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## Fire Station 8 construction begins

A new fire station is under construction in Gadsden that will replace the existing Fire Station 8 on Rainbow Dr.

"The current Station 8 doesn't meet our needs anymore," said Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford. "There's simply not enough space, and for years, we've had to use a shed to help house our equipment."

The current Fire Station 8 is 2,500 square feet, and uses a makeshift lean-to on the back of the station because the newer fire trucks, which are three to five feet longer, do not fit in the bay. It was constructed in 1963, according to Fire Chief Vance Brown.

The new station will be a two-story, 7,500-square-foot building featuring red doors and a slide for quicker access to the truck from the second story.

"This new station will have enough space to house our fire trucks, along with improvements to the living quarters for firemen and a police precinct," Ford said.

The facility will be the third new fire station for Gadsden in recent years. Station 7 opened at Banks Park in 2022, and a new Station 5 opened at Nocalula Falls last Spring.

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The symbolic breaking of ground at the new location of Fire Station 8.

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GCHS soccer programs swept Area 13 championships Tuesday night.

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## Country star Clint Black to perform at The AMP

By Kaitlin Hoskins  
 News Editor



Submitted photo

Grammy-winning country artist Clint Black will bring decades of hits to Gadsden this summer as part of the WinSouth Credit Union Concert Series at The AMP.

Black is scheduled to perform Thursday, June 25 on the Mountain Dew Stage at The AMP. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m., with the show beginning at 7 p.m.

Black first gained national attention with his 1989 debut album Killin' Time, which produced a string of No. 1 singles and established him as one of the genre's defining voices of the era. Over the course of his career, he has released more than a dozen albums and charted more than 30 singles on the Billboard country charts, including 13 that reached No. 1.

Among his best-known songs are "A Better Man," "Killin' Time," "A Good Run of Bad Luck" and "Nothin' but the Tailights."

Black, a CMA, ACM, AMA and Grammy Award winner, is known for writing or co-writing much of his material, often blending traditional country sounds with strong lyrical storytelling. His work helped shape the sound of country music throughout the 1990s, and he has continued recording and touring into recent years.

In addition to his music career, Black has appeared in film and television roles, including the 1994 movie Maverick and various TV appearances.

The Gadsden performance, part of his "Back on the Blacktop Tour," will feature a mix of classic hits and fan favorites.

"With one of the most recognizable voices in country music, Clint Black delivers a live show packed with hits and the kind of storytelling that made '90s country unforgettable," promotional materials state.

The event will include food trucks and beverages available at the Bud Light Music Bar.

Tickets are available online through EventHub.

## The 2026 Alabama Legislature session saw lawmakers debating power bills and primaries

By Anna Barrett  
 and Andrea Tinker  
 Alabama Reflector

Alabama lawmakers used all 30 days for the 2026 legislative session, an unusual and unexpected move for an election year given leadership's previously stated priority of "get in and get out."

Election year sessions tend to focus on budgets. But this year, lawmakers found themselves addressing — often unwillingly — many other issues during their 86 calendar days on Goat Hill, including attempts to reform the state's public utility regulation board amid rising complaints over Alabama's region-leading power bills, and Alabama Republican Party-pushed legislation that would have closed the state's primary elections.

Impressions of the session divided on party lines. Democrats criticized the Republican majority for focusing on legislation mainly popular with GOP activists.

"We cut our nose off to spite our face here in Alabama," said Rep. Marilyn Lands,

D-Huntsville. "We could have expanded Medicaid, we could have the lottery, we could do more for voting rights. We do a lot of things that don't even make sense to me. They're renaming the Gulf of [Mexico], all these bills about school prayer and the Ten Commandments and abstinence based sex education that's not what the people want."

Senate Minority Leader Bobby Singleton, D-Greensboro, said the session was "rough."

"It's an election year, and you get a lot of different bills coming from different places that you think that people just want to do it for headlines because of reelection packages, but, we've seen some bills that we think that really kind of hurt people," Singleton said in an interview Wednesday.

Republicans pointed to the relatively easy passage of budgets and what Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, said was a "pretty smooth" three months in the Senate.

Sen. Chris Elliott, R-Josephine, said the session was the best he's been a part of since his first in 2019.

The Senate did not experience anything like the end of the 2025 session, which ended in a filibuster and a backlog of local bills, until the very last day, when the dispute over the closed primary bill doomed several pieces of legislation.

Sen. Rodger Smitherman, D-Birmingham, said in an interview after adjournment on Thursday that this was the first year he felt the whole chamber worked together.

### Public Service Commission

Gudger said in an interview after sine die adjournment Thursday that HB 475, sponsored by Rep. Mack Butler, R-Rainbow City, was the most stressful bill the Legislature considered.

The law prohibits the Public Service Commission (PSC) from increasing electricity rates until 2029. As originally filed, HB 475 would have required the PSC to hold formal rate case hearings every three years, requiring sworn testimony from utility officials to justify proposed rate increases.

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# NEWS

## Cusimano, Roberts, Mills & Knowlton marks one year with attorney Carson S. Campbell

By Karla McArthur  
Correspondent

Cusimano, Roberts, Mills & Knowlton, LLC is marking the one-year anniversary of attorney Carson S. Campbell's service in the firm's Gadsden office, recognizing her continued work with clients across Etowah County and surrounding communities.

Founding partner Gregory S. Cusimano said Campbell's background and work ethic have strengthened the firm's ability to represent clients in a range of personal injury matters.

Campbell focuses her practice on personal injury cases, including workers' compensation claims, premises liability and motor vehicle accident litigation.

Her approach emphasizes clear communication and preparation to ensure clients feel supported throughout the legal process.

"My goal is always to be responsive and accessible so clients feel informed and have someone they can turn to for answers and guidance during a difficult time," Campbell said.

Campbell earned her Juris Doc-

tor from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, where she served as writing editor of the Cumberland Law Review and was selected as a Caruthers Teaching Fellow. She remains active in professional and volunteer efforts throughout the greater Gadsden area.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve individuals and fami-

lies in this community," Campbell said. "This past year has reinforced my commitment to helping clients navigate difficult legal situations with clarity and diligence."

Cusimano, Roberts, Mills & Knowlton, LLC represents clients in matters involving personal injury, probate and estate administration, family law and civil litigation throughout Alabama.

## GRMC reports \$306 million impact in 2025

Gadsden Regional Medical Center delivered more than 290,000 patient encounters in 2025 while contributing over \$306 million to the Etowah County community, according to its annual Community Benefit Report released April 6.

The report highlights the hospital's broad economic and healthcare impact, including charity and uncompensated care, reinvestment in facilities and services, employee payroll and tax contributions. The medical center provided more than \$178 million in charity and uncompensated care and paid over \$14 million in taxes supporting local schools and civic resources.

Hospital officials said more than \$6 million was reinvested into projects aimed at expanding access and strengthening services. Among the additions were new physicians, including cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Lucman Anwer, OB/GYN Dr. Sathiyakala Rajendiran and general surgeon Dr. Florencia "Flo" Pereira.

Gadsden Regional also introduced advanced medical technologies, becoming the first in the region to use minimally invasive heart-pumping technology designed

to temporarily assist heart function. Expanded diagnostic capabilities include 3D mammography, bone densitometry and endobronchial ultrasound to improve lung cancer screening accuracy.

"These investments allow us to bring advanced care closer to home," said Michael Hall, chief executive officer of Gadsden Regional Medical Center. "Health is central to quality of life, and we are committed to making it easier for patients across Etowah County and surrounding areas to access the care they need."

The hospital continues to serve not only local residents but also patients traveling from as far as 50 miles away.

In 2025, more than 600 babies were delivered at the facility, while the emergency department recorded over 31,000 visits. Hospital leaders emphasized that medically necessary care is provided regardless of a patient's ability to pay.

Gadsden Regional's nearly \$100 million payroll supports a workforce of close to 2,000 healthcare professionals, including physicians, nurses and support staff. In addition to clinical care, employees contribute to community

initiatives such as the Jars of Love Peanut Butter drive benefiting the Etowah Community Food Bank and partnerships with organizations including United Way of Etowah County, Man Up Gadsden and Neighborhood Bridges.

"We are investing in our people and fostering a culture that supports their work," Hall said. "Their dedication and compassion are at the heart of the care we provide every day."

The medical center also plays a role in developing the future healthcare workforce. Students in nursing, radiology, laboratory and respiratory therapy programs from six colleges and universities complete clinical rotations at the hospital. Foothills Family Medicine is expected to graduate its second class of eight residents in 2026.

Gadsden Regional Medical Center is a 346-bed acute care hospital accredited by The Joint Commission, with specialized programs in cardiology, pulmonology, sleep medicine and stroke care.

Report submitted by Will Mackey, Gadsden Regional Medical Center

## FoodeesFest bringing food, crafts and fun to Gadsden



A traveling food and artisan festival will roll into Gadsden later this month, offering a weekend filled with food trucks, handmade goods and community activities.

FoodeesFest is scheduled for April 24-26 at the Gadsden Mall, 1001 Rainbow Drive. The three-day event is free to attend with advance ticket registration, making it accessible for families, friends and visitors looking for a casual weekend outing.

The festival will feature more than 40 gourmet food trucks and vendors serving a wide range of options, from barbecue and street tacos to desserts and specialty drinks. Organizers say the event is designed to highlight diverse culinary offerings while giving attendees a chance to sample new flavors or enjoy familiar favorites.

In addition to food, the event will include dozens of artisan and craft vendors selling handmade items such as jewelry, artwork and home décor. The marketplace aims to support small businesses and provide shoppers with unique, one-of-a-kind products.

Hours for the event are 1 to 9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Free ticket registration also enters attendees into a raffle for a complimentary meal at the festival. Tickets can be reserved online at foodeesfest.com.

FoodeesFest, organized by Foodees, LLC, travels across the country hosting large-scale events centered on food, artisan culture and community engagement.

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# NEWS

## Annual event to explore local revolutionary roots

By **Kaiflin Hoskins**  
News Editor

A day of history, research and family discovery is planned for Saturday, April 25, when the Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society hosts its annual Ancestor Swap Meet at the Downtown Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 27th installment of the event will feature guest speaker J. Mark Lowe, a nationally recognized genealogy speaker, along with presentations and resources designed to help attendees trace family histories, especially those connected to Revolutionary War-era ancestors.

Sharon Ingle with the Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society said this year's program will take a spe-

cial focus on early American roots in recognition of the country's upcoming 250th birthday.

"This event will be informative and educational for those who want to know more about their family history," Ingle said. "There will be something for everyone. It will be good for beginners and those who have already done work on their family tree."

This year's swap meet will highlight historical documents tied to Revolutionary America and families who later settled in the Etowah County area. Ingle stated that the focus on that time period would offer a deeper look at how local family lines connect to early American history.

Admission is \$35 for society members and \$40 for non-members.

Lunch is included, but attendees are encouraged to register in advance to guarantee a meal.

Ingle said the event is designed to be both educational and welcoming for anyone interested in genealogy, regardless of experience level.

The Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society meets monthly on the second Saturday at Nichols Memorial Library in Alabama City. Membership dues help support the organization's operations and expenses.

The society also operates the Nichols Memorial Library, which is staffed by volunteers and offers access to genealogy databases and local and international family records. The library is open Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



# Your CALENDAR Community

### April 17 Southside Landing Dinner & a movie

This week the movie will be Happy Feet and begins at sundown

- Where: Southside Landing
- When: 6 p.m.

### April 17 St. James Catholic School BLINGO School Fundraiser

Tickets \$50 per person, and includes dinner, dessert, 10 Bingo cards and live entertainment from the school choir.

- When: April 17 5:30 p.m.
- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing

### April 24 Rainbow Middle School Theater

Rainbow Middle School Theater Department is performing its 10th annual spring play. Disney's Dare to Dream Jr. in honor of Disney's 100th anniversary. The Directors are Leah Dennis and Lee Ann Stewart.

- When: Friday, April 24 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25 6:00 p.m.
- Where: Rainbow Middle School Lunchroom.



The traveling food and artisan festival, FoodeesFest, arrives April 24-26, at Gadsden Mall to transform the area into a gathering place filled with food, local artisans and a community atmosphere.

FoodeesFest is known for bringing together a wide variety of flavors and handmade goods, creating a festival experience that highlights both culinary creativity and local craftsmanship. More than 40 gourmet food trucks and food vendors serve everything from barbecue and street tacos to decadent desserts and refreshing drinks.

In addition to the food, attendees will find dozens of artisan and craft vendors showcasing unique handmade items, including jewelry, artwork, home décor and other special-

ty goods. The artisan marketplace provides an opportunity to discover one-of-a-kind products while supporting talented makers and small businesses.

"We are thrilled to bring the Foodees Food and Culture Festival to Hilton Head," said Tricia Croft, Owner of Foodees, LLC. "FoodeesFest is about creating an atmosphere where communities can gather, discover amazing food, support talented artisans, and enjoy a weekend together. We're excited to welcome everyone out for this incredible event."

Ticket registration is free, on eventbrite Foodfest Gadsden, Alabama, and automatically enters guests into a raffle to win a free meal on Foodees.

FoodeesFest continues to grow as one of the country's largest touring food truck and artisan festivals, bringing communities together through food and local creativity while providing a platform for small businesses to shine.

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#### Event Details

- Dates: April 24-26, 2026
- Location: Gadsden Mall
- Friday: 1 - 9 p.m.
- Saturday: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Sunday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### April 18 5th Annual Autism Spectrum Conference

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing
- When: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### April 19 Voices from the past

Voices from the Past Historic Walk. Start at the cemetery and walk with costumed historians - or join at the community center. Two locations, same presentation.

Parking at Library or City Hall. For more info, email oldharmonycenter@gmail.com

- Where: Old Harmony Cemetery
- When: 2 p.m.
- Where: Rainbow City Community Center
- When: 3:30 p.m.

### April 19 Last day of Spring Lantern Festival

- Where: Noccalula Falls
- When: 5 - 10 p.m.

### April 25 Rainbow City clean up day

- Hotdogs will be served.
- Where: RBC City Hall
- When: 8 a.m.

### April 25 NEAGS Annual Seminar

Purchase tickets at [www.neags.com](http://www.neags.com). Featured speaker will be J. Mark Lowe.

- Where: Gadsden Downtown Civic Center
- When: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Ground Breakings & Ribbon Cuttings

- April 17 Scooter's Coffee Ribbon Cutting
- Where: 111 Church St., Rainbow City
  - When: 9:30 a.m.

- Ribbon Cutting for Birmingham Heart Clinic
- Where: 524 W. Grand Ave., Rainbow City
  - When: Noon

- April 23 Ground Breaking for the New event pavilion
- Where: Noccalula Falls beside the chapel
  - When: 10 a.m.

- May 1 Ground breaking for the Gadsden Athletic Center
- Where: 1420 W. Meighan Blvd., Gadsden
  - When: 10 a.m.

### April 24 Gadsden city-wide clean up and Arbor day

Meet teams at Coosa Landing or register to clean up their own specific neighborhood.

- Where: Meet at The Venue at Coosa Landing
- When: 7 a.m. - noon

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# NEWS

## Fire - From A1

"I want to thank Mayor Ford and his administration for their continued support of the Gadsden Fire Department and our first responders," said Gadsden Fire Chief Vance Brown. "This is a much-needed new building that will help our ability to respond to local homes and businesses."

The bid was awarded to Boatner Construction for \$3,427,992.60 on March 10, which was the lowest responsible and responsive bid, according to a resolution from the City Council of Gadsden. Funding for the station will come from the recent RISE Project bond issue.

Boatner has worked with the city projects such as Nocalula Fire Station 5, the Gadsden Senior Wellness Center and the Mor-



agne Park renovations. The new station will be located at the intersection of Riley St. and Rainbow Drive, near the existing

station and is expected to be completed in Spring 2027.

The next major project for the Fire Department

will be a waterfront station that will combine Central/Downtown Station 1 and North Gadsden Station 6 in the coming years.

## Legislation - From A1

Alabama has not had a formal rate case hearing since 1981, and the state now faces some of the highest electricity rates in the South. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Georgia's average residential energy prices in January were 14.46 cents per kW/hr in January, compared to 16.06 cents per kW/hr in Alabama.

However, the Senate radically altered the bill, removing the formal hearing requirement and changing the structure of the PSC from a president and two commissioners to seven members, one from each of the state's seven congressional districts, whose elections will be phased in through 2030. Gov. Kay Ivey will appoint four members by July 15, from a list of nominees submitted by legislative leaders. In addition, the bill creates a secretary of energy, to be appointed by the next governor, who would administer the PSC and have significant power over it.

Sen. Clyde Chambliss, R-Prattville, who introduced the changes to the bill, said the PSC "had a problem" in an interview on Wednesday, and that "time will tell" if the bill works.

Butler did not vote for the altered version of his bill. Critics said the changes could pack the PSC with pro-utility commissioners and effectively mute the voice of the public in the process. Daniel Tait, executive director of Energy Alabama, a renewable energy advocacy group that strongly criticized the legislation, said in a statement that the legislation was "effectively handing a political appointee a veto over your electric bill."

"Completely rewriting a bill and passing it through the entire Senate in less than 48 hours is not consumer protection," the statement said. "It's Alabama Power protection."

Gudger said he believed the bill "will reduce electrical rates for people throughout the state, whether you're a single mom or elderly people or small businesses."

Ivey signed HB 475 into law on April 2. It goes into effect on June 1, and she will make her appointments no later than July 15.

### Primary fights

About midway through the session, the Alabama Republican Party made statewide party registration — something Alabama has never had — its top legislative priority, arguing it was needed to ensure candidates represented their party.

HB 541, sponsored by Rep. Ernie Yarbrough, R-Trinity, was unusually controversial for a GOP-backed bill. The House passed the legislation in March, but several Republican members of the legislature were sharply critical of the legislation, saying it could drive away independent voters. Rep. Chris Pringle, R-Mobile, voted for the bill but not before calling it "arrogance beyond all comprehension."

The Senate was also divided on the measure. HB 541 was on Thursday's agenda, but Sen. David Sessions, R-Grand Bay, said he planned to offer a substitute to the legislation. Gudger said the party pushed the bill on them. Ledbetter said Thursday after the House's final adjournment that he wished the bill had passed.

### Budgets

Lawmakers did not complete work on the budgets until Wednesday, the 29th day of the session. Both budgets reflected the loss of federal COVID dollars and uncertainties about the state economy in the coming year.

The Legislature passed a \$10.5 billion Education Trust Fund Budget that included a 2 percent teacher pay raise and increased funding for the CHOOSE Act, the state's school voucher program, but saw other programs such as Alabama Reading Initiative remain level-funded.

The budget also included funding for the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP) at a \$1,048 per member per month rate,

leaving the rest of the funding to the PEEHIP board to meet rising health care costs.

Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation Education Committee, said in an interview Thursday that he is "very pleased" with another record breaking ETF.

The \$3.7 billion General Fund budget is an \$8.1 million (0.2 percent) increase over the current year's budget, and about \$49 million more than Ivey's recommendation. The relatively small increase reflects concerns about state revenues over the coming year, with several state agencies getting the same allocations they are budgeted to receive this year.

Sen. Greg Albritton, R-Atmore, chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund Committee, said in an interview Thursday that both budgets are "good."

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is level-funded at \$1.18 billion for the year. There are about 1.1 million Alabamians enrolled in Medicaid, about half of whom are children. The Department of Corrections will receive \$868 million for the year, about \$500,000 more than the current year's budget.

Corrections and Medicaid receive most of the money from the General Fund budget. The budget also includes \$16 million for a 2 percent pay raise for state employees and \$18 million for the State Employees Insurance Board to offset the rising healthcare costs.

Currently, the state pays \$1,025 per member per month, but due to rising health costs, CEO of the State Employees Insurance Board (SEIB) in September requested a \$150 increase per member per month. Lawmakers had expressed doubts about their ability to honor that request, but were able to in the final version.

Ivey signed the budgets on Thursday.

### Other notable bills

SB 71, a controversial bill that could weaken the state's environmental regulations sponsored by Sen. Donnie Chesteen, R-Geneva, would prohibit Alabama from having stricter environmental regulations than the federal government. The bill moved quickly through both chambers sparking concerns from Democrats and environmentalists in the state who said the bill could leave Alabamians more susceptible to pollution and unsafe environmental conditions. The law went into effect immediately.

HB 41, sponsored by Rep. Matt Simpson, R-Daphne, expands the death penalty to include rape, sodomy and sexual torture of a minor under 12 years old. The bill passed after House Democrats raised concerns about re-traumatizing victims and violating a 2008 U.S. Supreme Court ruling. This was the second year the legislation was introduced and Simpson cited a Bibb County sex trafficking ring as reasoning for bringing the bill again. The law goes into effect Oct. 1.

HB 517, sponsored by Rep. James Lomax, R-Huntsville, establishes the Talent Readiness and Industry Needs (TRAIN) Act to allow businesses to collaborate with educational institutions to provide career and technical education training. If signed, it will go into effect Oct. 1.

HB 520, sponsored by Rep. Marcus Paramore, R-Troy, requires the State Board of Education to create an expedited certification pathway for teachers to be able to teach career and technical education courses. If signed, it would go into effect June 1.

Ledbetter said on Thursday more Career and Technical Education bills can be expected in the future.

HB 300, sponsored by Rep. Frances Holk-Jones, R-Foley, requires health insurers to pay for or reimburse beneficiaries for breast cancer screenings and any subsequent tests. The law goes into effect on Jan. 1. Another cancer screening bill, SB 19, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Steve Liv-

ingston, R-Scottsboro, allows all men over 50 and high risk men over 40 to be screened for prostate cancer without any cost-sharing obligations. The law goes into effect on Oct. 1, 2027.

HB 86, sponsored by Rep. Chris England, D-Tuscaloosa, requires the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles to consider educational and employment achievements by parole applicants while incarcerated. The law goes into effect on Oct. 1. SB 240, sponsored by Sen. Will Barfoot, R-Pike Road, allows victims of crimes and parole applicants to attend parole hearings virtually. The law goes into effect on March 1.

### What didn't pass

HB 13, sponsored by Rep. Ernie Yarbrough, R-Trinity, would have allowed local law enforcement to collaborate with federal agencies to enforce immigration laws. It's unclear how the legislation would have differed from 287(g) programs which already allow the collaborations to take place. The bill failed to pass the Senate Thursday after the House adjourned sine die causing all business in the upper chamber to grind to a halt.

HB 363, sponsored by Rep. Greg Barnes, R-Curry, would have banned interrupting a worship service by engaging in unlawful protests, riots or disorderly conduct. After passing the House in February, the bill failed to get a final vote in the Senate because the House adjourned sine die.

HB 486, sponsored by Rep. Adline Clarke, D-Mobile, would have automatically restored voting rights to individuals convicted of felony offenses; allow for no-excuse absentee voting; let people vote prior to Election Day and create an Alabama Voting Rights Commission to review rules changes for voting and preclear actions related to voting related to voting that could discriminate against protected classes of voters. The bill was approved by the House Judiciary Committee with just three days left in the session and failed to make it to the House calendar for a full vote.

Clarke said Thursday that while the bill never got a full vote, she was pleased that it at least got out of committee.

"We brought that bill forth on last year and it got no movement whatsoever so we were just pleased that we were able to get a favorable report on the Alabama Voting Rights Commission Bill on this particular session and hope that we can advance it, and get it across the finish line next session," she said.

HB 50, sponsored by Rep. Terri Collins, R-Decatur, would have permanently funded the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, the legislation would have codified an executive order Ivey signed in 2023. The bill passed the House, but failed to make it to the Senate floor for a full vote.

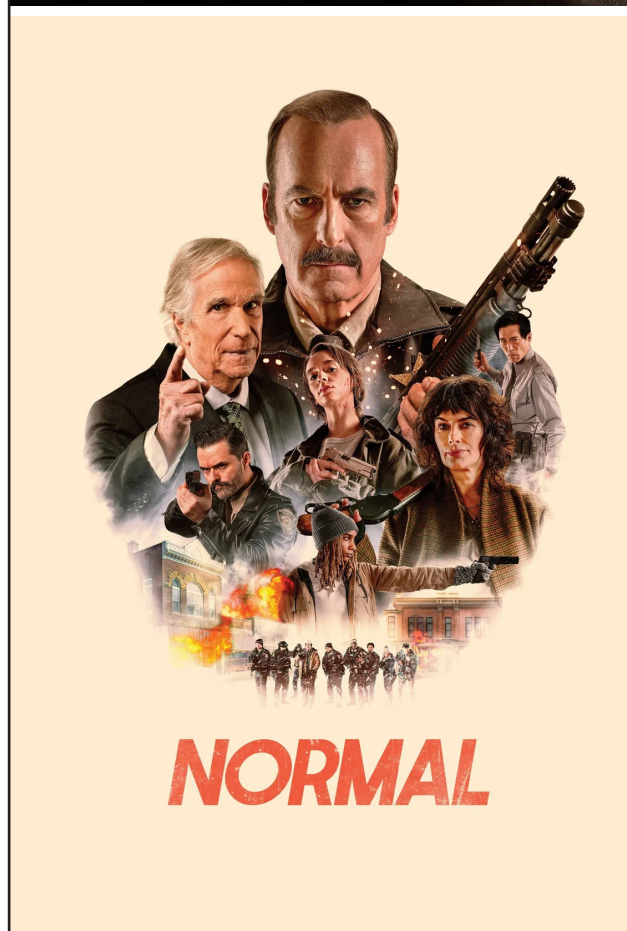
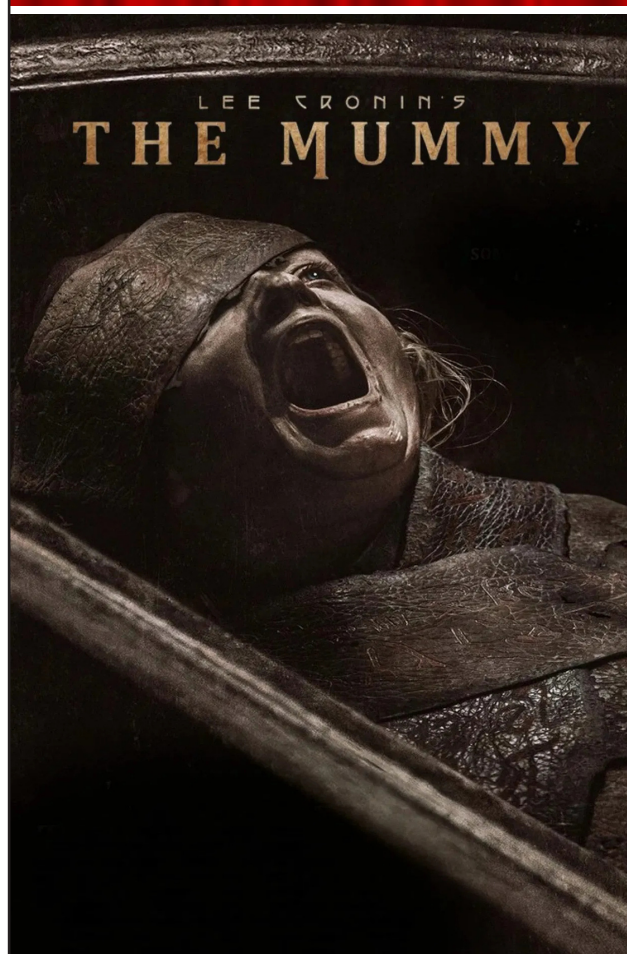
"It's my third year, and it's not passed so it won't pass while I'm here," Collins said Thursday afternoon.

SB 298, sponsored by Sen. Will Barfoot, R-Pike Road, would have required cities, Montgomery in particular, to maintain a ratio of 1.9 to 1,000 law enforcement officers to residents or have the state oversee their departments. The bill drew sharp criticism from Montgomery Police Chief James Graboy, local clergy and Sen. Kirk Hatcher, D-Montgomery, who represents most of the city.

The bill was the only one on the House's final agenda that was not voted on due to Ledbetter's prediction of a filibuster.

### No gambling legislation

After a divisive battle over a comprehensive gambling bill in 2024, legislative leaders have shown no appetite for legislation establishing a lottery or settling the legal status of wagering in the state. No gambling bill got serious consideration in the 2026 session. Rep. Juandalynn Givan, D-Birmingham, said Thursday that meant the session was incomplete.



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# EDUCATION



## GCHS student raked 8 nationally in Chicago at National Academic Quiz Tournament

Christopher Holder, a student at Gadsden City High School, earned an eighth-place finish at the National Academic Quiz Tournament Individual Player National Championship in Chicago on Sunday. Holder competed against more than 290 students for the national title, scoring 565 points across the tournament. The highest score was 800, and the lowest was negative 15.

## GSCC, Talladega College Expand Transfer Opportunities

Gadsden State students who want to pursue a bachelor's degree will now have a clearer pathway to attend Talladega College thanks to a new partnership between the schools.

"We are proud to partner with Talladega College to create new opportunities for our students to continue their education," Alan Smith, (pictured right on the right) Gadsden State president, said. "This agreement reflects a shared commitment to student success and opens the door for our graduates to take the next step with confidence."

Leaders from both institutions recently signed an agreement that strengthens transfer pathways for Gadsden State graduates, making it easier to transition into

bachelor's degree programs at Talladega College. Smith and Talladega College President Dr. Willie L. Todd Jr. formalized the agreement during a signing on Gadsden State's campus.

"At Talladega College, we are committed to forging onward by creating meaningful pathways that empower students to become their highest and truest self," said Todd. "This partnership with Gadsden State strengthens our ability to support transfer students as they continue their academic journey and prepare for successful careers."

The agreement outlines coordinated support between the two institutions, including outreach to eligible graduates, guidance through the transfer process and information about financial assis-

stance. Talladega offers degree plans for business administration, humanities and fine arts, natural sciences and mathematics, and social sciences and education, as well as fast-track degrees in business management, computer information systems, criminal justice, organizational management, and psychology.

Gadsden State will connect with eligible students about transfer opportunities, while Talladega College will provide guidance on admissions, transfer pathways and available funding. The agreement is renewable each year and is designed to strengthen the educational pipeline across the region while helping more students achieve long-term academic and career goals.



## JSU to be featured on Alabama Public Television

Students at Jacksonville State University are taking their work from the classroom to a statewide audience.

The latest documentary produced by Jax State's Longleaf Studios will premiere on Alabama Public Television (APT) on April

23, providing students with hands-on experience while showcasing key outdoor destinations across Calhoun County and the rest of the state.

The project highlights locations such as the Chief Ladiga Trail, Coldwater Moun-

tain Bike Trail, and the Pinhoti Trail, bringing regional visibility while providing a professional production experience for the students involved.

Four Jax State students played significant roles in the production: Ashley Hunt,

Lex Phillips, Khaled Mahmud and Akira Crouch-Scott. Their involvement reflects the university's emphasis on preparing students for careers through applied learning opportunities that extend beyond the classroom.

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# LIFESTYLE

## The heart of the Gadsden Public Library

If you want to truly understand the Gadsden Public Library, don't start with the books—start with the front desk.

Our circulation desk is, without question, the busiest spot in the building. It is where first impressions are made, questions are answered, problems are solved, and relationships with our community begin. Simply put, it is the heart of the library—and it runs as well as it does because of an exceptional team.

Leading the way is our Circulation Manager, Amy McCary, alongside her assistant, Circulation Coordinator Caitlin (Cait) Wass. Together, Amy and Cait run a tight, professional, and highly effective operation. They are supported by an outstanding group of part-time staff: Brad Sauls, Ashley Handy, Garrett Ashley, Brenda Barnett, Niki Daves, Ezra Everett, and Randall Ingram.

These individuals are the face of the Gadsden Public Library. They are often the first people you see when you walk through our doors and the last ones you encounter on your way out. Their work goes far beyond checking books in and out—though they do that with efficiency and accuracy using our Atrium system from Book Systems. They also process new library card

applications, assist patrons with account questions, help locate materials, and provide guidance on everything from computer use to community resources.

At present, the library proudly serves 24,678 active cardholders, and each of those accounts represents a connection that often begins at the front desk.

But the role of our circulation staff goes even deeper.

As a public library, our doors are open to everyone in our community—as long as they behave. That includes individuals experiencing homelessness, many of whom rely on the library as a safe, welcoming place during the day. Our front desk staff handle these interactions with a balance of compassion and professionalism. They understand the importance of treating every person with dignity while also maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all patrons.

That balance is not always easy, but it is essential—and our team handles it remarkably well.

They remain watchful and attentive throughout the day, ensuring that the library remains a secure space. Randall Ingram, who also serves as the library's designated security officer, plays an important

role in supporting staff and maintaining order when needed.

Behind the scenes, Amy and Cait are constantly training and supporting their team. They make sure every staff member is confident in using our systems, understands library policies, and is prepared to respond to the wide variety of situations that arise at a busy public service desk.

Cait also serves as our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) coordinator, managing the steady flow of materials coming into and going out of our library from across the region and beyond. Thanks to her work, our patrons have access not just to what's on our shelves, but to collections far beyond Gadsden.

It takes skill, patience, and dedication to do this work well—and to do it every single day.

Amy, Cait, and their team exemplify what public service should look like. They are organized, knowledgeable, approachable, and steady under pressure. Most importantly, they care deeply about the people they serve.

So the next time you visit the Gadsden Public Library, take a moment to notice the front desk. You'll see more than a place where books are checked out—you'll see a



team of professionals working hard to keep our library welcoming, safe, and running smoothly for everyone.

And for that, we are truly grateful.

*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](http://www.gadsdenlibrary.org).*

## Growth is a perpetual goal of mine



I have spent the last month exclaiming about the leaves on the trees every time I am outside or driving. In fact, I have mentioned the leaves so frequently that my girls started finishing my sentences and rolling their eyes. But, I can't help but be excited about seeing the tiny leaf buds grow larger and fuller. The branches that were bare just a few weeks ago are suddenly heavy with leaf greenery. It annoys my children, but being aware of the changes from season to season is something I love to practice be-

cause Spring is not just a season of growth. It is also a season of visibility.

Last week, I was surprised by a bright white iris that popped up in the middle of a clump of dark purple irises that had already stopped blooming. The flowers share the same roots and dirt, but they bloomed in their own time. Those little surprises are part of Spring's beauty and joy.

Awareness also makes visible things that are not so lovely: a wasp nest in a mailbox, litter on the side of the road, someone hurting someone helpless. April is National Child Abuse Prevention month, and there are little blue pinwheels out all over town. These little toys grab your eye as you drive by, but they are more than one more pretty Spring decoration. They are a reminder to be aware of the environment we create for the children in our lives and world. Awareness requires that we pay attention, then, not only to the beautiful, but to the difficult, painful, and sometimes unlovely things around us. Sometimes, awareness is

care that makes the unseen visible so that situations can improve and growth can occur.

Growth is a perpetual goal of mine, and each season of life it has looked a little different. Sometimes growth looks like paying attention, sometimes it is making necessary things visible, and sometimes it is taking time to support someone who is making a difference in the world the way only they can. This week, I received my copy of *The Smallest of Joys* by Diane Shiffer, also known as the Vintage Nana on social media. She has created and curated a hopeful, lovely, visible presence of love and joy in an often dark and heavy world. She first grabbed my attention when I saw a video of her drinking tea from a jadeite teacup that reminded me of my grandmother's kitchen. As I listened to her share her daily "sit and stare" ritual while the video showed her collection of vintage doilies and trinkets, her message of finding joy and hope and peace in the world we create

around us resonated with me.

Awareness of flowers, children, books, videos, and one another requires attention. Sometimes the work of the season we are in is learning to be aware, to see what has been there all along.

Mary Oliver reminds us "To pay attention, this is our endless and proper work." We must pay attention on the loveliest of days, and in the hardest of circumstances. We must acknowledge the ugliness that exists alongside the beautiful: "Death waits for me, I know it, around one corner or another. This doesn't amuse me. Neither does it frighten me. After the rain, I went back into the field of sunflowers. It was cool, and I was anything but drowsy. I walked slowly, and listened to the crazy roots, in the drenched earth, laughing and growing."

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## Stress versus anxiety — what's the difference?

People often use the words stress and anxiety interchangeably, but they're not the same—and understanding the difference can help you respond to each more effectively.

Stress is usually tied to something specific. It's the pressure you feel when you have too much on your plate, a deadline approaching or a situation that requires your attention. Stress tends to come and go depending on what's happening in your life. When the situation resolves, the stress often eases.

It's important to remember that stress isn't always a bad thing. In fact, some stress is necessary for growth. It pushes you to meet challenges, build resilience and stretch beyond what feels comfortable. In many ways, healthy stress is part of how we develop.

Another way to think about stress is how it shows up before a big presentation or deadline at work. A certain level of pressure motivates you to prepare, focus and take things seriously. Without that stress, you might not feel the urgency to get started at all. That kind of stress is useful—it pushes you to learn, adapt and step into something new. The problem is when the pressure becomes so intense that it stops helping and starts overwhelming. The goal isn't to eliminate stress completely—it's to keep it at a level that is manageable and meaningful rather than overwhelming.

Anxiety, on the other hand, doesn't always need a clear cause. It can show up as a persistent sense of unease, racing thoughts or a feeling that something isn't right—even when nothing obvious is happening. Anxiety often lingers and can feel much harder to turn off, even when things around you are relatively calm.

The difference often shows up in your thoughts.

With stress, you might think, "I have too much to do" or "I need to get through this week." The thoughts are connected to a specific situation and usually focus on getting something done or solved.

With anxiety, the thoughts tend to drift into "what ifs."

"What if something goes wrong?"

"What if I mess this up?"

Even when the original concern is small or has passed, the mind keeps going, searching for problems or replaying possibilities.

Both stress and anxiety can affect your body in similar ways. You might notice tight muscles, headaches, difficulty sleeping, irritability or trouble concentrating. Your body doesn't always distinguish between a real threat and a perceived one—it simply reacts.

However, one key difference is what happens when the stressor is gone. Stress typically decreases once the situation is handled. Anxiety often does not. It can re-

main in the background or quickly attach itself to something new.

That's why simply "removing the stress" doesn't always solve anxiety. You can clear your schedule, finish the task or resolve the issue—and still feel on edge. Understanding which one you're dealing with matters because the way you respond can be different.

Stress often responds well to problem-solving strategies. This might look like prioritizing tasks, setting boundaries, asking for help or giving yourself permission to take breaks. In many cases, reducing the demand helps reduce the stress.

Anxiety requires a different approach. Instead of trying to solve a problem, the focus shifts to calming the nervous system and addressing the patterns of thinking that keep the anxiety going. This might include slowing your breathing, grounding yourself in the present moment or gently challenging unhelpful thoughts rather than engaging with them.

It's also important to remember that neither stress nor anxiety means something is wrong with you. Both are normal responses to how we process and respond to life. Your mind and body are trying to protect you, even if the response doesn't feel helpful.

But when either stress or anxiety starts to feel constant, overwhelming or difficult to manage on your own, it may be a sign that

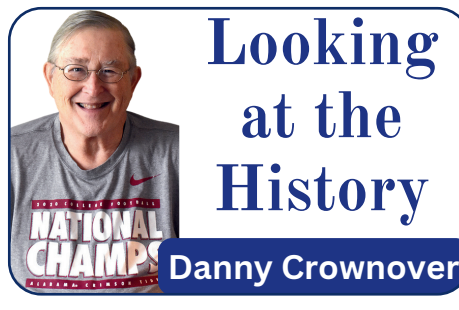


you need additional support. Talking with a counselor, learning new coping strategies or simply having a space to process what you're experiencing can make a meaningful difference.

When you understand the difference, you can respond in a way that helps instead of making it worse.

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## The history of duplicated local street names



Back in the 1940s, there was a newly platted section on a hillside in South Gadsden, overlooking the Republic Steel Mills. It had streets and avenues named in honor of some of the presidents of the United States.

These were Lincoln, Grant, Polk, Pierce, Garfield, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley,

Roosevelt, Van Buren and Washington.

In the adjoining section of Walnut Park there is a Washington, Wilson and Lincoln street and avenues named in honor of Henry W. Grady and William Jennings Bryan. All of which is interesting except that many streets and avenues in all sections of the city have the same names.

In fact, duplication of street names was so frequent as to bring about much confusion, so much that postmen have great difficulty in delivering mail.

Such things usually result from rapid growth and expansion in any modern city. Additions inside the corporate limits are surveyed and mapped with names being recorded without regard to any duplications in the older section.

Suburban tracts have followed the same pattern and as they are annexed, they add

to the confusion of street names.

About this time, the Gadsden City Commission started studying the situation with the view of making corrections.

A survey was eventually made that went toward a proper naming of streets where duplications occur. There was an "unscrambling," as one official put it, so there would be an orderly system that would be followed in the future.

The town had been growing so fast and so many additions were annexed in so short a time that there has been little chance to keep up with street names.

A glance at a city map shows that some street has Indian names, Tuscaloosa, Sequoia and Coosa.

In the mill village in Alabama City the New England influence is indicated by such names as Hinsdale, Cumnock,

Dwight, Marston, Sandusky and Cabot.

In Goodyear Park in East Gadsden there is the Akron, Ohio, touch with such names as Litchfield, Slusser, Wolf, Wahl, Richardson, Stillman, Grant, Harpham.

In one section there are a few Spanish names, such as Vallejo. All of the trees of the surrounding forests, most of the pioneer families and cities are also represented.

The City Commission also had a surveyor at work on a plan to renumber the houses throughout the entire city. That was a job that required time, but officials eventually completed it to the satisfaction of everyone.

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# DEVOTIONALS

## Gravity, golf caps and the glorious distraction



Daddy's sweet wedding was this past weekend. The months of planning culminated in a beautiful covenant. Seeing them stand before the Lord, surrounded by their family and special friends, was a vivid reminder of the truth that our life's work on this earth never truly ends while breath remains. Even into our old age, we aren't just spectators of His grace; we are active participants in His purposes, and beneficiaries of His promises.

Our work for The Kingdom continues in every stage of life. As long as we breathe, we have a charge to model His love. And we have reason to hope in the Truth that He who began a good work is still perfecting it in us until the day He returns or calls us Home (Philippians 1:6).

Papa's great-grandchildren had the joy of being the flower girls and ring bearers. The three girls in their flower crowns and flowy dresses with tiny embroidered flowers were darling. But, it was the two little boys in blue that stole the show.

A twenty-five minute ceremony is a lifetime for little ones. Clad in their tiny suits and matching golf caps, it wasn't long before 'The Haberdashery Hustle' began—a giggling competition to see who could shake their hat off the most times before the final prayer.

Our daughter and son sang a beautiful rendition of "The Prayer" (Dion/Bocelli) and mashed it with "The Blessing" (Jobe/Carnes/Bocelli). It was a precious time of worship during a private communion between the bride and groom. The presence of Jesus was evident as the congregation joined in song—mixed with quiet tears and soft laughter.

One of the most meaningful moments, for me, was a conversation I had with my daughter after things were winding down. It involved a teachable moment she had with her Middle as her five-year-old heart tried to find the common ground between missing her Great Granny and loving Ninny.

While Sweet Middle was observing her Popa dance with his new bride, she leaned in close to me with tears forming in her sweet brown eyes. She said, "I miss Granny."

My heart grieved with her as I said, "I miss her, too."

When she returned to her mommy's side, after being comforted by the best Poppy, she asked if Granny missed her, too. In that moment her wise mother chose to plant a seed of the wonderful Truth of Heaven—a foundation upon which her daughter's heart and mind could build a stable Faith. It would have

been easy to say, "Yes, Granny misses you so much," but that is not true. While it is a sweet sentiment that our loved ones "watch over us" when they go to Heaven, it downplays the even sweeter scriptural reality.

The Bible teaches us so many things about death and Heaven for those who are sealed unto Jesus. First and foremost is found in 1 Corinthians 5:8 which reminds us that the minute we take our final breath on this planet, we are immediately in the presence of God. If we investigate further we know that in the presence of Jesus is the fullness of Joy (Psalm 16:11). This reality suggests that those who have gone before us are not looking back at the shadows of this world, but are fully captivated by the Light of His face.

The other scripture—that for me says it all—is found in Revelations 21:4. I love Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of that verse. He says, "He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." The first order of things—this earth with all of its worry and work—gone.

If Heaven is truly the absence of sorrow, our loved ones cannot be spectators to our earthly trials. It is Biblical. While God occasionally pulls back the curtain for the living (Jacob, Stephen, and John), He never depicts the departed looking back at the world they left behind.

Witnessing my family stand in that sacred space was a profound reminder that our pur-

pose on Earth remains as long as breath is in our lungs. Our assignment doesn't expire with age; rather, it matures into the vital work of leading our children and grands toward the Truth, even when the conversations are difficult or theology feels heavy. We teach them to anchor their hope in a Heaven where joy is full and sorrow is unknown, pointing them toward a Savior whose promises never fail.

So, maybe it's time we retire the well-meaning cliché that our dearly departed are 'looking down' on us. If we really think about it, why would we wish that for them? Imagine them trying to enjoy the glories of Heaven while simultaneously stressing over our burnt toast, traffic jams, and grieving hearts. Let's honor them in their 'glorious distraction' by being the ones who keep our eyes fixed on the same Truth that now captivates them.

As we navigate the sweet middle of our own journeys, may we rest in the beauty of the covenant—knowing that every day we spend modeling His faithfulness is a day spent preparing the next generation for an eternity where every tear is finally wiped away. That is the Truth our children can build their house upon.

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## God is calling you for something

Have you ever felt like God was calling you into something you were not ready for? Be honest. Not later. Not when you get yourself together. Not when everything lines up. But right now, in the middle of your uncertainty.

That is exactly how it works. God will call you before you feel ready. It can feel like you have been dropped into something unfamiliar, uncomfortable, and bigger than you. Your first thought is not confidence. It is fear. It is the question, "Can I really do this?"

That is where we find Gideon in Judges chapter 6. Israel is under pressure. The enemy is overwhelming them. And Gideon is not out front leading. He is hiding. He is just trying to survive. And that is where God meets him.

God does not wait for Gideon to step onto a battlefield. He shows up while he is still in hiding and calls him a mighty warrior. Gideon does not feel strong, but God speaks strength anyway. Gideon does not see greatness, but God calls it out of him.

Because God does not call you based on

how you see yourself. He calls you based on what He placed inside of you. God calls you where you are, not where you are trying to be.

If God waited for you to be ready, you would never move. If He waited for you to fix everything, you would stay stuck. So He calls you right in the middle of your mess, your fear, and your uncertainty.

And when He calls you, your first response will not be confidence. It will be questions.

Gideon said, "If God is with us, why is all this happening?" Gideon said, "I am the least." Gideon said, "My clan (family) is the weakest."

That is what fear does. It makes you question your calling. It makes you focus on your limitations. It makes you look at your past and doubt your future.

But the issue is not that God picked the wrong person. The issue is that you are looking at yourself through the wrong lens. You see limits. God sees assignment.

And here is something you need to under-

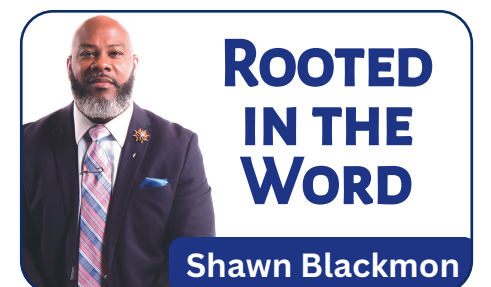
stand. Fear will always show up when you are close to your purpose. The pressure you feel is not random. The resistance you feel is not accidental.

The enemy is not worried about who you used to be. He is threatened by who you are becoming. That is why it feels heavy. That is why it feels uncomfortable. That is why it feels like a fight. Because you are standing at the edge of an assignment.

And if the pressure is that strong, the purpose must be that big.

Now here is how Gideon's story ends. The same man who was hiding became the one who led. God didn't give him thousands to fight with. He reduced his army down to just 300 men so there would be no confusion about who was responsible for the victory. And with obedience and trust, Gideon defeated an entire army that once had him in fear.

He did not win because he became fearless. He won because he trusted God in the middle of his fear. And that is the encouragement for



you today. You do not have to wait until fear disappears. You just have to move while God is speaking.

Because the same God who called Gideon is calling you. And if He called you, He will carry you.

Walk in grace. Stand in truth. Live blessed.

*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.*

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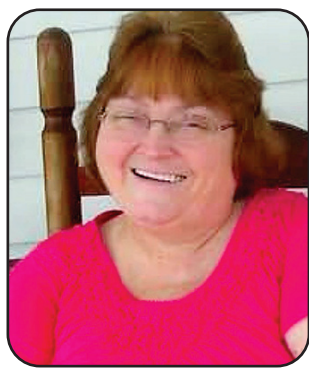
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# OBITUARIES



**Bonnie Lucille Brasher**

It is in loving remembrance that we celebrate the life of Bonnie Lucille Brasher, who was called home to be with her Lord and Savior at the age of 77.

Bonnie was a faithful Christian who loved the Lord with all her heart and raised her children in the church. She was the organist at Walnut Park Baptist Church for over 20 years.

Bonnie was a 1968 graduate of Emma Sansom High School where she played in the band. She was an activities director at several nursing homes over her professional career. Her youthful nature and her love for playing games and camaraderie made a difference in so many of her residents' lives.

Bonnie's ability to love her family was boundless and incredible. Her memory for her family members through multiple generations was simply amazing. She was truly the family matriarchal historian.

Bonnie was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She went to every game, recital, graduation, whatever the event might be to support her babies. She was Mawmaw Brasher to all our extended friends and family. She loved and supported them like her own.

As an avid Alabama fan, she never missed watching a game. She even insisted on being released from the hospital to get home to watch the 2019 Iron Bowl. ROLL TIDE!

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." Amen. (2 Corinthians 5-8)

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; Bill and Alma Williams, and nephew, Joey Steele.

Bonnie is survived by her husband of 60 years, February 26, 1968, Stanley Brasher.

Children; Eddie (Tammy) Brasher, April (Dewayne) Handy, Craig Brasher.

Grandchildren; Anna (Logan) Gibson, Austin (Hannah) Handy, Autumn Handy, Abby (Eric) Buckner, Beau Brasher, Landon Brasher, Trent Perman, and Savannah Perman.

Great-grandchildren; Caroline and Ellie Kate Handy, River and Danny Buckner, Luna and Della Gibson.

Siblings; Jeff (Jeannie) Williams, Janice (Sonny) Steele, Terry (Eileen) Williams, and Wanda (George) Lancaster.

Pallbearers will be Austin Handy, Beau Brasher, Landon Brasher, Trent Perman, Shane Williams, and Dale Tolton.

Honorary pallbearers will be her nephews; Devin Williams, Dylan Williams, Lee Jones, Paul Brasher, Chase Guffey, Bobby Lee, Scott Willingham, and Joey Steele.

Visitation was held at Morgan Funeral Chapel on April 13.



**Donald R. Holmes Jr**

Donald R. Holmes Jr., age 64, passed away on April 6. A funeral service was held at Crestwood Funeral Home

on Friday, April 10. Tommy Marshall officiated. Burial at Rainbow Memorial Gardens.

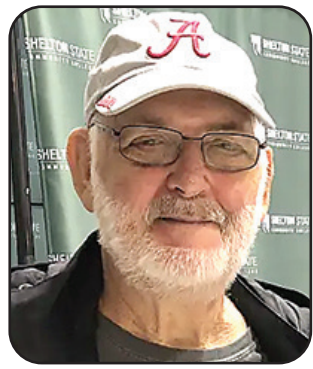
Don was born in the Midway/McDonald community in 1961. He graduated from Fort Cherry Junior/Senior High School in 1980. He later made his home in the Gadsden/Attalla area, where he resided until his passing. Don enjoyed Alabama football and the Pittsburgh Steelers, as well as fishing and NASCAR. He especially cherished time spent relaxing on his porch, often with his favorite "Kool-Aid" (beer) in hand, sipping through a straw.

He was preceded in death by his beloved dog, Babe (2024); his father, Donald Ray Holmes Sr. (2016); and his mother, Margaret (Martin) Holmes (2014).

He is survived by his son, Justin Kay; his sisters, Janet Lynn (Holmes) Mayben and Dona Rae (Holmes) Gaudio; his uncle, Richard Martin; his special adopted son, Blake; Haleigh Stovall; and DeWayne Buckerstaff; and his special niece, Rachel Diana Mayben. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Dona Gaudio, Joel Nussbaum, Blake Stovall, Kevin Martin, Marvin Barkley, and Jay Whin.

The family extends special thanks to the nurses and staff of the CCU at Riverview Hospital for their care. Thank you to pastor Tommy Marshall for all his visits and encouraging words while he was in the hospital.



**George Larry Couch**

**HOKES BLUFF** - Graveside funeral service for George Larry Couch, 82 of Hokes Bluff, was held on Monday, April 13, at Rainbow Memorial Gardens, with Sam Couch officiating the service.

George Larry Couch was born on August 12, 1943 and passed away on April 7. Mr. Couch was preceded in death by his parents, George Sam and Beatrice Couch, and a brother, Richard Couch.

Left to cherish the memories of Mr. Couch are his son, Larry (Jen) Couch, daughters, Lisa Couch (Keith) Lowman and Lynette Couch (James) Fletcher, grandchildren, Jordan (Jade) Johnson, Ashton (Josh) Collier, Kendall Johnson, Bradley Couch (Tristian Speigner), Triston Fletcher, and Dax (Hannah) Lowman, great-grandchildren, Roman Couch, Rhett Collier, Luke Johnson, Riley Johnson, Amias Speigner, and Weston Lowman, brother, Michael (Laura) Couch, sister-in-law, Amelia Couch, and several nieces and nephews.

Larry was born to George Sam Couch and Beatrice Couch. He grew up in Gadsden and spent much of his life on Noccalula Mountain. Larry attended Emma Samson High School before earning two degrees from Gadsden State in Autobody Repair and Carpentry. At age 13, he delivered newspapers as a paperboy for the Gadsden Times. At 17, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served as a Petty Officer on a Naval air craft carrier for three years before being honorably discharged. He returned home to work for Gulf State steel for 34 years until its closing. He then served the Etowah County Sheriff's office for 10 years an Immigration transporter and correctional officer.

Most recently, he served his community by delivering home-bound meals for the Hokes Bluff Nutrition Center. He took great pride in his work and was respected by friends and family.

Outside of his career, Larry enjoyed gardening, hunting, NASCAR, Alabama football, and most especially riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He cherished time spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren creating many lasting memories.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his family and friends. Special friends David and H.D. Turner, Steve Turner, and Sabrina Reed.

Pallbearers will be, James Fletcher, Triston Fletcher, Josh Collier, Jordan Johnson, Dax Lowman, and Tristian Speigner.

Mr. Couch was a founding member of Trinity Baptist Church.



**Doris Stephens Ragan**

**PIEDMONT** - Mrs. Doris Stephens Ragan, age 87 of Piedmont, passed away Friday, April 10, at her residence. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3 PM Saturday, April 18, at the chapel of Cherokee Memorial Funeral Home with Brother Brian Pesnell and her grandson, Stone Ragan officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery at 5295 Fairview Road, Gadsden. The family will receive friends from 1 PM until the hour of service at the funeral home.

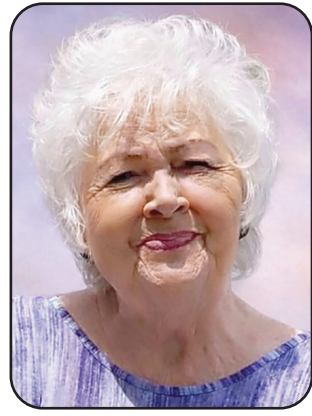
Mrs. Ragan was a Christian first then a wife of 57 years, a Mama, Grandma and a friend. She loved the Lord and singing His word, which she had been doing even before she could read. She raised her kids in the Lord's house at Black Creek Baptist Church in which she worked in many ways. She was a charter member of Black Creek Fire Dept Ladies auxiliary. Mrs. Ragan received her GED & started to Gadsden St when she was 50 where she was an honor student and a member of the Key and Beta clubs as well as being listed in the Who's Who in American Community Colleges. She loved music, especially piano, and before she was diagnosed with congested heart failure, she enjoyed being with the gang at The Cove Family Restaurant doing Karaoke, dancing and cutting up - she was the floor show. She was a very talented seamstress who made most of her family's clothing when the kids were at home, even her daughter's wedding dress. She had a very green thumb and loved working with and talking to her many flowers every morning. She loved red and attendees are invited to wear red to the service.

Survivors include her daughter, Ann (Louis) Murphy; Sons, Steve (Jennifer) Ragan and Brent (Brandi) Ragan; Grandchildren, Mandie Kiddy, Jordan (Deana) Harris, Jesse (Shayna) Ragan, Johnna (Daniel) Harper, Jake (Ally) Ragan, Stone (Valencia) Ragan & Chase Ragan; Great-Grandchildren, Seth Kiddy, Kade Manning, Addi Manning, Tanner Harris, Tucker Harris & Colt Ragan; Sister, Gwenith Johnson; Chosen Daughter, Nadine Ballard; Chosen Granddaughter, Sara Reaves.

Mrs. Ragan was a native of Centre, AL, the daughter of the late Roscoe and Erma Morrison Stephens. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tracy Ra-

gan, Brothers, Sammy, Elwin, and Azzlee Stephens; Sisters, Jessie Duncan, Ted Barnard, and Infant Martha Stephens.

The family respectfully requests no flowers please and in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in her memory.



**Brenda McGinnis Maise**

**GLENCOE** - Brenda McGinnis Maise, age 78, of Glencoe, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 13.

Born July 11, 1947, to the late Fred and Katherine McGinnis, Brenda was a lifelong resident of Glencoe. She attended Gadsden City Schools and graduated from Gadsden High School in 1965. She continued her education at Gadsden State and Auburn University, earning a degree in education.

Brenda dedicated many years of her life to teaching at General Forrest Middle School until 1982, when she chose to devote her time fully to her family as a loving mother and home-maker.

She was a faithful member of North Glencoe Baptist Church for many years, where she was deeply involved in the music ministry, serving as a pianist, organist, and choir member. Most recently, she attended Meadow Brook Baptist Church, where she was uplifted by the choir and orchestra, the preaching of Bro. Randy Gunter, and the teaching of Bro. Cary Herring.

Her life's emphasis was to live a godly life, and she poured her love and devotion into her family. She loved the Atlanta Braves and Auburn football, and she cherished time spent with her family above all else.

Brenda was preceded in death by her daughter, Anna Kathleen Maise.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 47 years, Lourie "Butch" Maise; her children, Pamela Burns (Sean), Jason R. Maise (Amy), and Kristen Foust (Chris); her ten grandchildren, Tyler Hayes (Jena), Trent Burns (Cassie), Tessa Daniel (Mitchell), Bella Long (Mason), Maddox Foust, Jax Foust, Ryan Maise, Riley Maise (Abigail), Alex Collins (Ellen), and Caroline Bailey (Weston); her great-grandchildren, Carter Hayes, Marleigh Jo Daniel, Collins Bailey, Evalyn Long, and Kennedy Collins; brother, Wayne McGinnis (Phyllis); nephew, Tim McGinnis (Holly); and niece, Tanya Van Cleave (John).

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 15, at the Collier-Butler Chapel, with Bro. Cary Herring and Sean Burns officiating. Burial will follow at Crestwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until the hour of the service at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be grandsons. Honorary pallbearers, members of the Cary Herring Sunday school class, the late Doug Jenkins, and the late Bobby Jagers.

**Justin Edward Wade**

**RAINBOW CITY** - Justin Edward Wade passed on April 8, at the age of 42. Justin was a resident of Rainbow City, Alabama.

Visitation will be held at Collier-Butler Funeral Home, 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901 on Sat-

urday, April 18, 2026, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, followed by a funeral service at 12:00 pm. He will be laid to rest at Rainbow Memorial Gardens.

**Anthony Parker**

**GADSDEN** - With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the earthly transition of Anthony Parker of Gadsden, who traded time for eternity on Tuesday, April 7, at the age of 71. We ask that you keep his family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time. Funeral service was held on April 12 at Mt. Zion Full Gospel Church

**Jimmie Sue Watts**

Jimmie Sue Watts was born on May 1, 1936 and passed away on April 13. Visitation was held on April 16, at 6:00 pm at Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory. Funeral Service will be held on April 17 at 11:00 am at Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 625 Gilbert Ferry Rd SE, Attalla, AL.



**Mary S. Johnson**

**HOKES BLUFF** - Funeral service for Mary S. Johnson, 92, of Hokes Bluff will be held 11am Friday, April 17, at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with Dr. Gary Ashley officiating the service. The family will receive friends from 10am until time of service at the funeral home.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Franklin (DeWitt) Johnson; her first born son, Michael DeWitt Johnson; parents, Tom E. Shelton and Evie Lee Shelton; brothers, Delbert Shelton, Nolan Shelton, and Julian Shelton; sisters, Pauline Wininger, Ruth

Crowe, and Loretta Hancock.

Left to cherish the memories of Ms. Johnson are her sons, Thomas Noah Johnson, and Mat-thew (Kathryn) David Johnson; daughter-in-law, Elaine Johnson; grandchildren, Alex (Jen) Johnson, Caitlin Johnson, Luke Johnson, Chris (Alex) Johnson, Leah (Andrew) Cookston, Derek Johnson, Brandon Johnson; great-grandchildren, Lucas Johnson, Levi Cookston, Sutton Johnson, Maddie Cookston, Scarlett Johnson; brother, Alvie (Pat) Shelton; sisters-in-law, Mildred Shelton and Betty Shelton; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary was born the third of eight children in Scottsboro Alabama. She graduated from Jack-son County High School in 1952 and went on to graduate from the Holy Name of Jesus Nursing School in 1957. Throughout her career she nursed in Texas, Kentucky and finally retired from Gadsden Regional Medical Center in Gadsden Alabama. Mary was an active member of 1st Baptist Church of Hokes Bluff since 1978 when they moved back here from Kentucky. She loved to visit the homebound and made 2 different mission trips to Russia with her church family. She grew up cooking for her siblings and could throw an entire meal together in minutes. Her home-made biscuits were a big request from many. She would often make them before her shift and share them with the hospital staff and physicians.

Pallbearers will be her sons and grandsons.

Special thanks to Mountain Cove Assisted Living staff and director, and the wonderful and caring nurses and staff of Cherokee County Health and Rehab Center. Avery special thank you to Linda Davis, Admin Assistant at CCHRC for all your help, love, and support.

**Lee Van Harris**

Public Visitation will be 12 noon - 6 pm Friday, April 17, in the chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home.

Celebration of life services will be 11 am Saturday, April 18, in the chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home.

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# SPORTS

## Schedules

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### Baseball

**April 17**  
Glencoe at Ft. Payne at 4:30 p.m.  
**April 18**  
Hokes Bluff vs. Sardis at 12 p.m.  
Glencoe at West End at 11 a.m.  
Etowah at Piedmont at 11 a.m.  
**April 20**  
Glencoe at Cleburne County at 4:30 p.m.  
Southside vs. White Plains at 5 p.m.  
West End at Falkville at 4:30 p.m.  
**April 21**  
Etowah at Pell City at 6 p.m.

#### Boys Soccer

**April 18**  
Hokes Bluff vs. Oneonta at 3:30 p.m.  
Coosa vs. New Hope at 4 p.m.  
**April 20**  
Gadsden City vs. Susan Moore at 5 p.m.  
Hokes Bluff at Cherokee County at 7 p.m.  
Glencoe at Lincoln at 5:30 p.m.  
Southside vs. Pell City at 6 p.m.  
Westbrook vs. Talladega at 7:30 p.m.  
**April 21**  
Gadsden City vs. Collinsville at 5 p.m.  
Hokes Bluff vs. North Jackson at 7:30 p.m.  
Glencoe at Talladega at 7 p.m.

#### Girls Soccer

**April 18**  
Hokes Bluff vs. Oneonta at 1:30 p.m.  
**April 20**  
Hokes Bluff at Cherokee County at 5 p.m.  
Westbrook vs. Talladega at 5:30 p.m.  
**April 21**  
Hokes Bluff vs. North Jackson at 6:30 p.m.  
Gadsden City vs. Collinsville at 5 p.m.  
Glencoe at Talladega at 5 p.m.

#### Softball

**April 17**  
Westbrook vs. Susan Moore at 4:30 p.m.  
Westbrook vs. Ider at 8 p.m.  
**April 18**  
Westbrook vs. Valley Head at 10 a.m.  
Westbrook vs. Sylvania at 1:30 p.m.  
Westbrook vs. Susan Moore at 5 p.m.  
**April 20**  
Gadsden City vs. Saks at 4:30 p.m.  
Gaston at Glencoe at 5 p.m.  
Southside at Springville at 4:30 p.m.  
Sardis vs. Crossville at 4:30 p.m.  
Westbrook vs. Susan Moore at 4:30 p.m.  
**April 21**  
Gadsden City vs. Gaston at 5:30 p.m.  
Hokes Bluff vs. Sardis at 4:30 p.m.  
West End vs. Cedar Bluff at 5 p.m.  
Glencoe vs. Ohatchee at 5 p.m.  
Southside at Boaz at 4:30 p.m.  
Westbrook at Talladega at 5 p.m.  
**April 23**  
Gadsden City vs. Westbrook at 4:30 p.m.  
Gaston at Saks at 4:30 p.m.  
Hokes Bluff at Cherokee County at 4:30 p.m.  
Glencoe at Piedmont at 5 p.m.  
Southside vs. Plainview at 4:30 p.m.  
Southside at St. Clair County at 4:30 p.m.  
West End vs. Locust Fork at 4:15 p.m.  
Sardis vs. Etowah at 4:30 p.m.

### COLLEGE SPORTS

#### Men's Baseball

**April 18**  
GSCC at Southern Union State CC at 1 p.m.  
GSCC at Southern Union State CC at 3:30 p.m.  
**Women's Softball**  
GSCC vs. Southern Union State CC at 4 p.m.  
GSCC vs. Southern Union State CC at 6 p.m.  
**April 23**  
Men's Baseball  
GSCC vs. Shelton State CC at 2 p.m.  
GSCC vs. Shelton State CC at 4:30 p.m.

## Sardis seniors sign with Lindsey Wilson

By Karla McArthur  
Correspondent

Sardis High School seniors Grant Coe and Levi Martin have signed full-tuition scholarships to play football for Lindsey Wilson University's Blue Raiders.

Coe, a three-time All County and All Area football player, said he considers it a great honor to be blessed to play at the next level. "It's been a dream of mine since I could walk," said Coe. "I've had a ball in my hand since I was probably three months old. This really is an amazing opportunity to continue to play the sport I love."

Coe went on to say he would first like to thank God for his many blessings and added that his parents, siblings, family, friends and coaches have always supported him and provided words of encouragement that buoyed him on his difficult days.

"No matter what, I know I have an amazing support system back home that I can lean on when things are tough, and that's a huge blessing," he said. "I can't wait to get to Kentucky and go to work — go Raiders."

Senior Levi Martin carved his name into the AHSAA record books with a standout performance and a remarkable career. Martin recorded 28 tackles in a single game against the Guntersville Wildcats, ranking No. 8 in state history, and finished his career with 545 total tackles, placing him No. 10 all-time.

In addition to his defensive achievements, Martin broke a school record and earned a spot in the state record book with 417 total offensive yards in a single game. His all-around performance helped secure multiple honors, including first-team All-State recognition.

Martin was named Athlete of the Year for Region 5 and earned Most Valuable Player honors in Etowah County. As a junior, he was recognized as the All-County Defensive Play-

er of the Year. Offensively, he rushed for more than 1,000 yards, showcasing his versatility on the field.

He also excelled in the classroom, maintaining a 3.8 grade point average.

Lindsey Wilson University is located in Columbia, Kentucky and serves as a private liberal arts institution situated on more than 200 acres in south-central Kentucky.

The Blue Raiders compete in the NAIA and the Mid-South Conference. Since joining the NAIA in 1988, Lindsey Wilson athletics has won 17 national team championships and 41 individual national titles. The university currently offers 12 varsity sports for men and women, along with three co-ed programs. Football, wrestling and swimming were added in 2010, followed by co-ed archery in 2018.

Together, Coe and Martin leave behind a legacy of excellence at Sardis High School, defined by hard work, determination and a passion for the game.



LEFT PHOTO: Grant Coe (#3) and Levi Martin (#17) during a football game. RIGHT PHOTO: Sardis seniors Grant Coe and Levi Martin signed scholarships to Lindsey Wilson University with family and friends present. Standing, from left to right, Luke Martin, Colt Martin, Bo Martin, Tex Martin, Amanda Martin, Kerri Coe, Kevin Coe, Timberly Coe and Brayden Coe. Sitting, from left to right, Levi Martin and Grant Coe.

## Hokes Bluff soccer debuts new field



Hokes Bluff's varsity soccer teams debuted their new home field at Coach Mike Robertson Stadium on Tuesday, April 7, hosting New Hope High School in a milestone moment for the sixth-year program. Moving from the city fields to the school's football stadium gives the Eagles access to an NFHS-regulation playing surface, allowing them to host postseason matches while improving player safety with increased space around the sidelines. The upgraded venue also offers enhanced lighting, seating, parking, bathroom access and a permanent concessions stand. In the opener, the Lady Eagles fell 1-0, while the Hokes Bluff boys rallied from a 1-0 deficit to win 2-1, scoring on a penalty kick and a late strike that slipped just inside the post. The program expressed appreciation to Coach Mike Robertson, Principal Kevin Young, Mayor Scott Reeves and the Hokes Bluff City Council for their support. *Photos by Alex Chaney/Special to The Messenger.*

## Recent Scores

### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

**Baseball**  
**April 10**  
Gadsden City 1, Boaz 3  
Etowah 5, Hazel Green 3  
**April 11**  
Southside 4, Russellville 5  
Coosa 6, North Jackson 8  
Sardis 19, Scottsboro 6  
Westbrook 6, Moody 7  
**April 14**

Coosa 4, Appalachian 9  
Sardis 10, Boaz 11  
Westbrook 11, Oneonta 3

#### Boys Soccer

**April 10**  
Gadsden City 1, Guntersville 4  
**April 11**  
Coosa 6, Westbrook 0  
**April 13**  
Hokes Bluff 6, Cherokee County 0  
**April 14**  
Etowah 1, New Hope 2

#### Girls Soccer

**April 10**

Gadsden City 4, Guntersville 1  
**April 11**  
Westbrook 2, Darlington 0  
**April 13**  
Glencoe 6, Talladega 4  
**April 14**  
Glencoe 5, Susan Moore 2

#### Softball

**April 10**  
Hokes Bluff 6, Childersburg 4  
**April 13**  
Hokes Bluff 4, Sand Rock 3  
Gadsden City 0, Clay-Chalkville 16

West End 1, Brewer 0  
Sardis 0, Cherokee County 4  
**April 14**  
Hokes Bluff 8, Oneonta 2  
Gadsden City 0, Southside 15  
Glencoe 2, West End 3  
Gaston 2, Sand Rock 10  
Westbrook 5, Piedmont 10  
Sardis 9, Douglas 7  
Etowah 8, Ashville 1

### COLLEGE SPORTS

**Men's Baseball**  
**April 9**  
GSCC 4, Calhoun

Community College 4  
GSCC 11, Calhoun  
Community College 10  
**April 11**  
GSCC 9, Calhoun  
Community College 8  
GSCC 8, Calhoun  
Community College 3

#### Softball

**April 9**  
GSCC 5, Calhoun  
Community College 0  
GSCC 10, Calhoun  
Community College 6  
**April 11**  
GSCC 5, Calhoun  
Community College 0  
GSCC 15, Calhoun  
Community College 13

# SPORTS

## AREA 13 CHAMPIONS GCHS boys and girls win area soccer championship



The Gadsden City High School Titan varsity soccer programs captured a sweep of Area 13 championships Tuesday night, as both the boys' and girls' teams defeated Fort Payne to claim title honors. The varsity girls earned a 3-0 victory to secure the championship. Miriam Rasool led the scoring with one goal, while Fiyin Oguntoyo added a goal and an assist. Avery Parker also found the net with one goal, and Caroline Frederick contributed an assist in the win. The varsity boys followed with a 3-1 victory over Fort Payne to complete the championship sweep. Isaac Lopez, PJ German and Zakorien Shack each scored one goal. Shack also recorded an assist, while Diego Marroquin added one assist in the title match. With both Area 13 championships secured, Gadsden City enters postseason play riding strong momentum as the playoffs begin. *Photos submitted by Gadsden City High School.*

## AHSAA approves basketball shot clock rule for 2026-27 Central Board also elects first woman president in board's history

The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Central Board of Control made two major basketball-related decisions Wednesday during its April meeting at the AHSAA office, highlighted by the approval of a 35-second shot clock for all varsity basketball games beginning with the 2026-27 season.

The decision officially moves Alabama high school basketball into a new era after years of study and discussion among coaches and administrators.

"This is something we have been studying a good while, and our basketball coaches' leadership has been at the forefront of this decision," said AHSAA Executive Director Heath Harmon. "We think this is the right time. We felt it needed to be added at the beginning of a classification period and not in the middle."

The board also extended the use of the "Mercy Rule" in postseason basketball to include state championship games. The rule puts a running clock into effect when one team builds a 30-point lead in the fourth quarter.

### What is a shot clock?

A shot clock is a timer used in basketball to ensure teams attempt a shot within a

set amount of time during each possession. Under the new AHSAA rule, teams will have 35 seconds to attempt a shot that hits the rim. If a team fails to do so before time expires, it results in a violation and the ball is awarded to the opposing team.

Shot clocks are widely used at the college and professional levels and are intended to increase the pace of play, discourage stalling, and create more offensive opportunities.

### Other board actions

The Central Board also discussed potential changes to basketball scheduling formats, including a possible move from area play to district play for Class 6A next season and eventually across all classifications. No action was taken on that proposal.

Additional actions and discussions from Wednesday's meeting included:

Cross country: Approved random starting box assignments for the state meet

Swimming: Approved the use of backstroke ledges; adjusted state meet warm-up and start times; approved relay qualification using aggregate times from certified meets

Wrestling: Approved a return to predetermined state tournament brackets;

expanded bracket sizes for Class 1A-3A boys and 5A-6A girls to 16 competitors; approved scoring procedures for wrestlers with byes; and added mat requirements for weight class matches used in seeding

Basketball: Discussed, but did not act on, a proposal to move from area play to district play

The board also handled several administrative and operational items:

- Approved June 10 for new board member orientation
- Approved July 23 for Legislative Council member orientation
- Heard a financial report from Executive Director Heath Harmon
- Approved financial reports for the 2025 Super 7; 2026 regional and state bowling; 2026 wrestling duals, section and state tournaments; and 2026 indoor track championships
- Discussed input from the Medical Advisory Board's February meeting
- Approved required medical forms for the 2026-27 school year
- Approved the 2026-27 AHSAA Sports Calendar, 2026-27 Events Calendar, and the 2026-2031 Five-Year Calendar

- Discussed potential rebranding for future state championships
- Approved continued contract discussions for baseball and softball
- Approved expenses for the 2026 NFHS Summer Meeting
- Approved the NFHS Board Dinner sponsored by Assured Insurance Partnership
- Discussed AHSAA-sanctioned events
- Approved championship pathways for the 2026-27 school year
- Discussed proposals submitted for 2026

In addition to policy decisions, the board unanimously elected Kim Kiel of Pelham City Schools as the first female president in the AHSAA's 105-year history. Kiel, who currently serves as vice president and as assistant superintendent in Pelham, will begin her one-year term in July 2026.

District 8 representative Brian Jett, superintendent of Fort Payne City Schools, was elected vice president.

The new officers will officially assume their roles at the July 29, 2026 Central Board meeting.

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**TRACT ONE:** Commence at the NE Corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East and run South 884.85 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along said line 190.0 feet; thence 90 degrees 05'55" right and run 690.71 feet to the center of a 60" Right of Way; thence North 90 degrees 26'39" East and run North along the center of said Right of Way 190.0 feet; thence 90 degrees 33'19" right and run East 692.22 feet to the Point of Beginning.

**TRACT TWO:** Commence at a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183) marking the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, said point being the point of beginning, thence North 00 degrees 25'31" East 1438.02 feet to a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183), thence South 26 degrees 07'41" East 1279.02 feet to a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183) on the Northwest right of way of Little Cove Road (40' RW), thence run Southwesterly along said right of way the following bearings and distances: South 61 degrees 00'01" West 163.41 feet, South 61 degrees 40'22" West 311.84 feet, South 66 degrees 07'21" West 92.32 feet, South 70 degrees 48'32" West 76.33 feet to the point of beginning. AND

**TRACT THREE:** Commence at a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183) marking the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, thence North 89 degrees 53'39" West 1331.57 feet along the South line of said forty to a 1" Iron pipe on the Northwest right of way of Little Cove Road (40' RW) marking the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, thence North 89 degrees 53'39" West 1331.57 feet along the South line of said forty to a 1" iron pipe on the Northwest right of way of Little Cove Road (40' RW) marking the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the South-west 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, thence North 00 degrees 25'31" East 1438.02 feet to a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183), said point being the Point of Beginning, thence continue North 00 degrees 25'31" East 2556.16 feet to a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183) marking the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, thence South 89 degrees 34'06" East 560.19 feet along the North line of said forty to a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183), thence South 00 degrees 25'31" West 2332.62 feet to a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183), thence South 68 degrees 40'33" West 603.12

feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with a non-exclusive 60' access easement, 30' each side of the below described line: Commence at a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183) marking the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, thence North 89 degrees 53'39" West 1331.57 feet along the South line of said forty to a 1" iron pipe on the Northwest right of way of Little Cove Road (40' RW) marking the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, thence North 00 degrees 25'31" East 1438.02 feet to a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183), thence North 68 degrees 40'33" East 603.12 feet to a capped 1/2" rebar (LS#21183) and the Point of Beginning of said easement, thence South 40 degrees 16'28" East 211.96 feet, South 08 degrees 12'13" East 226.46 feet, South 35 degrees 39'40" East 431.65 feet, South 59 degrees 17'25" East 128.20 feet, South 35 degrees 32'16" East 134.04 feet, South 19 degrees 11'08" East 107.51 feet to a point on the Northwest right of way of Little Cove Road (40' RW) and the end of said easement.

**TRACT FOUR:** Commence at the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, and run South along the East line of said quarter-quarter of 974.85 feet; to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along said course 190.0 feet; thence 90 degrees 04'00" right and run West 689.18 feet to the center of a 60" right of way; thence 89 degrees 26'26" right and run North along the center of said right of way 190.0 feet; thence 90 degrees 33'21" right and run 690.71 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to existing right of ways for public roads, utility lines, easements and restrictions of record if any.

**TRACT FIVE:** The North 1/2 of Lot 89 of "The Cove Subdivision" being part of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, Etowah County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: From the NE corner of said SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4: thence South 1164.85 feet more or less to a 5/8" rebar and the Point of Beginning; thence South 90.14 feet; thence S 89 degrees 22'25" W 687.89 feet to a point in the center of a 60 foot wide right of way; thence N 00 degrees 46'17" W 98.81 feet along the center of said right of way; thence South 89 degrees 54'17" East 689.18 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to existing right of ways for public roads, utility lines, easements and restrictions of record if any.

**TRACT SIX:** The S 1/2 of Lot 89 of "The Cove Subdivision" being part of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, Etowah County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: From the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, run South 1254.85 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 89 degrees 20' West, 688.43 feet to the center of a 60 foot right of way; thence S 00 degrees 27'35" East along center of said right of way, 98.81 feet; thence N 88 degrees 35'55" East, 687.80 feet; thence North 90 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to existing right of ways for public roads, utility lines, easements and restrictions of record if any.

**TRACT SEVEN:** Commence at the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South,

Range 4 East and run South along the East line thereof for 1324.85 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along said line 63.7 feet; thence 72 degrees 06'18" right and run Southwesterly 751.96 feet to the center of 60 foot right of way; thence 91 degrees 31'25" right and run Northerly along the center of said R.O.W. 260.0 feet; thence 90 degrees 00' right and run Easterly 105.2 feet; thence 14 degrees 18'03" right and run East 687.8 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to existing right of ways for public roads, utility lines, easements and restrictions of record If any. The address being 0000 Kerri Lane, Boaz, AL 35956

Parcels Nos: 05-08-27-0-000-005.049; 05-08-27-0-000-001.001; 05-08-27-0-000-005.012; 05-08-27-0-000-005.019; 05-08-27-0-000-005.007; and 05-08-27-0-000-005.018 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. THE PARCELS MAY BE SOLD AS ONE OR SEPARATELY. ALABAMA LAW GIVES SOME PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. PROGRAMS MAY ALSO EXIST THAT HELP PERSONS AVOID OR DELAY THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. AN ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS AND PROGRAMS AS A PART OF THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS**

The Mortgagee or its assignees reserve 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. Contact Jason Knowles at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

/s/ Jason Knowles  
Jason Knowles  
Knowles & Sullivan, LLC  
Attorneys for Auctioneer  
413 Broad Street  
Gadsden, Alabama  
35901  
Ph: (256) 547-7200  
Email: jason@kkslawgroup.com

April 3, 10, and 17, 2026

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF ETOWAH Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by BOBBIE J. DAVIS on the 21st day of September 2000, to CMH HOMES, INC. DBA CLAYTON HOMES, recorded in Book 2000, Page 266, as corrected and re-recorded in Book 2000 at Page 270,

in the office of the Probate Judge of Etowah County, Alabama; and, said mortgage having been subsequently assigned to VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., by Assignment recorded in said office in Misc. Book 2025, Page 3599906; VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on April 30, 2026, the following described real property situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 12 in Abercrombie Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book B, Page 46, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama (Pro. No. 30133); together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described.

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.

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

Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale.  
Lori C. Baird  
Attorney for Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.  
ROSEN HARWOOD, P.A.  
2200 Jack Warner Pkwy Ste 200  
P.O. Box 2727  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
(205) 344-5000

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

State of Alabama, Etowah County

Whereas, of the default having been made in the payment of indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Booker T. Taylor, to WinSouth Credit Union, on July 25, 2013, said mortgage being recorded in

the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County as Document Number 3389357 on July 30, 2013 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, WinSouth Credit Union, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the courthouse door in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on May 7, 2026, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

The South 145 feet of the West 225 feet of Lot Number Four (4), and the North 35 feet of Lot Number Five (5) in Block Number One (1) of Second Addition of Paden Farm Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 275, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, less and except that part of Lot 5, Block 1, more particularly described as follows: The North 5 feet of the East 200 feet of Lot Five (5) in Block One (1) of the Second Addition of Paden Farm Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 275, in the Probate Office, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Commonly known as 150 Paden Road, East Gadsden, AL 35903

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. 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 Etowah County. 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 rights of redemption by those parties entitled to redeem under the laws of the State of Alabama.

Winsouth Credit Union  
BY: /s Jay E. Stover  
JAY E. STOVER,  
ITS ATTORNEY  
301 Broad Street  
Gadsden, Alabama  
35901  
Phone (256) 546-9205

April 10, 17, and 24, 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 Brandon V Smith, single, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns dated June 22, 2021; said mortgage being recorded on July 29, 2021 as Instrument No. 3525015 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3606687 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, AmeriSave 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 May 13, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots numbers 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41 and 43, Block 2, of the Marker Subdivision, as shown by map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 113, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 406 Glenport Ave, Gadsden, AL 35905.

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, went 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, if applicable.\* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. 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 Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

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, if applicable.

AMERISAVE MORTGAGE CORPORATION as holder of said mortgage  
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Telephone: (205) 216-4238  
FT21@mccalla.com  
File No. 26-08228AL  
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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26-08228AL

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Sawyer P Smith and Kaitlyn Treasure Smith, Husband And Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Acopia, LLC, its successors and assigns , on April 20, 2023, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on April 20, 2023, as Document Number 3556600.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on June 4, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number Thirteen (13), Block Three (3) of County Club Estates, as recorded in Plat Book "F", Page 125, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

More commonly known as: 312 Claremont Drive, 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 Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the 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.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation ("Transfer-ee")

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

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of a judgment and execution issued by the Small Claims Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, on the 23rd day of April, 2024, against Kandi Black aka Kandi Lee Hill, directed the Sheriff of Etowah County to sale fifty (50) percent of the interest of listed property for judgment amount.

I will proceed to sell Ms. Black's UNDIVIDED INTEREST of the following property to wit:

H/S BASE YEAR -COM INT N LN NW % SW % & E ROW OF KALYN DR TH SW 375S ALONG ROW TO POB TH SW 225.33 ALONG ROW TH SE 280 TH NW 225.33 TH NW 280 TO POB LYING IN NW % SW % 19-12-8 D-2002-2626, D-2018-3468975, D- 2019-3479601, D-2019-3481869  
PPIN 82751 PARCEL 13-04-19-0-001-050.041  
ADDRESS: 44 KALYN DRIVE, HOKES BLUFF, ALABAMA

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, right, title and UNDIVIDED INTEREST of Kandi Black aka Kandi Lee Hill in above described property.

Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash at public outcry. All properties sold subject to any and/or all mortgages, liens, encumbrances, fees and other lawful charges. Purchaser will be responsible for any and/or all of these fees and charges. Please note sale will be for 50% of interest in property. Sale will be held Monday A.M. 4, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. at the rear door of the Etowah County Courthouse

Jonathon W. Horton,  
Etowah County Sheriff

April 17, 24, May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Carole Denise McDonough was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/10/2026 over the Estate of Randall Dale McDonough, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not

filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Melton P. Terrell was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/11/2026 to the Estate of Janie Terrell, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Charles C. Cassell, Jr. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/13/2026 to the Estate of Martha Gail Cassell, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Jeffery Owen Freeman was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/19/2026 over the Estate of Carolyn Eileen Thacker, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Suzanne Perry was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/20/2026 over the Estate of Alma Elizabeth Perry, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Christopher Edwards Christian was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/20/2026 to the Estate of Norma Carolyn B. Christian, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Saratha Grigsby was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/04/2026 to the Estate of Raymond M. Grigsby, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Brandon Franklin was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/05/2026 to the Estate of Tammy (Tammie) Waters Walden, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Shelby Lynn Bragg was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/10/2026 to the Estate of Tracie Smith Curtis, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Kathy Renee Bowen was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/16/2026 to the Estate of Peggy Elaine Blackmon Bown, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Harvey Granade Little was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/17/2026 to the Estate of Frances Smith Little, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Stephen W. Johnson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/17/2026 to the Estate of Audrey Monroe Johnson, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Crystal D. Blackmon was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/27/2026 to the Estate of Paula D. Moore, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Jeffrey Tritt was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/13/2026 to the Estate of Jean Marie Tritt, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Lisa Puckett was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/01/2026 to the Estate of Betty Jo Puckett, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Sherree M. Weathers was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/09/2026 to the Estate of Lucille Marbury, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Julie Tennyson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/25/2026 to the Estate of bobby Wall Hayes, Sr., deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Michael Myrick was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/28/2026 to the Estate of Nita Myrick, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Jackie Howard Hughes and Georgia Howard was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/25/2026 to the Estate of Faye Lowery Howard, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Rickie Lamar Miller was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/20/2026 to the Estate of Sylvia Miller Lowery, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Amanda Bradley was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/18/2026 to the Estate of Jimmy Wyatt Bigbee, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Harold Weaver and Daryl Weaver was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 03/12/2026 to the Estate of Jerry Weaver, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Jacky E. Brewer was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/12/2026 over the Estate of Patricia Brewer, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

LaShon Self and Amber Kristen Bobo was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 03/16/2026 to the Estate of Alenka Lankford Smith, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Robert Wayne Goble was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/06/2026 to the Estate of Pamela Sue Goble, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Rickie Lamar Miller was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/20/2026 to the Estate of Sylvia Miller Lowery, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: DOROTHY ANN BALL, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED  
Case #: 2026-22

TO: Christy Brown, Jessica Brown and James Brown and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 5 day of MAY 2026 at 2:00 P.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 30TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

April 3, 10, and 17, 2026

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: LYNDA "LYN" WALKER JORDAN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-133

TO: Courtney Jordan Combs and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 12TH day of MAY 2026 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 2ND DAY OF APRIL 2026

Scott Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: GLENN DAVID TURNER, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-135

TO: Any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 12th day of MAY 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 6TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EDWARD F. PULLEN, DECEASED. Case No.: S-5489

TO: Mary Haddix; whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY

NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court a Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Edward F. Pullen, deceased.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 10th day of June, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the said Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Edward F. Pullen, deceased, should not be granted. DONE THIS THE 6TH DAY OF 6th DAY OF April 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

#### LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF: PATTERSON, JIMMY ARTHUR DECEASED.

You will take notice that a Petition for Disposition of Remains filed by London Pearce, for the disposition of the remains of Jimmy Arthur Patterson, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 23rd day of February, 2026, is set to be heard on the 22nd day of April, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., alleging that there are no known next of kin to take custody of the remains of the Decedent.

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

DONE THIS THE 14th DAY OF April, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 2026

#### LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF: JONES, KATHY DECEASED.

You will take notice that a Petition for Disposition of Remains filed by London Pearce, for the disposition of the remains of Kathy Jones, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 12th day of March, 2026, is set to be heard on the 22nd day of April, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., alleging that there are no known next of kin to take custody of the remains of the Decedent.

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

DONE THIS THE 14th DAY OF April, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 2026

#### LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Rainbow City, Alabama's Appropriate Municipal Official, pursuant to Ordinance No. 565, has made a finding that a building located on the following described property is a dangerous building because it is unsafe to the extent that it is a public nuisance and is subject to demolition:

STREET ADDRESS: 5425 Gilmer Lane, Rainbow City, Alabama 35906

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots Number Thirty-three (33) and Thirty-four (34) in Canoe Creek Paradise Subdivision, as the same appears of record in Plat Book "H", page 22, Probate Office, Etowah

County, Alabama.

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-04-17-0-001-029.000; PPIN 57817

INTERESTED PARTIES: Christy R. Stargel Frances E. Greene, deceased Faye B. Greene, deceased Jo Diane Grantland Linda Scott Paul Greene Daniel Green Patrick Greene, deceased

Any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein.

All persons interested in said property are hereby notified that if the unsafe or dangerous condition is not remedied by demolition of said building on said property within 45 days of April 7, 2026, the demolition will be accomplished by the City and the cost thereof assessed against said property. In the meantime, it is ordered that said building and said property be and remain vacated.

A public hearing as provided for by Section 8(a) set forth in Ordinance No. 565 will be held on this matter in the Council Chambers at the Rainbow City Hall, 3700 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama, on June 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in the status of these proceedings should inquire with the Rainbow City Clerk at (256) 413-1217 or at 3700 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama.

April 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLENDA GAIL TINGLE, DECEASED.

CASE NO: 2026-00152

TO: Kenneth Swafford, Michael Swafford, and all unknown heirs of Glenda Gail Tingle

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be and appear before this Court on the 12th day of May, 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 Glenda Gail Tingle, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

This the 26th day of March 2026

described in county records as follows:

T/L-2020, 2021-2022-2023, 2024 County LT 2 BLK 9 LIDDELL ADD PLAT A-216 GADSDEN SEC 4 TWP 12S R 6E. The property is located in Etowah County, Alabama.

The property was sold by the Tax Collector of Etowah County for non-payment of ad valorem taxes and purchased by Plaintiff, who holds tax sale certificates for tax years 2020 through 2024,  
Tax Year 2020: book 2022, Page 387  
Tax Year 2021: book 2022, Page 388  
Tax Year 2022: book 2023, Page 2406  
Tax Year 2023: book 2022, Page 382  
Tax Year 2024: book 2024, Page 1696

More than three (4) years have passed since the date of the tax sale, and the statutory right of redemption under Ala. Code § 40-10-120 has expired.

Plaintiff gave notice to all parties entitled to redeem, including: Frances Longmire OCT 10, 2025 – Etowah County Revenue Commissioner (via Tax Collector); Mail sent OCT 10, 2025.

No party has redeemed the property within the statutory period, and Plaintiff now seeks to foreclosure any remaining rights of redemption.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully request this Honorable Court to:  
A. Enter a judgment foreclosing all rights of redemption of the Defendants and any persons claiming through them;  
B. Vest fee simple title to the above-described property in Plaintiff, free and clear of all rights of redemption.  
C. Direct the Circuit Clerk to execute and deliver a deed conveying the property to plaintiff,  
D. Grant such further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

This notice will be published for 4 consecutive weeks starting on March 27, April 3, 10, and 17, 2026. The property will be sold at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash at the door of the Etowah County Courthouse on April 22, 2026

This order is hereby and approved Dated this February 5, 2026.

Cassandra Johnson  
Circuit Court Clerk

March 27, April 3, 10, and 17, 2026

#### NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO:  
CV-26-900141-CDR

PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
\$3,610.00 U.S.  
Currency

2008 GMC Yukon  
VIN:  
1GKFK13048J149625

2018 Chevrolet Impala  
VIN:  
2G1165S30F9113641

Hi-Point JHP  
SN: X4386335

American Tactical Omni Hybrid  
SN: NS344647

American Tactical Alpha Maxx  
SN: NX078287

Ruger Prescott  
SN: 09497180

DEFENDANTS  
In Re: Sedic Barnard Dukes

Lien-Holder  
Kenneth Duane Ball  
Etowah Used Cars, LLC  
200 5th Ave. NE  
Attalla, AL. 35954

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency, vehicles and firearms. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 20th day of May 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 19th day of March, 2026

Cassandra Johnson,  
Circuit Clerk  
Etowah County, Alabama

March 27, April 3, 10, and 17, 2026

#### NOTICE OF COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM AND TO QUIET TITLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CV-2026-900135

DONALD BERKEY and JUANITA BERKEY, PLAINTIFFS,

v. WILLIAM TAYLOR, CITY OF GADSDEN, STATE OF ALABAMA, TYLER LEE HUGHES and those fictitious defendants whose identities and whereabouts are unknown, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the lands described herein

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

The subject property is described as follows: Lot 6, Block 2 of the Goodwater Heights Addition as recorded in Plat Book B, Page 279 as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama.

The address of the subject property is 2200 Clayton Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35904. The PIN for the subject property is 18928.

Done the 20th day of March, 2026.

/s/ SONNIE J. STEEN  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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

March 27, April 3, 10, and 17, 2026

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CIVIL ACTION NO.: EMMA PRUITT ARIETA, DECEASED

CV-2018-900661

TO: ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EMMA PRUITT ARIETA, DECEASED, AND ANY OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF EMMA PRUITT ARIETA, DECEASED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LOLA BELLE PRUITT O'SHIELDS, JAMES OTIS MARKER, JEFFERSON DAVIS MARKER, CURTIS HOLLOWAY MARKER, PAUL ANDREW MARKER A/K/A ANDY PAUL MARKER OR JEROME EDISON MARKER.

Please take notice that a Petition for Final Settlement has been filed in the above-styled matter concerning the Estate of Emma Pruitt Arieta, deceased, pending in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama.

An Affidavit having been filed stating that despite diligent efforts the names and/or addresses of certain heirs of the Estate cannot be determined, service upon such unknown heirs is being made by publication pursuant to Order of the Court. Any unknown heirs, or any person claiming an interest in the Estate of Emma Pruitt Arieta, are hereby notified that a hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement has been set by the Court for the 30th day of April, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, at the courthouse in Gadsden, Alabama.

All persons claiming to be heirs or otherwise having any interest in the Estate are required to appear and file any objections to the Petition for Final Settlement on or before the date of the hearing, or be forever barred from asserting such claims.

DONE this the 24th day March 2026.

Cassandra Johnson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Etowah County, Alabama

Torbert and Torbert, PA  
1024 Forrest Avenue  
Gadsden, Alabama  
35901  
256-547-7551

March 27, April 3, 10, and 17, 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 Adams Park Area (Phase 1) Drainage Improvement Project in Gadsden, AL for the City of Gadsden, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify The City of Gadsden, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

March 27, April 3, 10, and 17, 2026

#### ORDINANCE NO. O-06-26

Amending Fiscal Year 2026 Budget BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that Ordinance No. O-21-25 (Fiscal Year 2026 Budget) is further amended by transferring \$17,000 from the Opioid Settlement Fund Balance to account #124-85-8500-420-424330 (Non-Cap Equipment). The funds will be used to purchase: Five (5) Trek Marlin E Bikes Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on April 7, 2026. Iva Nelson, City Clerk

April 17, 2026

#### NOTICE OF COMPLETION

HST Utility has completed its work on the Water Meter Replacement Project for the Water Works Board of Attalla. Any person having a claim against the project or the contractor should notify Canyon Engineering, LLC, P.O. Box 680021, Fort Payne, AL, 35968 no later than 5/1/2026.

April 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The following units will be disposed of on April 25, 2026, on the premises of Attalla Self Storage located at Attalla Self Storage 704 Jones St SE, Attalla, AL 35954

Cristi M. Burr  
Unit A3

Attalla Self Storage  
704 Jones St SE  
Attalla, AL 35954

April 17 and 24, 2026

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that the Kelton Wrecker LLC will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicles:

2018 NISSAN ALTIMA  
VIN:  
1N4AL3AP4JC247441

2002 KIA SPORTAGE  
VIN: KND-  
JB723725143757

2015 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE  
VIN: 1C4RJFBM-  
3FC243767

2015 NISSAN JUKE  
VIN:  
JN8AF5MR6FT509160

The public auction will be held at Kelton Wrecker LLC located at 1625 Forrest Ave Gadsden AL 35901 at 8:00 AM on 05/23/2026. The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low and may postpone the public auction until another time and place. In addition, the seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

April 10 and 17, 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 05/16/2026 at 8:00 am.

2005 Ford F-150  
VIN: 1FTPX-  
14595NA54106

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

April 10 and 17, 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 May 15, 2026.

2012 KIA OPTIMA  
VIN: 5XX-  
GN4A74CG060126

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

April 10 and 17, 2026

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2006 Cadillac DTS. Vin#1G6K-D57976U132143 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 5/22/2026

The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

April 10 and 17, 2026

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2020 Lexus NX 300. Vin#JTGAR-BZ1L2171437 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 5/22/2026

The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

April 10 and 17, 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 May 15, 2026.

2012 TOYOTA COROLLA  
VIN:  
2T1BU4EE3CC865838

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

April 10 and 17, 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 May 15, 2026.

2007 DODGE CARAVAN  
VIN: 1D4G-  
P24R07B141201

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

April 10 and 17, 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 May 20, 2026.

2015 Nissan Pathfinder  
VIN: 5N1AR2MN-  
0FC654527

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

April 10 and 17, 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 May 23, 2026.

2005 Pontiac G6  
VIN:  
1G2ZG528754179788

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

April 10 and 17, 2026

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on May 12, 2026.

2008 Chevrolet Silverado VIN#2G-  
CEK190081255997

Vehicle sale location is 617 SHORTER AVE ATTALLA, AL 35954

April 10 and 17, 2026

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

Please take NOTICE that the Kelton Wrecker LLC will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicles:

2008 CHEVROLET IMPALA  
VIN:  
2G1WT58K381352079

2006 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER  
VIN:  
1GNDT13S862261909

2005 DODGE DURANGO  
VIN:  
1D4HD58N65F513975

The public auction will be held at Kelton Wrecker LLC located at 1625 Forrest Ave Gadsden AL 35901 at 8:00 AM on 05/30/2026. The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low and may postpone the public auction until another time and place. In addition, the seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

April 17 and 24, 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 06/12/2026 at 8:00 am.

2009 Jeep Patriot  
VIN:  
1J4FF28B39D243246

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

April 17 and 24, 2026

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-316-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 414 HENRY STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

The East Ninety (90) feet of lot Number One (1) in Block Number Three (3) of the Riley Addition to Gadsden, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book "HH", Page 555, in the Probate Office, and being situated in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-02-04-2-000-316.000  
PIN# 33504

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to Estate of BRAY WILLIAMS AND VIRGINIA WILLIAMS C/O BOBBIE A. LANE, 4 AR-BORETUM DRIVE E., LOMBARD, ILLINOIS 60148, 414 HENRY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3134, with potential heirs, BOBBIE A. LANE, 4 ARBOR-RETUM DRIVE E., LOMBARD, ILLINOIS 60148, BRAY WILLIAMS, JR., 227 SAMMY CIRCLE, GRIF-FIN, GEORGIA, 30223 AND CLARENCE R. WILLIAMS, 518 JOESPH T. ROBINSON 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 re-pairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.  
Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-317-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 47 W. TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Twenty (20), Parcel Number Two (2), as shown on map of property of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, recorded in Plat Book "F", pages 51-65, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX PARCEL ID: 09-07-36-4-000-028.000  
PIN# 10517

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to GUNVANT PATKAR, 821 RANSOME DRIVE, ONEONTA, ALABAMA 35121-2443, 47 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 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-318-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 916 S. 12TH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 5 BLK 6 WOOD-LAWN ADD PLAT A-15 GADSDEN 8-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-1-000-077.000

PIN# 39909

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 JEFFREY WRIGHT, 925 S. 12TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3808. 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-319-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1811 EMANUEL AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 78-81 BLK 2 MEADOWGROVE SUB PLAT C-395 7-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-241.000  
PIN# 39280

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 CHRISTY OLIVE as custodian for LANDON KEITH SHANEYFELT (minor) & BRENTLEIGH MARIE SHANEYFELT (minor), 1811 EMANUEL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-4556, 1811 EMANUEL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, KEDRICK THOMAS, 1811 EMANUEL STREET, 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-320-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 311 7TH STREET NORTH (ACCESSORY BUILDING) in District 2 in the

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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-321-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 401 MADISON CIRCLE (ACCESSORY BUILDING) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Fifteen (15) in Block Number Four (4) in Woodland Park, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book E, Page 105, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 16-01-01-3-000-352.000  
PIN #: 50088

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to RACHEL SHEREE NESBITT, a minor, 1506 MULBERRY STREET, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35951, 401 MADISON CIRCLE, 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-322-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 2108 NORRIS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Five (5) in Block Number One (1) in the Oak Park Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 200 and 201, Probate Office, and lying in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Less and Except: A lot or parcel of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot Number 5 and from thence running in a Westerly direction and along the South line of said lot a distance of 45 feet to a point; thence in a Northerly direction, parallel with the East line of said lot, a distance of 60 feet to a point; thence in an Easterly direction, parallel with the South line of said lot a distance of 45 feet to a point in the East line thereof; thence in a Southerly direction and along the East line of said lot a distance of 60 feet to the point of beginning, and embracing what is commonly known as the South sixty (60) feet of the East Forty-Five (45) feet of Lot Number Five (5), in Block Number One (1) in Oak Park Addition, according to the map thereof as recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 200 and 201, Probate Office, Etowah County, and lying in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-06-4-000-004.000  
PIN #: 38268

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to PLEAS-ANT TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, 2108 NORRIS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, SMYRNA TEMPLE UNITED CHURCH OF GOD 2108 NORRIS 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-323-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 2816 PATTON STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Thirteen (13) in Block Five (5) of the Moore and Hopson South Highlands Subdivision to Gadsden as recorded in Plat Book "B", at Page 81, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and being and lying in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

ing has been given to PLEAS-ANT TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, 2108 NORRIS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, SMYRNA TEMPLE UNITED CHURCH OF GOD 2108 NORRIS 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-323-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 2816 PATTON STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Thirteen (13) in Block Five (5) of the Moore and Hopson South Highlands Subdivision to Gadsden as recorded in Plat Book "B", at Page 81, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and being and lying in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-07-3-000-021.000  
PIN #: 39087

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to RITA LYNN SMITH TONEY, 2095 BROUGHTON SPRING ROAD, SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA 35907, ESTATE OF KEITH PITMAN TONEY with BEVERLY TONEY KEMP as the AD-MINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE, 4831 TABOR ROAD, 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-324-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1007 N. 9TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 23 BLK 31 THORNTON ADD PLAT B-334 GADSDEN 33-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-155.000  
PIN# 16766

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 DARIAN MAHONE, 1327 5TH STREET N.W., ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954. 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
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April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-325-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 515 ALLEN STREET (County records list property address as 515 Allan Street) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 8 & 9 BLK H MILLER HGLDS D-31 EAST GADSDEN 14-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-3-000-081.000  
PIN# 44253

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 F&L PROPERTIES, LLC, 1824 APPALACHIAN HIGHWAY, HOKES BLUFF, 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-326-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1004 AVENUE D in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 7 BLK 5 COOSALAND CO N 10TH ST ADD PLAT B-373 GADSDEN 33-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-348.000  
PIN# 16979

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 F & L PROPERTIES, LLC, 1824 APPALACHIAN HIGHWAY, HOKES BLUFF, 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-327-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 105 N. BURNS STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

S 50 LT 16 BLK 24 ALFORDS 2ND ADD PLAT A-310 6-12-6  
Tax ID#: 15-03-06-1-000-202.000  
PIN# 37764

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 REGINA ANNETTE HESTER, 105 N. BURNS STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-2001. 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-328-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 2530 DUBLIN STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 1 BLK P OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 GADSDEN 25-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-224.000  
PIN# 14263

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 LAWRENCE S. SCOTT, 2530 DUBLIN 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 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-329-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 3306 GEORGIA AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 13 BLK 10 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 1-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-063.000  
PIN# 50260

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 JIMMIE R. COLLEY, 3306 GEORGIA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-2202. 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-330-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 511 GRADY STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 3 BLK 20 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 1-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-351.000  
PIN# 50570

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 STEPHEN & wf HEATHER ANGLIN, 511 GRADY STREET, 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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-331-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1209 GRANT AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 3 BLK 43 GARDEN CITY SUB #2 PLAT C-410 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-132.000  
PIN# 31000

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 MARGARET A & HUSB DANNY J AMOS, 1209 GRANT 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 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-332-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 511 GREENWOOD AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 20-22 BLK 9 ROLLING GREEN PARK ADD PLAT C-239 GADSDEN 14-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-3-000-108.002  
PIN# 64550

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 JAMES D. AARON JR., 511 GREENWOOD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3257. 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-333-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1826 HALL STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 130' X 163.5' X 156' X 159' 165'(S) BEING PT OF LT 20 BLK B GADSDEN REALTY CO SUB PLAT C-171 17-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-04-17-0-001-071.000  
PIN# 40479

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 NICKY DEAN & wf JANICE L GREENHAW, 399 MACHEN ROAD, ASHVILLE, ALABAMA 35953. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-334-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1142 LITCHFIELD AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 29 BLK 45 GARDEN CITY SUB #2 PLAT C-411 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-4-000-207.000  
PIN# 31693

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 JERRY HUNT, 1142 LITCHFIELD 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 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-335-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 911 MARYLAND AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 5-6 BLK 8 GOOD-YEAR PARK SUB PLAT C 84-85 GADSDEN SEC 12 TWP 12S R 6E

Tax ID#: 15-01-12-2-000-029.000  
PIN# 32043

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 JESSIE M. ROGERS, 911 MARYLAND AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-2011. 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 April 7, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk  
April 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
NO. R-336-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 234 RUSSELL STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

NW COR LT 45 BLK E MAYFAIR EST PLAT C-273 TH E 36.53 ALONG S ROW OF RUSSELL ST TO POB TH E 65.47 ALONG ROW TH S 200 TH W 59.01 TO POB BEING PT LT 1 & PT LT 45 BLK E MAYFAIR EST PLAT C-273 GADSDEN 24-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-24-1-000-092.000  
PIN# 45183

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 DOMINGO HERNANDEZ, 302 WORSWORTH TERRACE, SALIS-BURY, MARYLAND 21801. 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 April 7, 2026.

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44 Lb.

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