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Government goes to school

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"Our students and staff were truly thrilled to have these incredible individuals take time out of their schedules to speak with us. Through these interactions, students gained meaningful insight into a variety of career paths and what those professions look like in real life," administration said in an email to the Messenger.

Mayor Craig Ford was in attendance, along with Cameron Parnell of the Gadsden Fire Department, who taught the students about fire safety and what it takes to be a firefighter. Lieutenant Dusty Ford, Alex O'Neal, Grace Rhea, Carly Lankford, Robert D. Sykes and Cody Hopper from the Gadsden Police Officers, who handed out badge stickers and talked about being a law enforce-



Carly Lankford/City of Gadsden

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Craig Ford speaking with students at Oscar Adams Elementary School for Career Day.

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Battles to run as independent



By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

Jesse Battles will continue

his campaign for Alabama State Senate District 10 as an independent candidate after being removed from the Republican primary ballot earlier this year.

Battles' name will not appear on the May 19 Republican primary ballot, which includes incumbent Sen. Andrew Jones, R-Centre, and challenger Amy Dozier Minton.

In an April 19 statement, Battles said his decision followed "much prayer and many heartfelt conversations" with residents of Northeast Alabama.

He said he was "extremely disappointed" with the decision and maintains he did not violate party bylaws, arguing the issue cited fell outside the party's six-year rule.

"I don't believe the party followed the bylaws as written," Battles said.

Despite the setback, Battles said his campaign remains unchanged.

"Our values have not changed," he said, adding that running as an independent does not alter his conservative platform. He also said that although his ballot designation will differ, he still considers himself a Republican.

Battles said his campaign gathered more than 3,000 signatures in an effort to regain ballot access, but those efforts were unsuccessful. He is now working to meet the state's

requirements for independent candidates, which include submitting signatures equal to three percent of voters who cast ballots for governor in the last general election within the district.

If certified, Battles would appear on the November ballot.

Battles said his priorities include economic development, infrastructure improvements and quality-of-life investments, including completing the Interstate 759 extension.

Jones declined to comment on the ballot challenge, saying he is focused on his campaign and the needs of District 10 residents. Amy Dozier Minton could not be reached for comment by publishing deadline.

Bill requiring athletic eligibility for CHOOSE Act recipients goes to Ivey

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

The Alabama House of Representatives Thursday passed a bill that would prohibit athletic ineligibility for students who receive CHOOSE Act funds.

SB 342, sponsored by Sen. Clyde Chambliss, R-Prattville, would allow students who receive money from the CHOOSE Act, a voucher-like program providing money that can be used for private school tuition, to maintain athletic eligibility after transferring to a high school.

"The governor had proposed this bill, actually she mentioned it in her State of the State, that was at a point in time where there was confusion over the interpretation of the CHOOSE Act participants," Rep. Danny Garrett, R-Trussville said. "A family that was using CHOOSE Act money, the Athletic Association had taken the position that that might be a factor whether or not a student was ineligible. The governor's bill was to basically clarify that you can be deemed ineligible for any number

of reasons but not because you're receiving CHOOSE Act funds."

The Senate passed the bill last month with an amendment stating student athletes who are CHOOSE Act recipients cannot be denied athletic eligibility solely because they receive funds from the voucher program.

The bill passed the House with a 104-1 vote. Rep. Curtis Travis, D-Tuscaloosa was the sole no vote.

"I feel that if we want to truly give every boy and girl an opportunity in this state, not only from the standpoint of education, but ability to work with each other and know each other so they can be better community citizens, so they can be able to work together and live together and do what we need to do to move our country, our state forward, we need to make sure we're providing that quality education system to make that available," he said during debate.

House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, R-Rainsville, and Gov. Kay Ivey sued the AHSAA last fall for not allowing CHOOSE Act students to participate in sports if they

transferred to another high school. The AHSAA considers the CHOOSE Act to be a form of financial aid similar to scholarships or tuition reductions, and it requires students who receive that to be ineligible for sports for one year. In November, Judge J.R. Gaines ordered mediation. A hearing on the lawsuit is scheduled for April 14.

Garrett said during debate that because the AHSAA reclassified its public and private school championship games, the legislation is just being presented to avoid students being deemed ineligible solely because they receive CHOOSE Act funds.

"Because they separated public and private schools, and because they redid their classifications and put that separation there, it negated the financial aid because now you don't have the public schools [and] private schools issue," he said.

Under the new classifications, public and private schools will still compete against each other during the regular season, but will not go head-to-head in championship games.

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Southside girls and boys bring home medals from the Etowah County Track & Field on April, 15.

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ECDWC honored two local women at its annual cake auction.

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NEWS

ECDWC honors two local women

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor

The Etowah County Democratic Women's Club honored Marcia Kendrick and Jane Watkins, two women whose lives reflect decades of service, resilience and advocacy at the annual cake auction on Tuesday.

Marcia Kendrick, a board member of ECDWC, graduated from Cherokee County High School before studying at the University of Alabama in Montgomery, Jacksonville State University and Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College. She held leadership roles across several organizations, including serving as Missionary President at Mount Zion Baptist Church and as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference local chapter.

Kendrick faced many hardships throughout her life. She was "a sickly child" growing up, survived a house fire, lost two loving husbands and raised four children on her own, according to Karen Owen, fundraising officer of ECDWC.

"She has not only built an education, but a foundation of faith, service and purpose," Owen said. "And that purpose has been clear throughout her life to serve others."

Owen added that Kendrick has worked with children's trust funds and led summer enrichment programs. She has a heart for children who need someone to believe in them and is committed to helping them navigate the world around them by giving them a strong start they need.

When asked how the community can be more involved and help her in her mission, she said there are many ways to do so.

"My goodness, there's so much we could do," Kendrick said. "I think we need to be more involved with our public schools. You all sit down in our public schools, especially elementary and middle school, with our children, because there are so many of them who get passed on, yet they don't know how to read... I believe if they can read, they can move forward very fast."

The second honoree, Watkins, graduated from Gadsden High School before attending Jacksonville State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Education and a Master of Science in Biology.

Watkins' father passed away in his early 60s, which led to a seven-year battle with anorexia as she sought to regain control of her life. Watkins also lost two students to the same illness. After 29 years in the Etowah County school system, she chose to retire to focus on healing.



Lindsey Frazier/Messenger

Honoree Marcia Kendrick speaking at the Etowah County Democratic Women's Club on Tuesday.

"Jane made a decision not to just recover but to transform," Owen said. "She began a new path, one focused on healing the whole person, body, mind and spirit... She rebuilt her life with purpose and passion."

Watkins began her speech by asking the crowd to take a deep breath.

"I can only leave you with a few helpful hints that have helped me," Watkins said. "Number one, hold on to your beliefs. Number two, open your mind, you might be surprised. Number three, move from your intention, always. And fourthly, let your activism be an inner peace, rather than an external chaos."

Both women credit their mothers and grandmothers with giving them a strong foundation for life.

After the recognition, the cake auction and silent auction began.

Attendees submitted homemade cakes for the auction to raise money for the organization. A crowd-favorite old-fashioned pound cake made with real butter drew the highest bid at \$400, according to Harolyn Morris, ECDWC chair.

The Etowah County Democratic Women's Club is a group of like-minded women who embrace the principle of "Love Your Neighbor" and promote equality, fairness, and compassion, according to their website.

Beyond honoring community leaders, the group is currently focused on raising awareness of changes to voting laws and polling locations before the primary election. The primary will be held on Tuesday, May 19, and the registration deadline is Monday, May 4.

Morris said the primary is very important because it determines who will appear on the November ballot and shapes the direction of upcoming elections.

Registration, ballot status and polling location information can be found on the Alabama Secretary of State website at myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/voterview.

To connect with the ECDWC, they meet at The Coffee Bar in Gadsden the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon and host Liberal Libations on the third Tuesday of the months at Back Forty Beer Company at 5:30 p.m. Their next meeting will be held on May 7, at Baja California.

Outside PAC targets District 10 incumbent

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

A newly formed political action committee is circulating mailers and digital messages targeting Alabama Republican incumbents, including District 10 State Sen. Andrew Jones, R-Centre, just weeks before the GOP primary.

The group, Alabama Values PAC, has distributed materials across multiple districts criticizing lawmakers who supported legislation related to allowing voters to decide on gambling measures in the state. Similar messaging has appeared in multiple races targeting incumbents facing primary challengers supported by the Alabama Farmers Federation (ALFA).

ALFA has denied any connection to Alabama Values PAC or involvement in the mailers and digital messages, stating it had no role in the organization's activities or messaging.

According to filings with the Alabama Secretary of State's office, Alabama Values PAC was established in March and lists Wisconsin-based political operative Thomas Datwyler as both chair and treasurer. Datwyler is a national campaign consultant who has worked on political operations in multiple states and has been previously linked in public reporting to former U.S. Rep. George Santos during Santos' time in Congress.

Datwyler has also faced legal and regulatory scrutiny in multiple states in recent years related to his campaign finance work, according to federal court filings and public records. A 2024 U.S. Department of Justice filing alleged he committed wire fraud while serving as a "shadow treasurer" for Santos.

He has also faced state-level investigations in Tennessee (2025), Mississippi (2023) and Minnesota (2022), according to public records and reporting.

Federal Election Commission records show Datwyler has been assessed fines in multiple states tied to cam-

aign finance compliance issues, including \$150,000 in Indiana, \$11,000 in Georgia, \$6,000 in Illinois and \$3,300 in Washington in 2023.

Jones responded to the outside spending by describing it as part of a broader effort by political interests he says are targeting his district.

"I've never shied away from going toe to toe with Montgomery special interests," Jones said in a statement. "ALFA wants a puppet to do their bidding in Montgomery, and I'm not their guy."

Jones also criticized the content of the mailers, calling them misleading and saying additional communications are expected in the weeks leading up to the election.

"Each time a new [mailer] hits, I'll have more to say about ALFA and what they've really been up to in Montgomery," Jones said. "I don't think they want the public to know what I'll be sharing."

"Stamp out hunger" returns May 9

The Nation's largest one-day food drive to combat hunger will be held on Saturday, May 9.

The Gadsden City letter carriers and some rural carriers work with the Etowah Community Food Bank and United Way of Etowah County to make this the largest one-day food drive in Etowah County.

All citizens served by the Gadsden, Alabama City and East Gadsden Post Offices are asked to leave non-perishable food items, such as canned meats, soups, vegetables, rice, pasta and peanut butter, in a bag by their

mailbox on Saturday, May 9, before their letter carrier arrives. The food will be donated to the Etowah Community Food Bank and given to families through these agencies: Etowah Baptist Mission Center, Catholic Center of Concern and the Salvation Army.

The Letter Carriers and the Etowah Community Food Bank need your help to make this Food Drive a success. Please leave your donation by your mailbox on Saturday, May 9th. Donations may also be dropped off at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 235 South 5th

Street, on the Walnut Street side, after 10 am that day.

The food drive has been organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers since October 1991. In 1993, the organization changed the date to the second Saturday in May, with the goal of having at least one NALC branch in each of the 50 states, according to its website.

Over the course of more than 30 years, the drive has collected more than 1.94 billion pounds of food, according to the website.

For more information, visit nalc.org/community-service/food-drive or call 256-547-6391.

Career

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Doran and Lucas Hallmark attended with their K-9 partners Sonya and Teddy; registered nurse Melissa Baker and Will Mackey with the Gadsden State Regional team.

Also in attendance were District Attorney Jody Willoughby and Deputy District Attorney Kirland Back; tax professional Melonie Vinson; representatives Jamie

and Tina with Shelnett & Varner Law Firm; Carletta Mathews with Brave Living Designs and Ira Zeigler from Kia of Rainbow City.

"Our students and staff were truly thrilled to have these incredible individuals take time out of their schedules to speak with us," the school said in an email. "Through these interactions, students gained meaningful insight into a variety of career paths and what those professions look like in real life."

Career day events introduce students to a wide variety of jobs, helping to build a foundation for future career planning, according to an article from the Journal of Evaluation in Education. The article states that programs like this can improve aspects of education, exploration and career planning.

Studies show that programs such as this are crucial for elementary students development and lay the foundation for the future of their working life, according to the

article.

The study emphasized the importance that both the parents and the school play in supporting little learners and how they form their career ambitions and the holistic development of a child's development.

"We cannot express enough gratitude to everyone who participated," the school said in an email. "Their encouragement and willingness to share their experiences inspired our students to stay focused, work hard, and strive for a bright future."



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NEWS

First Friday returns May 1

First Friday returns to downtown Gadsden on May 1, following the first event of the year on April 3. Broad Street will once again come alive with classic cars, delicious food vendors, live music, shopping, and family-friendly fun. Broad Street will close to traffic and classic cars can park beginning at 3:30 p.m., with festivities beginning at 5:00 p.m. and continuing until 8:00 p.m. Downtown retail shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues will stay open late to welcome visitors. It's also the

perfect opportunity to shop locally for Mother's Day gifts. The live music lineup for the evening includes: Cross Camp Cowboy Band at 2nd and Broad; Wesley & Aaron at 3rd & Broad, The Tease at 4th and Broad, and Big Martha Band at 5th and Broad. "We have an exciting music line up for this month" says Kay Moore, DGI Director. "Along with great live entertainment, attendees can also enjoy the ever-popular classic cars and a great variety of food vendors." The guidelines for

First Friday include no pets, no personal coolers or glass containers, no skateboards or roller blades and no advertising or fundraising. For additional information, please visit downtowngadsden.com. There are some new regulations going into effect in May, such as:

- **Early parkers before 3:30 p.m. will be towed.**
- **Don't move barricades.**
- **No pets.**
- **No outside drinks.**

For more information, visit downtowngadsden.com



Your CALENDAR Community

April 24 RMS Theater presents Disney's Dare to Dream

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.

- When: Fri: 6 p.m.
- Sat: 6 p.m.
- Where: Rainbow Middle School Lunchroom.

April 25 NEAGS Annual Seminar

Purchase tickets at www.neags.com.

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

May 2 Boys in the Band

The WinSouth Credit Union Concert Series live on the Mountain Dew Stage at The AMP is Boys In The Band, Alabama Tribute! Doors open at 5:30 PM and the show starts at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://tickets.eventhub.net/profile/amp-2>

- The AMP
- 5:30 p.m.

WinSouth Credit Union will kick off its seven part concert series on the Mountain Dew Stage with the ultimate Aerosmith tribute, Pandora's Box. For over 40 years, Aerosmith has delivered multi-platinum hits — from "Dream On," "Sweet Emotion," and "Walk This

Way" to '80s anthems like "Dude (Looks Like a Lady)" and "Love in an Elevator," culminating in their first #1 single, "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," in 1998. Pandora's Box captures the spirit of Aerosmith's iconic live shows. Doors open at 5:30 and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the website: <https://tickets.eventhub.net/profile/amp-2>.

- Where: The AMP
- When: Doors open at 5:30, show stars at 7

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

April 25 Rainbow City clean up day

Hotdogs will be served.

- Where: RBC City Hall
- When: 8 a.m.

April 24 - 26 Food Truck and Culture Festival

Hotdogs will be served.

- Where: Gadsden Mall
- When: Fri: 1 - 9 p.m.
- Sat: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Sun: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

April 24 - 26 River Rocks Landing Weekend Bazaar

Shop unique vendors, handmade goods, and local favorites while enjoying River Rocks Landing

- Where: Gadsden Mall
- When: Fri: 3 - 8 p.m.
- Sat: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Sun: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ground Breakings & Ribbon Cuttings

May 1 Ground breaking for Gadsden Athletic Center

- Where: Former West Meighan Sports Complex
- Where: 10 a.m.

April 30 Ribbon cutting for Gadsden State Community College Athletic Complex

- Where: GSCC Athletic Complex
- When: 11:30 a.m.

May 1 Ribbon cutting for HOTWORX Studio Gadsden

- Where: 442 Chestnut Street
- When: noon

Ribbon cutting for A Golden Lady

- Where: 442 110 N. 1st Street
- When: 3 p.m.

May 6 Ribbon cutting at Twin Oak Farms, Wedding & Event Venue is at

- Where: 714 Paden Road, Glencoe
- When: 11 a.m.

May 6 Rainbow City Farmers Market rain or shine

- City Hall 3700 Rainbow Drive
- 7 a.m. - noon

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EDUCATION

Alabama's Pre-K program wins national praise — with a caveat

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

Alabama is now the longest running state to hit all 10 of NIEER's research-based quality standards. Allison Friedman-Krauss, an associate research professor at NIEER, said in an interview Wednesday that the group looks at the state "as a poster child for preschool, especially at how they've been building the program."

"Alabama's really prefaced quality and has been gradually expanding their program over the last 10 (to) 15 years to add more children as fast as they can without compromising their commitment to quality," she said.

NIEER, however, said that Alabama should be working toward making its Pre-K program universal. According to NIEER's report, about 40% of four-year olds in the state — over 24,000 — are enrolled in Pre-K.

"The majority of Ala-

bama's four-year-olds still do not have the opportunity to attend Alabama's First Class Pre-K program. When states invest in quality preschool programs that can produce strong outcomes, they invest in a better future for children and taxpayers," NIEER Director Steve Barnett said in a press release Monday.

Friedman-Krauss said serving more children would give them an advantage when they go to primary school.

"If you look nearby to Georgia, Georgia is serving 53% of four year olds this year. Florida's program has an even larger reach," she said. "So there's 60% of children who don't have access to this really high quality program, and we know that the program helps prepare the four year olds to enter kindergarten next year, and when children attend high quality preschool programs that puts them ahead of when they start school and really

keep gives them this boost throughout their schooling and can have long term impacts even later in life."

Georgia is the first state to meet all 10 of NIEER's benchmarks and enroll over 50% of the state's four year olds into Pre-K programs. Friedman-Krauss said Alabama isn't far behind.

"We're hopeful that in a few years, Alabama will join Georgia on that very small list," she said.

Alabama currently does not have universal preschool. According to an interview NIEER did with the Reflector in 2024, in order to be considered a universal Pre-K program, the state has to serve at least 70% of the children the program is made for.

Experts have said a lack of pre-K teachers, a lack of adequate space for pre-K programs and sometimes uncompetitive teacher salaries have been obstacles for universal pre-K in Alabama.

Friedman-Krauss said there are several things

Alabama could do to increase reach for its Pre-K program such as increasing funding and opening more classrooms but paying teachers more could also lead to the program seeing more reach.

The Department of Early Childhood Education, which administers Alabama's Pre-K program, is slated to receive \$226.6 million in fiscal year 2027, which begins Oct. 1. This represents an increase of \$13.4 million (6.2%).

But overall enrollment dropped by 402 students in enrollment from the previous year. Friedman-Krauss said Wednesday that even states with longstanding universal pre-K had seen declines.

"We don't know if that's because parents are opting for homeschooling (or) if parents are opting for private schools," she said. "But in the case of Alabama, I don't think this is a signal that parents don't want the program."



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Youth in Government Day gives students hands-on civic experience in Gadsden

Gadsden City High School students took part in the city's annual Youth in Government Day on Tuesday, April 21. Students spent the day learning how local government operates through hands-on participation and job shadowing.

Students began the morning shadowing the mayor, city council members and other city leaders, observing daily responsibilities and gaining firsthand experience with municipal operations. The afternoon featured a mock city council meeting, where students stepped into leadership roles, presented ideas, and voted on measures as part of a simulated legislative session.

A luncheon was held at 210 at the Tracks, where participants and city officials gathered for a midday break. Etowah County Probate Judge Scott Hassell served as guest speaker at the luncheon event.

"The City of Gadsden was proud to host Gadsden City High School students for Youth in Government Day," the city said in a social media post. "This program allows students to engage in their local government by shadowing the mayor, city council members and city leaders."

The annual program is designed to give students a closer look at public service and how decisions are made at the local level.

Jax State students elected to Phi Kappa Phi honor society

Students from Jacksonville State University were recently elected into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

These students include:
Amelia Wright of Glencoe
Jenah Goosby of Attalla
Racienda Hill of Gadsden
Victoria Garrard of Altoona

The following people recently were elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Amelia Wright of Glencoe (35905) at Jacksonville State University
Jenah Goosby of Attalla (35954) at Jacksonville State University
Racienda Hill of Gadsden (35904) at Jacksonville State University

They are among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and its territories.

Its mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning."

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United States and its territories. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify. The Society's mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning." For more information, visit www.PhiKappaPhi.org.

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EDUCATION

Gadsden State holds 60th honors day

Gadsden State Community College recently held its 60th annual Honors Day at the Learning Resource Center for students attending the Ayers Campus in Anniston. The program included student achievements and scholarship presentations.

A second Honors Day was held at Wallace Hall on the Wallace Drive Campus for students attending campuses in Etowah and Cherokee counties. Over 230 awards and scholarships were given at the Honors Days, which spanned April 14-15.

The President's Cup, a designated award for students who demonstrate exceptional success in all phases of college life, is presented each year to students in the academic, health science and technical divisions. It is given by Alan Smith, president of Gadsden State.

The Academic Division recipient for the Ayers Campus is Erin McGuire of Piedmont. At Gadsden State, she has earned numerous honors including the Student of Distinction Award, multiple recognitions on the President's and Dean's Lists, membership in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and service as a tutor and mentor in Student Support Services.

McGuire will graduate from Gadsden State in May with an associate in applied science in Office Administration – Health Information Technology. Following graduation, she plans to continue her work with Gadsden State's Health Sciences Department while pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree from Athens State University.

The President's Cup for the Health Science Division is Kayleigh Lee, of Heflin. Kayleigh will earn her Registered Nurse (RN) degree in May from Gadsden State. As a student, she has served as the Vice President of the Student Success Club, and is the recipient of multiple honors and scholarships, including the Honors Scholarship, the Health Science Scholarship, the Nan Pentecost Scholarship, the Student of Distinction Award, the Swoop Sprint Scholarship, and the Stephen and April LaFollette Scholarship.

During her time at Gadsden State, she has developed a strong passion for critical care and plans to begin her career working in the Emergency Department.

The winner of the President's Cup for the Technical Division is Braxton Bussie of Talladega. The Industrial Automation student has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA and will graduate in May with an associate in applied science in Industrial Automation Technology.

During his time at Gadsden State, he has been actively involved in the FAME program and plans to continue his career with Honda in the equipment service field.

One area student was presented with an award for outstanding achievement. The Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes students who have succeeded in pursuit of higher education despite varying traumas, adversities, personal losses and difficulties.

The Outstanding Achievement Award given at the Ayers Campus event went to Annelise Fezell of Pied-

mont. From the beginning of her time at Gadsden State, Annelise demonstrated strong academic achievement. She quickly adapted to college life, earned all A's, and remained consistently on top of her coursework. Everything in her life seemed to be falling into place, and she felt optimistic and excited about her future.

Then, everything changed. Following the sudden and devastating loss of her mother, Annelise's world was turned upside down. In the midst of her grief, she took on the responsibility of caring for her younger siblings. Almost overnight, she was confronted with challenges far beyond those faced by most college students.

Despite these hardships, Annelise did not give up. She completed the semester and returned to school, continuing to balance her academic responsibilities with family obligations and personal struggles. Day by day, she persevered, doing the best she could under extraordinary circumstances. While attending Gadsden State, she has maintained a 3.625 GPA, serves as a tutor, and is an active member of Student Support Services, with plans to join the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She also intends to apply to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program this fall, with the goal of becoming a sonographer.

Departmental awards were given to students during the Ayers Campus Honors Day. They include:

Accounting/Accounting Technology Students – Robert Anderson, Laura Diamond, Brooklyn Ferguson, and Aaron Wade

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology – Patrick Williams and Joshua Haynes

Child Development Student – Felicia Carter
English – Heather Burgess, Coral Leonard, Caleb Lynch, and Shoshanna White

History – Tessa Chevalier

Mathematics – Stephanie Lindley

Mechanical Design Technology – Ashley Downey

Office Administration – Destiney Elston, Naziya Heard, and Rickie Straw

Speech – Morgan Embry

Welding Technology – Richard Potter

The Cardinal Foundation awarded the following scholarships:

AMC Legacy Wall Technical Scholarship – Ashley Downey and Justin Mann

Boys and Girls Club of Gadsden/Etowah County Career Academy Scholarship – Summer Robinson

Ford Jamboree Scholarship – James Patty

Stephen & April LaFollette Scholarship – Madison Sims

Swoop Sprint Scholarship – Haley Sprayberry

Tim & Laura McCartney Career Technical Education Scholarship – Brady Gazaway



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Tyler Union Workforce Development Scholarship – Gael Chino and Bryant McCarney
Tyler Union Electrical Technology and Industrial Automation Technical Scholarship – Benjamin Brady

Additional accolades include:
Outstanding FAME Students – Zachary Blom and Braxton Bussie
Outstanding Cardinal Tutoring Center Peer Tutor – Ashlee Medders

Students were recognized with the Rising Scholar Award for maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA, completing 24-53 credit hours by the end of the spring semester and exhibiting service to the college and community. Honorees are Lily Chapman, Tessa Chevalier, Taryn Kliever, Stephanie Lindley, Kaden Pritchett, Shaundra Shadinger, and Austin Wynn.

The Student of Distinction Award is given to those who have maintained at least a 3.5 GPA, completed at least 54 credit hours by the end of the spring semester and exhibited service to the college and community. Ayers Campus students earning the award are Destiny Elston, Kiana Garber, Naziya Heard, Carrson Holland, Timothy Mayes, Ashlee Medders, Olivia Overholtzer, Gina Kay Sparks, and Rickie Straw.



Glencoe Elementary School cut the ribbon on new playground swings on Friday, April 17. The school posted on their Facebook page a "thank you" message to their supporters, including Vulcan Materials, Regions Bank and families and partners of the community. Photo submitted by Glencoe Elementary.

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LIFESTYLE

Boundaries: What does that even mean?



Mindful Moment

Carrie Halladay

"Just set boundaries."

It sounds simple. But for many people, it's one of the hardest things to actually do. Because setting boundaries isn't just about saying no. It's about tolerating the discomfort that comes after.

A lot of people struggle with boundaries because they don't want to hurt others, create conflict or be seen as difficult. So instead, they say yes when they mean no. They take on more than they can handle. They prioritize other people's needs while quietly pushing their own aside.

Over time, that starts to wear on you. You may feel overwhelmed, resentful or stretched too thin. Not because you

don't care about others, but because you've stopped including yourself in the equation.

So what are boundaries, really? Boundaries are limits. They define what you can and cannot take on. What feels acceptable to you, and where your responsibility ends and someone else's begins. Healthy boundaries allow you to stay connected to others without losing yourself. Without limits, burnout becomes much more likely.

Not all boundaries are healthy, though. Some people have loose boundaries — they overextend, say yes too often, and feel responsible for everyone else. Others have rigid boundaries — they shut down, avoid and keep people at a distance to protect themselves.

Healthy boundaries sit right in the middle. They're clear, flexible and respectful — both of yourself and others.

A boundary might sound like:

"I can't do that today."

"I need some time to think about it."

"I'm not available for that."

Simple. Direct. Respectful.

But here's the part most people don't expect — setting a boundary doesn't al-

ways feel good at first. You might feel guilty. You might second-guess yourself. You might worry about how the other person will respond. That doesn't mean the boundary is wrong. It usually means you're doing something different. If you're used to always saying yes, saying no will feel uncomfortable. If you're used to keeping the peace, any shift toward honesty can feel like conflict.

Another common misunderstanding is that boundaries require long explanations or justifications. They don't. You're allowed to set a limit without over-explaining or defending it. The more you justify, the more it can open the door for negotiation or pushback.

Clear is kind.

That doesn't mean people will always like your boundaries. Some won't. Especially if they're used to you not having them. But healthy relationships adjust. And the right people will learn where you stand and respect it, even if it takes time.

Setting boundaries is not about controlling others. It's about taking responsibility for your own time, energy and capacity. It's also not something

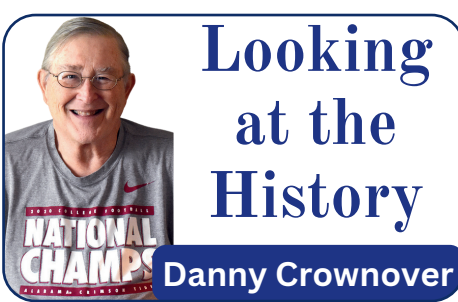
you have to do perfectly. You may set a boundary and then go back on it. You may say 'yes' when you mean 'no'. That's part of the process.

The goal isn't perfection. It's awareness.

Each time you notice yourself feeling overwhelmed or resentful, it's worth asking:

"Did I say yes to something I didn't have the capacity for?" Boundaries aren't about being less caring. They're about making sure your care is sustainable.

Carrie Halladay is a Licensed Professional Counselor and the owner of Halladay Counseling in Gadsden. She earned her Master of Science in Counseling from Jacksonville State University in 2002. She has extensive experience working in the areas of violence against women, sexual assault crisis response, and trauma related care. Carrie specializes in helping individuals navigate adversity and emotional challenges using evidence based approaches, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT).



Looking at the History

Danny Crownover

When Sheriff O. P. Reagan was a farm boy in the Abernathy Community of nearby Cleburne County, he fell in love with the village music teacher, Miss Rosa Stephens, but he fancied that she favored the boys in her classes, and he decided to do something about it.

He joined Prof. Luther Jacobs' singing school, and for two years, he attended the 20-day sessions between crops. During the third year, the school was for 45 days, and at its close, he was one of the star graduates.

Miss Rosa, in addition to teaching

Music and the sheriff's family

organ and piano, assisted Prof. Jacobs and well, the long romance ended in the marriage of young Reagan and Miss Stephens.

Encouraged by his bride, he attended a normal school of music conducted by Prof. J. W. Vaughn and then studied under Samuel W. Beasley here in Gadsden at the Twelfth Street Baptist Church.

Vaughn was a member of the great Vaughn quartet, and Beasley was a successful writer of gospel hymns and later the head of a conservatory of music in Chicago. He also taught a school in East Gadsden, which Mr. Reagan attended.

Mr. Reagan was president of the Etowah Singing Society for two years, which sang mostly gospel hymns. He organized the Gadsden Quartet, who were locally famous, and sang with it for 16 years.

The other original members were Mr.

and Mrs. Levi Humphreys and A. L. Tony.

Others who joined this quartet later were Champ Blackwood, who sang with them for 12 years, Andrew Hughes, an excellent high tenor who later joined the famous Stamps Quartet and toured the country, Ezra Gossett, a melody singer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Machen, Arton Hurst, J. L. Marona, and Doc Powell.

This organization had been heard on the radio, at community singings, in choirs and at funerals all over the district.

Mr. Reagan directed singing in every Protestant church in this county. He helped organize Bellevue Methodist Church and served as its choir director for a long time, while Mrs. Reagan served as pianist.

Naturally enough, all of their children are musically inclined and have genuine

talent. One daughter, Mrs. Edward P. Miller, won a music scholarship at the Jacksonville State Teachers College and was an excellent performer.

Another, Mrs. Paul Killian, was a member of the First Baptist choir in Attalla.

Their soldier son, O. P. Jr., was killed at Corregidor. He played the first trombone in the Emma Sansom High School band when it won the state prize.

The youngest child, Bill, became a student in the school and plays the trumpet. Mrs. Miller directed the Glee Club at Glencoe and at Gaston High. So it is that all the members of this fine family can play and sing and, best of all, can smile like nobody's business.

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Poetry, Shakespeare and the words we carry



Arranging the Pieces

Tabitha Bozeman

April is a month made for language. Between National Poetry Month and William Shakespeare's birthday, it is hard not to notice how much of our lives are shaped by words: both our own and those of others. And, how the words of others can still be the ones we carry with us long after we leave the classrooms and textbooks behind. Poetry and literature show up in unexpected places, often when we need them the most.

With my students, I start with song lyrics. This is probably the most accessible example of poetry for most people. It is also a good reference for the way pieces of songs can get stuck in our minds. I

know that there are times I'm overjoyed, or devastated by grief, or feeling generally uninterested in anything, but then a line from a song, or a poem, or a novel will drift through my mind. In this way, poetry and literature help us put words to the experience of being human.

Shakespeare understood this ability of language to transcend utilitarianism and become the container for abstract and hard to verbalize experiences. Today, his words still shape how we talk about love, jealousy, courage, ambition, grief, and hope. Even people who have never read any of his plays or sonnets are likely quoting him without realizing it. That is part of the appeal of literature: it becomes so ingrained into our thinking and processing of the human experience that we often don't even notice it. Language can somehow stretch to hold what we experience and feel and know. It gives us the tools to preserve the important parts of this life, a way to keep what matters.

Literature and poetry are tools and entertainment that grow with us. As children, we first learn poetry and literature

with nursery rhymes and tongue twisters. Limericks about silly characters, and fairy tales with happy endings help us laugh at life and imagine hopeful futures. Language teaches us rhythm and play. As older students, poetry challenges us to think differently, to pay attention to the world around us. Stories begin to help us ask hard questions and recognize that more than one thing can be true at the same time. As adults, a favorite poem, or a new novel can become something else entirely as we turn to them to be companions during change, uncertainty, celebration, and loss. Our experiences create new lenses to view familiar themes and stories and poems.

Literature changes because we change.

April is a reminder to return to those poems and plays and novels that we have enjoyed in the past and an opportunity to revisit them with new eyes.

As we reach the end of National Poetry Month and celebrate Shakespeare's birthday, it is a great time to look up a familiar poem or story that once grabbed your attention, made you laugh, or generally seemed confusing. Read it out loud.

Listen to a song and pay attention to the lyrics. Check out a new writer a friend has suggested. You might be pleasantly surprised by what you discover because poetry and literature are not always something we outgrow. Often, they are words we grow into.

Long after a first reading is forgotten, words remain. Words that help us name what we love, understand what we fear, and recognize what connects us to one another. Words can reach across centuries, and across the repetition of ordinary days.

In our world where news bounces from one headline to another, and online trends come and go and mind-numbing speed, some words remind us to slow down long enough to notice that language is still a gift and a tool, a container and a salve. When a line pops into your mind, pay attention to it. Look it up and re-read it. It might be exactly what you need.

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DEVOTIONALS



ROOTED IN THE WORD

Shawn Blackmon

Let me ask you something. How much faith do you really have?

Sometimes we think faith has to be big, loud, and perfect. But the truth is, it doesn't take much. Even a small amount of faith, when placed in the right hands, can hold everything together.

Jesus shows us this in Matthew 14. The disciples were doing exactly what He told them to do. They got in the boat. They were moving forward in obedience. And yet, right in the middle of doing what God said, a storm showed up.

That alone should settle something in your spirit. Following Jesus does not remove storms from your life. The storm is not a sign that you are out of God's will. Sometimes it is proof that you are right in

Faith That Moves Forward

it. The disciples had walked with Jesus. They had seen miracles. They had heard His teaching. But when the storm hit, fear took over. They saw Jesus walking toward them and thought He was a ghost.

That is what fear does. It will make you misidentify what God is doing in your life. Instead of seeing a Savior, they saw a problem. Instead of recognizing power, they focused on pressure.

And if we are honest, we do the same thing. Storms do not create fear. They reveal what we truly believe.

You may think your faith is strong, but a storm will show you where your trust really is. It does not make you weak. It makes you human. And it reminds you where your faith needs to grow. But here is the good news. Even in the middle of the storm, Jesus still speaks.

He told them, "Do not be afraid." Then He told Peter one simple word: "Come."

Not a long explanation. Not a step-by-step plan. Just a command. And that is how

God often moves. He does not give you the full picture. He gives you the next step.

Peter stepped out of the boat and did what nobody else had done. He walked on water. Not because the storm stopped, but because his focus was on Jesus. But the moment he shifted his focus to the wind and the waves, he began to sink.

That is the tension we all live in. When your eyes are on Jesus, you move forward. When your eyes are on the storm, you start to sink.

And yet, even when Peter began to fall, he knew who to call.

"Lord, save me." And immediately, Jesus reached out and pulled him up.

That means your failure does not disqualify you. Your moment of doubt does not cancel our calling. Jesus will still meet you right where you are.

Here is the lesson.

Obedience does not eliminate opposition. Storms reveal what you believe. God still speaks in the middle of chaos. And faith keeps moving forward.

Faith is not about the storm stopping. It is about you not stopping because of the storm.

You are on assignment. And God never promised it would be easy. But He did promise to be with you.

So do not let what you are facing stop you from going where God is taking you.

Keep your eyes on Him. Keep moving forward. And trust that the same Jesus who called you will carry you through. Because the closer you get to Him, the more peace you will find, even in the middle of your storm.

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.

The purple heart and the dandelion

This April marks the 40th anniversary of the Month of the Military Child. Founded in 1986, it was established to honor the "resilience, strength, and sacrifices" of children whose parents serve in the military (militaryonesource.mil). To my own heart-break, I had never heard of it until today.

I only discovered it while searching for a connection between the month of April, PTSD, and the Purple Heart to finish a memory that has been lingering in my drafts for over a year. What I found was a symbol I never expected: the dandelion. It was chosen because a dandelion can put down roots almost anywhere and bloom even in the most unlikely places. Alongside it is the color purple, worn on April 15th to represent the "joining of all branches"—a blend of every military service color into one.

In my family's history, my mother's daddy and my grandfather were not the same man. One was a hero; the other was a survivor struggling with the ghosts of World War II. Imagine earning a Purple Heart for bravery on the front lines of battle—not far off the shore of Normandy Beach—only to return home to a different kind of combat: raising a young family while battling Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

In those days, his condition had no name. The world wouldn't recognize PTSD un-

til 1980, decades after he had traded the physical battlefield for a psychological one that never truly ended. The Purple Heart is a symbol of courage under fire, but there is a different kind of bravery required to balance the weight of war memories with the mundane demands of family life. My grandfather fought on the front lines of both, but the second battle left casualties that no medal could ever acknowledge.

My mother was one of those casualties. She spent her life trying to forgive the version of "Papaw" that was left wounded by war. The Baptist minister by day and alcoholic by night who would often let the numbness of the bottle pull him away from the family for weeks at a time, leaving them to fend for themselves while he remained lost in the shadows of his own nightmares.

The children of wartime veterans are often the silent witnesses to a conflict that follows their fathers (and mothers) home. They are the secondary victims of a war they never signed up for.

In the garden of life, most people view the dandelion as a weed—just ask any lawn-maintenance crew—it is something to be eradicated. But to the military child, it is a badge of honor. It represents the ability to thrive when the soil is packed hard and the environment is unforgiving. Think

about those lone dandelions you have seen growing through the crack of a sidewalk. It truly is a resilient marvel.

This resilience is more than just survival; it is what we might call the "biological embedding" of faith. In Romans 5:3-4, Paul writes: "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Just as the dandelion has conquered concrete by adapting to its environment, our hardest seasons often produce the strongest versions of our character.

The pressure of the sidewalk doesn't kill the dandelion; it forces its roots to go deeper to find the life-giving water beneath the surface. My mother's struggle to find Peace in the shadow of my papaw's war was her "concrete"—and while that pressure was heavy, it was also the very thing that forced her to develop a perseverance that eventually bloomed into hope.

I am so grateful to have discovered the Month of Military Children before this April comes to an end. As I look around, I realize I know so many precious military families—parents serving with honor and children living out a unique quiet bravery. If you are carrying the weight of a legacy you didn't ask for—like the secondary PTSD of a parent's trauma, or just growing



Memoir Musings

Sandra Bost

up with the absence of a deployed parent—know that your resilience is seen. You have strength that the world might mistake for a weed, but God sees as a vessel of Hope.

What "concrete" is currently pressing against you today, Friend? Can you trust it to Jesus and let Him use that pressure to forge your character in a way that will lead to a Hope that never disappoints?

Lean into the pressure and trust His Plan. Watch as He turns your struggle into a harvest of Hope—proving that even through the hardest circumstances, His Grace can make a resilient soul take flight. Like the tiny parachutes of a dandelion seed, your endurance becomes a vessel of Hope, carried by the breath of the Spirit to plant beauty in places you never thought to imagine.

He is so very able. Connect with Bost on social media platforms by searching for "Sandra Mullins Bost."

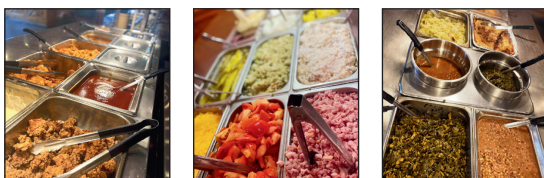
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OBITUARIES



Bertie Baker

Bertie Baker passed away peacefully at the age of 83 after a long term illness.

She was preceded in death by her father, Sam Jones; mother, Lula Bell Jones; brothers, Bobby Jones and Herman Jones; sister, Mertie Jones Gilbert. Immediate family members, husband of 60 years, Arnold Baker; son, Randy Baker.

She is survived by her son, James (Leslie) Baker, grand daughter Jacquelyn (Jay) Ferguson, brother, Earl Jones, brother in law CL Baker, sister in law, Becky Baker, Brenda Jones, Becky Jones, Madeline (Miles) Otwell Baker, Jackson Paul Baker; great grandchildren, Katlyn Hallman, Madison Vaughn, and Charlie Otwell; great great granddaughter, Daisy Hallman.

Mrs. Baker was a devoted Christian member of Bob Lock Missionary Baptists Church and later Smith's Chapel Baptist Church. She retired from Gadsden City school system in 2004 after serving in the lunchroom of Striplin Elementary School for 25 years. She was an avid seamstress who enjoyed sewing and quilting in her later years. Her personality can best be summed up as "A person who never met a stranger." She always considered other people wants and needs over her own and would go out of her way to help others, and for that, this world will miss her.

Pallbearers will be Tim Jones, Sam Jones, Jeremy Jones, Chris Roden, Jay Ferguson, and Christopher McDonald.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff at Coosa Valley Healthcare and Amedysis Hospice for the care she received the last two months of her life.

Service was held on April 22.



Carolyn Campbell

Carolyn Burgess Campbell, 93, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother passed away on April 15th. Born on July 21st, 1932, she was a lifelong resident of Etowah County and a 1950 graduate of Etowah High School. Carolyn's life was a testament of the hands and feet of Jesus. She was an active member of Grace Bible Church, serving on the hospitality committee, housing missionaries throughout the years, and doing volunteer work in the nursery. She also volunteered for many years as a counselor at Save a Life Ministry, where she rescued a tremendous number of babies' lives through her counseling.

Her enjoyment in life was found in reading and studying the Word of God, fervently praying for every member of her family, and cooking delicious meals for her loved ones and church family.

She is preceded in death by her parents Jeff and Bertha Burgess, brothers, Elton Burgess and Max Burgess (Pauline).

She is survived by her loving husband of seventy-six years, Durwood Campbell, son Charles Campbell (Annette), and daughter Cherie

Campbell Partridge (Steve). Grandchildren: Beth Campbell Babin (Derek), Carla Campbell Weaver (Jason), Campbell Partridge (Abby), Baylor Partridge, and Caroline Partridge. Great Grandchildren: Layne Babin, Lauren Weaver, Anna Scott Weaver, and Brooks Partridge. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside Service was held on April 18 at Rainbow Memorial Gardens. Pastor Tim Wallace will be officiating the service. Pallbearers will be Campbell Partridge, Baylor Partridge, Steve Partridge, Layne Babin, Derek Babin, and Jason Weaver.

The family would like to thank the fourth floor staff, nurses, and doctors of Riverview Regional Medical Center for the excellent care that was provided during this time. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to Grace Bible Church Missions or the Etowah Pregnancy Testing Center.



Linda Compton

GALLANT - Funeral services will be Sunday April 19th at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 2001 Noccalula Road for Linda Compton, (85), Gallant, who passed away on April 15th at 6:50am; at home.

The Gadsden Ward Bishopric will preside. Burial will be in Conn Cemetery on Gallant Road. Morgan Funeral Chapel and Crematory is directing.

Linda was a wedding coordinator for over 40 years and was known as "Miss Linda" to all those whose wedding she helped plan. She was a graduate of "The Association of Bridal Consultants". She was proficient in all aspects of weddings including catering, floral design, and directing. She especially loved photography where she photographed over 250 weddings. She had her own wedding shop known as "The Flower Room" for many years, then she was the wedding coordinator at "Ferguson Wedding Chapel" for over 20 years.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She loved her church and enjoyed serving in many capacities therein. She also enjoyed working in areas where her children were involved, such as school and church activities.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband Preston Compton, and her parents Carl and Jo Randall.

Linda is survived by her daughter, Anita (Jeff) Davis, St. George, Utah; daughter, Mary Compton, Gallant; son Joseph Compton, Gallant; son Michael (Alena) Compton, Overland Park, Kansas; 16 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Grandsons.



Mae Doris Burton

GADSDEN - In-person condolences with the family was held on April 20.

Funeral Services was held

on April 21 at the Abundant Life Church 323 S.12th Street Gadsden, Al 35901. Bishop Terry A. Jones Eulogist. Burial Alabama National Cemetery, will be on Thursday, April 23

Mae Doris Burton was born on April 8, 1948, in Gadsden, Alabama, to the late Mrs. Mattie Ruth Gray and the late Mr. Marvin Jr. Gray.

At an early age, she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and faithfully united with St. Paul Overcoming Church of God, where she remained a devoted and steadfast member throughout her life.

She received her education at Carver High School, graduating in 1967, and later continued her studies at Alabama Technical College. She began her professional journey in healthcare, where she was known for her compassion, kindness, and genuine passion for caring for others.

In 1970, Mae Doris was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Alfred T. Burton, Jr., the love of her life. Through his distinguished military career, they were blessed to travel extensively, creating over 56 years of cherished memories filled with love, devotion, and unwavering commitment to one another.

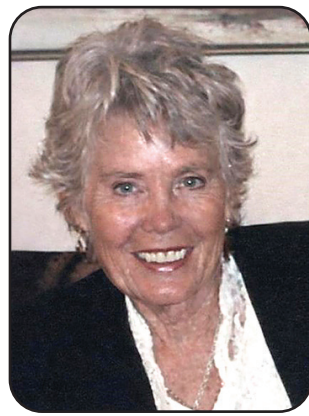
In later years, she transitioned into a career in banking, faithfully serving at Regions Bank for over 30 years. Her strong work ethic, dedication, and spirit of excellence were evident throughout her career until her retirement.

On April 13, Mae Doris Burton peacefully transitioned from this life at her residence, surrounded by the comfort and love of home.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, the late Mr. Marvin Jr. Gray and the late Mrs. Mattie Ruth Gray; and her siblings, the late Marvin Jr. Gray, the late Carl Gray, and the late Ms. Joyce Gray.

She leaves to cherish her precious and loving memory her devoted husband, Mr. Alfred T.

Burton, Jr.; her daughter, Angela (Yaovi) Darrah Koudjao of Gadsden, Alabama; and her son, Timothy (Lori) Burton of Gadsden, Alabama. She is also survived by her brothers, J.C. (Mary) Gray of West Palm Beach, Florida, and John Clifford (Gloria) Bledsoe of Lafayette, Alabama; and her sister, Johnnie Mae (Lynwood) Boyd of Lafayette, Alabama.



Marjorie June Womack

DECATUR - Marjorie June Womack, born April 25, 1937, passed away peacefully on April 14, in Decatur, Alabama, surrounded by her loving family.

Originally from Gadsden, Alabama, Marjorie spent most of her life there, building a life centered around family, love, and quiet strength. She was a woman whose kindness and giving spirit left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her.

Marjorie dedicated over 30 years of her life working at Baptist Hospital, where she faithfully served until her retirement. After retiring, she and her husband moved to North Alabama, where they owned and operated several restaurants together for a number of years. Upon his retirement, they returned to Gadsden, where Marjorie became the resident manager of

Williamsburg Townhomes. She later worked in the office at Southtown Management, where she was well respected and deeply appreciated by her tenants, many of whom loved her for her kindness and care. She remained with Williamsburg Townhomes and Southtown Management for 23 years before retiring and moving to North Alabama to live with her son, Mark. During her later years there, she courageously battled Alzheimer's disease.

Marjorie was a devoted mother and a steady, loving presence. She had a special way of making people feel cared for, offering comfort, understanding, and warmth without hesitation. Her home was a place of welcome, where simple moments became lasting memories. She was a faithful member of Crosspoint Community Church, where she sang in the choir and found joy in her faith and fellowship.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Elizabeth Presley; her husband, Milford Womack Sr.; and her siblings, Julia Ann Neal, Joyce Neal, Lena Adkison, Opel Simpson, Sonny Presley, Raymond Presley, Richard Presley, Dorothy Sims, and Linda Stallings.

She is survived by her brother, Gene Presley; her sister, Patricia Couch; her children, Starr (Lori) Womack, Kim (Jack) White, and Mark (Jolie) Womack; her grandchildren, Nathan (Jennifer) DeWeese, Jonathan (Annice) DeWeese, Ashley (Taylor) Beddingfield, Brianna (Josh) Champion, Alexa (Jay) Napp, and Harrison (Hannah) Womack; her great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Olivia, Jericho and Delta DeWeese, Liam and Isaac DeWeese, Mabrey and Hannah Beddingfield, and James David Womack; along with many other loved ones who will continue to carry her memory forward.

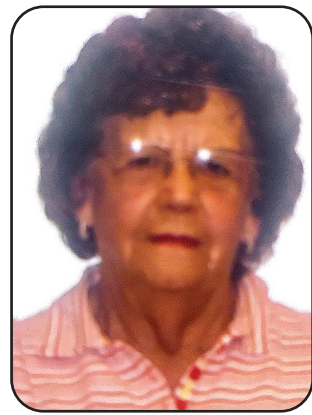
The family will receive friends and loved ones at Collier-Butler Funeral Home in Gadsden, Alabama, on Friday, April 17, 2026. Family will be received at 11:00 a.m., friends at 12:00 p.m., and funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Pastor Bruce Word. She will be laid to rest at Forrest Cemetery in Gadsden, Alabama, beside her beloved husband.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Southern Care New Beacon Hospice of Decatur, and the compassionate staff—Amanda, Rayleigh, Kendall, Kim, Allen, and all others who provided care and support during this time.

Pallbearers will be Josh Champion, Jay Napp, Taylor Beddingfield, Chris Brown, Larry Couch, and Keith Lowman.

Marjorie will be remembered for the love she gave so freely and the life she lived with grace and dignity. Her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Marjorie June Womack will be deeply missed and forever cherished.



Mary Frances Griffith Collins

ATTALLA - Mary Frances Griffith Collins, age 93, of Attalla, Alabama, passed away on April 8. She was born on November 1, 1932, in Gadsden, Alabama, where she remained a lifelong resident and devoted her life to her family and community.

Mrs. Collins was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who raised seven children and cherished every moment spent with her growing family. She was blessed with ten grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved deeply and unconditionally.

She shared 53 years of marriage with her first husband, Stanley Griffith, until his passing in 2003. Together, they built a life centered on hard work and family. As a long-haul truck driver, Mr. Griffith often had Mrs. Collins by his side, and she eventually learned to drive the truck herself, spending several years on the road with him. Later in life, she married Joseph Collins, and they enjoyed 21 years together until his passing in March of this year.

Mrs. Collins was preceded in death by her husbands, Stanley Griffith and Joseph Collins; her parents, Beulah and Lester Robinson; her sisters, Dean Swindall (David) and Catherine Beach (C.B.); her brothers, Junior Robinson (Eva) and Jimmy Robinson (Catherine); and her grandsons, Jamie Cothran and Nick Dukes.

She is survived by her daughters, Kay Morris (Donnie), Wanda Sciascia (Rick), Patricia Reynolds (Mike), and Terri Palmer (Jody); her sons, Joe Griffith, Donnie Griffith (Meda), and Tommy Griffith; her grandchildren, David Morris, Tony Morris (Karrie), Bridgett McCrory (Tom), Heath Windsor (Karen), Chris Griffith, Jay Griffith (Keely), Milissa Stanfield (John), Heather Reynolds, Jeremy Cothran (Mary), and Rachael Barnes; her great-grandchildren, Isaac Morris, Max McCrory, Elliott, Amelia, and Jackson Windsor, Miller and Addison Griffith, Derek Reynolds, Jay Stanfield (Charley), Alyssa McCormick (Eli), Michael Johnson, Linley, Wes, Will, and Walker Cothran, Anna Dukes, Brody Bissett, Trace and Kooper Barnes; and her great-great-grandchildren, Sawyer Morris, Avery Stanfield, Phoebe and James McCormick.

Funeral services were held at Crestwood on April 19, with Reverend Wayne Griffith officiating. Burial will be at Crestwood Cemetery in East Gadsden, Alabama.

Pallbearers will be Tony Morris, Heath Windsor, Chris Griffith, Jay Griffith, Jeremy Cothran, and Mike Reynolds.

Mrs. Collins will be remembered for her strength, devotion to her family, and the love she shared with all who knew her.



Wendle Archer

Wendle Archer, age 75, passed away peacefully on April 13. Born on March 5, 1951, Wendle lived a life marked by devotion to his family, quiet strength, and a down-to-earth spirit.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.D. Archer, and his brother, Randall Archer.

Wendle is survived by his loving mother, Marjorie Archer; wife, Joyce Archer; his son, Kent (Lindsey) Archer; and his daughter, Kelly (Tristan) Argo. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren: Olivia Argo, Avery Archer, Emerson Archer, Foster Argo, Tessa Argo, and William Archer, who brought him great joy and pride.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kent Archer, Tristan Argo,

Scott Hethcox, Ronnie McClendon, Mike Rains, and Mark Willingham. Honorary pallbearers include Jerry Moore, Barry Moore, Willard Moore, Bill Collier, Gene Keener, Foster Argo, and William Archer.

The family extends special thanks to the Brookwood CVSU medical team for their compassionate care and support.

In keeping with Wendle's laid-back nature, the family kindly requests that attendees dress casually, as he was never one for suits and ties. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor his memory in your own meaningful way.

A graveside service was held on Friday, April 17, at Bethlehem Cemetery in Gallant, Alabama, with Rev. David Umphrey officiating.



Nell Countryman

Nell Countryman, 79, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on April 17, 2026. The Family will have visitation at Crestwood Memorial Funeral Home from 11am until the funeral service at 1pm.

Nell was born in Gadsden, Alabama to Roscoe and Jessie Bellew.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Elbert Dewayne and James Royce Bellew. Sisters Phroncia (Dinky) Dean Davis, Deloris Jean Aultman and Vickie Sue Hickman.

Nell is survived by her loving husband of 42 yrs. Lamar Countryman, step daughter Karen Brock, and stepson Edward (Bobby) Countryman, Sisters Joyce Yarborough, Gail Comer, Jerrie Bellew, Sisters-in-law Jannette (Freddy) McGriff, Cathy Brown, and many nieces and nephews.

Reverend Tony Smith will officiate the funeral service. Pallbearers will be Nathan Lombard, Charles McCarrver, Patrick Scott, Randall Mitchell, Rick Patterson and Paul Harbison.

Amy Davis

GADSDEN - It is with deep sympathy we announce the passing of Amy Davis of Gadsden, AL, who transitioned on April 10, at the age of 58. We ask that you keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during the difficult time.

Ms. Amy Yvette Davis was born on February 23, 1967 to the late Eddie Lee Rudolph and Mrs. Effie Davis Williams, in Gadsden, AL.

Amy confessed her faith in Christ at an early age and joined Damacus Baptist Church in Gadsden, AL and later joined St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Albertville, AL.

Amy graduated from Albertville High School.

Amy leaves to cherish her memories her son, Tirrell Davis; four brothers, Victor Davis, George Williams, Maurice Williams, and Victor (Dana) Smith; special sisters, Sheletha (Warren) McGee and Jackie Walthall; special cousin, Reginald Turner; special aunt, Janet (Johnny) Turner; special nieces, Wyletha (Mustafa) Pointer, Ajah (Lemar) Taylor, and Jaquana (Henn) Turner; special nephews, Terry (Christy) Davis, Rakiem Davis, Kenneth (Tyler) Thomas, Johnny (Cherisse) Turner; special dear friends, Sandra (Charles) Coleman and Sharon Wallace, and a host of other relatives and many dear friends.



Chancellor "Chance" Aron Perkins

RAINBOW CITY - Chancellor "Chance" Aron Perkins, age 24, of Rainbow City, Alabama, passed away on April 18. Chance was born on January 18, 2002, to Christine and Jerry Perkins.

Chance was a kind and loving soul who never met a stranger. He had a gift for conversation and made everyone feel welcome. He loved all animals and had a generous and helpful spirit. A loyal and devoted friend, Chance cherished the many relationships he built throughout his life.

He had a deep love for music and proudly played the trombone with the "Pride of Southside" Marching Band and graduated from Southside High School in 2020. Chance also enjoyed classic cars, thrift store finds and collecting Legos. He had a fascination with British and European culture and was an avid gamer who valued the friendships he made through gaming.

Chance was preceded in death by his grandfather, Roy Perkins.

He is survived by his loving parents, Christine and Jerry Perkins; his sister, Cammie Perkins of Rainbow City, Alabama; his Nana, Deborah Perkins of Rainbow City, Alabama; and his maternal grandmother, Karen Hall of Jacksonville, Florida. He is also survived by his uncles, Marc and Lucio Perkins-Carrillo of Tampa, Florida; his aunt and uncle, Doreen and Roland, and his cousins, Caitlin and Josh Clark, all of Jacksonville, Florida; his aunt and uncle, Dianna and Jack Farmer of Jacksonville, Florida; and his uncles, Steven Hall, Richard Hall, and Michael Cason, all of Jacksonville, Florida. He is also survived by many friends who will deeply miss him.

Visitation and services was held on Wednesday, April 22 at Morgan Funeral Chapel. The Reverend Sherri Reynolds officiated.

Honorary pallbearers will be Evan, Sohaib, Sam, Carson, Brennen, Kihler, Tanner, Luke, Daniel, Jake, Trent, Clark, Houston, Nick, and Jathan.



Myron Kent Gilbreath

RAINBOW CITY - Myron Kent Gilbreath of Rainbow City passed away on Friday, April 17th at the age of 88.

Poppa was born in Ft. Payne, Alabama to Eugene and Myrtle Gilbreath on June 5th, 1937.

After graduation from Gadsden High School, Poppa joined the U.S. Army reserve and was a proud veteran. Poppa was a graduate of Jacksonville State University where he obtained a teaching degree. Instead of teaching, he landed a job at Republic Steel where he retired.

He was a devoted husband and Poppa.

Poppa loved his grandkids and his church family with all his heart. He loved to talk and tell stories, sing in the choir and piddle with his clocks.

Preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Joyce Faye Wain Gilbreath. Parents: Eugene and Myrtle Gilbreath. Brother: Ray Gilbreath.

Survived by: His only child Darren Kent Gilbreath (Amy) Brother: Terry Gilbreath of Suwannee, Georgia.

Grandkids: McCain

(Abby) Gilbreath, McCartney and Mabrey Gilbreath.

Pallbearers: McCain Gilbreath, Bryan Cash, Dave Wain, Jerry Ware, Jeff Hilburn.

Honorary Pallbearers: Terry Gilbreath, Mike Gilbreath, Tracy Gilbreath.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to Edge-wood Baptist Church.

A Graveside service was held at Rainbow Memorial Gardens on Wednesday April 22.



Quintin King Sr.

Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Mr. Quintin J King Sr., age 68, of Gadsden, AL. who traded mortal for immortality on Tuesday, April 14. He is survived by his loving Wife and Family. A celebration of life was held on Sunday April 19.



Micheil "Mike" Frazier

HOKES BLUFF - Funeral service for Micheil "Mike" Frazier, 78, of Hokes Bluff will be held noon on Friday, April 24, at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home with Chris Walker officiating the service. The family will receive friends from 11am until time of service.

Mike went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 20, at his home surrounded by his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Billie Frazier; his son, Adam Frazier; and sister, Cathy Frazier.

Mike is survived by his wife, Terri Frazier; sons, Jarrad (Cindy) Frazier, and Matt Frazier; grandchildren, Trent (Kayla) Daughtery, Brooklyn (Will) Battles, and Hunter (Melissa) Frazier; his sister, Becky Coley; and five great-grandchildren, Trinity Battles, Braxton Battles, Jaleigh Daughtery, Hayden Daughtery, and Christopher Daughtery.

Mike was a 1968 graduate of Gadsden High School. He served in the US Navy, submarine force from 1969-1975. Mike was a longtime employee of Gulf States Steel until its closing in 2000. Mike will be remembered as a great father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Mike will also be remembered as a great cook, gardener and hunter; and his love for Gulf Shores Alabama beach.



John Curtis O'Dell

GADSDEN - John Curtis O'Dell, lovingly known as "PawPaw" Curtis, passed away peacefully on April 21 at 3:56 a.m., at the age of 87. Born on January 22, 1939, in Gadsden, Alabama, Curtis was a lifelong resident of Etowah County and a devoted servant to his community, his church, and most importantly, his family.

Curtis dedicated much of his career to the propane gas

industry, beginning his work with Coosa Gas and later becoming a partner in Blue Star Gas. His commitment to public service led him to serve as an Etowah County Commissioner from 1977 to 1984. He continued his service with Etowah County Solid Waste, where he eventually retired, and later completed his working years with City of Gadsden Transportation Services.

A man of unwavering faith, Curtis was a member of Fairview Baptist Church. He lived his life with the assurance of his eternal home, and his family finds comfort knowing he has entered the gates of Heaven, reunited with loved ones who preceded him in death.

Curtis is survived by his beloved wife, Janice Lee O'Dell; his children, Sammy (Annette) O'Dell, Jennifer Kelly, and Scott (Sandy) O'Dell; and his cherished grandchildren, Bailey (Zack) Mack, Baylen (Holly) Clough, Britton (Hunter) Edwards, Will O'Dell, Matt O'Dell, Emi-lee O'Dell, and Spencer Kelly. He was also blessed with great-grandchildren, Anslee Mack, Evan Mack, Callahan Clough, Hayes Edwards, Holden Edwards, and Chase Clough. He is further survived by his siblings, Jean Bearden, Mary Elliott, Gerald O'Dell, and Mike O'Dell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Max O'Dell and Zonie O'Dell; his grandson, Samuel Blake O'Dell; and his brothers, Samuel O'Dell Jr. and Pete O'Dell.

Curtis will be remembered as a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, and a man who was always there when he was needed—no matter the circumstance. His strength, faith, and love will remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Alabama Hospice for their compassionate care, and to Bryan Holbrooks and the team at Village Chapel for their support and guidance during this time.

Funeral services was held on Thursday, April 23, at Fairview Baptist Church.

Though Curtis is no longer with us in body, his legacy of faith, love, and dedication lives on. He will be deeply missed and forever loved.



Lucille Kirk Heard

Lucille Kirk Heard, 78, peacefully passed away on Thursday night, April 9.

Funeral service was held on Friday, April 17 at Antioch Baptist Church.

Pauline McDaniel

RAINBOW CITY - Pauline McDaniel passed on April 17, at the age of 91, born on September 21, 1934, and was a resident of Rainbow City, Alabama. Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Christopher Lee Green

ATTALLA - Christopher Lee Green September 9, 1973 - April 13.

Christopher Lee Green, of Attalla, Alabama, was born on September 9, 1973 in Gadsden, Alabama.

Christopher was preceded in death by his parents, Sharon Ann Green and Gordon Lee Green.

He is lovingly remembered by his brother, Shane Green; his sister, Kerri Teet; as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews who will cherish his memory and the time they shared with him.

Christopher will be remembered for the connections he made throughout his life and the impact he had on those who knew him.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the ladies at Murphy's Gas on Highway 77 for their kindness and support.



David Joe Evans

GADSDEN - Funeral services for David Joe Evans, 83, of Gadsden, will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, at Village Chapel Funeral Home, with Rev. Billy Boatwright officiating. Burial will follow at Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Evans passed away on Sunday, April 19.

Born in Gadsden, Mr. Evans proudly served his country in the United States Navy, joining in 1963 and retiring in 1994. He continued his dedication to service by joining the Army Reserve in 1994, retiring from military service in 2004. Following his military career, he worked for the Greater Gadsden Housing Authority until his retirement in 2008. He was a faithful member of Gospel Temple Church for over 30 years.

Mr. Evans was beloved by his family and friends. Known for his warm spirit, he never met a stranger and was affectionately recognized around town as the "Candy Man," always sharing a piece of Werther's Originals with everyone he met. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gladys Jackson, Horald Jackson, and David Evans Sr.; his wife, Lucinda Evans; his sister, Patsy Jackson; his brother, Michael Jackson; and his daughters, Penny Monticello and Ronette Irby.

He is survived by his children, Raylene, Jess (Buddy), and Justin; his grandchildren, Jaime, Jacob, Krisi, Cassie, Stephen, Kirsten, Skye, Taylor, Heather, Nick, Jesse, and TJ; and his great-grandchildren, Ava, Alyssa, Lilly, Yaseen, Pierce, Cason, Liam, Milo, Colton, Charlie, Camdyn, Reesse, Reign, and Reid.

Pallbearers will be Bob-

by Bellew, Bill Irby, Jacob Green, Stephen Cassway, Mo Elleissy, Ahmed Elleithy, and Youssef Elleithy. Honorary pallbearer will be Billy Boatwright.

The family extends special thanks to all their loved ones and friends—Daddy loved each of you dearly.

Johnathan Gray

GADSDEN - West Gadsden - Announces the passing of Mr. Johnathan Gray, 41, Gadsden, passed away Tuesday, April 14 at Marshall Medical Center South. Mr. Gray is survived by his family.

Funeral Service will be 2pm Saturday, April 25 at the Chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home. 2118 Forrest Ave Gadsden, AL 35904. Pastor Rev. Dr. Grady E. Robinson, Jr. eulogist.



Joyce White Armstrong

GLENCOE - Joyce White Armstrong, age 90, of Glencoe AL passed into the hands of her Lord and Savior Sunday April 19 at her home.

Mrs. Armstrong, or Ms Joyce as she is affectionately known, was born December 31, 1935 to William Homer White and Annie Ophelia White. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Perry (Brad) Armstrong and son Charles (Chuck) Lindsley III, her sisters Demyrle Whorton, Marie Alexander, Otho Pentecost and Nancy Fuhrman, and her brother William "Butch" White.

She is survived by her loving and much-loved children Debi (Bill) Payne, Kelly (Mike) Williams, Christina (David) Wilkes and Michael Corey (Dyan) Castle; sisters Ann White Smith and Glenis (Goot/Andy) Collins, 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She loved her family with all of her heart and her family loves her and always will. As one of her favorite George Strait songs says "I'll (we) carry your love with me".

The family has so many individuals and organizations to thank - her neighbors who watched out for her for many years; the Glencoe Volunteer Fire Dept for the times they came out to help us with lifting and making sure she was safe and comfortable; and last but not least Enhabit Home Health and Hospice care. Ladies and gentlemen, you made it possible for our family to abide by our mother's greatest wish which was to go to her heavenly home from her earthly home with her pictures and keepsakes and family with her. There are no words to express our gratitude.

Service were held at Crestwood Funeral Home Thursday, April 23, Allen Ragan officiated.



Antonio Shropshire

GADSDEN - West Gadsden - Announces the passing of Mr. Antonio Shropshire, 48, of Gadsden, AL. He passed away on Thursday, April 16, at his residence. Mr. Shropshire is survived by his loving family. We ask that you keep this family in your thoughts and prayers during their time of bereavement.

In-Person viewing and Signing of the book will be Friday, April 24, 2026 12:00 noon - 6pm in the chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home.

Funeral Service will be 12 noon Saturday, April 25 at Mission Baptist Church. Internment Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Dr. Grady E. Robinson, Jr., Eulogist.



Sherry Elizabeth Jones

Sherry Elizabeth Jones, a beloved wife, mother, and Nana, passed away on April 19. She was a woman of deep love, quiet strength, and kindness, whose presence brought comfort and joy to those around her.

Sherry is survived by her devoted husband, Jimmie Jones Jr., her three loving children, Kristal Anderson (Michael Anderson), Dustin Jones (Katie McConnell), and Lauren Jones (Brian Smothers), and her two very cherished grandchildren, Lynlee Smothers and Riley Anderson. Her family was the center of her world, and she took great pride in each of them, always offering support, encouragement, and unconditional love.

She will be remembered for her gentle spirit, warm heart, and the countless ways she showed care for others. Whether through simple acts of kindness or the love she poured into her family, Sherry made a lasting impact on everyone who knew her.

Her legacy lives on through the lives she touched and the family she loved so deeply.

She will be greatly missed and forever remembered. Forever in our hearts, always in our memories.

She has requested to be cremated without a service.

In lieu of flowers, she requested that you put your "comfy clothes" on and spend extra time with your family.

Local funeral home directory

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824 Rainbow Dr.,
Gadsden, AL 35901
Phone: (256) 543-2140

Village Chapel Funeral Home
101 Vandell Blvd.,
Gadsden, AL 35904
Phone: (256) 547-5557

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

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2412 Sansom Ave.,
Gadsden, AL 35904
Phone: (256) 547-1000

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

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

Etowah Memorial Chapel
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Sardis City, AL 35956
Phone: (256) 593-4994

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1318 E Broad St.,
Gadsden, AL 35903
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Boston Market Meals
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Butter (16 Oz.) or
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 Piedmont, 4:30 p.m.
 Glencoe at Cleveland,
 5 p.m.
 Etowah vs. St. Clair
 County, 4:30 p.m.

April 28
 Hokes Bluff at Sand
 Rock, 4:30 p.m.
 Glencoe vs. Cedar
 Bluff, 5 p.m.
 Southside vs. Springville,
 4:30 p.m.
 Sardis vs. Section,
 4:30 p.m.
 Westbrook at
 Guntersville, 4:30 p.m.
April 30
 Glencoe at Sand
 Rock, 4:30 p.m.
 Southside vs. Boaz,
 4:30 p.m.

Track
April 24
 Special Olympics Meet at
 Gadsden City High School,
 all day

April 30–May 2
 State Track Meet at Gulf
 Shores, TBA

COLLEGE SPORTS

Men's Baseball
April 30
 Gadsden State vs. Coastal
 Alabama–South, 1 p.m.
 Gadsden State vs. Coastal
 Alabama–South, 3:30 p.m.

Women's Softball
April 25
 Gadsden State vs. Shelton
 State Community
 College, 1 p.m.
 Gadsden State vs. Shelton
 State Community
 College, 3 p.m.
April 30
 Gadsden State vs. Coastal
 Alabama–South, 3 p.m.
 Gadsden State vs. Coastal
 Alabama–South, 5 p.m.

Southside brings home two titles



Southside High School swept both team titles at the 2026 Etowah County Schools Track & Field Championship held April 15 at the Gadsden City High School Track & Field Complex, with athletes from Gaston, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff, Sardis, Southside and West End competing. The Panthers also claimed both individual MVP honors, as Marlee Tucker was named girls MVP and Chase Hall earned boys MVP after each scored a perfect 40 points, winning the 800-, 1600- and 3200-meter runs along with their respective relay events. Southside's girls and boys teams finished first overall, while Hokes Bluff's combined girls and boys squads placed second in both divisions. All AHSAA schools will advance to sectional competition April 24-25, with qualifiers moving on to state meets the following week at Cullman High School (Classes 1A-3A) and Gulf Shores High School (Classes 4A-7A). Photos by Alex Chaney/Special to the Messenger.

See more photo on Page B2.

Sardis claim 3rd at state tennis championships

Sardis High School's girls tennis team finished third in the Class 4A/5A State Tennis Championships on Tuesday at the Mobile Tennis Center, led by a state singles title from Jesa Leigh Bonds and a runner-up finish in doubles.

The Lions totaled 48 points to place behind Saint James (63) and Briarwood Christian (62) in the team standings.

Bonds, a sophomore, captured the No. 3 singles state championship with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Saint James' Emily Trock in the finals, finishing the season 48-1.

Sardis also reached the No. 1 doubles championship match, where the duo of Jesa Leigh Bonds and Callie Rae Bonds fell to Briarwood Christian's Madelyn Hunt and Sarah Wolf, 6-2, 6-4. Callie Rae Bonds, a senior, completed her season with a 42-5 record.

The Lions' combined performances helped secure a top-three finish in a tightly contested team race that came down to the final matches of the tournament.

The boys and girls Sardis High School Tennis teams are coached by Dustin Young and Amanda Johnson.



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Recent Scores

HIGH SCHOOL

April 16

Baseball
 Hokes Bluff 0,
 Pleasant Valley 3
 Gadsden City 4,
 Southside 5
 Gadsden City 2,
 Southside 11
 Gaston 6, Donoho 5
 Sardis 1, Boaz 8
 Westbrook 4, Oneonta 5
 Etowah 13, Ashville 1
Boys Soccer
 Gadsden City 4,
 Southside 1
 Glencoe 0, Coosa 10
 Westbrook 0,
 Jacksonville 3
Girls Soccer
 Gadsden City 1,
 Southside 0

Westbrook 3,
 Jacksonville 0
Softball
 Southside 6, Fort Payne 2
 Gadsden City 2,
 Guntersville 17
 Glencoe 3, Westbrook 0
 West End 12, Cleveland 1
 West End 10, Cleveland 3
 Gaston 8, Cedar Bluff 14
 Sardis 0, Boaz 10
 Etowah 10, Oneonta 0

April 17

Softball
 Westbrook 4,
 Susan Moore 3
 Susan Moore 5,
 Westbrook 2
 Coosa 1, JCA 13
 West End 13, Comer 0
 Coosa 1, JCA 21
 Gaston 7, Valley Head 3
 Gaston 10, Brewer 10
 ACA 10, Etowah 9

April 18

Baseball
 Hokes Bluff 6, Sardis 5
 Etowah 7, Handley 0
Boys Soccer
 Hokes Bluff 0, Oneonta 5
Girls Soccer
 Hokes Bluff 0, Oneonta 2
Softball
 Westbrook 1,
 Valley Head 11
 Westbrook 0, Sylvania 9
 Westbrook 0,
 Susan Moore 9
 West End 5, Munford 2
 West End 9,
 Shelby County 0
 Thompson 10, Etowah 0

April 20

Baseball
 Southside 8,
 White Plains 5
Softball
 Gadsden City 20, Saks 25
 Gaston 0, Glencoe 16
 Southside 1, Springville 3
 Sardis 16, Crossville 3
 Westbrook 15,

Susan Moore 5
 Gaylesville 16, Coosa 6
Boys Soccer
 Hokes Bluff 9,
 Cherokee County 0
 Southside 0, Pell City 6

April 21

Baseball
 Gadsden City 2,
 Collinsville 1
 Hokes Bluff 4,
 North Jackson 1
Softball
 Gadsden City 5, Gaston 17
 Hokes Bluff 12, Sardis 3
 West End 15,
 Cedar Bluff 1
 Southside 0, Boaz 9
 Westbrook 11, Talladega 2
Boys Soccer
 Gadsden City 2,
 Collinsville 1
 Hokes Bluff 4,
 North Jackson 1
Girls Soccer
 Gadsden City 9,
 Collinsville 2

Westbrook 0, Helena 5

COLLEGE SPORTS

April 16

Men's Baseball
 Southern Union State
 Community College 8,
 Gadsden State 5
 Southern Union State
 Community College 9,
 Gadsden State 0
Women's Softball
 Gadsden State 6, Southern
 Union State
 Community College 2
 Gadsden State 5, Southern
 Union State Community
 College 2

April 18

Men's Baseball
 Southern Union State
 Community College 9,
 Gadsden State 7
 Southern Union State

Community College 16,
 Gadsden State 6
Women's Softball
 Gadsden State 10,
 Southern Union State
 Community
 College 5
 Gadsden State 11,
 Southern Union State
 Community
 College 2

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SPORTS



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Hokes Bluff's combined girls and boys squads (pictured left) placed second in both divisions at the 2026 Etowah County Schools Track & Field Championship held April 15 at the Gadsden City High School Track & Field Complex. Southside claimed both individual MVP honors, as Marlee Tucker (top right) was named girls MVP and Chase Hall (bottom right) earned boys MVP after each scored a perfect 40 points, winning the 800-, 1600- and 3200-meter runs along with their respective relay events.

CHOOSE Act - From 1A

Rep. Kelvin Datcher, D-Birmingham, said he supports the bill but doesn't like the reclassifications. "We're not getting our best and we're not uniting our state around the great basketball tournament and the football championships. I think it's a huge loss for Alabama and I hope they rethink it," he said.

Under the legislation, "CHOOSE Act participants" can file civil suits against athletic associations that limit the student's ability to participate in school sports; punish a CHOOSE Act student for participating in sports, or retaliate against a CHOOSE participant for advocating for a CHOOSE student's participation in an athletic activity if the limitations are solely because student takes funds from the CHOOSE Act. The bill goes to Gov. Kay Ivey. If signed, the bill would go into effect immediately.

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LEGALS

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 rerecorded 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 79A604(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 abovescribed 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) 3445000

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) 5469205

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, rightsofway, 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 "asis" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the abovenamed 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 AntiMoney 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 AntiMoney 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 AntiMoney 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) 2164238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 2608228AL www.foreclosurehotline.net

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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 purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

Jonathon W. Horton, Etowah County Sheriff

April 17, 24, May 1, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE.

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by John Brackett Moore, a married man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Zillow Home Loans, LLC, on January 12, 2024, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3568818; the undersigned PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on September 10, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to wit: A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the center of the Public Road leading to Formans Lake and on the North line of Fractional

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 ("Transferee")

Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 244 Inverness Center Drive Birmingham, AL 35242 Phone: (801) 3552886

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 % 19128 D20022626, D 2 0 1 8 3 4 6 8 9 7 5, D 20193479601, D20193481869 PPIN 82751 PARCEL 1304190001050.041 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 May 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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE.

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by John Brackett Moore, a married man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Zillow Home Loans, LLC, on January 12, 2024, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3568818; the undersigned PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on September 10, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to wit: A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the center of the Public Road leading to Formans Lake and on the North line of Fractional

Section Four (4) Township Twelve (12) Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian. Said beginning point is 176 feet measured along said North line Westerly from the North East corner of the Northeast Quarter of the above described Fractional Section, and thence run along the said North line run in a Southerly direction a distance of Three Hundred Ninety Two feet more or less to a point in the center of the Public Road leading from the Old Walnut Grove road to Formans Lake and from the center or from this point run in an Easterly Direction and meandering said road to the beginning point which is the center of the said road and on the said North line of the Fractional Section 4, and embracing a portion of the North East Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Fractional Section 4, Township (12) South of Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County, Alabama and being and lying west of Big Wills Creek containing two and 55/100 acres more or less, save and except however, that certain one half acres heretofore conveyed by W. B. Horton and wife, Ola Horton to Jackie Mims and wife, Lola Mims, by deed dated 27th February, 1951, and recorded in books 460, Page 279, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, said land being conveyed subject to the rights of the public to us the South 15 feet for road purposes, minerals in the above described property is reserved. Together with all improvements located thereon.. Property street address for informational purposes: 3125 Miller Hollow Road, Attalla, AL 35954. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from September 10, 2025 until November 19, 2025, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from November

19, 2025 until January 21, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from April 1, 2026 until June 10, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Home-wood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 2506342PMAL

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April 24, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gary Brent Stanfield, married jointly by spouse, Kimberly Stanfield, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Loan-depot.com, LLC, its successors and assigns, on July 16, 2022, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3543943; the undersigned Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on April 16, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to wit: All that part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 4 East of the Huntsville Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a ¼ inch pipe found at the Southwest corner of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of said section; thence along the South line of said forty, South 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 490.18 feet to an iron pin set on the Easterly Right of Way of Alabama Highway Number 179 at the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning, leaving said forty line and along said Easterly Right of Way, North 08 degrees 51 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 120.09 feet to a point of curve, having a delta of 07 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds, an arc distance of 266.82 feet and a radius of 2125.66 feet; thence along the chord of said curve, North 12 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds West a distance of 266.65 feet to an iron pin set; thence leaving said Right of Way, North 71 degrees 24 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 209.26 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 11 degrees 53 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 456.16 feet to an iron pin set on the South line of said forty thence along said forty line, North 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 218.07 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.00 acres, more or less, less and except any easements or Rights of Way, and being a portion of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 4 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 31 Rowan Dr., Boaz, AL 35956. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED

AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from April 16, 2026 until May 21, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tlflow.com TB File Number: 2509852MTAL

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April 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 Jessie M Rogers A/K/A Jessie M Rogers to CitiFinancial Corporation, LLC dated June 28, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on July 2, 2007 as Instrument No. 3274386 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2023RP2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3606245 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2023RP2, 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 27, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to wit:

LOTS NUMBERED FIVE (5) AND SIX (6) IN BLOCK NUMBER EIGHT (8) OF GOOD-YEAR PARK, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "C", PAGES 84 AND 85, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 911

Maryland Ave, Gadsden, AL 35903.

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

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2023RP2 as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 2164238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 2507165AL www.foreclosurehotline.net

The Messenger 04/24/2026, 05/01/2026, 05/08/2026 2507165AL

April 24, May 1, and 8, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jonathan Garner, a married man and Allison Garner, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC., its successors and assigns, on November 18, 2021, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3531271; the undersigned Guild Mortgage Company LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on June 24, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to wit: Beginning at a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183) on the Eastern RightofWay of Taylor Road (35 foot R/W) and also marking the Southwest corner of Lot FiftyNine (59), Block Two (2), Taylor Subdivision Addition to Glencoe, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 401, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence along said RightofWay North 00 degrees 26 minutes 29 seconds East 111.67 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183); thence leaving said RightofWay North 80 degrees 34 minutes 28 seconds East 139.86 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183); thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 42 seconds West 111.67 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183); thence South 80 degrees 34 minutes 28 seconds West 139.88 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being all of Lots FiftyNine (59), SixtyOne (61), SixtyThree (63), SixtyFive (65) and a portion of Lot SixtySeven (67), all in Block Two (2) of Taylor Subdivision Addition to Glencoe, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 401, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and also being Lot Five (5) of Taylor Trails, an unrecorded subdivision.. Property street address for informational purposes: 900 Taylor Road, Glencoe, AL 35905. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RESCUE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a

return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Guild Mortgage Company LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tlflow.com TB File Number: 2512061GMAL 04/24/2026, 05/01/2026, 05/08/2026

April 24, May 1 and 8, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Marty Woods and Craig Woods was/were appointed CoPersonal 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 Tracey 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 CoPersonal 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

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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 CoPersonal 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: LYNDA "LYN" WALKER JORDAN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026133

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: GLENN DAVID TURNER, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026135

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 THE6 TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Scott W. Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

April 10, 17, and 24, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EDWARD F. PULLEN, DECEASED. Case No.: S5489

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 NO-

TIFIED 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

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARK HICKS, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026250

TO: Nicholas St. Amour Hicks, John St. Amour Hicks and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT AND/OR SERVICES of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 8th day of JUNE 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 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Scott Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

April 24, May 1 and 8, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: CECIL MCGATHA, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026230

TO: Jimmy Dale McGatha and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT AND/OR SERVICES of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 18 day of MAY 2026 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 16th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

April 24, May 1 and 8, 2026

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Pursuant to Alabama Code § 10A5A7.05, notice is hereby given that Centre Alabama 9 at Business 411, LLC (the "Company") has filed Articles of Dissolution with the Alabama Secretary of State effective 4/16/26.

Persons with claims against the Company are requested to present them in writing to the following mailing address: Centre Alabama 9 at Business 411, LLC PO Box 65 Leesburg, AL 35983

Claims must include the name and address of the claimant, the amount of the claim, the date the claim arose, and a brief description of the nature of the claim.

LEGAL BAR: Pursuant to Alabama Code § 10A5A7.05, a claim against the Company will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after the publication of this notice

April 24, 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 Thirtythree (33) and Thirtyfour (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: 2004170001029.000; 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) 4131217 or at 3700 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama.

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

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on May 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903

Kathea Stuller
 Unit 101

Jessica Body
 Unit 94 & 133

Julie Rider
 Unit 128

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

April 24 and May 1, 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) 4903715

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:

2008 CHEVROLET IMPALA
 VIN: 2G1WT58K381352079

2006 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER
 VIN: 1GNDDT13S862261909

2005 DODGE DURANGO
 VIN: 1D4HD-58N65F513975

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 May 29, 2026.

2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Silver
 2G1WW12E019120579

2011 Audi A6 Black
 WAUEKAF6BN005804

2013 Nissan Sentra Blue
 3N1AB7AP7DL636106

1988 Plymouth Reliant K White
 1P3BP46D1JC286401

2003 Pontiac Vibe Silver
 5Y2SL64893Z410539

ER Towing
 1733 Forrest Ave
 Gadsden, AL 35901
 (256)547-1549

April 24 and May 1, 2026

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2025 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2025227 (SB118) and Act No. 2025291 (HB354), proposing amendments to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendments, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2025227

Section 16. That all persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless charged with capital murder, as provided in Section 13A540, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; murder, as provided in Section 13A62, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, or any solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit murder; kidnapping in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A643, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; rape in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A661, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; sodomy in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A663, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; sexual

torture, as provided in Section 13A665.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; domestic violence in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A6130, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; human trafficking in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A741, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; robbery in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A841, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; terrorism, as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of Section 13A10152, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; and aggravated child abuse, as provided in subsection (b) of Section 26153.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; and shooting or discharging a firearm, explosive, or other weapon into an occupied dwelling, building, railroad locomotive, railroad car, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft, as provided in Section 13A1161(b); and that excessive bail shall not in any case be required.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2025291

Section 160. (a) A district attorney for each judicial circuit shall be elected by the qualified electors of those counties in which the district attorney shall be licensed to practice law in this state and shall, at the time of his or her election and during his or her continuance in office, shall reside in his or her circuit. His-The term of office shall be for six years, and he-He or she shall receive such compensation as provided by law; provided, the compensation shall not be diminished during his or her official term. Vacancies in the office of district attorney and in his or her staff shall be filled as provided by law.

(b) Clerks of the circuit courts shall be elected by the qualified electors in each county for a term of six years. If the office of register in chancery continues to be provided by law then the clerk of the circuit court may also fill such the office in a manner prescribed by law. Vacancies in the office of clerk of the circuit court shall be filled by the judge or judges of the circuit court who have jurisdiction over the county in which the office of clerk of the circuit court is located.

(c) Persons Individuals elected to the position of constable to assist the courts of the state as provided by law shall be subject to the same restrictions, rights, and limitations as are specified in-section Section 280 of the Constitution of 1901 Alabama of 2022, and no law shall prohibit the receipt of fees for the performance of official duties of said the position while holding any other elected or appointed office.

(d) The revenue from fines, forfeitures, and court costs produced in district courts from the exercise of jurisdiction under municipal ordinances shall be apportioned between the municipality and the state as shall be provided by law. FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in every county as required by law.

April 24, May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT P.O. Box 301463 (Zip 361301463) 1400 Coliseum Boulevard (Zip 361102400) Montgomery, Alabama (334) 2717700

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW ADEM Fund Code 245 SRF Project No. FS01020002

St. Clair County The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$3,103,208 in financial assistance available to The City of Ashville using funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF and DWSRFIIJA) loan programs and the American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant program. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the programs, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess the potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

The City of Ashville proposes to improve their drinking water distribution system and upgrade their Spring Filter Plant. The proposed work includes replacement of 2" distribution lines with 6" lines, a new booster pump station, new control panel and electrical upgrades at the Spring Filter Plant Pump Station and Treatment Plant, and SCADA. The proposed project will reduce water loss, increase water pressure, improve reliability and efficiency, and enhance system monitoring. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Mrs. Kelly Bibb, SRF Branch, Permits & Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130, no later than 30 days after the date of this public notice. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project. Notice is hereby given on this 28th day of April, 2026, by authorization of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

Edward F. Poolos
 Director
 Nondiscrimination Statement: The Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national

April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Attalla Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Attalla City Hall located at 612 4th Street NW, Attalla, AL 35954. The following items will be considered:

A variance requested and filed by Duane Ball to construct a house on the lot at 111 Preston Avenue, Attalla, AL 35954. The lot is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential). The request will include a variance on the lot size, width and building setback.

A variance requested and filed by Charles and Renee Bellew to allow residential units at 416 4th Street NW, Attalla, AL 35954. The property is zoned B-2 (Central Business)

Mandy Cash
 City Clerk

April 24 and May 1, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to KAITLYN HANNAH CULBERSON, 34 LITTLE STREET, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954, KAMILLE B. CULBERSON, 381 YOUNGS CHAPEL ROAD, PIEDMONT, ALABAMA 36272, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 34 LITTLE STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
 Tax ID#: 1009313000096.000

PIN# 18512
 LT 105 PARCEL 1 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F 51 GADSDEN 31116

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
 BUILDING OFFICIAL
 City of Gadsden
 P.O. Box 267
 Gadsden, AL 35902
 (256) 5494529

April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MARION D. GLADDEN, 216 SOUTH 8TH STREET (County records list property address as 216 S. 8th Street), GADSDEN, ALABAMA 359032403, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 216 8TH STREET SOUTH in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
 Tax ID#: 1502104000066.000
 PIN# 36108

LT 12 BLK 8 SOUTH ADD TO E GAD PLAT B360 10126

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to HEATHER STOVER, 3250 GURLEY AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3250 GURLEY AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
 Tax ID#: 1404190001090.000
 PIN# 26562
 LTS 16,18,20,22,24 & 26 BLK 2 GLENWOOD ADD PLAT D17 GADSDEN 19127

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MADILLE PROPERTIES, LLC, 111 SOUTH 10TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 215 ALBANY AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
 Tax ID#: 1506134000022.000
 PIN# 43304
 LT 21 BLK 1 HERRING-GROSENBAUM SUB PLAT C381 GADSDEN 13126

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to WILLIE JAMES LOVETT JR., 3012 DODD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3012 DODD STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
 Tax ID#: 1404190001014.000
 PIN# 26482
 LT 22 & PT LT 21 EAST POINT ADD PLAT D47 GADSDEN 19127

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ROLDAN VITALINO ALEGRIA, MAXIMA DE ALEGRIA & ANTONIO JUAN CID DEL ALEGRIA, 3014 DODD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 359034022, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3014 DODD STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
 Tax ID#: 1404190001013.000
 PIN# 26481
 LTS 2425 & PT LTS 2223 EAST POINT ADD D47 19127

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to SELVIN & WF ANA BARILLAS, 3018 DODD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3018 DODD STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
 Tax ID#: 1404190001012.000
 PIN# 26480
 LT 26 EAST POINT ADD D47 19127

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ANTHONY HALEY and DANIEL HALEY, 590 T.J. CIRCLE, ODENVILLE, ALABAMA 35120, 1701 E. BROAD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim

an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1701 E. BROAD STREET (COMMERCIAL) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Begin at an existing "x" in concrete at the Northwest corner of Lot Number 2, in Block "2" of Eastland Park Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 229, Etowah County Probate Office, being on the Southwesterly R/W of East Broad Street (80' R/W) and run S 44 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds E, along said R/W and the Northerly line of Lots Number 2 and 1, 135.55 feet to a point at the Northeast corner of Lot Number 1; thence run S 22 degrees 36 minutes 34 seconds W, leaving said R/W and along the East Line of Lot Number 1, 9.62 feet to a point; thence run N 71 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds West, leaving said East Line, 103.55 feet to a point; thence run N 68 degrees 51 minutes 32 seconds W, 12.95 feet to a point on the East R/W of Park Street (40' R/W); thence run N 15 degrees 34 minutes 45 seconds E, along said East R/W, 70.67 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a portion of Lots Number 1 and 2, Block "2", Eastland Park Subdivision, Etowah County, Alabama and contains 0.11 acres (more or less). Lot # 7, Block 10 Interurban Land Company's First Addition to Gadsden, Alabama, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama, Plat Book B, Page 206.

Tax Parcel ID: 1506141000218.000; PPIN: 43566 Tax Parcel ID: 1506141000218.001; PPIN: 86500

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to LOUIS LEONARD and wife, JIMMIE B. LEONARD, 1015 BROOKSIDE DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1707 COLORADO STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1707 COLORADO STREET (HOUSE) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Ten (10), in Block Number Twelve (12), in Glenwood Addition, according to map recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 265, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 1506144000087.000
PPIN: 44645

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MILTON VERNARD CHAPMAN, 803 SLACK STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1321 RIVER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, RALPH E. NEWKIRK III, 1321 RIVER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 359033051, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine

whether or not the structure or condition located at 1321 RIVER STREET (HOUSE) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Twelve (12) in the property of William Chandler situated in the East End Addition to East Gadsden, Alabama as recorded in Plat Book B, Page 13, in the Probate Office, Etowah County, Gadsden, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 1501113000432.000
PPIN: 31275

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to DORIS ANN JELKS and husband, DAN A. JELKS, 1421 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1421 ALABAMA AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot # 7, Block 10 Interurban Land Company's First Addition to Gadsden, Alabama, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama, Plat Book B, Page 206.

Tax Parcel ID: 1503052000044.000
PIN #: 36632

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to OBAID REALTY, LLC, 185 YANCEY DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 601 CHURCH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, JAMES R. & WF ANITA JONES, 2906 W. MEIGHAN BLVD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 601 CHURCH STREET (HOUSE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Eight (8) in Block Number Seventeen (17) in the Interurban Land Company 1st Addition, as recorded in Book of Town Plats "B" on Pages 206 and 207, in the Office of the Judge of Probate.

Tax Parcel ID: 1009323000129.000
PIN #: 19627

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April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to CHACARA COLE, 1620 AUTUMN WOOD, HOOVER, ALABAMA 35216, 1320 KYLE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, MADILLE PROPERTIES, LLC., 111 SOUTH 10TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1320 KYLE

AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Parcel Four Commence at the Southeast corner of Lot #5, in Block "14" of Interurban Land Company's First Addition as recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 206 and 207, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, on the Northerly R/W of Etowah Avenue (50' R/W) and run Northwesterly along said Northerly R/W, 80.00 feet to the point of beginning of the property described herein; thence continue Northwesterly along said R/W, 72.54 feet to a point on the Easterly R/W of 14th Street (50' R/W); thence deflect 82°56'52" right leaving said Northerly R/W and run Northerly along said Easterly R/W, 26.30 feet to a point on the Southerly R/W of Kyle Avenue (50' R/W Tuscaloosa Avenue by plat); thence deflect 80°03'37" right leaving said Easterly R/W and run Easterly along said Southerly R/W 75.11 feet to a point; thence leaving Southerly R/W deflect right so as to form an interior angle of 77°41'35" and run Southerly 48.21 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a portion of Lot #5, Block "14", of Interurban Land Company's First Addition as recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 206 & 207, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama and contains 0.06 acres (more or less).

Tax Parcel ID: 1503052000011.001
PIN #: 93525

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to FREDY A. MARROQUIN LOPEZ and ETELIVIA GABRIELA MIATES MARROQUIN, 401 SOUTH 15TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1534 4TH AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 407 S. 15TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 359013409, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1534 4TH AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 19 BLK 13 HILL & CANSLER ADD PLAT A74 GADSDEN
Tax Parcel ID: 1503053000101.000
PIN #: 36969

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April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JOHN COLTON RICHARDSON, 2729 FORESTDALE RD., SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA 35907, with possible rights of redemption to KEVIN FLOYD SMITH and TERESA SMITH, 114 S. 27TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, DRAPER WILLIAMS, 1419 SWANCOTT RD, MADISON, ALABAMA 357565005, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 114 S. 27TH STREET (COMMERCIAL BUILDING) (County records list property address as 104 TWENTY SEVENTH STREET) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots Thirtyeight (38) and Thirtynine (39), in Block Twentynine (29) in the Alford Addition to Alabama City, according to the Second Survey

thereof, as shown by the map thereof, recorded in Plat Book "A", page 308, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden (formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.

Tax Parcel ID: 1503062000135.000
PIN #: 38012

You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to STEVEN CRAIG MAYO, 21 W. TUSCALOOSA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 901 PIEDMONT AVENUE, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of

the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 21 W. TUSCALOOSA AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lots Thirtyfive (35), Thirtysix (36) and Thirtyseven (37) in Parcel One (1) as shown by the map of Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division, recorded I Plat Book "F", Pages 5165 in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 1009313000160.000
PPIN: 18576

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April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to STEVEN WEAVER, 1607 HOOKS LAKE ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 359011835, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1607 HOOKS LAKE ROAD in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 1007253000102.000
PIN #: 14386

LT 3 BLK A OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G55 GADSDEN 25116 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to RITA FAYE GREEN, 507 HOWARD PLACE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 359042313, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 507 HOWARD PLACE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 1601013000434.000
PIN #: 50173

LOTS 56 BLK 28 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B117 1125 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to

the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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April 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ALEXIS & wf VELEECIA HUNTLEY, 2661 TYBEE DRIVE, BUFORD, GEORGIA 30519, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1405 KYLE AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 1009323000180.000
PIN #: 19686

LOT 3 BLK 16 INTER-URBAN LAND CO IST ADD PLAT B206207 32116 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to MILLHOFF PROPERTIES, LLC, 1465 SKY LANE, SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA 359075152, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 401 MADISON COURT in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 16010130000350.000
PIN #: 50086

LT 7 BLK 1 WOODLAND PARK REAR LTS 46 PLAT F257 GADSDEN 1 125 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to DESTINY STEWART, 2324 HILL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2214 NORRIS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 1503064000017.001
PIN #: 38282

LT 9 BLK 2 OAK PARK ADD PLAT B201 GADSDEN 6126 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to RUBYE E. REYNOLDS, 109 PADEN ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 109 PADEN DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2624 RAILROAD AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 1503062000121.001
PIN #: 77592

E 65' LOTS 3637 BLK 28 ALFORD'S 2ND ADD PLAT A308 6126 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You

T. ROBINSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, MALCOM MUHANNAD FOMBY, 501 MILTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 501 MILTON STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 1502042000363.000
PIN #: 33555

PT LTS 12 BLK E ELIOTT ADD #1 PLAT B5 GADSDEN 4126 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to ADELL F MCALPIN, 1115 MOUNTAINBROOK DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1115 MOUNTAINBROOK DRIVE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 1008334000063.000
PIN #: 17075

LT 34 & TH W 1/4 OF LT 33 BLK 7 MOUNTAIN BROOK ADD #3 PLAT E 8081 GADSDEN & PT OF ANNULLED 50' ROW 33116 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to LIZETH LOPEZ RAMIREZ, 1309 MALONE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2214 NORRIS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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Notice is hereby given to ROSILINDA & FRAN FRANCISCO, 2624 RAILROAD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 359041903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2624 RAILROAD AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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2317 NORRIS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 1503061000266.000
PIN #: 37835

\$1/2 LOT 1 BLK 32 ALFORDS SECOND ADDITION TO ALABAMA CITY PLAT A308 IN GOVT LOT 7 SEC 6 TWP 12S R 6E is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to SANDRA JONES, 514 PEARL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 359042232, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 514 PEARL STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 1601014000408.000
PIN #: 50631

LT 1 BLK 5 WEST POINT ADD PLAT B141 1125 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to PAIGE WILLIAMSON, 2923 LEGACY DRIVE S.W., DECATUR, ALABAMA 35603, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 407 PRINCETON AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax Parcel ID: 1007353000009.001
PIN #: 15197

COM NW COR NE1/4 SW1/4 TH N 15S TO S ROW OF PRINCETON AVE THE 170S ALONG ROW TO POB THE 62 TH S 125 TH W 62 TH N 124.8 TO POB LYING IN NE1/4 SW1/4 ALONG S ROW OF PRINCETON AVE GADSDEN 35116 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be ab

the public via the City's website at <https://www.cityofgadsden.com/160/CommunityDevelopment>. The City will receive written comments until 5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 25, 2026. No displacement will occur as a result of the activities described herein. Should displacement occur, the City of Gadsden implements the provisions as required by CFR 570.606 (Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance). The City of Gadsden does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, or treatment of, or employment, the programs and activities described herein. An interpreter is available upon request to assist persons with limited English proficiency. Any requests for rea-

sonable accommodation required by an individual to fully participate in any open meetings, programs, or activities of the City of Gadsden's CDBG Office at 2565494536 or via email at criley@cityofgadsden.com.

April 24, 2026

AVISO DE REUNION DE REVISION PUBLICA CIUDAD DE GADSDEN AL BORRADOR DEL PLAN DE ACCION ANUAL 2026 FECHA DE PUBLICACION: VIERNES, 24 DE ABRIL DE 2026 FECHA LIMITE PARA COMENTARIOS PUBLICOS: LUNES, 25 DE MAYO DE 2026 - 5:00 P. M.

La Ciudad de Gadsden celebrará una Reunión Pública de Revisión para solicitar comentarios sobre el Borrador del Plan Consolidado 2025/2029 y el Plan de Acción Anual 2026. La reunión tendrá lugar en las instalaciones de la Ciudad de Gadsden, ubicadas en 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901, a las 10:00 a. m. del miércoles 22 de mayo de 2026. Este aviso da inicio al período de comentarios públicos de 30 días de la Ciudad, el cual comenzará el viernes 24 de abril de 2026 y finalizará el lunes 25 de mayo de 2026. La Ciudad de Gadsden presentará su Plan de Acción Anual de 2026, junto con la lista de proyectos financiados mediante las asignaciones del programa de

Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) de 2026, ante el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) a más tardar el 6 de junio de 2026. A la Ciudad de Gadsden se le asignaron \$919,424.00 en fondos CDBG para el año fiscal 2026. Las asignaciones de fondos propuestas para el Programa CDBG de la Ciudad para el año 2026 se detallan a continuación y se encuentran disponibles en el sitio web de la Ciudad, en la dirección: <https://www.cityofgadsden.com/160/CommunityDevelopment>. # Nombre del proyecto Cantidad
1 CDBG - Administración \$183,884.80

2 CDBG - Servicios públicos - Centro James M. Barrie \$8,000.00

3 CDBG - Servicios públicos - Centro de éxito familiar \$10,000.00

4 CDBG Reembolso del préstamo de la Sección 108 \$200,000.00

5 CDBG - Mejoras en las calles \$267,539.20
6 CDBG - CDBG - Mejoras en instalaciones públicas - \$250,000.00

Renovación de estaciones de bomberos Asignación total de la subvención \$919,424.00 Los borradores del Plan de Acción Anual de 2026 estarán disponibles para su examen y comentarios por parte del público a través del sitio web de la Ciudad, en <https://www.cityofgadsden.com/160/CommunityDevelopment>. La Ciudad recibirá comentarios por escrito

hasta las 5:00 p. m. del lunes 25 de mayo de 2026. No se producirá ningún desplazamiento como resultado de las actividades aquí descritas. En caso de que ocurra un desplazamiento, la Ciudad de Gadsden implementará las disposiciones exigidas por el CFR 570.606 (Asistencia Residencial contra el Desplazamiento y para la Reubicación). La Ciudad de Gadsden no discrimina por motivos de discapacidad en la admisión, el acceso, el trato o el empleo relacionados con los programas y actividades aquí descritos. Hay un intérprete disponible, previa solicitud, para asistir a las personas con dominio limitado del inglés. Cualquier solicitud de adaptación razonable que un indi-

viduo requiera para participar plenamente en las reuniones, programas o actividades abiertos de la Oficina del CDBG de la Ciudad de Gadsden puede realizarse llamando al 2565494536 o enviando un correo electrónico a criley@cityofgadsden.com

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