRS and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), which serves Etowah, Cherokee and DeKalb counties. The VITA and TCE programs are designed to assist low- to moderate-income taxpayers and senior citizens who may not be able to afford professional tax preparation. Trained and IRS-certified volunteers prepare straightforward federal and state returns at no cost.

RSVP and the IRS have partnered to offer these programs since 1990 in Etowah and Cherokee County. All volunteers are trained and certified before beginning tax preparation.

Free tax preparation services are offered at multiple locations across the three counties. In Etowah County, assistance is available at the Etowah County Courthouse, Room 221, located at 800 Forrest Ave. in Gadsden, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the Hokes Bluff Library at 3310 Alford Bend Road on Mondays from noon to 4 p.m.; the Jane Phillips Community Center at 115 Case Ave. in Attalla on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Rainbow City Community Center at 3702 Rainbow Drive on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; the George Wallace Senior Center in Glencoe on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the East Gadsden Community Center at 921 Wil-

son St. on select Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Additional services are available at the Centre Administration Building, located at 260 Cedar Bluff Road in Centre, on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Sardis City Library on select Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m.; the Walnut Grove Senior Center at 5151 Walnut Grove Road on select Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Ft. Payne Council on Aging at 600 Tyler Ave. SE in Ft. Payne on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon by appointment; and the Moon Lake Library at 4607 Alabama Highway 117 in Mentone on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment.

Taxpayers using the free service should bring a photo ID, Social Security cards for everyone listed on the return, birth dates, a copy of last year's tax return, income documents such as W-2s and 1099s, information on any cash income received, daycare payment details if applicable, and bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit.

RSVP is a federally sponsored program through AmeriCorps and is supported locally by the Etowah County Commission. Its mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and promote civic engagement through volunteer service.

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LIFESTYLE

Make life less difficult for each other



Tabitha Bozeman

My grandmother used to quote Madeleine Albright, the first woman to serve as U.S. Secretary of State, saying, "There's a special place in hell for women who don't help other women." It felt empowering, but also a little uncomfortable. It has taken many years for me to come close to articulating why, and I think it comes down to believing who someone is when they show you. All of us have experienced being offered a seat at the proverbial table, only to have it yanked away. Man or woman, that experience is no fun. For many women, though, it is one of many contradictory experiences we will encounter in our interactions with other women. On one hand, society often sets women up as competitors and challengers: for friendships, jobs, partners, the perfect style and so on. But, on the other hand, we are also told that we should be supporting one another no matter what because being a woman is hard. How do we reconcile these two ideals? Even as a

young girl, I felt that sharp division of that quote. The assumption that there are "good women" and "bad women." Women who help, and women who don't. In my life, I have been helped by women who have changed my life for the good, but I have also been hurt by women in ways that were devastating.

I have probably been both of these women to someone at one time or another.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie observed that "We teach girls to see each other as competitors." We are also told to support one another, but often we are not given the tools we need to do so. What we are taught--through the women around us as we are growing up, the shows we watch on television, the lyrics to our favorite songs--is how to compare and measure ourselves against other women. We are taught, implicitly and explicitly, how to compete, but then told to perform solidarity.

These tensions between competition and connection in female friendships appear throughout literature, offering both encouragement and warning for the rest of us: Virginia Woolf and Vita Sackville-West had a deep and sustaining friendship and collaboration; Simone de Beauvoir and Simone Weil formed an intellectual sisterhood and were fierce advocates for one another; Mary Wollstonecraft and Fanny Blood are one of the first recorded intellectual female friendships; Sylvia Plath and Anne Sexton survived many parallel life

situations and relationships; Toni Morrison and Toni Cade Bambara intentionally supported made one another visible; Adrienne Rich and Audre Lorde were both friends, collaborators and critics of one another. Literary history shows us these women and their friendships in all their complicated, devoted, passionate, wounded, comforting and intentional moments. These women found connection because of and despite circumstances, education, men, families, careers, politics and distance. The goal in these friendships was never perfection, but connection. Being seen and heard. Being validated and celebrated. Being challenged and cherished. Connection is all of these things, and all the while it is messy, human and deeply consequential.

Being truly seen and allowed to share your world, and thoughts, and life is one of the most beautiful parts of friendship between women because as Virginia Woolf wrote, "Nothing has really happened until it has been described." As we move through our lives, friendships that have stood the test of time are sources of comfort and solace because as Zora Neale Hurston put it "there are years that ask questions, and years that answer." A solid friendship can help us navigate those questions and answers and years. A solid friendship is also one that is willing to both say and hear Truth. This can be difficult if, as women, we only focus on the first part of the challenger/supporter dichotomy. The ability for

us as women to hold both of those contradictions in mind, to remember that more than one thing can be true at a time, is necessary for crafting and maintaining strong, healthy friendships. Adrienne Rich told us that when she said, "When a woman tells the truth she is creating the possibility for more truth around her."

This is what I have realized about my grandmother's quote. Strength is not about sorting women into categories of "good" and "bad," deciding who belongs where, or gatekeeping the seats at the table. It is about responsibility and awareness and choice because not every woman will support us. Not every friendship will last--not every relationship is meant to. But we each have the ability to decide, over and over again, what kind of woman we will be. We can choose to support one another through both speaking up and listening. Through paying attention and also through letting things go. Through both telling and accepting the truth. We can choose to make space for others, and we can choose connection over competition. Each day, women have the opportunity to make life a little better for one another, and a little more connected for us all. After all, as George Eliot asks us, "What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"

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The unsung heroes of the library collection

When visitors walk through the doors of the Gadsden Public Library, they are greeted by rows of books, movies, audiobooks, and other materials ready to be discovered. What many people may not realize is that before any of those items reach the shelves, a great deal of thoughtful work takes place behind the scenes. At the heart of that work is the library's cataloging and collection development department, led by two dedicated professionals: Tallulah Cash and Melissa Melisano.

Tallulah and Melissa are responsible for evaluating, purchasing, and cataloging all new materials that enter the library's collection. Every new book, DVD, audiobook, and digital resource must be carefully selected to ensure it meets the needs and interests of our community. Their job is part research, part analysis, and part intuition about what Gadsden readers will enjoy.

Collection development is a continuous process. Tallulah and Melissa review professional journals, publisher catalogs, bestseller lists, award winners, and patron requests to determine which titles should become part of the library's holdings. They strive to create a balanced and diverse collection that reflects a wide range of interests, ages, and perspectives. From children's picture books

and young adult novels to nonfiction, local history, and popular fiction, every selection is made with our patrons in mind.

Budget stewardship is also an important part of their work. With a limited materials budget, Tallulah and Melissa carefully prioritize purchases to ensure the library offers the greatest variety and value possible. They monitor demand for popular titles, make decisions about additional copies when needed, and work to ensure that both new releases and timeless classics are available to readers.

Once materials are selected and purchased, the cataloging process begins. Cataloging ensures that each item can be easily found by patrons and staff through the library's catalog system called Atrium. Tallulah and Melissa assign subject headings, classification numbers, and descriptive information that help users locate materials quickly and accurately. It's a meticulous process that transforms a new book from a simple purchase into a searchable part of the library's collection.

Another vital responsibility they handle is "weeding" the collection. While the word may sound unusual, weeding is an essential practice for maintaining a vibrant and useful library. Over time, books can become

outdated, worn, or no longer relevant to community interests. Tallulah and Melissa regularly review the shelves to identify materials that should be repaired, replaced, or retired from the collection.

This careful evaluation helps ensure that library shelves remain current, accurate, and appealing. Removing outdated materials also creates space for new books and resources, keeping the collection fresh and responsive to changing reader interests. In many cases, well-loved titles that are removed are replaced with newer editions or updated information.

Weeding is guided by professional library standards as well as circulation data and community demand. Materials that are no longer being checked out, that contain outdated information, or that have been damaged beyond repair may be removed so that better resources can take their place.

The work Tallulah Cash and Melissa Melisano do is largely invisible to the public, but it shapes nearly every library experience. Their careful selections determine what books readers discover next, what information students find for research, and what stories families share together.

Thanks to their dedication and expertise, the Gadsden Public Library's collection



Craig Scott

continues to grow in ways that serve and inspire our community. The next time you find the perfect book on the shelf, there's a very good chance Tallulah and Melissa helped put it there.

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

The first major football game played in Gadsden



Looking at the History

Danny Crownover

The first major football game played in Gadsden played February 22, 1897 at the Alabama City Bicycle Park between the Montgomery Athletic Club and a team of local stars. The score ended in a 0-0 tie, as

the wet and slippery field prevented anything but straight-ahead action and line plunges. Montgomery had the heavier team and would probably have bulled through to victory but for the weather.

The stands were well filled, and local pride manifested itself in a flutter of white and purple, the Gadsden colors. Apparently, there was enough white and gold Montgomery colors to relieve the monotony.

The first half was a see-saw affair with neither side making serious threats to score. Montgomery seemed content by crashing through the middle of the line and made very little effort to run around the ends, largely because of the soggy field. A heavy rain fell during the second half, and

the players wallowed in the mud and pools of water.

Just before the final whistle, Montgomery was threatening to score when Earl Lay made two tackles to stop the advance.

Mrs. Louis L. Herzberg and Miss Buena Vista Riley were the Gadsden sponsors, while Miss Eula Duncan and Miss Leila Fletcher represented the visitors.

Louis L. Herzberg served as the umpire, Will Hight as the referee and local newspaper reporter Tom McHan as the linesman.

Playing left end for Montgomery was Bibb Graves, who eventually served two terms as governor of Alabama.

The Gadsden lineup included Kidd at

center; Will Hasson at right guard; Livingson at left guard; Rush Chadwick at right tackle; Ed Hughes at left tackle; Earl Lay at tight end; Brevard Montgomery at left end; Perkins at left halfback; Charles M. Wood at right halfback; H.M. Davis at fullback and Hughes at quarterback.

Lay played college ball at Auburn, Montgomery at Duke University. Wood at the University of Alabama and Davis at Boston College. Chadwick, Hughes and Hasson did not have any college experience but were well-coached.

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DEVOTIONALS

Girl, mother, grace



Sandra Bost

Sometime in the tender days and months after losing Momma, I came across a simple thought on social media—one of those truths so obvious that it almost feels offensive when you realize how long it took to see it. When it finally settled into my heart, it left me undone. My spirit cried out, “How did I not know this? Why couldn’t I see?”

I can’t credit an author or a page; I don’t even know whether it was a reel or an article. But recently, I heard the same truth again—this time in a song. During the Hawaii performances on this season of American Idol, a young woman named Kyndal Inskeep sang a song she wrote for her momma, entitled “Woman of Me.” One line landed like

a holy blow to the heart—mine and everyone else’s in the audience—as she sang:

“She was a girl before she was a woman; now she’s made a woman of me.”

She was a girl. That was it. So simple. And yet, so perspective-shifting.

Of course our parents were born, like everybody else. Of course they grew up, like everybody else. We know that. But somehow, when we’re children—even adults—it’s hard to see them as beginners, too. We imagine they arrived fully formed, steady, certain, equipped. The idea that their motherhood (or fatherhood, for that matter) is their first time feels almost disorienting.

But, it’s the truth. As I looked back on Momma’s life I could see: her motherhood was her first one. She didn’t get a practice run with another child or a rehearsal season to get it right. She just had to wing it.

Admittedly, she knew the Lord, so it’s not exactly the same thing as shooting blind, but— isn’t it? She just had to trust Him—with her blind Faith—that the decisions she was making were going to turn out right. She simply stepped into it—loving, trying, praying, adjusting as she went.

That realization has only deepened as I’ve let it settle. As a mother—and now a grandmother—I understand something I never could before (even as I sat with my finger pointed at Momma)—I have never had it all together, either. Not once. Even now, at 54 years old, having walked with Jesus for 47 of those years, I still get it wrong.

And the thought calms me: it’s my first time in this season of life, too.

Beyond that I realized—when she became a mother, she didn’t stop being a girl. She still had needs. Still had dreams. Still had fears and questions and growing to do. She was still learning. Still becoming. I just didn’t know. I couldn’t see her that way then.

And that’s where grace comes in—the grace of God for ourselves, and the grace He gives us to hold for one another. The undeserved, amazing grace that helps us trust Him to right all the wrongs and quiet all the fears.

That kind of trust doesn’t come from having it all figured out. It comes from releasing our need to understand it all. Realizing that we’re all just navigating our lives from

this perspective for the first time. Realizing we’re all in need of more Grace, like the old hymn says, “Oh for Grace to trust Him more!”

Grace to stop judging past versions of ourselves (or our people) for what we didn’t know yet. Grace to trust that even when we (or our parents) were shooting blindly, God was moving us (and them) nearer to the Holy target.

As you reflect on your journey as a daughter (son), a mother (father), or a “Sasa” (grandparent) this week, lean into the promise of Proverbs 3: 5-6. Ask Jesus for more grace to trust Him with your whole heart—to trust Him more than your own understanding. Pray to see Him working all around you and acknowledge that He is Good. He will lead you closer to the version of yourself that He created you to be, as He covers every piece of your story—and your parents’—with His Grace.

It really is sweet to trust in Jesus.

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Hear the Word and pass it on

Have you ever noticed that the best things in life were never meant to stop with one person? It is like a family recipe passed down from grandmother to granddaughter and then from that granddaughter to her own children. What started in one kitchen becomes part of the whole family because it was not hoarded. It was shared.

That is how discipleship works.

The things we receive from God were never meant to stop with us. They were meant to move through us. The grace you received, the truth you learned, the wisdom God gave you, and the faith He built in you were never designed to be stored away like private treasures. They were meant to be invested in somebody else.

Paul makes this plain in 2 Timothy 2:2 when he tells Timothy to take what he had learned and entrust it to faithful people who would be able to teach others also. In other words, disciples first receive, then they pass it on, and then it multiplies.

Before Timothy could teach anyone else, he first had to learn. That is still true today.

You cannot pour out what you have never taken in. If nothing has gone into you spiritually, then nothing solid can come out of you spiritually. A believer must spend time in the Word, grow in grace, and allow God to shape their life before they can effectively guide somebody else.

But growth is not the finish line. It is the starting point.

Too many people are content with receiving from God while never reproducing what He has placed in them. We want sermons, devotionals, encouragement, revelation, and inspiration, but discipleship does not stop at intake. Faith that stops with you is faith that was never fully lived. The Gospel was never meant to be stored. It was meant to be shared, invested, and multiplied.

Paul was writing from prison when he gave this instruction. That alone ought to encourage somebody. Even while bound, he was still building the Kingdom. Even while limited, he was still pouring into the next generation. That means your present struggle does not cancel your ability to help somebody else.

You do not have to be perfect to point someone to Jesus. You just have to be willing.

And spiritual maturity is not measured only by how much you know. It is also measured by who you are helping follow Jesus. Disciples do not just grow. Disciples help others grow.

That is how the Kingdom moves forward. One life touches another life. One believer lights another believer. One disciple helps make another disciple. Like a candle in a dark room, the light does not grow weaker when it is shared. It spreads.

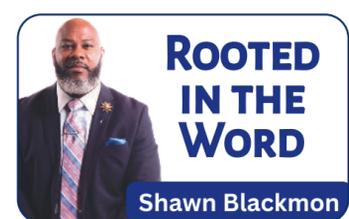
So the question this week is simple. Are you only receiving, or are you also reproducing? Who are you encouraging? Who are you praying for? Who are you helping grow in their walk with Christ?

God did not bring you this far just to fill you up.

He filled you so you could pour out.

The mission of the church moves forward when disciples become disciple makers.

And that means the call on your life is not just to hear the Word, but to pass it on.



Shawn Blackmon

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

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OBITUARIES



Betty Wilson Day

Betty Wilson Day, age 88, passed away on March 12, 2026. She was born on April 28, 1937.

Betty will be remembered for her life, her love for family and friends, and the many memories she shared with those who knew her. Her presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Anniston Haize McKenzie

RAINBOW CITY - Anniston Haize McKenzie, 20, of Rainbow City, Alabama, passed away on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Anniston was a radiant light in the lives of everyone who knew her. With a smile that could brighten any room and a heart full of kindness, she had a special way of making people feel loved, welcomed, and happy. Her joyful spirit, warm personality, and genuine compassion left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Anniston loved all things beauty and had a natural gift for bringing joy and confidence to those around her. She was vibrant, full of life, and lived each day with passion and laughter. Her presence was truly unforgettable, and she had a remarkable way of lifting others up simply by being herself.

Above all, Anniston loved the Lord with all of her heart. Her faith guided her life and gave her strength, kindness, and a deep love for others. She carried that faith with grace and shared it through her caring spirit and the way she treated everyone she encountered.

Anniston is survived by her loving parents, William McKenzie and Brandy McKenzie; her stepfather, Charles Hartshorn; and her beloved brothers, Baylee McKenzie and Noah McKenzie. She also leaves behind many family members and friends who will forever cherish her beautiful spirit and the joy she brought into their lives.

Though her time on earth was far too short, Anniston's life was filled with love, laughter, faith, and unforgettable moments. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered for the light she shared with the world.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved her.

Betty Sue Whisenant

Betty Sue Whisenant, 81, died at her residence in Waterloo, Indiana on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 19, 2026. Burial followed at Rainbow Memorial Gardens.

Betty was born to Richard Lee Knight and Annie Foree (Woodall) Knight on December 11, 1944 in Gadsden, Alabama.

She graduated from Emma Sansom High School in 1964 located in Gadsden, Alabama.

Betty loved listening to Elvis on the radio, quilting which she passed down to her daughters, and of course shopping and going to antique shops.

She had several different job profession hats over the years from nurse, cosmetologist, Bridal & Prom Dress shop owner, but most of all she loved being a wife, mother and grandmother.

She married Kenneth Eules Whisenant on September 23, 1966 in Gadsden, Alabama.

She is preceded in death by her parents Richard and Annie Knight, her husband Kenneth E. Whisenant, and her daughter Melissa R. Link.

She is survived by her daughter Tina Michelle Whisenant Baker (Robert) in Waterloo, Indiana; Sister Nancy Knight in Gadsden; Brother Billy Knight in Cedar Bluff; 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



Donald Evan Bryson

COLLINSVILLE - Donald Evan "Donny" Bryson passed away on March 16, 2026, at the age of 52. He was born on September 17, 1973, in North Carolina, and was a resident of Collinsville, Alabama.

Visitation will be held at Morgan Funeral Chapel and Crematory, 625 Gilbert Ferry Rd SE, Attalla, AL 35954, US, on March 20, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Funeral Services will follow at 2:00 pm.

Scott Dean will officiate.

Donny was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, and do anything outdoors. He was a jack of all trades, and he was the plant manager at Calcean in Gadsden, Alabama. He loved to cook, and spend time with his wife, kids, grandbabies, friends, and family. He loved animals, especially his dogs. He will be remembered most for his giving heart, and for the abundance of love he always had to give. He was the type of person you could always count on to have your back and was always more than willing to lend a helping hand. He is so loved and will be sorely missed.

Donny was preceded in death by parents, Nancy Bryson and Jerry Bryson; niece, Blair Carroll; grandparents, Don F. Bryson and Mary "Madge" Bryson.

Donny is survived by his wife, Belinda Bryson; children, Angel Sewell, Isaiah (Rayllie) Bryson, Amanda (Josh) Duckworth, Allison Karlsen, Lucas Santos; siblings, Ricky Bryson, Larry Bryson, Marcia Clifton; honorary siblings, Joseph Rakestraw; sister-in laws, Carla (David) Durham, Laura Brown; mother-in-law, Sandra Wilson; 9 grandbabies, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Esther Roach

RAINBOW CITY - Esther Adams Roach, a beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away March 13 at Regency Pointe in Rainbow City, Alabama. Born on Easter Sunday, March 24, 1940, in Gilbertown, Alabama, Esther was the daughter of the late Jack Adams and Mary Taylor Adams. From her rural beginnings in Alabama, she grew into a woman of remarkable kindness, unwavering loyalty, and a wonderful sense of humor that endeared her to all who knew her.

Esther married the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Roach, and together they shared 49 years of devoted partnership. She was a proud mother of three sons and found her greatest joy in her family, especially in the time she spent with her grandchildren, often gathering them for cherished days at the beach. A woman of extraordinary determination and competitive spirit, Esther was an avid tennis player who earned numerous state titles throughout her

career on the court. Her athletic accomplishments reflected the same tenacity she carried into every aspect of her life. After courageously overcoming breast cancer, Esther dedicated herself to helping others facing similar battles as a volunteer with the UAB Angel Squad, offering comfort and hope to those in need. Esther was a longtime, devoted member of her church and participated in numerous Bible studies over the years. Her deep and abiding Christian faith was the cornerstone of her life, guiding her through every season with grace and steadfast trust in the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Roach; her parents; her sister, Pauline Campbell; and her brothers, Jimmy Adams and Hudson Adams. Esther is survived by her sons, Robert Steven Roach (Kelley), Joseph Clark Roach, and Jason Adam Roach. Carrie White, daughter in law of many years. Nana is survived by her beloved grandchildren, Virginia Roach Perry (Christopher), Anna Claire Roach, William Roach, and Emma Roach; her brothers, Ralph Adams (Charlotte), Roy Adams, and Larry Adams (Deborah); and her sister, Frances Stevenson; Leslie Giles, many nieces and nephews, numerous extended family members and dear friends including lifetime friends Gloria and Priscilla.

A celebration of Esther's life will be held at a later date, with interment of ashes at Hopewell Baptist Church in Butler, Alabama, where she will be laid to rest beside Bob.

Eugene Lipscomb

HOKES BLUFF - Eugene Lipscomb, age 92 of Hokes Bluff, passed away at home surrounded by his family on March 9, 2026.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 13, 2026. Rev. Mark Gidley, Rev. Tim Smith and Rev. Mark Willingham officiated the service. Burial followed at Union #3 Cemetery.

Mr. Lipscomb was preceded in death by his wife, Eloise Lipscomb, his parents; his brothers, James Mac, Leslie, Fred, Otis, Whit, Ray and Earl; sisters, Ophelia Hardy, Velma Pain and Opal Hooper.

Left to cherish the memory of Eugene are his daughters, Wanda Murray, Earlene Burke (Danny), and Tina Lipscomb, son, Randy Lipscomb (Connie), 7 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Lipscomb was a member of the Congregational Holiness Church.

Jacob Chance Weaver

Jacob Chance Weaver went to his heavenly home on March 11, 2026.

Jacob was born on March 28, 2011.

Jacob was preceded in death by his grandmother Laura Flanagan, great grandfather Mike Flanagan, Dewey Barber, and Ormond Buffington, and great grandmother Marie Buffington.

Jacob was survived by his mother Emily Sierra and Whitney Weaver, stepfather Bonfilio Sierra, Brothers River Sierra, Kevin Sierra, Jason Sierra and sister Olivia Booker. His grandparents Michael Flanagan (Amy), Vicki Weaver and Steve Weaver. His great grandparents Patricia Flanagan and Gail Barber.

He has numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and special friends that loved him dearly.

A service was held on Sunday March 15, 2026 at Village Chapel Funeral Home in Gadsden. Burial followed at Steele Cemetery.

John Fulenwider

ALTOONA - John Fulenwider, age 57 of Altoona,

passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at River-view Regional Hospital.

He is survived by his wife; Donna Fulenwider, sons; Justin (Shae) Fulenwider, and Kyle (Paige) Fulenwider, grandchildren; Audrey Fulenwider, Harper Fulenwider, and Charlie Rae Fulenwider, sister; Lesa Fulenwider, and brother; Michael (Joann) Fulenwider.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Ronald Fulenwider and Ruth Payne, and brother; Shane Fulenwider.

John's Memorial Service was held on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at Etowah Memorial Chapel.



Joan Baker Daugherty

SOUTHSIDE - Joan Baker Daugherty, lovingly known as "Nanny" to her family, born October 24, 1955, went peacefully to her heavenly home on March 15, 2026. Born in Pasadena, Texas, Joan spent most of her life in Southside, Alabama—a place she deeply loved and proudly called home.

Joan was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Marion Harlan Daugherty; her parents, Martha Kate Vinson Baker and Clare Charles Baker; and her dear sister, Sandi Dianne Crawford.

She is survived by her loving children: Misty (Wade) Silvey, Jon (Amy) Clough, and Amanda (Adam) Stokes. Joan's greatest joy was her family, especially her fourteen grandchildren: Blaike (Karina) Butler, Kayla Clough, Madison (Tyler) Burks, Kambree Snider, Colton Clough, Pressley Slaton, Ashleigh Walker, Matthew Bolton, Chad Bolton, Baylon Stokes, Brennan Stokes, Blaine Stokes, Casey Silvey, and Reagen Culver. She was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren: Zepelin Layfield, Cash Culver, Drake Burks, Cooper Culver, Olivia Butler, Houston Stokes, and Allison Burks.

Joan is also survived by her sister, Tonya Scott, along with many treasured friends she lovingly referred to as her "Sisters of the Heart": Tina Maltos, Mary Cleveland, Mary Helen Bryant, Carolyn Fordham, and Brenda Phillips.

Joan loved Southside High School and devoted much of her life to preserving and sharing the history of Southside and SHS alumni. Through numerous Facebook pages, she joyfully shared photos, stories, and memories of the community she cherished, forming many lifelong friendships along the way.

In 1994, Joan graduated from Gadsden State Community College with a degree in Nursing. She dedicated her career to caring for others, serving as a registered nurse in cardiac critical care, hospice, and later as a nurse charge auditor for many years. Her compassion and commitment to helping others were evident in every role she held.

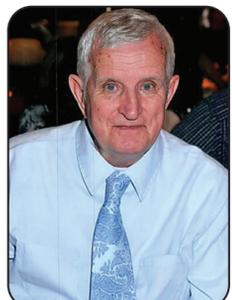
Joan was well known for her green thumb—she truly could grow anything. She had a special love for flowers and plants, especially her angel trumpets. She spent countless hours gardening, harvesting, cooking, and canning, and she delighted in sharing her knowledge, homemade pickles, and plant cuttings with friends she met throughout her life.

She and her beloved husband, Harlan, shared a love for simple joys. Some of her

favorite memories were trips to Smith Farms on Chandler Mountain to buy cases of tomatoes to share with family and friends, especially when she had grandchildren with them to share the adventure. They made many cherished memories gardening together and "shaking the pecan trees" every fall or playing the family softball game.

Joan loved shopping, but even more, she loved buying things for others. Her generous heart and giving spirit were hallmarks of who she was. She found great joy in holidays and celebrations, often inviting Santa to visit her home for the grandchildren. She and Harlan also built a fall display each year at Alexandria Elementary School with hay, pumpkins, and mums, especially meaningful while their granddaughters attended there.

Joan will be remembered for her kindness, her generosity, and the childlike excitement she felt each time a great-grandchild came to visit. While we mourn the loss of our mother, sister, and friend, we celebrate her reunion with her beloved husband and family. She missed them dearly and longed to be with them and with our Heavenly Father.



Joseph Marion Collins

ATTALLA - Joseph "Joe" Marion Collins, age 89, passed on March 13, 2026. Born November 11, 1936, he was a resident of Attalla, Alabama.

Funeral services were held at Morgan Funeral Chapel March 18, 2026 with Reverend Man Watkins officiating. Burial followed at Conn Cemetery in Gallant.

Mr. Collins was born in Alabama but moved to Indiana as a young man where he began working on the Interstate Highway system for a few years and then went to work at the Hammond School System as a Building engineer. While in Indiana he married his first wife Connie and they had four children together, three girls and his only son. They divorced after twelve years and he later married his second wife, Marie, who had six children of her own. After being married for about a year, the family moved to Alabama and they were together for 38 years before her death. A few years after Marie's death, he married Frances who has seven children and they were together for almost 21 years at the time of his death. When he returned to Alabama he worked for several years as a logger before he began driving a truck. He was an independent driver for many years. He worked for Bowman and later for Landstar from which he retired. He enjoyed woodworking and tinkering on appliances. He also loved to garden and he loved his dogs, especially Dolly who misses him dearly.

Mr. Collins survived two previous spouses, Connie Gaskin and Marie Collins. He is preceded in death by his parents Atha and Fitz Hugh Collins, daughter Cindy Jo Ledbetter; Brothers J.D., Windell, Elton, and Charles Collins.

Mr. Collins is survived by his wife Frances Collins, brother Jerry "Ham" Collins, sister Louise Alexander, son Joseph Leon "Chip" Collins and daughters Linda Rachal and Loretta Tettters. Stepchildren include Les Potapowitz, Irene Gorecki, Yolanda Hill, Walter Potapowitz, Tony Potapowitz, Chrissy Meeks,

Joe Griffith, Kay Morris, Wanda Sciascio, Donnie Griffith, Tommy Griffith, Patricia Reynolds, and Terri Palmer. Mr. Collins has numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Special Thanks to CenterWell Home Health nurses, occupational therapists and physical therapists; Dr. Stephanie Morgan; and the very special nurses in the CCU at Riverview Regional Medical Center.



Karen Jean Nash

GADSDEN - Karen Boland Nash, of Gadsden, Alabama, passed peacefully from this life to be with the Lord on March 14, 2026, at the age of 73, after a courageous battle with psoriatic arthritis and kidney disease.

Karen had a gift for making others feel loved, especially through her cooking. She was known for preparing wonderful meals and making holidays special for her family, even during times when she did not feel well. Her home was always a place of warmth and care. She was also a lifelong and devoted member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon (V.W.) and Catherine Boland; her sister, Janice Boland; and her in-laws, Henry and Christine Nash.

Karen is survived by her beloved husband of 52 years, James (J.D.) Nash, who was not only her husband but her best friend and devoted caregiver for many years. She is also survived by her son, Brian Nash of Sandy Springs, Georgia; her daughter, Emily (Richard) Long of Glencoe, Alabama; her cherished grandson, Braxton Long; her brother, David (Linda) Boland; her special cousin, Judy Lancaster; and a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the nurses and technicians at DaVita Dialysis in Rainbow City, as well as the compassionate teams at Amedysis Home Health and Hospice. We are also deeply grateful to Dr. Ken Davenport for the exceptional care and kindness shown throughout this time.

Visitation was held at Collier-Butler Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 followed by a brief service. Burial followed at Samuel's Chapel Methodist Cemetery.

Lisa Sholar

ATTALLA - Lisa Sholar, age 61, of Attalla passed away on Wednesday, March 4th. She was a loving wife, mom, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Alice and Arnold Tarrance and her husband Charles Sholar. She is survived by her children Ashley Smith, Dustin Hill, Kaitlyn Meadows, Timothy Hill, Chris Sholar, and Bobby Sholar; her son in laws Zack Smith and Joshua Cooper; Daughter in law Angela Hill; Sister Joann (Rickey) Vaughn; Brothers Skeeter (Jennifer) Tarrance and James "Bubba" (Carla) Tarrance; grandchildren Mason Sholar, McKenzie Sholar, Kinlee Hill, Jaxon Hill, Maddox Hill, Charlotte Meadows, and Lincoln Meadows; and a host of nieces and nephews. A celebration of life is scheduled for 12 pm March 21, 2026 at Attalla City Park.

Special thank you to the MICU staff at Gadsden Regional Medical Center.



Larry Riley

With heartfelt sorrow, we announce the passing of Mr. Larry Riley, who exchanged time for eternity on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Please remember his family in your prayers.



Roger Dale Fowler

BALL PLAY - Roger Dale Fowler, age 80, of Ball Play, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2026. He was born on October 23, 1945, in Etowah County.

Roger graduated from Southside High School in 1964. In 1965, he was drafted into the United States Army and proudly served his country in Vietnam. After returning home, he dedicated 32 years of service to Goodyear before retiring. Roger was a hardworking man who deeply loved his family. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, woodworking, and working on cars and trucks.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Ozelle Robinson; brothers, Terry Fowler, Doug Robinson, and David Robinson; grandson, Brandon Trentham; nephew, Wesley Palmer; and niece, Dee Dee Holman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Frances Fowler; sons, Brian (Lawanda) Trentham, Dale (Jennifer) Fowler, and Donny (Sheri) Fowler; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Janice (Bob) Schaeffer and Cathy (Randall) Palmer; sister-in-law, Carol Fowler; and brothers, Doyce (Patricia) Fowler and Danny (Beverly) Fowler, along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will cherish his memory.

Funeral services were held at Morgan Funeral Chapel with Brother Matt Griffith officiating. Burial followed at Rainbow Memorial Gardens with military honors.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Gentiva Hospice for the compassionate care shown during Roger's final days.

Roger will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his service to his country, and the kindness he showed to those around him. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all who know and love him.



Nancy Dickinson

SOUTHSIDE - Funeral service will be 2:00 PM Friday, March 20, 2026 at New Hope Baptist Church for Nancy Dickinson, age 93 of Southside, who passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at home surrounded by her family. Rev. George Chastain and Rev. Michael Yates will officiate the service. Burial will follow in New Hope Cemetery. Family will

receive friends from 1:00 PM until time of service at the church Friday.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husbands, Mike Dickinson and George D Nolen, children, Otis D Nolen, Ronnie Wayne Nolen, Ricky Dale Nolen, Martha Jane Nolen, and Dorothy Reed, great-granddaughter, Misty Dawn McCurdy, and seven siblings.

Left to cherish the memories of her are her daughters, Brenda Edwards, Wanda Dawson (Edwin), and Georgia Denise Torossian (Chuck), sons, Alvin Nolen (Susan) and Michael Dickinson, grandchildren, Cindy Taylor, Yolanda McCurdy, Jeff Dawson (Abby), Timothy Dawson, Megan Dawson, Valerie Elizabeth Torossian, Chris Nolen (Sharon), Jennifer Husky (Alan), Clarence E Reed, Andrea Diane Nolen, Michael James Dickinson (Jessie), Morgan Fowler, Montana Dickinson, and Shannon Hope Dickinson, twenty-two great-grandchildren, numerous great-great-grandchildren, host of nieces and nephews, special nephew, Nathan Stephens.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Robbie Rowell, Luke Rowell, Jeff Dawson, Michael Dickinson, Montana Dickinson, TJ Dawson, and Chris Nolen.

Nancy attended Roy Webb and Glencoe Schools. She was a CNA who worked for Piedmont Health Care for over twenty-five years. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. She loved reading her bible, listening to gospel music, doing crossword puzzles, and watching Wheel of Fortune. Her most enjoyment in life was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to nurses, Payton, Jennifer, Paula, Elizabeth, Marley, Suzanne, and Brittany with Enhabit Hospice and the Comfort Keepers



Lucy Sims Hindman

GLENCOE - Lucy Sims Hindman, age 89, of Glencoe, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2026. A graveside service will be held at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery on March 20, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., with visitation taking place one hour prior at Crestwood Funeral Home. Rev. Chase Dowdy will officiate.

Lucy was a lifelong resident of Glencoe, Alabama, and was married to the love of her life for 71 years. She embodied God's love in every interaction and was a blessing to all who knew her. She had a deep love for Jesus, her family, and singing. While she loved her children fiercely, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were truly the light of her life. Her love, warmth, and laughter will live on in all who were fortunate enough to know her.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Norman Hindman; her son, Danny (Charlotte); and her daughter, Judy. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Courtney (Jessica) Quinn, Kelly (Chase) Dowdy, and Dustin (Lindsey) Quinn; and her beloved great-grandchildren, Camden and Paxton Quinn, and Blakely, Beckett, and Baylor Dowdy. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, as well as special friends John and Pat Parks, and Sue (Grady) Carmack and family.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Gadsden Health and Rehab especially Zoe, Moe, and Ashley as well as the compassionate staff of Amedisys Hospice for their loving care.

Sylvia "Tot" Hartbarger

GADSDEN - Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at Village Chapel, for Sylvia "Tot" Stephens Hartbarger, age 92, of Gadsden, who passed away peacefully, March 13, 2026 after a seven-year battle with Cerebral Vascular Dementia, at her daughter's home in Kentucky. Reverend Keith Cornelius officiated. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Mrs. Hartbarger retired from Mid-South Electric with over 20 years as a Quality Control Inspector. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church and was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Clifford "Click" Hartbarger.

She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Gail (Robert) Ray; grandson, Nicholas Ray; great grandchildren, Taylor, Emma, and Jacob Ray; and great-great grandchild, Briar Ray.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to Bluegrass Care Navigators, Samantha Lambert, her nurse and aide of three years, Maryanna Denkins, and Dr. Joel Moncivaiz.

Sylvia Ann (Miller) Lowery

RAINBOW CITY - Sylvia Ann (Miller) Lowery passed away on March 10, 2026, at the age of 69. She was born on December 5, 1956, and was a resident of Rainbow City, Alabama.

Sylvia retired from Central Alabama skills center, after 23 years of service. She was a woman of the Baptist faith.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her mother, Christine Miller.

Sylvia is survived by her chosen son, Gabriel Miller; brothers, Glenn (Helen) Miller, Rickie (Jeanie) Miller; and several nieces and nephews; special friends, Gary Jones, Patti McFarland, Deborah Findley, and Shirley Haynes

Special thanks are given to McGuffeys Healthcare, Gadsden Regional, Gentiva Hospice, and 4th floor SICU.

Talesia English

GADSDEN - Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Miss. Talesia S. English, age 44, of Conyers, Ga. formerly of Gadsden, AL. who traded mortal for immortality on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. She is survived by her loving family. We ask that you please keep The English Family and those families that may be going through the same lifted in prayer. Cremation services were provided by Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at The GOL Activity center at 1 p.m.

William McMullins

William "Robert" McMullins passed on March 12, 2026, at the age of 58.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Brenda McMullins; brother, Kenny McMullins.

Robert was a devoted husband, loving father, cherished brother, and most importantly, an incredible paw-paw who took great pride in his family. His greatest joy in life was the time he spent with those he loved, always offering support, laughter, and guidance to

those around him. A proud army veteran, Robert served his country with honor and carried that same sense of dedication and responsibility into every aspect of his life. After graduating from Etowah High School in 1986, he went on to pursue a life of service to others.

Robert earned his paramedic license and spent time volunteering as a firefighter for the city of Attalla, always willing to step in and help when others were in need.

Robert will be remembered for his strength, his servants' heart, and the deep love he had for his family and community. His legacy of kindness, courage, and devotion will live in the many lives he touched.

Robert is survived by his wife, Christie McMullins; sister, Teresa McMullins (Randy); Daughters, Brittany (Gordon) Davidson, Ashley Botsford; sons, William Botsford, Ethan McMullins; chosen brother, John Brocksmith; chosen son, Jordan Jackson; granddaughters, Julia, Makenzie, Makila, Zana, Piper, Aubrey; niece, Logan (Joselyn) Walker-Kelly; nephew, Cordell Walker.

Special thanks to the Meridian Waste Family, Nursing Staff at Riverview CCU, Dr. Eta, Dr. Z, Dr. Sinha and staff.

Tarrance Smothers

Tarrance Adolph Smothers, age 54, born January 20, 1972 passed away March 11, 2026.

Tarrance will always be remembered for his goofy smile, his silly jokes, and his free spirit. He lived his life like there was no tomorrow and brought laughter and joy to everyone who knew him. His fun-loving personality and kind heart made him someone people will never forget.

He was preceded in death by parents Patricia Ann Smothers and Willie Turner; sister Renea Turner; and his grandparents J.W. White and Vester Mae Williams.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving spouse Tangelia McElrath; his children Jaydon and Tarrance; siblings Reggie Douglas, Tyrone Stroud, Cassandra Turner, Janice Turner, Kim Carter and Julia Ann Coleman. He also leaves behind numerous family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

Though he is gone from this world he will remain in the hearts of those he left behind.

Memorial Service was held Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at the Chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home. 2118 Forrest Ave Gadsden, AL 35904. Pastor Earl Dudley eulogist.

William Donald Jones

GADSDEN - William Donald Jones passed away at home March 12, 2026. He was 69 years old and from Gadsden, Alabama.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Howard Donald Jones and Michelle LaPouge Jones, and a brother, David Bradford.

Left to cherish the memories of William are his sister, Donna Henry, brothers, Jimmy Jones and Eric Jones, several nieces and nephews, aunt, Wanda Cagle, numerous cousins, and special friend, Diane Sims.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity.

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101 Vandell Blvd, Gadsden, AL 35904
Phone: (256) 547-5557

Crestwood Memorial Funeral Home
2209 E Broad St, Gadsden, AL 35903
Phone: (256) 492-5550

Prestige Memorial Funeral Home
2412 Sanson Ave, Gadsden, AL 35904
Phone: (256) 547-1000

Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory
625 Gilbert Ferry Rd SE, Attalla, AL 35954
Phone: (256) 538-7888

Glencoe-Hokes Bluff Funeral Home
1901 Piedmont Cutoff, Glencoe, AL 35905
Phone: (256) 492-5550

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SPORTS

Local Schedules

Baseball
March 20
Gadsden City vs. Fort Payne at Gadsden City, 4:30 p.m.

March 21
Gadsden City vs. Cherokee County, 11 a.m.

March 24
Gadsden City vs. Ashville, 4:30 p.m.

March 26
Gaston vs. Pleasant Valley at JSU, 5:30 p.m.
Hokes Bluff at Spring Garden, 4:30 p.m.

Soccer
March 20
Gadsden City vs. Southside, 5:30 p.m.

March 23
Gadsden City vs. Southside, 5 p.m.

March 26
Gadsden City vs. White Plains, 5:30 p.m.

Softball
March 23
Gadsden City vs. Anniston, 5 p.m.

March 24
Hokes Bluff at Glencoe, 4:30 p.m.

March 26
Hokes Bluff vs. Oneonta, 5 p.m.
West End vs. Susan Moore, 5 p.m.

Tennis
March 21
Sardis vs. Albertville/Cullman at Sand Mountain Tennis Center.

March 26
Sardis vs. Arab.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Softball
March 21
Gadsden State vs. Northeast Alabama Community College, 3 p.m.
Gadsden State vs. Northeast Alabama Community College, 5 p.m.

March 26
Gadsden State at Cleveland State Community College, 1 p.m.
Gadsden State at Cleveland State Community College, 3 p.m.

Men's Tennis
March 24
Gadsden State at Shorter University, 12 p.m.

Hall of Fame to honor 2026 inductees

The Etowah County Sports Hall of Fame recently announced its Class of 2026 will be inducted on Saturday, June 13 at The Venue at Coosa Landing in Gadsden.

This year's class includes Rodney Long, Brian Mintz and Ran-

dy Ross from Southside High School; Barbara Downey and James Wesley Graves, Jr., from Etowah High School; Garry Edward Elkins from Emma Sansom High School; and Aaron Pearson and Wes Vance from Gadsden High School. The 2026 class

increases the ECSHOF membership to 148 inductees since 1990.

Tickets are \$30 for individuals and \$240 for a table of eight. Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorship levels are available. Tickets can be purchased at Cobbs Allen Insurance

located at 400 Broad Street in Gadsden, Emblem Credit Union at 702 Walnut Street in Gadsden and PostNet at 3331 Rainbow Drive, Suite E, in Rainbow City.

For more information, e-mail kchambers@cobbsallen.com or ginabama@gmail.com.

AHSAA approves alignments for 2026-2028

The Alabama High School Athletic Association Central Board of Control (CBC) has approved school alignments for the winter sports and spring sports for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years.

The CBC's unanimous action came during a virtual meeting held Friday, March 13. Fall sports alignments were approved in January. Winter sports alignments included basketball, bowling, indoor track, and wrestling. Spring sports alignments included tennis, golf, soccer, outdoor track & field, softball and baseball.

"I want to thank the Central Board and AHSAA staff for their dedicated effort and input," AHSAA Executive Director Heath Harmon said. "As always, it was a difficult job, but everyone worked together to find the best solution as we move forward."

The CBC also approved default dates for area tournament play for volleyball, voted to raise the fee for flag football officials, and heard a report concerning implementation of the shot clock for high school basketball and agreed to study the plan and vote on the implementation of the plan at the April meeting.

Alignments for fall, winter and spring sports were based on the number of schools declaring to participate in each sport for the upcoming 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years and the student enrollment numbers used for reclassification of schools which were released earlier this year in January. The CBC placed public schools in six classifications, and independent schools were placed in two classifications for the next classification period.

Some sports may include two or more classes in a division based on number of declared participants.

The alignments for each sport in a class are published in the online AHSAA Sports Book each year.

Reclassification, according to the AHSAA Constitution and By-Laws, is conducted every two years by the AHSAA Central Board of Control.

Winter Sports

Basketball Boys and Girls

March 14
Baseball
Gadsden City 13, St. Clair County 1
Gadsden City 17, Albertville 1
Glencoe 7, Spring Garden 4
Glencoe 7, Spring Garden 3
Hokes Bluff 0, Jacksonville 8
Southside 7, Springville 1
Coosa 0, Plainview 12
Gaston 5, Scottsboro 4
West End 11, Victory Christian 1

Softball
Glencoe 10, Cleburne County 0
Gaston 0, Madison County 13
Gaston 1, Central of Clay County 12

March 16
Soccer
Westbrook 0, Jacksonville 6
Gaston 1, Cedar Bluff 3

March 17
Baseball
Glencoe 14, Cherokee County 1
Southside 6, Lincoln 2

Softball
Southside 8, Fort Payne 9

Boys Soccer
Coosa 4, Pennington 3
Etowah 5, Cherokee County 2

Class Single A, Area 6: Coosa, Westbrook.

Class 2A, Area 11: Gaston.

Class 2A, Area 13: West End.

Class 3A, Area 10: Etowah, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff.

Class 4A, Area 12: Sardis.

Class 5A, Area 12: Southside.

Class 6A, Area 7: Gadsden City.

Indoor Track and Field
Class Single A-Double A, Section 1: Westbrook.

Class 5A, Section 1: Southside.

Class 6A, Section 1: Gadsden City.

Boys and Girls Bowling
Class 1A-4A, Region 8: Etowah.

Class 5A-6A, Region 7: Southside, Gadsden City.

Boys Wrestling
Class 1A-3A, Section 2: Etowah, West End.

Class 5A, Section 2: Southside.

Class 6A, Section 2: Gadsden City.

Girls Wrestling
Class 5A-6A, Section 2: Southside, Gadsden City.

Wrestling Duals
Class 1A-3A, Region 5: Etowah, West End.

Class 5A, Region 6: Southside.

Class 6A, Region 4: Gadsden City.

Spring Sports

Outdoor Track and Field
Class 2A, Section 3: Gaston, West End.

Class 3A, Section 4: Etowah, Hokes Bluff.

Class 4A, Section 4: Sardis.

Class 5A, Section 3: Southside.

Class 6A, Section 4: Gadsden City.

Class Single A-Double A, Section 3: Coosa, Westbrook.

Baseball
Class 2A, Area 11: Gaston.

Class 2A, Area 13: West End.

Class 3A, Area 10: Etowah, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff.

Class 4A, Area 12: Sardis.

Class 5A, Area 12: Southside.

Class 6A, Area 7: Gadsden City.

Softball
Class 2A, Area 11: Gaston.

Class 2A, Area 13: West End.

Class 3A, Area 10: Etowah, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff.

Class 4A, Area 12: Sardis.

Class 5A, Area 12: Southside.

Class 6A, Area 8: Gadsden City.

Class 5A, Area 12: Southside.

Class 6A, Area 8: Gadsden City.

Class Single A, Area 8: Coosa, Westbrook.

Softball
Class 2A, Area 11: Gaston.

Class 2A, Area 13: West End.

Class 3A, Area 10: Etowah, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff.

Class 4A, Area 12: Sardis.

Class 5A, Area 12: Southside.

Class 6A, Area 8: Gadsden City.

Class Single A, Area 6: Coosa, Westbrook.

Tennis
Class 1A-4A, Section 6: Sardis.

Class 5A, Section 6: Southside.

Class 6A, Section 4: Gadsden City.

Class Single A-Double A, Section 5: Westbrook.

Boys Golf
Class 1A-2A, Section 4: Gaston, West End.

Class 3A, Section 2: Etowah, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff.

Class 4A, Section 4: Sardis.

Class 5A, Section 3: Southside.

Class 6A, Section 4: Gadsden City.

Class Single A-Double A, Section 4: Coosa and Westbrook.

Girls Golf
Class 1A-3A, Section 2: West End.

Class 1A-3A, Section 4: Etowah, Gaston, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff.

Class 4A, Section 4: Sardis.

Class 5A, Section 3: Southside.

Class 6A, Section 4: Gadsden City.

Class Single A-Double A, Section 4: Coosa and Westbrook.

Soccer
Class 1A-3A, Area 6: Etowah.

Class 1A-3A, Area 5: Glencoe, Hokes Bluff.

Class 5A, Area 12: Southside.

Class 6A, Area 7: Gadsden City.

Class Single A, Area 7: Coosa, Westbrook.

The reclassification alignment

data for each school and sport is available online at the following link:

<https://www.ahsaa.com/Schools/2026-2028-Classification-Alignments>

Among the items discussed at Friday's virtual meeting, the CBCO heard a detailed report from Executive Director Heath Harmon concerning implementing the shot clock for varsity basketball and agreed to study the plan and vote on implementation at the April meeting.

- The CBCO approved accepting independent schools Hope Christian of Oxford, Snook Christian of Foley, and Kingdom Heights of Huntsville for the upcoming 2026-27 school year. All three schools will be placed in the Independent Schools Class A classification.

- The CBCO discussed the mercy rule for basketball and agreed to revisit that discussion at the April meeting.

- Approved default dates for volleyball areas to play their post-season area tournaments. If areas decide to not use the dates listed in the 2026-27 Sports Book, they must agree at the preseason area meeting to use the default dates and report that action to the AHSAA.

- Approved increasing the fee for flag football officials from \$40 to \$75, which would make it equal to fees for sub-varsity boys' football.

- Approved changing the time for intermission at the Flag Football Championship contests from 23 minutes (at the 2025 championships) to 15 minutes beginning next school year. Schools will continue to have five-minute intermissions during the regular season.

- Discussed Cheer competition divisions for championship competition but did not take any official action.

- Discussed the AHSAA state wrestling duals championships but did not take any official action.

The next Central Board Meeting is set for April 15, 2026, at the AHSAA in Montgomery.

Recent Scores

March 12
Baseball
Glencoe 1, Albertville 7
Coosa 15, JCA 0
Gaston 2, Cullman 8

Softball
Westbrook 16, Gadsden City 6
Glencoe 0, Ohatchee 9
Gaston 13, Section 3

Boys Soccer
Gadsden City 3, Douglas 4
Westbrook 0, Lincoln 9

Girls Soccer
Gadsden City 7, Douglas 0
Southside 8, Boaz 1
Westbrook 6, Lincoln 0

March 13
Baseball
Glencoe 10, Gaston 0
Southside 3, Pell City 7

Softball
Glencoe 11, Saks 6
West End 13, Victory Christian 0
Gaston 3, Scottsboro 4

Boys Soccer
Hokes Bluff 0, Oneonta 2
Coosa 17, JCA 0
Coosa 16, JCA 0

Girls Soccer
Hokes Bluff 5, Oneonta 4

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Baseball
Gadsden City 13, St. Clair County 1
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Gaston 5, Scottsboro 4
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Softball
Glencoe 10, Cleburne County 0
Gaston 0, Madison County 13
Gaston 1, Central of Clay County 12

March 16
Soccer
Westbrook 0, Jacksonville 6
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March 17
Baseball
Glencoe 14, Cherokee County 1
Southside 6, Lincoln 2

Softball
Southside 8, Fort Payne 9

Boys Soccer
Coosa 4, Pennington 3
Etowah 5, Cherokee County 2

Girls Soccer
Etowah 10, Cherokee County 0

COLLEGE SPORTS

March 12
Baseball
Northwest Shoals Community College 13, Gadsden State 1
Gadsden State 5, Northwest Shoals Community College 4

Softball
Gadsden State 6, Northwest Shoals Community College 5
Gadsden State 7, Northwest Shoals Community College 4

March 14
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms of the mortgage executed on the 25th day of March, 2021, by Jamie Lynn Kimbril, as mortgagor, in favor of Willett Properties, LLC, as mortgagee, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama as Instrument #3518766, and said default continuing, the mortgagee, under power of sale contained in said mortgage will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps of the Etowah County Courthouse in Etowah, Alabama, during legal hours of sale on the 2nd day of April, 2026, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 65 and 67, in Block 1, in Mary Martin Lay's Glenfield Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 101, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. The address being 421 East Air Depot Road, Glencoe, Alabama, 35905.

The property is subject to the first mortgage of Alabama Teacher's Credit Union at Inst. # 3459138, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. Said sale is made for the purpose of foreclosing of said mortgage, paying the mortgage debt, the costs and expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

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The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit her purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Contact Jason Knowles at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

/s/ Jason Knowles
Jason Knowles
Attorney for Mortgagee, Jacqueline Carr Knowles & Sullivan, LLC
413 Broad Street
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March 6, 13, and 20, 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 Kenneth S Nesmith,

Monica G Nesmith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Bank, its successors and assigns dated April 13, 2020; said mortgage being recorded on April 17, 2020 as Instrument No. 3500923 as having been modified by an agreement recorded in Deed Book 2025, Page 3594923 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Trust Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2025, Page 3592792 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Trust Bank, 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 April 15, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Numbered Thirty-One (31), Western Hills, as recorded in Plat Book "I", Page 54, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Said property is commonly known as 2998 Cedar Cir, Southside, AL 35907.

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. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. 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.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about

themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258. TRUIST BANK as holder of said mortgage

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March 6, 13, and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms of the mortgage executed on the 15th day of May, 2024, by Ronnie Fore and Daphne Yvette Fore, as mortgagors, in favor of Jacqueline Denise Carr, as mortgagee, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama as Instrument #3574275, and said default continuing, the mortgagee, under power of sale contained in said mortgage will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps of the Etowah County Courthouse in Etowah, Alabama, during legal hours of sale on the 3rd day of April, 2026, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 1 and 2, and a strip of even width being 10 feet wide off the entire East side of Lot 3, all in Block 32, of what is known as Hughes and Hammond Addition, in Etowah County, Alabama.

The address being 111 Hughes Avenue, Attalla, Alabama, 35954. Said sale is made for the purpose of foreclosing of said mortgage, paying the mortgage debt, the costs and expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

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CLOSURE PROCESS. AN ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS AND PROGRAMS AS A PART OF THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS

The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit her purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Contact Jason Knowles at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

/s/ Jason Knowles
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March 13, 20, and 27, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Misty Paterson, an unmarried woman, and James Keith Smith, an unmarried man, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, to Family Savings Credit Union on September 27, 2023, said mortgage being recorded at Instrument #3564508, Mortgage Records, Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and the undersigned, by reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable, and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given, that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Dana L. Rice, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in the rear entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse door (being the door facing the back parking lot) in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on, April 9, 2026 the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot Number Fourteen (14) in Block Number Four (4) in Woodland Park according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 105, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

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

Family Savings Credit Union

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March 13, 20, and 27, 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 Andrew Ryan Hanson and Krystin Mechell Hanson, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Equity Home Loan, Inc., its successors and assigns dated October 4, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on October 4, 2023 as Instrument No. 3564556 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3604247 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage 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 April 10, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number Twenty-nine (29) of Cedar Ridge Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book "L", Page 2, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 2420 Cedar Ridge Cir, Hokes Bluff, AL 35903.

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

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

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial

foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC S/B/M NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Stacy Haley, a married man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Southwest Funding, LP, its successors and assigns, on July 27, 2022, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3544277; the undersigned PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on May 13, 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 Number Four (4) in Block Number "E" in Stringer Realty Company's Second Rearrangement of all of Block "E", and portions of Blocks "D", "F", and "G" of Stringer Realty Company's Resurvey of portions of Edgewood Addition according to the map of said Second Rearrangement as the same appears of record in Plat Book "C", Page 317, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, together with all improvements located thereon. Property street address for informational purposes: 873 Oakview Ave, Gadsden, AL 35901. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE,

USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as 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 certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-10931-PM-AL 03/13/2026, 03/20/2026, 03/27/2026

March 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Samuel J. Holley, a married man, as his sole and separate property, and Sarah Holley, wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns, on August 17, 2022, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on August 17, 2022, as Document Number 3545303; WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was subsequently modified on January 21, 2025, and said modification being recorded on February 13, 2025, as Document Number 3587545. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an Officer of the United States, 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 April 23, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at a 3/8" rebar on the intersection of the Westerly R/W of Kimball Street (60' R/W) and the Southerly R/W of Pine Street (60' R/W), marking the NE corner of Lot 16 of Kimball Addition Number 3 as

recorded in Plat Book "H", Page 99, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence North 16 degrees 27 minutes 50 seconds West 62.74 feet to a 1/2" rebar (JB-WT) on the Northerly R/W of said Pine Street also being the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 42 seconds West 184.87 feet along the Northerly R/W of said Pine Street to a 1/2" capped rebar (JBWT); thence leaving said R/W North 37 degrees 55 minutes 51 seconds East 114.21 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (JB-WT); thence North 38 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds East, 119.24 feet to an axle; thence South 48 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds East 148.54 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (JB-WT) on the Westerly R/W of Craig Circle (50' R/W); thence South 38 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds West 113.23 feet along the Westerly R/W of said Craig Circle to the point of beginning containing 0.59 acres, more or less; said parcel of land being a portion of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 6 East, lying and being in Southside, Etowah County, Alabama.

More commonly known as: 2540 Pine St, Southside, AL 35907 This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should 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 purchaser 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.

Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an Officer of the United States ("Transferee") Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 244 Inverness Center Drive Birmingham, AL 35242 Phone: (801) 355-2886

March 13, 20, and 27, 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 Joshua Llewellyn Knowles, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Bank, A FSB, its successors and assigns dated June 7, 2024; said mortgage being recorded on June 7, 2024 as Instrument No. 3575390 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2025, Page 3600817 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, 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 April 20, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number Thirty-Three (33) in Block Number One (1) in Rolling Green Farm Tracts Number One (1), according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 265, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 368 Riverside Drive, Gadsden, AL 35903. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. 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.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide ad-

ditional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258. FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION as holder of said mortgage

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March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Bobby R. Roden AKA Bobby Ray Roden and Helen Gail Roden, husband and wife, to Regions Bank, on January 29, 2013, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on February 14, 2013, as Document Number 3380970. Regions Bank, 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 April 21, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: LOTS NUMBER ONE AND TWO AND THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF LOT NUMBER THREE, IN BLOCK NUMBER FOUR, IN THE CHADWICK ADDITION #2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "F", PAGE 155, IN THE OFFICE OF PROBATE JUDGE OF ETOWAH COUNTY, AND LYING AND BEING IN GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

More commonly known as: 924 Elizabeth St, Gadsden, AL 35901 This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. 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 Hall-

iday, 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 purchaser 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.

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

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gary Brent Stanfield, married joined by spouse, Kimberly Stanfield, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for LoanDepot.com, LLC, its successors and assigns, on July 16, 2022, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3543943; the undersigned Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on April 16, 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 NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 4 East of the Huntsville Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a 3/4 inch pipe found at the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said section; thence along the South line of said forty, South 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 490.18 feet to an iron pin set on the Easterly Right of Way of Alabama Highway Number 179 at the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning, leaving said forty line and along said Easterly Right of Way, North 08 degrees 51 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 120.09 feet to a point of curve, having a delta of 07 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds, an arc distance of 266.82 feet and a radius of 2125.66 feet; thence along the chord of said curve, North 12 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds West a distance of 266.65 feet to an iron pin set; thence leaving said Right of Way, North 71 degrees 24 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 209.26 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 11 degrees 53 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 456.16 feet to an iron pin set on the South line of said for-

ty thence along said forty line, North 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 218.07 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.00 acres, more or less, less and except any easements or Rights of Way, and being a portion of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 4 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama. Property street address for informational purposes: 31 Rowan Dr., 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 certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. 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. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-09852-MT-AL 03/20/2026, 03/27/2026, 04/03/2026

March 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Cade Matthew Guest and Spencer Guest was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 02/05/2026 to the Estate of John Matthew Guest, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Roland V. Hammett, Jr. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/04/2026 over the Estate of Betty Jane Hammett, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Walter Melton Ledbetter was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/16/2026 over the Estate of Cynthia Ada Ledbetter, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

James C. Bates was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/16/2026 over the Estate of Jerry Michael Tumlin, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Guy Ray Ross, II was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/19/2026 to the Estate of Jewell Ross, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Susan Delynn Nelson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/06/2026 to the Estate of Betty Sue Nelson, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jeffrey Cornelius and Amy Feemster was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 02/13/2026 to the Estate of Maudeana Cornelius, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Phillip Wayne Grissom was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/12/2026 to the Estate of Mary Sue Grissom, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

James Chadwick Bankston was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/03/2026 over the Estate of James Lamar Bankston, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

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Jimmy Hunter, Jr., Stephen Hunter, Amanda Smith, Deanna Pruitt, Denise Pollard, Christopher Alford, Thomas Alford, Michael Alford, Cathy Lankford, Kristionna Meeks, Traci Sims, Misty Smith, Adam Hunter, C.H., and Kaylee Hunter:

Please take note that on the 13th day of March 2026, Dana Lisa Helms, Personal Representative of the Estate of RICHARD ERIC HUNTER, filed a Report of Insolvency of the Estate in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama. The Probate Court has set this matter for a hearing on the insolvency of the Estate on the 27th day of April 2026 at 2:30 PM at the Probate Office in Etowah County.

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELLA JEAN STEELE DECEASED.

Case No.: 2025-00636

TO: WILLIAM THACKER; whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court an instrument purporting to be in the Last Will and Testament of Ella Jean Steele, deceased, and a petition in writing and under oath praying for the admission to probate and record in this Court of said instrument as the true Last Will and Testament of the decedent. You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 1st day of April, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Ella Jean Steele, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

DONE THIS THE 25th DAY OF February, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

February 27, March 6, 13, and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES E. CLOUSE, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2025-00392

TO: All Creditors, heirs or distributees, and all other persons interested in the Estate of James E. Clouse, deceased

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Gregory Clouse, as Personal Representative of the Estate of James Clouse, filed a Report of Insolvency on the 3rd day of March, 2026.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 27th day of April, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., when said report will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the Report of Insolvency should be denied.

DONE THIS THE 4th DAY OF MARCH 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

March 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: JEREMY GOBLE, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2026-57

TO: Terry Roberts, Dawn Robert, Kelly Lukima and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that

a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATIONSHIP OF the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 20 day of APRIL 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 MARCH 2026

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

March 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: ANGELA KAY WATTS, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2026-124

TO: Bradley Tyler Watts and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown
Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATIONSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 21st day of APRIL 2024 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.

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: BERTIE BAKER, INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2026-59

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 27th day of APRIL 2024 at 1:30 P.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RULE NISI

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: DR-23-900007.02
Austin Eubanks v. Averie Cebrian

TO: Austin Eubanks, whose whereabouts are unknown and who cannot be served after reasonable diligence.

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Rule Nisi has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Domestic Relations Division, in the above-styled action. Please be advised that should you intend to contest these proceedings, you must file a written response within 30 days of the date of the last publication herein with Paul R. Roberts II, Attorney for Defendant, at the address shown below, and with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.

Failure to respond within the time allowed by law may result in a judgment being entered against you.

CODY D. ROBINSON, CIRCUIT JUDGE
CASSANDRA JOHNSON, CIRCUIT COURT

CLERK

Name and address of attorney:
Paul R. Roberts II
P.O. Box 1459
Gadsden, AL 35903
(256) 543-8710

March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF R.S.B., MINOR CHILD

To: Garrett Wadsworth

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Etowah County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to R.S.B. Born 10/30/2013 to VEOLETTA BUTLER. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama and with the Petitioner's attorney, Sheri W. Stallings, Assistant Attorney General, STATE OF ALABAMA DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES 220 West Main Street, within fourteen (14) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgment can be entered against you. A parent has the right to representation of an attorney in a dependency or a termination of parental rights trial, and, if indigent, the court may appoint an attorney if requested. Should the parent desire a court appointed attorney, application should be made immediately upon receipt of this action, by contacting the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama on or before the 1st day of April 2026.

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

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

March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF D.M., MINOR CHILD

To: Unknown

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Etowah County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to D.M. Born 06/21/2017 to LORI MURDOCK. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama and with the Petitioner's attorney, Sheri W. Stallings, Assistant Attorney General, STATE OF ALABAMA DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES 220 West Main Street, within fourteen (14) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgment can be entered against you. A parent has the right to representation of an attorney in a dependency or a termination of parental rights trial, and, if indigent, the court may appoint an attorney if requested. Should the parent desire a court appointed attorney, application should be made immediately upon receipt of this action, by contacting the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama on or before the 1st day of April 2026.

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Etowah County, Alabama

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

March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. 2023-0305

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SARAH SUE KERWIN
Deceased

TO: Lester Ledlow, whose whereabouts are unknown, an heir/devisee, in the Estate of Sarah Sue Kerwin, Deceased:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioner, Lori Horne, has filed a Petition for Final Settlement in the above-referenced estate proceeding.

The Petition for Final Settlement requests that the Court approve the final accounting of the administration of the Estate, authorize payment of any remaining expenses, approve distribution of the remaining assets to the persons entitled thereto, discharge the Personal Representative from further duties, and close the Estate.

A hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement will be held before the Calhoun County Probate Judge, on the 9th day of April, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

Any interested person, including the above-named heir, may appear at the hearing and file written objections to the Petition for Final Settlement. Failure to appear or object may result in the Court granting the requested relief and closing the Estate without further notice.

This notice is published pursuant to law to notify Lester Ledlow, whose current address is unknown and cannot be ascertained after diligent search and inquiry.

Shirley A. Millwood
Calhoun County Probate Judge

Name and Address of Attorney:
Clark Hall, Attorney for Petitioner
750 Forrest Avenue
Gadsden, AL. 35901

March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL: GADSDEN STREET CRIMES/NARCOTICS UNIT,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: CV-2025-900614-SJS
PLAINTIFF

VS.

\$1,976.00 U.S. Currency
Cobra Handgun
SN: CT020531
Hipoint 999 Carbine
SN: F21605
Smith & Wesson SD-9
SN: FZX74191
DJI Mini 2SE Drone
Model# MT2SD
DJI Mini 4 Pro Drone
Model# MWX162-3850-7.38
VRI Drone
Model# DRCLS16-N0C

DEFENDANTS
In Re: Brandon Shane Jackson

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described property. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 17th day of April 2026. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said property. DONE this the 18th day of February, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

February 27, March 6,

13, and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL: ATTALLA POLICE DEPARTMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: CV-25-900529-BTC

PLAINTIFF
VS.
2017 Black Dodge Charger
VIN: 2C3CDXK-T5HH533846
Emergency Lights, Controllers, Sirens, Microphones, radios, Computers, Cameras, Mounting hardware, Wiring Kits, Etc.
Glock 43X 933
SN# CCTW004

DEFENDANTS
In Re: Nathan Michael Novotny

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Etowah County, Alabama

February 27, March 6, 13, and 20, 2026

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELITE REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT 2 LLC, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

JOHN JUSTIN MILLER and BRIAN SCOTT STANCIL, JR. DEFENDANTS.

31-CV-2026-900078

Defendants, John Justin Miller and Brian Scott Stancil, who are alleged to be unlawfully holding possession of 309 Meadows Street, Rainbow City, Alabama 35906, and must answer the Complaint filed by Elite Real Estate Management, LLC to eject them from the above-described property and for other relief within 30 days of the last date of publication of this Notice or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against them. This the 3rd day of March, 2026

Cassandra Johnson
Circuit Court Clerk

David Livingston
247 S 8th St,
Gadsden, AL 35901

March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 10:20am CST, Monday, April 20, 2026 for Re-roofing Southside Elementary School: at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Etowah County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Bid Documents may be examined at the office of B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 436 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. Bidders may receive digital documents from the Architect at no cost. Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures, attended the mandatory pre-bid conference and have demonstrated the ability to provide 24/7/365 service with a main office within 60 miles driving distance of the project site as described in the prequalification package and/or Div 1 specifications and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. Prequalification packages are due at the office of the Architect by 10am CST on Monday, April 6, 2026. Contractors seeking prequalification shall submit a printed AIA form A305 in duplicate. A mandatory pre-bid conference shall be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 9am CST at the project site. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under

Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. Bidders may receive digital documents from the Architect at no cost.

Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures, attended the mandatory pre-bid conference and have demonstrated the ability to provide 24/7/365 service with a main office within 60 miles driving distance of the project site as described in the prequalification package and/or Div 1 specifications and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. Prequalification packages are due at the office of the Architect by 10am CST on Monday, April 6, 2026. Contractors seeking prequalification shall submit a printed AIA form A305 in duplicate.

A mandatory pre-bid conference shall be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 10am CST at the project site. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect ; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

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B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 256-390-5657, craig@bclarch.com (Architect)

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B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 436 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. Bidders may receive digital documents from the Architect at no cost.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 10:00am CST, Monday, April 20, 2026 for Re-roofing Hokes Bluff Elementary Building: at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Etowah County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Bid Documents may be examined at the office of B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 436 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. Bidders may receive digital documents from the Architect at no cost. Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures, attended the mandatory pre-bid conference and have demonstrated the ability to provide 24/7/365 service with a main office within 60 miles driving distance of the project site as described in the prequalification package and/or Div 1 specifications and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. Prequalification packages are due at the office of the Architect by 10am CST on Monday, April 6, 2026. Contractors seeking prequalification shall submit a printed AIA form A305 in duplicate. A mandatory pre-bid conference shall be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 10:30am CST at the project site. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect ; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

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March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 10:10am CST, Monday, April 20, 2026 for Re-roofing Southside Athletic Building: at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Etowah County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Bid Documents may be examined at the office of B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 436 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. Bidders may receive digital documents from the Architect at no cost.

Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures, attended the mandatory pre-bid conference and have demonstrated the ability to provide 24/7/365 service with a main office within 60 miles driving distance of the project site as described in the prequalification package and/or Div 1 specifications and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. Prequalification packages are due at the office of the Architect by 10am CST on Monday, April 6, 2026. Contractors seeking prequalification shall submit a printed AIA form A305 in duplicate. A mandatory pre-bid conference shall be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 10:30am CST at the project site. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect ; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Owner: The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden (Gadsden Water) Locality: Gadsden, Alabama 35901 The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City

of Gadsden (Gadsden Water) is requesting bids for the following Project:

Raw Water Intake Pump Replacement at the C.B. Collier Water Treatment Plant
Bids for this project will be received in person from properly licensed contractors at the Gadsden Water Office, located at 515 Albert Rains Boulevard, Gadsden, Alabama 35901 until Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. local time. At that time the bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:
Provide and install a raw water intake pump assembly (Base Bid)
Provide and install a pump motor (Alternate Bid Item)
Gadsden Water requires the project to be substantially completed within 14 calendar days after the date when the contract time commences to run, and completed and ready for final payment within 21 calendar days after the date when the contract time commences to run.

The bid package (specifications and contract documents) is available for public review, and copies may be obtained at the Gadsden Water Office, located at 515 Albert Rains Blvd. - Gadsden, Alabama 35901. Prospective bidders shall obtain a copy of the bid package by emailing Gadsden Water's Project Manager (Mark Stephens) at mstephens@gadsdenwater.org. Please note that the bid package will NOT be mailed to prospective bidders.

Gadsden Water will not issue partial sets of the bid package. Gadsden Water will not be responsible for full or partial sets of the bid package, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than Gadsden Water.

The attention of bidders is called to the provisions of State Law Governing General Contractors, as set forth in Title 34, Chapter 8, Article 1, Code of Alabama of 1975, as amended; and the provisions of said law shall govern bidders insofar as applicable. The above-mentioned provisions of the Code make it illegal for Gadsden Water to consider a bid from anyone who is not properly licensed under such code provisions. Gadsden Water will not consider any bid unless the bidder produces evidence that they are so licensed. All nonresident contractors preparing bids shall submit with their bid evidence of proper registration with the Alabama Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing as a Foreign Corporation from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue. The attention of nonresident bidders is called to the provisions of Alabama Law, Title 39, Chapter 3, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, whereby in the letting of public contracts in which any state, county, or municipal funds are utilized, except those contracts funded in whole or in part with funds received from a federal agency, preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a nonresident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Alabama public contracts only on the same basis as the nonresident bidder's state awards contracts to Alabama contractors bidding under similar circumstances; resident contractors in Alabama, are to be granted preference over nonresidents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the nonresident.

Issued by:
The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden
(Gadsden Water)
Chad Hare, P.E.
General Manager

March 20, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR NOTICE OF COMPLETION

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION LEGAL NOTICE In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given

that Alabama Grading & Excavation, LLC, has completed the Micro-Milling and Resurfacing on SR-291, Project No: STPAA-0291 (501) Etowah County located at SR-291, AL for the Alabama Department of Transportation, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Alabama Department of Transportation, North Region - Guntersville Area, PO Box 550, Guntersville, AL 35976.

February 27, March 6, 13, and 20, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Hudak Construction Co., Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Renovation of "Structural Repairs at the Gadsden Museum of Art Project Contract, City of Gadsden Bid Request No. 3613" at 515 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 for the State of Alabama and the City of Gadsden, Owner, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Heath Williamson, City of Gadsden Engineering Department, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901

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

March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR NOTICE OF COMPLETION

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION LEGAL NOTICE In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Alabama Grading & Excavation, LLC, has completed the Project No: TAPAA-TA22 (900) Sidewalks Along 6th Street, 7th Street, Chesnut Street, and Walnut Street Phase I in Gadsden, Etowah County for the Alabama Department of Transportation, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Alabama Department of Transportation, North Region - Guntersville Area, PO Box 550, Guntersville, AL 35976.

March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

JOB COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, Bob Smith Construction, Inc. Hereby gives written notice of the completion of a contract with the Etowah County Commission, for the Interior Renovations to the Etowah County Road Maintenance Facility and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. This notice is to appear for four consecutive weeks beginning March 20, 2026 and ending April 10, 2026. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Thomas M. McElrath, Architect, 717 Merit Springs Road, Gadsden, AL 35901 during this period.

March 20, 27, April 3, and 10, 2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on March 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903.

Faria Johnson # 17

Buddy Stanford #35

Dexter Harrell #53

LaYonda Bradford #58

Julie Rider #128

Zana Spears #149 & 150

Off Campus Storage
474 George Wallace Drive
Gadsden, AL. 35903

March 13 and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Regional Warehousing & Mini Storage located at 3525 Mountain View Dr Southside, AL 35907 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by tenants for default on their Storage Contracts. The sale will occur at the facility on 4/1/2026 at 9:00AM. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

March 20, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on April 24, 2026.

2015 Kia Sedona
VIN: KNDMB-5C10F6042512

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

March 20 and 27, 2026

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

COLLECTION SERVICES DIVISION INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 40-29-23(b), Code of Alabama 1975, that the Alabama Department of Revenue is accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following real properties described below, acquired as a result of a Sheriff's Sale. Sealed bids shall be submitted online at: <https://www.ebuy.alabama.gov>, until the closing date and time of 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 10, 2026, at which time all bids will be opened and read in the Collection Services Division. Bids will not be accepted after the above stated date and time.

Description of property offered:

H/S BASE YEAR LT C FINNEY'S REAR OF GAD LAND & IMP CO PLAT J-73 GADSDEN 5-12-6. 1053-143 D-1998-3055, D-1998-4602, T/S 2004-280 (RED 9-8-05) T/S 2008-507 (RED-12- 10-09), T/S 2010-414 (RED 12-28-11) T/S 2012-529 (RED 10-20-15), T/S 2017-390 (RED 3-11-19) T/L 2020-352 (RED 05-26-21) T/L 2021-COUNTY (1ST CERT) (RED 3-2-2023) The property is located at or near 814 S 11th St Gadsden, AL 35901; Parcel Identification Number: 15-03-05-4-000-270.000; as described in Sheriff's Deed Instrument# 3575481.

The parcels are being offered "as is" and "where is" without recourse against the State of Alabama Department of Revenue. It is the responsibility of the bidder to inspect the property conditions before submitting a bid by drive-by only, without trespassing on the property in any manner. Bidders must agree to all terms listed online before submitting a bid. If you wish to bid on this property, please complete the Sealed Bid Form online.

The minimum bid for this parcel is \$16,000. EACH bid submitted online must be accompanied by an EFT bid deposit payment of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Any bid submitted without payment of the bid deposit will not be considered. The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned following the bid closing date. NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON ANY TIME AFTER THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE. IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE ACTUAL RE-

CEIPT OF THE BID BY THE COLLECTION SERVICES DIVISION PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE. The Alabama Department of Revenue reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time and the right to reject any or all bids.

For more information about the sale contact: Alabama Department of Revenue
Collection Services Division-Sealed Bid Sale
P. O. Box 327820
Montgomery, AL 36132-7820
Telephone: (334) 242-1229

March 13, 20, and 27, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-104-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 311 LINCOLN STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Eight (8) in Block Number Four (4) in Walnut Park Addition according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Map Book "B" Page 117 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Alabama City (now Gadsden), Etowah County, Alabama together with all improvements located thereon.

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-103.000
PIN# 50303

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to JANIE P. BROOKS, 311 LINCOLN STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, ERNEST L BROOKS AND VANESSA BROOKS, 124 WISTERIA DR, CHELSEA, AL 35043-9617, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF THE EXCHANGE BANK OF ALABAMA, 230 NORTH 3RD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, 35901.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-105-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 114 PIONEER STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

The North 5 feet of Lot #27, The South 20 feet of Lot #30, and all of Lots #28 and #29, Block 1, Pinehurst Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 430, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-2-000-080.000
PIN# 43792

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to JAMES WOLF, 114 PIONEER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said

structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-106-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 1502 LULA STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 1-2 BLK 5 WRIGHTS VILLAGE SUB C-255 LT 100 X 100.01 13-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-13-1-000-029.002
PIN# 77633

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to LUEDELLA COVINGTON, 1502 LULA STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-107-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at

102 S. 24TH STREET (County records list property address as 108 SOUTH TWENTY FOURTH STREET) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

A lot or parcel of land described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot Number Seventeen (17) and from thence run south and along the West line of said Lot Number 17, a distance of 65.1 feet; thence run in an Easterly direction and parallel with the North lines of Lots Number 17 and 15, a distance of 100 feet to a point in the East line of said Lot Number 15; thence North and along the East line of said Lot number 15 a distance of 65.1 feet to the Northeast corner thereof; thence run West and along the North lines of Lots Number 15 and 17 a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning and embracing portions of Lots Numbers 15 and 17, in Block Number 32, according to the Second Survey of Alford's Addition to Alabama City, as shown by map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", beginning at page 306, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, and lying and being in Gadsden (formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-06-1-000-274.000
PIN #: 37845

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to TEMPLE ELECTRIC CO. INC., 108 N. 24TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, TEMPLE ELECTRIC CO. INC., 102 S. 24TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, JESSICA GEER HART, 54 GEER DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said

structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-108-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 309 E. BROAD STREET (COMMERCIAL) in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Parcel One: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot Number One, Block One, of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. From said point of commencement run North 16°00'00" East a distance of 77.39 feet along the Northwest line of Lot Number One (1); thence run South 69°35'42" East a distance of 53.05 feet; thence run North 69°45'51" East a distance of 16.69 feet; thence run South 69°20'04" East a distance of 37.13 feet to the point of beginning. From said point of beginning run North 18°27'16" East a distance of 49.05 feet; thence run South 68°12'00" East a distance of 9.04 feet; thence run South 28°59'40" West a distance of 49.35 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel being a portion of Lot Number Three (3), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, and being situated in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING FROM THE ABOVE PARCELS: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot Number One (1), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. From said point of commencement run North 16°00'00" East a distance of 77.39 feet along the Northwest line of Lot Number One (1); thence run South 69°35'42" East a distance of 53.05 feet; thence run North 69°45'51" East a distance of 16.69 feet; thence run South 69°20'04" East a distance of 37.13 feet; thence run North 28°59'40" East a distance of 49.35 feet to the point of beginning, said point of beginning lying on the Northeast line of Lot Number Three (3) of said W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition Subdivision. From said point of beginning run North 26°57'08" East a distance of 8.07 feet; thence run North 21°13'05" East a distance of 20.49 feet; thence run South 69°34'22" East a distance of 10.63 feet; thence run South 21°06'28" West a distance of 28.78 feet to a point on the Northeast line of said Lot Number Three (3); thence run North 68°12'00" West a distance of 11.49 feet along the Northeast line of said Lot Number Three (3) to the point of beginning. Said parcel being situated in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East, of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel Two: Commence at the Northwest corner of Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One (1) of W. T. Cox East Broad Street Second Addition, and from said point run in an easterly direction and along the North line of said lot a distance of 10 feet, more or less, to point of intersection of said line with a fence; thence deflect to the right and run in a southerly direction and along said fence line a distance of 48 feet, more or less, to the corner of said fence; thence deflect to the right and run in a westerly direction and along said fence line to its intersection with the west line of said Lot Number Three (3); thence deflect to the right and run in a northerly direction and along said west lot line to the point of beginning; said description embracing a portion of Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One (1) of W.T. Cox East Broad Street Second Addition, according to the plat or map as same appears of record in Plat Book "C", Page 189, Etowah County Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel Three:

Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot Number One (1), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, k in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. From said point of commencement run North 16°00'00" East a distance of 77.39 feet along the Northwest line of Lot Number One (1); thence run South 69°35'42" East a distance of 53.05 feet; thence run North 69°45'51" East a distance of 16.69 feet; thence run South 69°20'04" East a distance of 37.13 feet to the point of beginning. From said point of beginning run North 18°27'16" East a distance of 49.05 feet; thence run South 68°12'00" East a distance of 9.04 feet; thence run South 28°59'40" West a distance of 49.35 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel being a portion of Lot Number Three (3), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, and being situated in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING FROM THE ABOVE PARCELS: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot Number One (1), Block Number One (1), of the W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 199, in the Judge of Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. From said point of commencement run North 16°00'00" East a distance of 77.39 feet along the Northwest line of Lot Number One (1); thence run South 69°35'42" East a distance of 53.05 feet; thence run North 69°45'51" East a distance of 16.69 feet; thence run South 69°20'04" East a distance of 37.13 feet; thence run North 28°59'40" East a distance of 49.35 feet to the point of beginning, said point of beginning lying on the Northeast line of Lot Number Three (3) of said W. T. Cox's East Broad Street, Second Addition Subdivision. From said point of beginning run North 26°57'08" East a distance of 8.07 feet; thence run North 21°13'05" East a distance of 20.49 feet; thence run South 69°34'22" East a distance of 10.63 feet; thence run South 21°06'28" West a distance of 28.78 feet to a point on the Northeast line of said Lot Number Three (3); thence run North 68°12'00" West a distance of 11.49 feet along the Northeast line of said Lot Number Three (3) to the point of beginning. Said parcel being situated in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East, of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-02-10-1-000-090.000
PIN #: 35503

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to EMAD SULEIMAN, P.O. BOX 2111, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 309 EAST BROAD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-109-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 522 CROCHERON ALLEY (County records list property address as 0 CROCHERON AVENUE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

520 CROCHERON AVENUE AND DESCRIBED AS LOTS 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK ONE OF CROCHERON CENTRAL ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "B", PAGE 51, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-02-04-4-000-040.000
PIN #: 34004

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to ANGENETTA O. RODGERS, 235 N. 6TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-110-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 12 DWIGHT AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Fifty-Seven (57), in Parcel Number Four (4) as shown by map or plat of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, recorded Plat Book "F", Pages 51-65, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden (former Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 10-09-31-3-000-304.000
PIN #: 18727

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to DEV-ON EDWARDS and wife AMBER EDWARDS, 718 AGRICOLA DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 12 DWIGHT AVENUE, GADSDEN 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-113-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1114 STILLMAN AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Twenty-Seven (27) in Block Thirty-Eight (38) in Garden City Residential Subdivision Number Two (2) as recorded in Plat Book "C", Pages 410 and 411 Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-203.000
PIN# 31160

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

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

Lots Number Seven (7), in Block Number Ten (10), of Oak Park Addition, According to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 200 and 201, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Alabama, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-06-4-000-108.000
PIN #: 38382

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to BECK & HUNT RESIDENTIAL, LLC, 135 ILENE STREET, APT. 1A, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35906, 2312 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-112-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 301 MORNINGVIEW DRIVE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot 29, Block M, according to the plat of Oakleigh Estates as the same appears of record in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Plat Book "G", at page 66.

Tax Parcel ID: 10-07-25-2-000-112.000
PIN #: 14146

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to EDNA HOLLOWAY, P.O. BOX 5376, GLENCOE, ALABAMA 35905, 301 MORNINGVIEW DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-113-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1114 STILLMAN AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Twenty-Seven (27) in Block Thirty-Eight (38) in Garden City Residential Subdivision Number Two (2) as recorded in Plat Book "C", Pages 410 and 411 Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-203.000
PIN# 31160

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

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

ing has been given to SAIO RAMIREZ, 226 VANCE PLACE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, GRAND PROPERTIES & DESIGN LLC., a limited liability company, P.O. BOX 82, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902, 1114 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-114-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 1831 AIRPORT BOULEVARD in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 15-17 BLK F EDGEWOOD ADD # 2 PLAT E-79 LESS TH S 35.8 OF LT 17 GADSDEN 7-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-4-000-205.001
PIN# 108219

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to LANE GREEN, 1831 AIRPORT BOULEVARD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-115-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 1303 ALABAMA AVENUE (County records list property address as 0 ALABAMA AVENUE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LOT 1 BLK 11 INTER-URBAN LAND COMPANYS 1ST ADD PLAT B-206 GADSDEN 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-030.000
PIN# 36617

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to EULALIA D & JULIO A JUAN FRANCISCO, 1305 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-116-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Nuisance

Located at 1305 ALABAMA AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 2 BLK 11 INTER-URBAN LAND COMPANYS 1ST ADD PLAT B-206 GADSDEN 2-12-5

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-031.000
PIN# 36618

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to EULALIA & HUSB JULIO A JUAN FRANCISCO, 1305 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-117-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 1608 ARROWHEAD DRIVE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 8 BLK B CHEROKEE EST F-403 PT GOVT LT C GADSDEN SEC 14 TWP 12S R 6E

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-3-000-201.000
PIN# 44387

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to LEE P. LEWIS, 1608 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-118-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 2307 DOZIER STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

COM NW COR LT 11 CLAYTON'S ADD TO ALA CITY PLAT A-320 TH S 18 TH W 12 TH S 56 TO POB TH E 62 TH S 144.05 TO N ROW OF DOZIER AVE TH W 63.13 ALONG ROW TH N 143.94 TO POB BEING PT LTS 11-12 CLAYTON'S ADD TO ALA CITY PLAT A-320 31-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-4-000-096.001
PIN# 93308

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to TIM & PENNY (aka PENNI) TEMPLE, 812 LASSETER ROAD, SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA 35907.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code

Ordinances and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-119-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 27 DWIGHT AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 45 PARCEL 4 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F-57 GADSDEN 31-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-263.000
PIN# 18683

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to KIMBERLY & HUSB BRUCE BROWN, 27 DWIGHT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-120-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 1714 ELWYN AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 25 & S 25FT LOT 26 BLK D PLAT E 79 EDGEWOOD ADD #2 GADSDEN SEC 7 TWP 12S R 6E

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-4-000-224.000
PIN# 39027

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to BEVERLY H & RONNIE E WHITEPORT, 1714 ELWYN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-121-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 1520 HARDIN CIRCLE (County records list property address as 1520 HARDIN AVENUE) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BEG SE COR LT L&N SIDE HARDIN AVE TH N 145.6' TH W 64.76' TH S 163.15' TO N SIDE SAID ROW TH E ON N SIDE SAID ROW 75.1' TO POB PT LTS 1-2-3-4 BLK 3 COLLEGE HGHTS D-73 GADSDEN SEC 14 TWP 12S RR 6E

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-2-000-280.000
PIN# 44016

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ELLA BOSWELL WOODY, 1520 HARDIN CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-122-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 2326 HILL AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LOT 6 BLK 9 OAK PARK ADDITION PLAT B-200 IN GADSDEN IN GOVT LOT 10 6-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-115.000
PIN# 38390

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to MELISSA J. BAILEY, 201 20TH STREET S., IRONDALE, ALABAMA 35210.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-123-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 2400 HILL AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LOT 1 BLK 8 OAK PARK ADDITION PER PLAT B B PG 200 IN CITY OF GADSDEN ALA IN GOVT LOT 10 SEC 6 TWP 12S R 6E

Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-119.000
PIN# 38395

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to REBECCA WILCHER, 2400 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-127-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 1006 SHELL ROAD in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 13 & 15 BLK 13 GLENDALE SUB E-53 EAST GADSDEN 13-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-13-2-000-168.000
PIN# 42985

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to S.D. & JOYCE G. VEASY, 1006 SHELL ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and

to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-128-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 79 W. TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 38 PARCEL #2 CONE MILLS DWIGHT PLAT F-53 GADSDEN 36-11-5

Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-046.000

PIN# 10535

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to SAMUEL ALAN RICHARDS, 79 W. TUSCALOOSA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this

decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

March 20, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-129-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Located at 2909 WATERS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LOT 2 BLK 3 SMITH'S 1ST ADD PLAT B 159 GADSDEN SEC 1 TWP 12S R 5E

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-014.000
PIN# 49146

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ALLEN & wf REBECCA HUNTER, 2909 WATERS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance

with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 3, 2026.
Iva Nelson, City Clerk

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Limit 4 Each

2.99 With Card

Selected Varieties, Pillsbury Grands! Frozen Biscuits (25 Oz.), Malt O Meal Cereal (22-30 Oz.) or

JFG Special Blend Coffee
30.6 Oz.

Limit 2 Each

8.99 With Card

Selected Varieties, Propel (12 Pk.) or

Food Club Sliced Cheese
6.84-8 Oz.

Limit 4 Each

1.88 With Card

Selected Varieties, Food Club American Singles (16 Slices, 12 Oz.) or

Cheez-It Crackers
9-12.4 Oz.

Limit 4 Each

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Selected Varieties, Cheez-It Snap'd (6.5-7.5 Oz.), Zesta Crackers (7.5-16 Oz.), Toasteds (8-12 Oz.), Club Crackers (11-13.7 Oz.), Town House (9-13.8 Oz.) or

Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits
5 Ct.

Limit 4

1.49 With Card

Selected Varieties, Cinnamon Rolls or

General Mills Cereal
8.9-12 Oz.

Limit 4 Each

2/\$5 With Card

Selected Varieties, Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks (4.5-8 Oz.), Nature Valley Granola Bars (6 Ct.), General Mills Cereal Bars (6.78-8.48 Oz.) or

Celsius Energy
12 Oz.

Limit 6

3/\$5 With Card

Selected Varieties

Santitas or Munchios
3.25-11 Oz.

Limit 4

2/\$5 With Card

Selected Varieties, Santitas Salsa (15.5 Oz.), Baken-ets, Chester's Puffcorn or Fries or

Edwards Pie
25.5-36 Oz.

Limit 4 Each

5.99 With Card

Frozen, Selected Varieties, Uno Deep Dish Pizza (23.3-25.5 Oz.) or

Gatorade
8 Pk., 20 Oz. Btl.

Limit 4

2/\$11 With Card

Selected Varieties

Sparkle Paper Towels
6 Double Rolls

Limit 4 Each

6.99 With Card

Selected Varieties, Quilted Northern Bath Tissue (6 Mega Rolls) or

Arm & Hammer Laundry Detergent
45.5-50 Oz.

Limit 4 Each

3.49 With Card

Selected Varieties, Dawn Powerwash (16 Oz.), Dawn PowerSuds or EZ-Squeeze (17.4-24.3 Oz.) or Scent Boosters (24 Oz.), Power Paks (24 Ct.) or

Chuck Roast
Certified Angus Beef
Per Lb.

Limit 10 Lbs.

ValuCard Price.....6.99
Digital Coupon.....-1.00

5.99 With Card

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Selected Varieties
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ValuCard Price.....8.99
Digital Coupon.....-1.00

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