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**Tanker truck crashes into Coosa River; driver safe, fuel spill contained**



Submitted photo

Tanker that plunged into the Coosa River from the Meighan bridge.

By Kaitlin Hoskins  
 News Editor

A tanker truck driver is safe after a crash off the Meighan Bridge into the Coosa River Tuesday morning. The situation prompted a multi-agency emergency response and fuel containment effort.

The crash occurred around 10 a.m. on April 28 along U.S. Highway 431 North, according to the Gadsden Fire Department. First responders arrived to find the driver out of the cab and holding onto the trailer portion of the truck. He was taken to a hospital for evaluation, and no serious injuries were reported.

Gadsden Fire Chief Vance Brown said crews were on the scene within 10 minutes and immediately began water rescue and hazardous materials response procedures.

"The tanker was empty, which we're fortunate for," Brown said. "The guys are down water right now around the train truss getting booms into the water so that none of that oil goes on downstream."

Authorities said the impact of the crash separated the tanker from the cab. The tanker floated to the riverbank and was removed Tuesday afternoon, while the cab sank to the bottom of the river and was recovered later that evening.

Officials estimate that between 50 and 200 gallons of diesel fuel from the truck's tractor portion entered the river, with some of it visible on the water's surface. Crews deployed containment booms to limit the spread and began cleanup efforts that could take several days.

Etowah County Emergency Management Agency Director Jim Slick said they did not know how many gallons of fuel the truck had prior to the crash.

"I'm using worst-case scenario, not knowing what's actually on the truck itself," Slick said.

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**Federal budget changes to SNAP could cost Alabama up to \$261 million**

By Anna Barrett  
 Alabama Reflector

Federal changes to the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) will cost Alabama between \$174 and \$261 million, state officials said Thursday.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) introduced a penalty for states that have a high error rate in the SNAP program. Currently, Alabama's error rate is around 10%, SNAP Director Brandon Hardin said at a quarterly meeting of the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR), which administers the program in the state.

"We won't get that final number until June of this year to even know what our FY25 rate is officially. That's what makes a lot of this so difficult, is because when you're dealing with quality control data, it's always six months behind," Hardin said.

The penalty will go into effect on Oct. 1, 2027, and will be based on the error rate the state had at the end of fiscal year 2026. Errors are mostly from clients overpaying or underpaying for their benefits by not reporting a need within their household.

In FY28, the state will be responsible for 10% or 15% of benefits for

SNAP, which it has never had to pay for. Alabama is currently between penalty tiers. The state will be responsible for 10% of benefits if the error rate is between 8 and 9.99%, and 15% of benefits if the error rate is 10% or more.

Hardin said there were 678,278 Alabamians enrolled in the SNAP program, about 44,200 less than October when a federal government shutdown left enrollees without benefits. Hardin said the disenrollments are due to federal eligibility changes, including requiring that able-bodied adults without dependents on SNAP must report 80 hours per month of work or volunteering.

"We work closely with the food banks, and they do a tremendous job at filling that aid," Hardin said in an interview after the meeting. "For every meal they provide, SNAP provides nine. Maintaining the SNAP program is very important."

Commissioner Nancy Buckner said that the agency submitted a waiver to the federal government to only count client errors and not county agency errors in an effort to lower the rate, but it was denied.

"For instance, in October of this year, we had x amount of dollars, 75% of those were client errors. That

doesn't mean it was client fraud, just client errors," Hardin said.

Hardin said that other states have reached out to Alabama to ask questions about the error rate, and Alabama has done the same.

"We're going to continue to move forward," Hardin said. "We've made over 15 changes already, significant changes, to our policy."

The Legislature appropriated \$148.4 million, but it will only be released if the department lowers the error rate to 6%, which would prevent the state from paying for part of the program, by Oct. 1, or develops a plan to cover the cost of federal funding cuts. For fiscal year 2024, Alabama's error rate was 8.32%, under the national average of 10.93%, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund budget chair Greg Albritton, R-Atmore, said in a phone interview Thursday afternoon that the state does not have the \$174 to \$261 million additional funds to cover SNAP benefits if the error rate is not reduced.

"We don't have the extra funds to fund it, that's part of the law also. DHR's gotta figure out a route to meet the benefits of the needy that are on

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 PRIMARY ELECTION

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# NEWS

## ABSENTEE VOTING MAY 19, 2026 - PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 16, 2026 - PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION

Qualified voters can apply for an absentee ballot that can be cast by mail, commercial carrier or in person at the Absentee Election Manager's Office, if he or she makes application in writing not less than five days prior to the election and meets one of the following requirements: A voter may cast an absentee ballot if he or she

- EXPECTS TO BE ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY on election day
- IS ILL OR HAS A PHYSICAL DISABILITY that prevents a voter's personal appearance at their polling precinct
- IS PHYSICALLY INCAPACITATED AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON BECAUSE THEY CANNOT ACCESS THEIR ASSIGNED POLLING PLACE DUE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISABILITIES (neurological, musculoskeletal, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, or other life-altering disorder that affects his or her ability to perform manual tasks, stand for any length of time, walk unassisted, see, hear or speak) AND: (a) HE OR SHE IS AN ELDERLY VOTER AGED 65 OR OLDER; OR (b) HE OR SHE IS A VOTER WITH A DISABILITY
- IS A REGISTERED ALABAMA VOTER LIVING OUTSIDE THE COUNTY, such as a member of the armed forces, a voter employed outside the United States, a college student, or a spouse or child of such a person
- IS AN APPOINTED ELECTION OFFICER OR POLL WATCHER at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place
- EXPECTS TO WORK A REQUIRED SHIFT, 10-HOURS OR MORE, that coincides with polling hours
- IS A CAREGIVER for a family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity and the family member is confined to his or her home
- IS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED in prison or jail and has not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude

If an absentee ballot application is delivered by U.S. mail or by commercial carrier to the Absentee Election Manager Office, the application must be received by the 7th day prior to the election. If the absentee ballot application is delivered in person by the voter only to the Absentee Election Manager, it must be received by the 5th day prior to the election.

Absentee applications are available at the Etowah County Absentee Election Managers Office or online at [www.alabamavotes.gov](http://www.alabamavotes.gov) or [etowah.alacourt.gov](http://etowah.alacourt.gov). Pursuant to Title 17-9-30, Code of Alabama, absentee ballot applications must now be accompanied by a copy of current, valid photo identification or voter ID, unless the voter is exempt from this identification requirement. Failing to provide the identification will result in your ballot becoming a provisional ballot.

### Emergency Absentee Applications

- A qualified voter requiring emergency medical treatment by a licensed physician within (5) days before an election. The application must be signed by the physician and returned to the Absentee Election Manager.
- A voter with a business emergency is required to apply and vote in-person at the Absentee Election

Manager's Office. The voter shall sign an affidavit acknowledging that he or she was not aware of the business emergency (5) days prior to the election.

- A caregiver for a person who requires emergency treatment by a licensed physician (the voter must deliver the application by hand to the Absentee Election Manager no later than (5) days prior to the election).
- A family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity died within (5) days prior to the election (the voter must deliver the application by hand to the Absentee Election Manager no later than the day prior to the election).

Applications for absentee voting are available at any of the following locations:

- Absentee Election Manager's Office (Etowah County Circuit Clerk/Absentee Election Manager, Cassandra Johnson, 801 Forrest Ave., Suite 202, Gadsden, AL 35901),
- Secretary of State's web page: [www.alabamavotes.gov](http://www.alabamavotes.gov)

United States Armed Forces members, including spouses, should contact their Commanding Officer for a UOCAVA application or may go online for assistance at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

Note: In a primary election, voters must specify on the application if they are requesting a Democrat, Republican, Constitutional Amendment or Other type of ballot.

Separate applications for absentee ballots are required for elections which are more than 42 days apart, except as to individuals voting pursuant to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff. These two elections only require one application, but you must select both Primary and Primary Runoff elections. Each application must be mailed separately - Multiple applications cannot be mailed in the same envelope, even if the voters live at the same address.

Completed absentee applications must provide the Alabama residence where the voter is registered to vote, even if the ballot is to be mailed to another address where the applicant voter regularly receives mail. If you have moved and have not updated your polling place you should contact the local Board of Registrars and update your address prior to applying for an absentee ballot. A completed application must be returned by the voter

(in-person) or sent by U.S. Mail or commercial carrier. No one, not even a family member, can return another person's application.

The absentee election manager may not give any person access to completed and filed applications for absentee ballots. This information is not a matter of public record. It should be considered privileged information just the same as voter registration applications.

The absentee election manager shall forward absentee ballots by U.S. Mail to the applicant's residence address or upon written request of the voter, to the address where the voter regularly receives mail or by handing the ballot to the voter in person or, in the case of medical emergency voting, to his or her designee in-person. UOCAVA voters will have the option to vote electronically after submitting a UOCAVA absentee application.

VOTERS MUST COMPLETE ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE AFFIDAVIT OF THE ABSENTEE VOTER ENVELOPE.

IF THE VOTER'S AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED (OR MARKED WITH AN "X"), AND IF THE AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE IS NOT WITNESSED BY TWO WITNESSES (18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER) OR BY A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ACKNOWLEDGE OATHS, PRIOR TO BEING DELIVERED OR MAILED TO THE ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER, THE BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

## Tanker

- From A1

"We're going with approximately 200 gallons of diesel fuel that has been released into the river."

The truck was reportedly traveling from a poultry plant and was not carrying anything caustic or corrosive.

Mayor Craig Ford praised the rapid response from local agencies and assisting crews, some of whom came from as far away as Georgia.

"There's an investigation into what exactly happened," Ford said. "We can't say much at this point, but we do know that, most importantly, the driver is safe."

Despite the spill, Brown said there is no immediate danger to the public water supply. He also noted the severity of the crash and credited training for the successful rescue.

"Just the force alone when he hit the water... he is fortunate to be alive, fortunate to get out of the water," Brown said.

Cleanup and monitoring efforts are expected to continue as crews work to remove remaining fuel from the river and assess any environmental impact.

The crash is under investigation.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that the Public Testing of the voting machines to be used in the 2026 Primary Election on May 19, 2026 in Etowah County, AL, will be held on May 11, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

The location is the Old Etowah County Health Department 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

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**Saturday, May 9**

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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.

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# NEWS

## Stamp out hunger on May 9

SNAP

- From A1

The local National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Branch 1047, President Jamey Cranmer announces:

The Nation's largest one day food drive to combat hunger will be conducted this year on Saturday, May 9. The Gadsden City letter carriers and some rural carriers will be working with the Etowah Community Food Bank and your local United Way of Etowah County to make this the largest one-day food drive in Etowah County. All citizens

served by 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 near their mailbox on Saturday, May 9 before their letter carrier arrives. The food will be donated to the Etowah Community Food Bank to be 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 9. 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.

You can make a difference.

these programs if the error rate does not come down," Albritton said.

Lawmakers have been preparing for smaller budgets since pandemic-era relief funds have gone away. Kirk Fulford, legislative fiscal officer, told lawmakers in January to be "conservative" with budgets and that 2028 will be a "rock fight."

Albritton said Thursday

that the Legislature's priority remains getting services to Alabamians and funding agencies, but it may look different due to a reduction in revenue.

"I remain optimistic that we're gonna be OK. We're not the only state facing this brick wall. Most states are," Albritton said. "We're going to do everything we can to meet the needs that are there."

# Your Community CALENDAR

### May 2-3 GSCC presents Alice By Heart

In the rubble of the London Blitz of World War II, Alice Spencer's budding teen life is turned upside down, as she and her dear friend Alfred are forced to take shelter in an underground tube station. When the ailing Alfred is quarantined, Alice encourages him to escape with her into their cherished book and journey down the rabbit hole to Wonderland. This world premiere musical encourages us all to celebrate the transformational power of the imagination, even in the harshest of times.

- Where: Inzer Hall Black Box Theater
- When: Friday 7 p.m. Saturday 7 p.m. & Sunday 3 p.m.

### May 6 Rainbow City Farmers Market

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

### May 8 Dinner and a movie on the lawn

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

### May 14 Taste the Town Food Truck

- Where: Southside City Hall
- When: 5 - 8 p.m.



### May 1 First Friday is back with new rules

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.

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.

- Where: Southside Landing
- When: 6 p.m.
- No skateboards or roller blades
- No advertising or fundraising.
- Early parkers before 3:30 p.m. will be towed.
- Don't move barricades.
- No pets.
- No personal coolers or glass containers.

### May 2 Ivalee Volunteer Fire Department BBQ Fundraiser 11 a.m. -until

**Menue**  
Pulled pork  
Chicken fingers  
Potato salad  
Baked beans  
Cole slaw  
Mac & cheese

- Where: 365 Sarratt Battles Rd., Attalla
- When: 11 a.m. - till gone

**\$15 Meat & 3 sides and dessert (choice of pork or chicken fingers)**

Come support our local fire department. All proceeds benefit the station

For more information, contact Ivalee Fire Department on Facebook Messenger or Jamie Quinn, Chief IVFD at 256-



### 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.

### Ground Breakings, Ribbon Cuttings & Grand Openings

**May 6 Ribbon cutting** at Twin Oak Farms, Wedding & Event Venue is at  
• Where: 714 Paden Road, Glencoe  
• When: 11 a.m.

**May 8 Grand opening** at Grand Opening for the Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama  
• Where: 1986 Challenger Way, Rainbow City  
• When: 11 a.m.

**May 14 Ribbon cutting** at Three Notch Group  
• Where: 515 Locust St. Gadsden  
• When: 4 p.m.

**May 15 Ground Breaking** at Gadsden State Community College Tennis Complex  
• Where: GSCC Tennis Complex  
• When: 10 a.m.

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Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate


# SAMPLE BALLOT

This is a common ballot, however, some offices will appear only in certain precincts which will apply to your districts.

THESE OFFICES RUN BY DISTRICT

**FOR MEMBER ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 4**  
(Vote for One)  
 JEFF BYNUM  
 TIM F. RAMSEY

**FOR MEMBER, ETOWAH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 2**  
(Vote for One)  
 SCARLETT RAINS FARLEY  
 BEN GREENE

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|  <b>OFFICIAL BALLOT</b>   |   | <b>REPUBLICAN PRIMARY AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION<br/>ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA<br/>MAY 19, 2026</b>  |
| <b>INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER</b><br>TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL <input type="radio"/> COMPLETELY! <input checked="" type="radio"/><br>IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.  |   |  |
| <b>FOR GOVERNOR</b><br>(Vote for One)  | <b>FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES</b><br>(Vote for One)   | "Shall the following Amendments to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"<br><br><b>PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE</b><br><br><b>STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1</b><br><br>Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the following offenses shall be offenses for which a judge may deny bail: shooting or discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling or other occupied space in violation of Section 13A-11-61(b), Code of Alabama 1975; or any solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit murder. Proposed by Act 2025-227.<br><br><input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input type="radio"/> No |
| <input type="radio"/> KEN McFEETERS<br><input type="radio"/> "Alabama" WILL SANTIVASCI<br><input type="radio"/> THOMAS TUBERVILLE  | <input type="radio"/> COREY HILL<br><input type="radio"/> CHRISTINA WOERNER McINNIS<br><input type="radio"/> JACK WILLIAMS  |  |
| <b>FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b><br>(Vote for One)   | <b>FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 1</b><br>(Vote for One)   | <b>STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2</b><br><br>Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the compensation of a district attorney may not be diminished during his or her term of office. Proposed by Act 2025-291.<br><br><input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input type="radio"/> No  |
| <input type="radio"/> WES ALLEN<br><input type="radio"/> PAT BISHOP<br><input type="radio"/> GEORGE CHILDRESS<br><input type="radio"/> RICK PATE<br><input type="radio"/> STEWART HILL TANKERSLEY<br><input type="radio"/> NICOLE JONES WADSWORTH<br><input type="radio"/> JOHN WAHL | <input type="radio"/> MATT GENTRY<br><input type="radio"/> JEREMY H. ODEN<br><b>FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 2</b><br>(Vote for One)<br><input type="radio"/> PRISCILLA ANDREWS<br><input type="radio"/> CHRIS BEEKER<br><input type="radio"/> BRENT WOODALL<br><input type="radio"/> JIM ZIG ZEIGLER |  |
| <b>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR</b><br>(Vote for One)   | <b>FOR MEMBER STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 6</b><br>(Vote for One)   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> SETH BURTON<br><input type="radio"/> DALE SHELTON DEAS JR.<br><input type="radio"/> JARED HUDSON<br><input type="radio"/> STEVE MARSHALL<br><input type="radio"/> BARRY MOORE<br><input type="radio"/> MORGAN MURPHY<br><input type="radio"/> RODNEY WALKER    | <input type="radio"/> CATHI BRADFORD<br><input type="radio"/> MARIE MANNING   |  |
| <b>FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT</b><br>(Vote for One)  | <b>FOR MEMBER, ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO.</b><br>(Vote for One)   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> TERRI LaPOINT<br><input type="radio"/> MIKE ROGERS   | <b>FOR ETOWAH COUNTY SHERIFF</b><br>(Vote for One)  |  |
| <b>FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL</b><br>(Vote for One)  | <input type="radio"/> JOHN HENRY HILL JR.<br><input type="radio"/> JONATHON W. HORTON   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> PAMELA L. CASEY<br><input type="radio"/> JAY MITCHELL<br><input type="radio"/> KATHERINE ROBERTSON   | <b>FOR ETOWAH COUNTY CORONER</b><br>(Vote for One)  |  |
| <b>FOR STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT NO. 10</b><br>(Vote for One)  | <input type="radio"/> NICHOLAS CLANTON<br><input type="radio"/> LONDON PEARCE   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> ANDREW JONES<br><input type="radio"/> AMY DOZIER MINTON  | <b>FOR MEMBER, ETOWAH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO.</b><br>(Vote for One)   |  |
| <b>FOR SECRETARY OF STATE</b><br>(Vote for One)  | <input type="radio"/> CAROLEENE DOBSON<br><input type="radio"/> CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIAN HORN<br><input type="radio"/> GLENDA S. JACKSON   |  |
| <b>FOR STATE TREASURER</b><br>(Vote for One)   | <input type="radio"/> ANDREW FULLER<br><input type="radio"/> SYDNEY BUTLER GUNTER   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> YOUNG BOOZER<br><input type="radio"/> STEVE LOLLEY   | <b>FOR STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ETOWAH COUNTY, PLACE NO. 2</b><br>(Vote for One)  |  |
| <b>FOR STATE AUDITOR</b><br>(Vote for One)   | <input type="radio"/> MARK GIDLEY<br><input type="radio"/> AARON LONNERGAN  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> DEREK CHEN<br><input type="radio"/> ANDREW SORRELL   |   | <b>END OF BALLOT</b>   |

### BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1:

**(1) The text of the statewide ballot measure, including sponsors, cosponsors, and the text of the question that will appear on the statewide ballot:**  
 Proposed by Act No. 2025-227 (Senate Bill 118, 2025 Regular Legislative Session)  
 Bill Sponsor: Senator Barfoot  
 "Proposing an amendment to Section 16 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide for additional offenses that would allow a judge to deny bail under certain circumstances."  
 Proposed by Act 2025-227."  
 This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes ( ) No ( )."

**(1) A summary of and the text of any implementing legislation directly related to the statewide ballot measure:** There is no implementing legislation directly related to this statewide ballot measure.

**(2) The placement of the statewide ballot measure on the statewide ballot:**  
 This proposed Constitutional Amendment will appear on the Ballot after election of federal, statewide, and local offices, and will be the first constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as "Statewide Amendment 1."

**(3) A plain language summary of the statewide ballot measure, which shall include, at a minimum, the legal or constitutional authority for its passage, the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is passed, including its cost and source of funding, and the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is defeated.**  
 Currently, a judge may deny bail to a person charged with the following crimes: capital murder, murder, kidnapping in the first degree, rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, sexual torture, domestic violence in the first degree, human trafficking in the first degree, arson in the first degree, robbery in the first degree, terrorism, and aggravated child abuse. If approved, this amendment would allow a judge to also deny bail to a person charged with solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit murder. The amendment would also allow a judge to deny bail to a person charged with shooting or discharging a firearm, explosive, or other weapon into an occupied dwelling, building, railroad locomotive or car, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft.  
 If the majority of voters vote "yes" on Amendment 1, the Alabama Constitution will be changed. If the majority of voters vote "no" on Amendment 1, the Alabama Constitution will not be changed. There are no costs or taxes associated with Amendment 1. The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 1 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of the State of Alabama.

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**FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FEMALE), DISTRICT NO. 29**  
(Vote for One)

CHRISTINA RAY DUNBAR

SHEILA DEGAN GILBERT

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**FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FEMALE), DISTRICT NO. 30**  
(Vote for One)

PEGGY ANDERSON

SHAE SANDERS

**FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (MALE), DISTRICT NO. 28**  
(Vote for One)

LARRY J AVERY JR

KYLE PIERCE

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**FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (MALE), DISTRICT NO. 29**  
(Vote for One)

MICHAEL DUNBAR

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"By casting this ballot, I do pledge myself to abide by the result of this Primary Election and to aid and support all the Nominees thereof in the ensuing General Election."

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|  <p><b>OFFICIAL BALLOT</b></p> <p><b>DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION<br/>ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA<br/>MAY 19, 2026</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER</b></p> <p>TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL <input type="radio"/> COMPLETELY! <input checked="" type="radio"/><br/>IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>FOR GOVERNOR</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> WILL BOYD</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JAMEL J. BROWN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YOLANDA ROCHELLE FLOWERS</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DOUG JONES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHAD "Chig" MARTIN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NATHAN "Nate" MATHIS</p> | <p>"Shall the following Amendments to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"</p> <p><b>PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE</b></p> <p><b>STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1</b></p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the following offenses shall be offenses for which a judge may deny bail: shooting or discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling or other occupied space in violation of Section 13A-11-61(b), Code of Alabama 1975; or any solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit murder. Proposed by Act 2025-227.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> |
| <p><b>FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> PHILLIP ENSLER</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DARRYL D. PERRYMAN</p>   |   |
| <p><b>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DAKARAI LARRIETT</p> <p><input type="radio"/> KYLE SWEETSER</p> <p><input type="radio"/> EVERETT WESS</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MARK S. WHEELER II</p>  | <p><b>STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2</b></p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the compensation of a district attorney may not be diminished during his or her term of office. Proposed by Act 2025-291.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>  |
| <p><b>FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 1</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JAMES O. GORDON</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOHN NORTHROP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JEFF RAMSEY</p>   |   |
| <p><b>FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FEMALE), DISTRICT NO.</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p>   |   |
| <p><b>FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (MALE), DISTRICT NO.</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p>   |   |
| <p><b>END OF BALLOT</b></p>  |   |

**BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2:**

**(1) The text of the statewide ballot measure, including sponsors, cosponsors, and the text of the question that will appear on the statewide ballot:**

Proposed by Act No. 2025-291 (House Bill 354, 2025 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Representative Hill

"Proposing an amendment to Section 160 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that compensation received by a district attorney may not be diminished during his or her term of office."

Proposed by Act 2025-291."

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes ( ) No ( )."

**(2) A summary of and the text of any implementing legislation directly related to the statewide ballot measure:** There is no implementing legislation directly related to this statewide ballot measure.

**(3) The placement of the statewide ballot measure on the statewide ballot:**

This proposed Constitutional Amendment will appear on the Ballot after election of federal, statewide, and local offices, and will be the second constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as "Statewide Amendment 2."

**(4) A plain language summary of the statewide ballot measure, which shall include, at a minimum, the legal or constitutional authority for its passage, the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is passed, including its cost and source of funding, and the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is defeated.**

The term of office for a District Attorney is six year

If approved, this amendment would ensure that a district attorney's salary cannot be reduced during the term of office that he or she was appointed or elected to fill.

If the majority of voters vote "yes" on Amendment 2, the Alabama Constitution will be changed. If the majority of voters vote "no" on Amendment 2, the Alabama Constitution will not be changed. There are no costs or taxes associated with Amendment 2.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 2 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of the State of Alabama.

# EDUCATION



Submitted by LeeAnn Stewart

## Middle school students take the stage in Dare to Dream JR. Musical Revue

Rainbow Middle School performed Disney's Dare to Dream JR., a 60-minute musical revue that follows an eager group of trainees on their first day at a fictional Walt Disney Imagineering Studio. As the group sets out to help each other discover their dreams, they work together to explore the power of dreams to unite, inspire and make anything possible.

### 7th grade cast and crew

Ava Beard, Chandler Bertram, Sylvia Bozeman, Rodney Briscoe, RG Cargill, Harrison Chandler, Chau Le, Grayson Nelson, Vy Ngyuen, Lynley Pierce, Leia Sears, Lani Sears, Abby Tarrance, Ayden Trimble, Harper Turner, Connor Wisham, Ellie Whitacker, Emery Slone, and Anderson Pierce

Drawing from a century of beloved Disney films, Dare to Dream JR. features songs appearing for the first time ever in a Disney stage musical, including fan-favorites from The Princess and the Frog, Coco, Encanto and Frozen II. This musical revue is a mix of contemporary songs, timeless classics and brand-new medleys for Disney lovers of all ages.

### 8th grade cast and crew

Kiley Adeola, Amarii Alexander, Addy Beard, Bethany Beck, Skylar Beggs, Aiden Briscoe, Lucy Durham, Elliott Gould, Ean Liu, Carley Marker, Lucy Nguyen, Anglea Pruitt, Lexi Reaves, Maylee Smith, Allison Stephenson, Izabella Talley, Paisley Talley, Esther Tegba and Autumn Winkle



Submitted by LeeAnn Stewart

## Areas students excel in middle school math bee

### TEAM RESULTS CIPHERING

#### 6th Grade

- 1st – Rainbow Middle School
- 2nd – Sardis Middle School
- 3rd – Glencoe Middle School

#### 7th Grade

- 1st – Sardis Middle School
- 2nd – Gaston High School
- 3rd – Rainbow Middle School

#### 7th Grade Advanced

- 1st – Sardis Middle School
- 2nd – West End High School
- 3rd – Hokes Bluff Middle School

#### 8th Grade

- 1st – Sardis Middle School
- 2nd – Hokes Bluff Middle School
- 3rd – Glencoe Middle School

#### 8th Grade Advanced

- 1st – Rainbow Middle School
- 2nd – Hokes Bluff Middle School
- 3rd – Glencoe Middle School

### INDIVIDUAL WINNERS- WRITTEN TEST

#### 6th Grade

- 1st – Hudson Jenkins (RMS)
- 2nd – Dawson Gilliland (RMS)
- 3rd – Tyler Wofford (RMS)

#### 7th Grade

- 1st – Katie Morales (SMS)
- 2nd – Jase White (Sardis), Hayden Adcock (RMS) (tie)
- 3rd – Eden Bartlett (RMS)

#### 7th Grade Advanced



- 1st – Eweng Eta (RMS)
- 2nd – Lee Miller (HBMS), Hayden Smith (Sardis) (tie)
- 3rd – Jaxon Johnson (Glencoe), Barrett Langley (HBMS), Tucker Hindsman (RMS) (tie)

#### 8th Grade

- 1st – Brantley Goodson (Sardis)
- 2nd – Nicolas Diego (HBMS), MJ Lee (Gaston), Aliyah Smith (Glencoe) (tie)

- 3rd – Zoey Thoennes (Gaston)

#### 8th Grade Advanced

- 1st – Lucy Nguyen (RMS), Hunter Gomez (Glencoe) (tie)
- 2nd – Jacob Harbin (HBMS), Brynn Woodside (RMS) (tie)
- 3rd – Eva Pruett (Sardis), Kate DeGaetano (RMS), Phoenix Ramsey (RMS) (tie)

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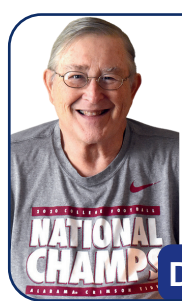
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# LIFESTYLE



## Looking at the History

Danny Crownover

Back in the late 1940s, it was suggested that the old bell in the court house tower and other of historical value be preserved and placed in a museum advocated by Judge W. M. Rayburn.

The idea was a good one. About two years later the city removed the big bell from the city hall tower and was keeping it for posterity.

For more than 50 years it was used to sound the alarm for fires and there were many.

For quite a period it sounded the curfew at 9 o'clock each night to warn all teen-age boys and girls to get off the streets. That curfew was rigidly enforced at times and all youngsters scooted home at the first tap of the bell.

There is more history attached to the bell in the tower of the old First Baptist Church. It is one of the oldest in this section of the state.

When Alabama seceded from the Union it tolled all night. That was when the church was located at Broad and Fifth streets on the site occupied by the Princess Theatre and now the Mary Harden Cultural Arts Center.

When Hood's army was camped here in a

## Historic Gadsden Bells

swing through this territory for position in the battles at Chickamauga and Chattanooga, the commander used the building as headquarters. It was during this occupancy that some junior officers and men removed the bell and part of the silver communion service.

It was only after strong representations to the commander by church officials that the loot was recovered.

The bell of the First Methodist Church was removed when the old wooden structure built in the 1870s was torn down and replaced by the present building and was promptly lost.

Up to the time of its removal, it was used as a fire alarm. A few years later, the board of stewards appointed a committee to make a search for it and, although the committee went all over the county and district, it was never found.

The First Presbyterian Church had one of the oldest bells in the city and it was occasionally used. Old timers will recall how in the old days church bells were rung for every service and how they were tolled for every funeral.

It was thought there were many bells around the county that have historical backgrounds that could be secured for the suggested museum. Unfortunately, such a museum was never built.

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The bell that hangs above First Baptist Church in Gadsden.

## Happy National Library Week from the GPL

It's National Library Week, and here at the Gadsden Public Library, we're celebrating in a way that reflects exactly who we are—a place for everyone, filled with opportunity, discovery, and yes... a little bit of fun along the way.

Throughout the week, we're hosting activities for all ages, including a light-hearted favorite from our Circulation Department: "Caught Reading." If you're spotted enjoying a book while visiting the library, you just might be rewarded with a special snack. It's a simple idea, but it reminds us of something important—reading is still one of life's greatest pleasures, and it's something worth celebrating.

National Library Week gives us a chance to pause and reflect on the role public libraries continue to play in our commu-

nities. For generations, libraries have been places where people come not only to read, but to learn, connect, and grow. That hasn't changed. In fact, it's stronger than ever. Some still say that libraries aren't needed anymore. We respectfully disagree—and the numbers tell the story. Over the past year alone, our active cardholders have grown by nearly 1,500, increasing from 22,800 to 24,300. That's not just a statistic—that's 1,500 more people choosing to engage with their library, to check out materials, attend programs, use our computers, explore new technologies, or simply spend time in a welcoming space.

Public libraries today are about access—access to information, technology, creativity, and community. They are

places where a child can discover the love of reading, where a student can find resources to succeed, where a job seeker can take the next step forward, and where neighbors can gather and learn from one another.

At the Gadsden Public Library, we are proud to serve as that kind of place. Whether you're visiting for a program, checking out a book, using our services, or just stopping by to say hello, you are part of what makes this library special.

So this week, we invite you to stop in, take a look around, and maybe even get "caught reading." You never know—you just might walk away with more than you expected!

- Gadsden Public Library: 254 South College Street, downtown Gads-



## Welcome to the Library

Craig Scott

den (next to the U.S. Post Office). Phone: 256-549-4699

- Genealogy Branch: 2700 West Meighan Boulevard, Alabama City (corner of West Meighan and Wall Street). Phone: 256-549-4688

Craig Scott is the GPL director.



## Mindful Moment

Carrie Halladay

Most people don't recognize burnout when it starts. They notice it later—when they're exhausted, irritable, and wondering why things that used to feel manageable suddenly feel overwhelming. Burnout doesn't usually show up all at once. It builds slowly.

At first, it can look like being busy. You have a lot on your plate, but you're handling it. You push through, tell yourself it's temporary, and keep going.

Then something shifts.

You start feeling more drained at the end of the day. Rest doesn't recharge you the way it used to. Small tasks feel heavier. Your patience gets shorter. You may notice you're more irritable or more detached. Things that once felt meaningful start to feel like obligations. You're getting through your day, but not really engaging with it.

## Recognize burnout before it's too late

This is often the middle stage of burnout.

And this is where many people double down instead of slowing down. They push harder. Stay later. Take on more. Tell themselves they just need to get through this stretch.

But burnout doesn't resolve with more effort. It tends to get worse. Over time, it can show up as emotional exhaustion, lack of motivation, difficulty concentrating, and a sense of disconnection from your work or your life. Some people describe it as feeling "checked out" or numb. Others feel constantly overwhelmed, like they can't catch up no matter how much they do.

Burnout is not a sign that you're weak or incapable. It's a sign that something about your current pace, expectations, or load isn't sustainable. Recognizing it early gives you more options.

Start by paying attention to small changes:

- Are you more tired than usual, even after rest?
- Are you more irritable or less patient?
- Do things feel heavier than they

used to?

- Are you starting to disconnect from things you normally care about?

If the answer is yes, that's worth paying attention to.

A Simple Action Plan to Prevent Burnout

You don't have to overhaul your life to start addressing burnout, but you do have to make intentional adjustments.

Start small and be realistic:

- Set one boundary this week.

That might mean leaving work on time one day, not responding to messages after a certain hour, or saying no to something that isn't essential.

- Build in one non-negotiable break each day.

Even 10–15 minutes where you step away without multitasking can help reset your system.

- Reduce one unnecessary demand.

Look at your schedule and ask, "What doesn't actually have to be here right now?" Then remove or postpone it.

- Reconnect with one thing that used to feel meaningful.

Not because you "should," but because you're giving yourself a chance to

feel engaged again—even briefly.

- Check your pace.

Ask yourself honestly: "Is how I'm operating right now sustainable?" If the answer is no, something needs to shift.

Burnout doesn't always require a complete life overhaul, but it does require adjustment. The goal isn't to do less because you're failing. The goal is to adjust before your system forces you to.

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).

## The passageway between what was and what is next

Late spring is almost-summer, a nearly-finished season of the first flowers and spring rain. It is a season that feels full of growth, but not settled. Spring is a time for enjoying the beauty and color around us, but also anticipating the hot and humid days ahead. It is a quietly anticipatory time that feels more like a passageway than a completed space. Life often mimics this shift.

I have had many opportunities to enjoy the shifting seasons in my own life lately. My daughters are moving up a grade, leaving elementary school behind forever. I've been enjoying newborn snuggles as a new "granna." This week, we found a car for our newest driver. It has been a season of quiet contrasts where I find myself rocking a baby while discussing car insurance with my 16 year old. Somewhere between diapers and drivers licenses, I realized I've travelled through a passageway into a new space and season.

There is a tree in the parking lot of the CVS in Alabama City that always stands out to me because at some point in time it sustained some sort of alteration either from a lightning strike or some other ac-

cident, or it had another tree grow up with it so closely entwined they look like the same tree. However it happened, it is always interesting to look at because the leaves on various branches do not always match up. In the fall, part of the tree will be a solid gold while another section is completely red. In the spring, there are at least three varieties of green leaves on the branches. In the summer, one section appears heavier than the others, drooping under the weight of foliage that is just slightly different than the rest of the tree. I love the contrast of it.

In a few days, I will be travelling overseas for the first time. The contrast of this momentous first happening at the same time as other important moments in the lives of my children is not lost on me. When I think about all the firsts and lasts happening simultaneously in my life right now, and how the lives of my loved ones are shifting and changing and intertwined with mine, I think about that tree. Virginia Woolf said "all the lives we ever lived and all the lives to be are full of trees and changing leaves." I love that fall isn't the only time for changing leaves—Spring brings changes, too, with

the warming sun and stormy seasonal shifts. New growth, surprise flowers, a busy, shifting time when one season is wrapping up and another is announcing itself. It feels like a lovely time to recognize these shifts in my own life, too.

Anytime we move through a passage of time and step into a new space, we are forced to re-evaluate where we are, who we are, and what our purpose and goals are as we do the seasonal cleaning needed to let some things go and plan for the next adventure. Changes like this can be unsettling, scary even. We can question the little things and the big things: wall colors and relationships, landscaping and the meaning of life. This is normal. The bright white iris that popped up in the middle of dark purple blooms and the tree with different branches are here to remind us that even nature switches things up sometimes. Changes and shifts might introduce some uncertainty into our lives, but they don't have to be harbingers of doom. They might just be the little moments we need to really pay attention. In To the Lighthouse, Virginia Woolf describes these import of little moments like this: "What is the mean-



## Arranging the Pieces

Tabitha Bozeman

ing of life? That was all—a simple question; one that tended to close in on one with years, the great revelation had never come. The great revelation perhaps never did come. Instead, there were little daily miracles, illuminations, matches struck unexpectedly in the dark; here was one." Every day, we experience so many of these little moments of beauty and uncertainty and joy and loss and excitement and change—and aren't all of those little moments what our lives are made of?

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# DEVOTIONALS



## ROOTED IN THE WORD

Shawn Blackmon

As we close out this season of fearless faith, we are reminded of one powerful truth: we can live fearless because God is holding us.

Fear does not always come from the situation itself. Sometimes fear grows in the space where we feel unsupported, uncovered, or alone. When we believe nobody has our back, the burden feels heavier. The problem feels bigger. The future feels harder.

But God speaks directly to that place.

## “Fear not, for I am with you”

Isaiah 41:10 says, “Fear not, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

God does not begin with a strategy. He begins with Himself. He says, “I am with you.” That means the answer to fear is not controlling everything around you. The answer to fear is remembering who is standing with you.

God never promised you would not face hard things. He promised you would not face them alone.

When you do not see your way, remember He is holding you.

When you do not understand what is happening, remember He is holding you.

When everything around you feels unstable, remember He is holding you.

God also strengthens us where we feel weak. He does not avoid our weakness. He steps into it. The place where you feel the most pressure may be the very place where God wants to show the most power.

Your weakness does not disqualify you. It positions you for God to move.

And God does not just stand near you. He upholds you. That means He sustains you, supports you, and keeps you from falling. When you slip, He is holding you. When you stumble, He is holding you. When life feels like it is falling apart, He is still holding you.

Fearless faith is not pretending fear does not exist. Fearless faith is knowing God is greater than what you are facing.

So look at the pressure and say, “My God is still bigger.”

Look at the battle and say, “My God has never lost.”

Look at the future and say, “I am not walking into it alone.”

Because if God is holding you, you are not going down.

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.*

## A happy hazard’s guide to a happy heart

April 5th marked Momma’s second Heavenly birthday, and as another Mother’s Day approaches, I find myself standing at the intersection of loss and legacy—and really tall weeds that need to be mown.

It is mowing season again, a time when the hum of the engine and the scent of fresh-cut grass feel like a conversation Momma and I are still having. To some, mowing is a chore; to Momma, it was a sanctuary of prayer and song. She spent hours of “quiet time” on her John Deere, leaving a trail of laughter that even the deepest loss couldn’t dim—a legacy of joy, of sorts.

That legacy felt especially present this week as I climbed back onto the rain-soaked, yellow seat of Momma’s infamous mower. Though I was tackling fresh weeds, my mind drifted back to an incident from last year—mostly because my pants were drenched before I even got the engine cranked.

After moving to their full-time RV park, Momma convinced the owner to trade mowing for rent, eventually persuading Daddy that a zero-turn was the ultimate “money-saving” investment. Her “savings” were often offset by the cost of chopped hoses, bent decks, broken valves, and a trail of shrubs that

would simply never bloom again.

If I told you that she called weekly to tell me about how she had to get the park owner to pull her out of a ditch or have Daddy fix a “broken something-or-other,” it would not be an exaggeration. She became my “happy hazard,” and we shared many laughs (and a few scares) over her grass-cutting capers.

Nearly a year ago, I was midway through my mowing job when I realized I was following in her footsteps: on Momma’s faithful lawn mower, mowing for rent, and truly enjoying myself. It was a very full-circle moment. As I neared the end of my final lap, I marveled at the fact that I had not fallen into a single ditch or hit a single fixed object. Feeling pretty proud, I headed back toward our motorhome to park.

That is when the day took a turn.

Noticing some high grass around our porch area I had the thought, “I’ll just make a couple of quick passes to clean that up.” The first pass was easy peasy. The second proved to be problematic. As I was rounding the front of the rig, the right steering arm jerked, catapulting me forward, positioning the deck of the mower just underneath the RV. Admittedly, I panicked just a little, causing all of the confidence and skill from the pre-

vious 2 and a half hour, eventless mowing session to leave my body.

Suddenly, I couldn’t even remember which steering arm to push (or was it pull) and I ended up with the back left tire headed straight toward the water main. Oblivious to the fact that the tire had caught the water filter connected to the faucet, I pushed the steering arms forward, breaking the faucet head clean off of the yard hydrant. It was not until the water came spewing out like Old Faithful that I realized what I had done. I busted out laughing and turned off the water before my pants were completely soaked. I couldn’t help but think about my funny-joy filled-momma.

Standing there in my wet pants, staring at the geyser I’d created, I realized that I hadn’t just inherited Momma’s mower or her habit of hitting things—I had inherited her perspective. In that moment, the frustration of a broken pipe was completely drowned out by the echo of her laughter. It reminded me of Proverbs 17:22: “A cheerful heart is good medicine; but a crushed spirit dries up the bones” (NIV).

Momma’s legacy was in the divine ability she had to find the “funny” in the middle of a mess. She taught me that joy isn’t a feeling we wait for—it’s a heri-



## Memoir Musings

Sandra Bost

tage we tend, row by crooked row. As I turned off the water and looked at the sunset over the orchard, I could almost hear my “happy hazard” laughing with me over my wet pants.

This week, when life throws you a “broken hydrant” or your best-laid plans end up in a muddy ditch, I challenge you to pause before you react. Ask yourself: “How can I turn this splash of frustration into a fountain of praise?” Choose to leave your own legacy of Joy, and cheer your heart with a good, hearty, Momma-style belly laugh.

It’s good medicine.

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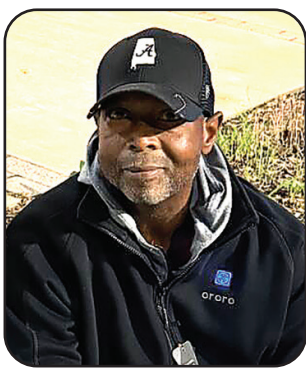
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# OBITUARIES



**Cedric Killings**

**GADSDEN** - It is with deep sympathy we announce the passing of Cedric Rayfield Killings of Gadsden, AL, who passed on Friday, April 17, at the age of 54. Celebration of Life was held on Saturday April 25, at Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~ Etowah Chapel.



**Delores Joy Moore Norton Shultz**

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS** - Delores Joy Moore Norton Shultz, 87, of Fort Worth, Texas, formerly of Gadsden, Alabama, passed away on April 25.

Delores was born in Texas in 1939 and spent the majority of her life in Gadsden, Alabama, where she built a life centered around faith, family, and service to others. In her later years, she lived in Fort Worth, Texas, surrounded by the love and care of her granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents Pat and Clara Moore; her husbands Edgar Norton and George Shultz; her daughter, Laura Norton Harwood; and her siblings, Patricia Treadway, Bill Moore, and Barbara Hartman.

Delores is survived by her loving grandchildren: Kevin (Alicean), Holly (Zack), Heather (Matthew), and Chase (Abby). She was a proud and devoted great-grandmother to Carter, Lexie, Blake, Madelyn, Laura Claire, Emelia, Zeke, and Lincoln. She is also survived by her sister Rosa Statom; and brothers Joe and Jerry Moore; along with many cherished nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A dedicated and compassionate nurse, Delores faithfully served her community at Holy Name of Jesus Hospital and Riverview Medical Center. Her life's work reflected her servant's heart and her deep care for others.

Delores was a longtime and faithful member of Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Gadsden, Alabama. Her love for Jesus was evident in the way she lived her life—with strong faith, unwavering devotion, and a heart full of kindness.

She will be remembered as loving, kind, and deeply devoted to her family. She had a sassy spirit, a stubborn strength, and a presence that brought comfort and joy to those around her. Her family will always treasure her chocolate chip cookies, her chicken and dumplings, and the many memories made around her table.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the nurses and caregivers at The Emberly in Fort Worth, Texas, for the compassion, dignity, and loving care they provided to Delores in her final days. Their kindness and support will always be remembered.

Delores was truly precious to her family, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

A visitation will be held at Collier-Butler Funeral Home in Gadsden, Alabama, on Thursday May 7th from 5:00

7:00 pm, with a graveside service to follow at Forrest Cemetery on Friday May 8th at 9:30 am.

**Donna J. Walley**

**GADSDEN** - Donna J. Walley, age 70 of Gadsden, AL passed away on Tuesday, April 21 at her residence.

She is survived by her children; Karen (Tony) Roe, Shawn Walley, Shanna Odom, Jamie Walley, and Dalton Hyland, grandchildren; Monika (Nicholas) Branson, Caitlyn (James) Schwartz, Kinsley Walley and Colby Knight, and a host of great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husbands; James Walley and Robert Hyland, daughter; Tiffany Walley, and brothers and sisters and parents.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to ACG Hospice, nurse Madison, and Riverview Medical Center and also to her special friends; Gail and Jo Marie.

Her Memorial Service was held on Friday, April 24 at Etowah Memorial Chapel.

held them together.

Her legacy is one of love, resilience, and deep devotion to family. Though she will be profoundly missed, her spirit will live on in the lives she touched and in the memories that will be cherished forever.

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Funeral service was held on Monday, April 2 with burial Lee Cemetery.



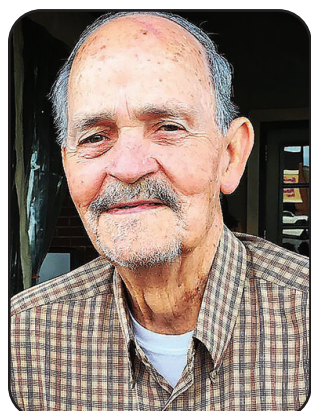
**Jenifer Grace**

**GADSDEN** - Funeral services for Jenifer Grace, 63, of Gadsden was held on April 27, at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home.

Jenifer passed away on Wednesday April 22, at her home. She is preceded in death by her parents, Orland and Janet Hausbeck; and her sister Lynda Frasier (Orlando, OJ)

She leaves behind her husband of 42 years, Kevin Grace Sr; her children Kevin Grace Jr. (Courtland), Amanda Grace Presson (Robert), Maxwell Grace (Sarah), and Hunter Grace; grandchildren, Maggie Grace, Kora Grace, Jaxson Grace, and Kolston Grace; her sisters, Joele Stone (Brent, Brad, Amy, Harley, Makaila, Ma-Leiya, MaKenna, MaKenzie, Violet, and newest arrive; Melissa Smith (Butch, Nick); her several nieces and nephews, Polly Christian (Alexis, Oliva, Saige, Xander, Hadley, Grimm).

Mrs. Grace was a member of Church of the Highlands. She is a graduate of John Glenn High School of Bay City, Michigan. She attended Delta College for several years. Jenifer was the director of Council Aging in Etowah County for the last ten years. She enjoyed crafting and loved the beach. Jenifer was the most loving wife, mother, and grandmother who really enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren; she will be so greatly missed.



**Gerald "Jerry" M. Atkins**

**HOOVER** - Gerald "Jerry" M. Atkins, age 92, of Hoover, Alabama, formerly of Gadsden, Alabama, passed away on April 21. He was born on April 12, 1934.

Graveside services was held on, April 25, at Forrest Cemetery in Gadsden. Pastor Jeff Miller officiating. Burial will follow at Forrest Cemetery.

Jerry was a graduate of Etowah High School and proudly served in the United States Navy. He dedicated over 30 years of his career to ESI Trucking Company in Gadsden. He was an avid University of Alabama fan, and he rarely missed a football game. Jerry was beyond proud when his granddaughter Lilly chose to attend college there. He enjoyed playing his guitar and listening to gospel music.

Jerry loved spending time in the mountains and cherished moments with his family, especially his granddaughters. He took great joy in attending his grandchildren's sporting events, dance recitals, and competitions.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Willene Atkins; stepdaughter, Vicki (Edward) Covington; stepson, Michael (Lisa) Story; grandchildren, Grace Covington and Lilly Covington; great-grandchildren, Austyn and Haley Joiner; sister, Betty Miller; nephews, Marty (Jennifer) Miller, Lamar (Ginny) Miller, Jeff (Cindy) Miller, Jerry Wayne Miller, Keith (Karen) Sims, and Randy Sims; along with numerous great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Annie Atkins; his brother, Larry Wayne Atkins; his sister, Jean Sims; granddaughter, Christa Story; and his nephew, Danny Sims.

Pallbearers will be family members, with Michael Story serving as honorary pallbearer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Children's of Alabama.

The family extends special thanks to the doctors and nurses of UAB Medical West for their care and compassion.



**Martin Joseph Bethune**

**GADSDEN** - It is with deep sorrow that our family announces the passing of, Martin Joseph Bethune (Joe), age 75, of Gadsden, Alabama, who passed away on Wednesday, April 28, at Riverview Hospital.

Joe is survived by his wife Judy Bethune; daughter Christie Koehler; grandson John Carson (JC) Koehler; granddaughter Lily Koehler; sisters Brenda Farabee (Butch), Janice Griffin (Jan), and Vicky Turner (Steve); and brother Jerry P. Bethune. brother-in-law Joseph Dolphus Pruett (Joe); sister-in-law Jeffe M. Slocumb (Jacques); and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by parents Hoyt and Verma Bethune; parents-in-law Dolphus and Sidney Pruett; brother Kenneth Bethune; brother-in-law Venice Griffin and sister-in-law Pat Bethune.

Joe was an avid lover of horses and a devoted husband, dad, and "Pops." Family was always the center of Joe's life, and that love and dedication will be remembered by all who knew Joe.

Services was held at Crestwood Chapel on April 28.



**Robert Campbell Whorton**

**GLENCOE** - Glencoe Robert Campbell Whorton, age 78, of Glencoe, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, April 21. Born November 2, 1947, he was

the son of the late Harry K. Whorton and Bettie Sue C. Whorton.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 24, at Collier-Butler Funeral Home. Dr. Eric Reaves and Rev. Kotoro Hamamatsu will officiate. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until the hour of the service. Burial will follow with military honors at Hughes-Moragne Cemetery.

Mr. Whorton was a man of strong values and deep faith. He was raised in First Presbyterian Church and later served as an Elder at Rainbow Presbyterian Church. He was also a longtime member of Harvestfield Church. He proudly served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Air Force for four years. Throughout his life, he dedicated many years to his work, including with the Etowah County Department of Education, Republic Steel Corporation, LTV Steel Company, AAA Plumbing Pottery, and Honda Enterprises.

He had a passion for life that showed in everything he did. He loved obedience training and showing dogs, enjoyed Alabama football, 4x4 wheeling, and spending time at dog shows. He was known for his kind heart, strong work ethic, and the love he had for his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Mary Lee Wells Whorton; sisters, Sandra (John) Duncan and LuRae Morgan; brothers, Donnie (Debbie) Whorton, Joe (Kim) Whorton, and Harry Whorton; his chosen son, Rev. Kotoro (Jackie) Hamamatsu; chosen grandchildren, Keitaro, Kenta, Kyotaro, and Keina Hamamatsu; special exchange student, Rob Sas; and a special caregiver, Sandy Watson, who was "AS CLOSE AS FAMILY." He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Wellesley Christian Whorton; his parents; his sister, Bettie Kay Beddingfield; and his brother, David Whorton.

The family would like to express special gratitude to those who cared for him and supported him throughout his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Harvestfield Church or the Etowah Humane Society.

Serving as active pallbearers will be Brian Haskins, Jeff Molock, Hunter Carnes, Keith Reid, Lynn Packer, Bob Whorton, Perry Marker, and Matthew Reaves.

Honorary pallbearers include Jim Deale, David Pearson, Ricky Jenkins, Danny Patterson, Braxton Barnes, Ken Duke, Bill Painter, Bill Drummond, Michael Collins, and Jerome Thomas.



**Sharon Ann Stiles Thacker**

**GADSDEN** - Sharon Ann Stiles Thacker, age 73, of Gadsden, Alabama, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, whom she faithfully served throughout her life on, Friday, April 24. A woman of unwavering faith, a voice of praise, and a heart that led our family to the Lord.

A funeral service was held on April 26, at Collier-Butler Funeral Home, with

Bro. Larry Perkins, Bro. Ricky Perkins and Bro. Bubba Leatherwood officiating. Burial will follow at Union Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until the hour of the service at the funeral home. Her grandson, Cody T. Neely, will direct services.

Mrs. Thacker was a woman of deep faith and unwavering strength. She loved the Lord with all her heart and lived a life that reflected that devotion daily. Sharon was known for her strong will, her candid spirit, and her ability to speak her mind. Those who knew her best understood that her boldness was rooted in love. She was full of personality, never afraid to stand her ground, and left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Mrs. Thacker had a special gift for music and used it as a testimony of her faith throughout her life. She beautifully wrote gospel songs that reflected her deep love for the Lord, often drawing inspiration from her personal walk with Him. Singing was more than a passion—it was her ministry. She faithfully shared her voice in church each Sunday, where her heartfelt singing touched those around her and brought comfort, encouragement, and joy. Through her songs, she expressed a faith that was both powerful and genuine, leaving behind a legacy of praise that will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her son, Eddie Gene Thacker, Jr.; her parents, Elvin Washington Stiles and Clovie Virginia Hamilton Stiles; her brother, Troy Stiles; father and mother-in-law, George Thomas Thacker and Mattie Lee Kilgo Thacker; and great grandson, Sawyer Allen.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Eddie Gene Thacker, Sr.; her children, Annie (Robbie) Finley, Gail (Anthony) Neely, and Virginia (Allen) Davidson; and her cherished grandchildren whom called her "Granny"; Jessica (Allen) Lipscomb, Kevin (Carlita) Neely, Cody Neely, Taylor Finley, Tyler (Kylee) Finley, Brittany (Brandon) Horton, Brooke (Scott) Allen, Allen (Cassidy) Davidson, John Davidson, Abby (Josh Hall) Davidson, Felicia Davidson, Amy Davidson, Eddie Hamilton, Trenton Hamilton, and Trevor (Chloe) Thacker. She is also survived by numerous great-grandchildren; eleven siblings; special family members whom Sharon raised, Jason, Jeremy, Melissa, and Christy Stiles, and Phillip, Benjamin, and Bella Stiles; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

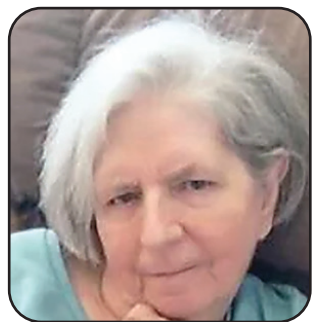
Pallbearers will be Allen Davidson, Robbie Finley, Anthony Neely, Jeffrey Thacker, Jason Baty, David Williams, and Bobby Portwood.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Margaret Bigham, and to Amadisys Hospice for the compassionate care they provided, especially nurse Shelly Radcliffe.

Sharon's life was one that left a lasting mark—through her faith, her strength, and her unmistakable personality. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

**H.D. Turner**

**GADSDEN** - Graveside service for H.D. Turner, 92, of Gadsden was held on Friday, April 24, at New Bethel Cemetery. Mr. Turner passed away on Wednesday, April 22, at Gadsden Regional Medical Center.



**Sherry D. Cannon**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Sherry D. Cannon, who departed this life on April 19, in Gadsden, Alabama.

Sherry was born in 1953 to Jimmy and Mauldine Glass. Sherry was married to Dale Cannon for over 50 years. As a wife, she stood by him and cared for him with devotion, giving of herself fully through every season. As a daughter she cared for her own mother and father, doing all she could for them with love and responsibility. As our mother, she was a strong-minded woman—sharp as a tack, gritty, and unwavering in her love. She loved unconditionally and without fail, and did everything she could to make sure her children were cared for. She was not only a mother, but a true friend and a listener at heart—someone who quietly carried the concerns of others, often worrying about those she loved more than herself.

We all carry different memories of her, but one truth remains: her love was constant and real.

If anyone wanted to understand who Sherry Cannon truly was, they would only need to look at the way her children love. She taught us sacrifice—not as loss, but as giving from the heart. She gave what she had, whether it was her time, her strength, or her last dollar, simply to see someone else okay. What some may have misunderstood as weakness was her depth of love that cannot be measured.

No one is given a manual for this life. We all do the best we can with what we are given. Our mother lived that truth. She carried what she had to carry and trusted that God had a purpose for it—even when it wasn't clear.

She believed deeply in the Lord. She reminded us to lay our burdens down—to take them to the foot of the cross and leave them there, not to carry what we were never meant to hold alone. Even as her body began to fail her, her faith did not. She found comfort in knowing that God still loved her, and she carried that belief quietly in her heart. She fought to the very end, and through it all, she prayed for her children.

Sherry found joy in the simple things. She enjoyed reading, playing the piano, and in her earlier years, sewing. She loved being outdoors, especially in the warmth of the sunlight. She was a fan of racing and especially admired Dale Earnhardt. She cheered for the Alabama Crimson Tide and enjoyed watching the Atlanta Braves. Some of the most cherished memories were the simple ones—the quiet times, the moments spent outdoors, and simply being in the presence of her loved ones. Those were the moments that made her heart smile most.

We thank the staff of Center Well Home Health, Magnolia Gardens Assisted Living & Northside Rehab for all they have done to support and care for our mother over the last few years. You gave her healing, independence, and happiness after the passing of our father.

She is preceded in death by: Husband: Delmous L. Cannon, Parents: Jimmy and Mauldine Riddle Glass. Brothers: Roger Glass, Willard & Wayne Bridges, Grand daughter :Taliyah Marie Nevaeh Rooks, Son-in-law: David Wayne Click

She is survived by: Her son and daughters: Tyra Lynne (Cannon) Click, married to the late David Wayne Click, Joseph Cannon, married to Rebecca (Moss) Cannon, Julie Marie (Cannon) Rooks, married to Trevion Sirron Rooks, Sister: Janet Lynn (Glass) Frith married to John Frith

A host of beloved family and friends

Grandchildren: Katlyn Harlie Click, Austin Jacob Click, Kendelle (Cannon)

Stovall, married to Nathan Stovall, Cole Cannon married to Lauryn B. Cannon, Trevion L. Rooks, married to Kentara Lee Rooks, Trevarius ("Tré") Rooks, Trinity Faye Rooks, Trenton Kishon Rooks

Great-Grandchildren: Rylan Kade Click, Onxyia Taliyah Rooks, Trevion Trustin Rooks

Aiden Stovall, Giannis Emmanuel Rooks, Zephaniah Ameen Rooks

To us, she was more than a mother—she was home, she was strength, and she was love in its purest form. Though our hearts are heavy, we trust that nothing in her life was unfinished. We may not understand everything, but we believe God does not leave anything undone. Her love, her prayers, and her sacrifice will continue to live on through us.

She is deeply loved, and she will be profoundly missed. Funeral Service was held, April 26.



**Dylan "Crittter" Bradford Money**

**GADSDEN** - Dylan "Crittter" Bradford Money, age 28, of Gadsden, Alabama passed away on Sunday, April 26.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Rev. Jay Penton will officiate. Burial will follow at Shepard Cemetery #2.

Dylan was a 2016 graduate of Gaston High School and a member of Slackland Baptist Church. He was a multi-instrumentalist. Dylan practiced as a tattooist at Sacred Art Studio in Gadsden.

Dylan is survived by his fiancée Kara Wycoff and daughter Ayla Money; parents, Tim (Miranda) Money; and Christy (George) Miller.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Jonathan Morris, Nick Burrell,

J.D. Gunter, Adam Blumstein, Gabe Crane, Garin Smith, Terry Vital, Travis Cook, Lou Talley, Brett Smith and Timmy White.

The family request no flowers.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to the ICU Staff at Tanner Medical Center- Carrollton, Georgia and the ICU Staff at UAB Medical Center-Birmingham.

**Tyran (Tran) Charlton Boler**

**MARIETTA, GA, AND GADSDEN, AL** - Tyran (Tran) Charlton Boler, 76, of Marietta, GA, and Gadsden, AL, passed away on Saturday, April 25.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 1, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CST at Collier-Butler Funeral Home in Gadsden, AL, followed by a graveside service at 1:30 p.m. at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery.

Born in Gadsden, Alabama, Tyran loved her North Gadsden community and grew up attending James Memorial Baptist Church. She was a proud graduate of Gadsden High School, where she was a member of the marching band. Twirling the baton as a Gadsden High Tigerette was one of her many rewarding experiences.

Tyran later spent 14 years in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania with her husband and family before eagerly returning to the South to settle in the Metro Atlanta area where she raised her family and was a member of Mount Paran Church of God. Mrs. Boler loved listening to and singing country music, with George Strait being her favorite. She also enjoyed traveling to Nashville, where she interviewed and wrote newspaper articles on many country music artists.

Tyran, a retired high school and college health educator, taught for 29 years spending the majority of her career at her beloved Oakwood High School in Cobb County. She was instrumental in her students' lives, always "plant-

ing seeds" in young people and helping them grow into adults who give back and help others. She did this in many ways, including coordinating and leading blood drives in partnership with the American Red Cross. Mrs. Boler received numerous awards throughout her career, including Cobb County School District's Health Education Teacher of the Year, American Red Cross School Sponsor of the Year, and Hometown Hero, recognizing her leadership in blood drive efforts across Metro Atlanta.

Tyran was a devoted wife to her late Coach Honey, Clark Boler, and loved cheering on the teams he coached and played for, including the Alabama Crimson Tide. She was a loving mother and proud Nana who always lent a listening ear. Known for her big, vibrant personality, Tyran was quick-witted, a little sassy, and never one to hide how she felt. She had a warm, friendly spirit that drew people in and a circle of friends who loved her dearly.

Survivors include her two children, Rodrick Clark Boler II of Acworth, GA, and Leslie Boler Jones and husband Chad of Cumming, GA; seven grandchildren, Brendan Boler (Sarah), Ryan Boler, Amber Jones, McKenna Boler, Ali Jones, Sean Boler, and Trent Jones; one great-grandson, Elliott Boler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to Tyran's caregivers, Michelle Rivera, Melissa Sutton, and Robin Noaker, as well as Cooper, the adorable neighbor Shih Tzu who visited her often.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her mother's educational scholarship, The Baptist Foundation of Alabama, P.O. Box 241227, Montgomery, Alabama 36124, c/o Daisy Forman Memorial Scholarship #1803.



**Christine Colleen Boydston**

**SOUTHSIDE** - Christine Colleen Boydston, 70, of Southside passed away on April 27, at her home surrounded by her family.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Mary Joan Murphy, her grandson Terry Lee Fisher, her granddaughter, Chelsea Monique Moore, her ex-husband, Robert Virgil Boydston, her sister, Jackie Williams.

Left to cherish the memory of Christine is her husband, Ronald Nolte Jr, her children, Danny Ray Moore (Christine Schrawatz Moore), Brian Alan Boydston (Angelya Walker) and Cynthia Susan Boydston, her grandchildren, Angel Lynn Green, Alyssa Grace Green, Aidan Dracen Boydston, Chrystal Leeanna Moore, Zack Moore, Dean Ettiene and great grandchild, Kayden Pierce Morre-Vanduyne.

Ms. Boydston was a loving mother, wife, grandmother, and friend. She enjoyed taking care of people so working as a nurse suited her just fine. She absolutely adored her grandchildren and spending time with them was one of her most favorite things to do. She also enjoyed being in her garden and working with her flowers. She will be deeply missed.



**Robin Cornelius**

**WALNUT GROVE** - Robin Cornelius 67 of Walnut Grove passed away Friday,

April 24, at St. Vincents Hospital in Birmingham.

Her Funeral Service was held on April 27, at Etowah Memorial Chapel with Bro. Anthony Moody and Bro. Chad Reoberson officiating. She will be laid to rest at the Cornelius Family Cemetery. Friends can visit Monday from 12:30 until service time at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be Zack Duncan, Scott Duncan, Kevin Moody, Greg Douglas, Johnny Cornelius, Justin Cornelius.

Mrs. Cornelius is survived by her husband; Walter John Cornelius Jr., sons; Walter John Cornelius III (Allison), Justin Dewayne Cornelius (Angel Williams), Grandson; Noah Cornelius, Sibblings; Rodney Patton, Sandra Touart, Denise Walker and a host of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her Parents; R.B. and Mary Patton.

Arrangements are entrusted to Etowah Memorial Chapel.



**Thomas Oscar Dickson**

**GADSDEN** - Mr. Thomas Oscar Dickson, 82, of Gadsden, passed away on Monday, April 27 at his home.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harlon D. and Irma Dickson; brother, Jim Dickson; and sister, Margaret Crowley (Melvin).

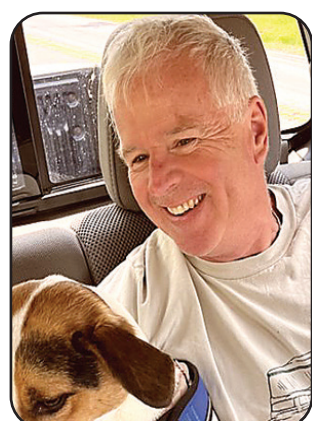
Left to cherish the memory of Thomas is his wife, Milly Dickson; his children, Greg (Mary) Dickson, Stephen (Terrie) Dickson, and Stephanie Garner (David Buckley); grandchildren, Philip Dickson, Robert Dickson, and Claire Jenkins (Jameson); great-grandchildren, Kaylee Dickson and Will Jenkins; brother, Travis Dickson; and several nieces and nephews.

Thomas coached several championship little league baseball teams in Gadsden along with Larry Farmer. He was a fan of Alabama football; he loved attending games and watching them play on TV when he could not see them in person. Thomas loved and cherished his family; who will miss him dearly.

The family would like to thank Sharon Mabrey with ACG Hospice and special neighbors, Phil and Tonya Luttrell.

**Trent Hardy**

**GADSDEN** - Trent Hardy Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Mr. Trent D. Hardy, age 60, of Gadsden, AL, who traded mortal for immortality on Wednesday, April 22. He is survived by his loving family. We ask that you please keep The Hardy Family and those families that may be going through the same lifted in prayer. A Memorial service will be Saturday May 2 at 12pm at St. Paul Overcoming Church of God, 523 Pioneer Street, Gadsden, AL 35903. Professional service entrusted to: Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory.



**Barry Jay McCain**

**GADSDEN** - Barry Jay McCain, age 68, of Gadsden, passed away on April 26.

Barry was born on January 17, 1958. Known affectionately by many as "Squirrel," he was a man who truly never met a stranger and valued people above all else. He found great joy in the

outdoors, whether watching nature, spending time in the mountains or at the beach, or tending to his garden. Barry also enjoyed shooting, spending time restoring military vehicles, and snowboarding, he even spent his 65th birthday doing so. Wherever Barry went, his beloved dog, Gauge, was sure to be by his side.

Barry cherished time with his family and friends, and his warmth and easygoing spirit left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Mr. McCain was preceded in death by his parents, J.C. Jr. and Nelta Jean McCain, and his sis-ter, Lynn McCain.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Dawn McCain; his son, Jesse (Abigail) McCain; his brothers, Tim and Gary McCain; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at North Gadsden Baptist Church, with Brother Josh Copeland officiating. Cremation services provided by Collier-Butler Funeral Home.

The family wishes to express special thanks to the members of North Gadsden Baptist Church for their care and support.

Barry's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.



**Carolyn Biggio**

**GADSDEN** - Carolyn Biggio entered into rest on Sunday, April 26. The Family will have visitation at Crestwood Memorial Funeral Home on May 1 from 12:45pm until the funeral service at 2pm.

She loved everyone and was always ready to hug your neck, have a laugh and share a Miller Lite if you wanted one. An empathy through and through, Carolyn shared in the pain of others, but she made it her mission to be a light in their lives.

Born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to parents that she treasured, Carolyn moved to Gadsden, Alabama, at a young age. She graduated

from Gadsden High School in 1965. Then she attended Gadsden State Community College where she was beloved that she was voted in as the first ever Miss Gadsden State. With her characteristic humor, she joked that she won at a time when she weighed "two pounds less than a ton." Next, Carolyn headed to Tuscaloosa and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics, followed by a Master's Degree in Special Education. She devoted 30 years to teaching special education, leaving a lasting impact on numerous students. She often said, "You don't pick this field - it picks you."

Carolyn had many loves. She loved the Lord first and foremost. She loved playing the accordion and found comfort in the ticking and chiming of the antique clocks she so carefully collected. Her appreciation for antiques led her to estate sales quite often, always in search of the next collectable. She loved girls' trips to the casinos, but above all, she loved her friends. Carolyn had a gift for nurturing relationships - she loved to chat, but had a listening ear as well. Her home reflected that love for connection, with a phone in every single room (including her bathroom) to make sure that she didn't miss a call.

A dedicated member of her community, she was the President of the Gadsden Teachers Association during her career. Years later, she became an active member of the Red Hat Society, and worshipped at Southside United Methodist Church. Never one to sit still, she also founded the "Come Smile a While Club," complete with door prizes, all in an effort to be a light in the world.

Carolyn is survived by her son, Ken Wilson; her husband Dan Biggio; her great-aunt Peggy White; her sister-in-law, Glenda Whitley; her sister, Kay (Ray); her nephews, Jeff and Steve Whitley; her nieces, Susan Whitley and Kim Hawkins (Vince); her stepsons, Jim and Bill Biggio; her stepdaughter, Kate (Robbie); as well as 2 grandsons, a niece, and 4 great-nephews and 4 great-nieces.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Martha Whitley and her brother, Frank.

Carolyn's light will continue because of her warmth, her humor, and the countless ways she made others feel seen, heard, and loved.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Southside United Methodist Church to celebrate her light.

## Local funeral home directory

**Collier-Butler Funeral Home**  
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

**Prestige Memorial Funeral Home**  
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**  
12600 US Highway 431,  
Sardis City, AL 35956  
Phone: (256) 593-4994

**Gadsden Memorial Funeral Home**  
1318 E Broad St.,  
Gadsden, AL 35903  
(256) 492-4366

**West Gadsden Funeral Home**  
2118 Forrest Ave.,  
Gadsden, AL 35904  
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# SPORTS

## GCHS boys move to round 3 playoffs

Gadsden City High School boys' soccer team defeated the Hartselle Lions 5-3 on Friday.

David Perkins scored two goals, Zakorien Shack scored one goal and two assist, Oswaldo Tomas scored one goal, Diego Marroquin had two assists, Shalom Sekaya had one assist.

on Monday, the Titans played in the second round of playoffs defeating the Athens Golden Eagles with a 4-0 win, and moving the Lions to the third of four playoff rounds on May 2.

Byron Marroquin scored two goals, Juan Antonio and Larson Wancique

scored one, Diego Marroquin, David Perkins and Pablo Infante had one assist, Jessai Lopez completed four saves and Adrian Fernandez completed two saves.

The Lady Titans were eliminated from the playoffs in round two against the Hartselle Lions 3-5.

Reagan Brooks scored two goals and had one assist, Avery Parker scored one goal, Miriam Rasool and Caroline Frederick had one assist.

This loss ended a 15-week winning streak for the Lady Titans and ending the season with a 18-6 record.



Lindsey Frazier/Messenger



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## Westbrook Christian continues in AHSSA baseball playoffs

Westbrook Christian won the first round of playoffs against Cherokee County on Friday.

In the first game the Warriors won 4-0. Jacob Maples Jacob Maples went 3-3 with one RBI and scored two runs and one double. Brooks Whiteside went 1-1 when an RBI, double and scored one run. Brady Carden, Wil Chadwick and Dalton Helms also had hits. Emmett Daniels led

on the mound throwing a complete game seven inning shutout, allowing only one hit and striking out 12, he earned the win, according to Ricky Ray Clanton, WBS baseball coach.

In the second game the Warriors defeated Cherokee County 10-0. Wil Chadwick went 3-3 with two doubles, three RBIs and scoring one run. Brady Carden went 2-4 with a HR, two RBIs and two

runs. Brodie Johnson hit a double, and Jacob Maples both hit triples. Emmett Daniels also had a hit. Brodie Johnson led on the mound throwing a complete game shutout, only allowing two hits and striking out eight, according to Clanton.

The Warriors will now face off against Madison County on April 30 at Madison County

### Recent Scores HIGH SCHOOL

#### Softball April 23

Westbrook 21, GCHS 9  
Gaston 13, Saks 3  
Hokes Bluff 0,  
Cherokee County 5  
Southside 1,  
St. Clair County 7  
West End 8, Locust Fork 0  
Sardis 7, Etowah 11

#### April 24

Gaston 17, Anniston 0  
Southside 3, Cullman 5  
West End 10, Colbert County 9  
West End 5, New Hope 3

#### April 25

Southside 0, Madison Academy 12  
West End 14, Fort Payne 3  
West End 11, New Hope 5  
West End 7, Hayden 8

#### April 27

Hokes Bluff 10, Piedmont 0  
Etowah 5,  
St. Clair County 4

#### April 28

Southside 1,  
Springville 15  
Westbrook 8,  
Guntersville 5

#### Boys Soccer April 27

Hokes Bluff 3,  
White Plains 6  
GCHS 4, Athens 0  
Coosa, Weaver

#### Girls Soccer April 23

GCHS 3, Hartselle 3  
Southside 0, Cullman 2  
Westbrook 4, Boaz 0

## Etowah County represents at recent AHSSA playoffs

Various teams for multiple sports represented Etowah County at recent AHSSA state playoffs. Some teams have continued to the next level of matches.

#### Boys Soccer

Gadsden City highlighted local action in the AHSSA Boys Soccer Playoffs with a decisive 4-0 win over Athens in Class 6A second-round play Monday night.

Coosa Christian was also in action in the Class 1A-3A bracket, traveling to Weaver for a first-round matchup, while Hokes Bluff dropped a 6-3 decision to White Plains in Class 4A play.

Across the state, several teams advanced with strong performances. In

Class 6A, Mountain Brook defeated Pinson Valley 5-0, while Briarwood Christian edged Northridge in a double-overtime shootout. Class 7A action included Auburn's 4-0 win over Enterprise and Vestavia Hills advancing in a shootout victory over Prattville. Multiple matches across classifications were still unreported at the time of release.

#### Girls Soccer

Glencoe and Westbrook Christian were both in action during this week's AHSSA Girls Soccer Playoffs, representing the area across multiple classifications.

Glencoe hosted Childersburg in a Class 1A-3A first-round matchup Tuesday, while Westbrook Christian traveled to Springville for

a Class 5A second-round contest.

Across the state, playoff action continued with several teams advancing toward the later rounds. In Class 6A, Mountain Brook moved on with a win over Pell City, though no score was reported. Other notable results included Homewood defeating Gardendale 5-0 and Athens edging Hartselle 1-0. In Class 7A, Auburn rolled past Enterprise 7-0, while Oak Mountain delivered a 13-0 win over Prattville. Earlier-round matchups in Classes

1A-3A and 4A also saw teams such as Whitesburg Christian, Lee-Scott and White Plains advance with decisive victories.

#### Tennis

Gadsden City and Westbrook Christian were among the schools competing in last week's AHSSA State Tennis Championships at the Mobile Tennis Center, with both programs appearing in final team standings across their respective classifications.

Gadsden City finished with two points in the Class 6A boys division. West-

brook Christian recorded two points in the Class 1A/3A boys standings and also qualified for the 1A/3A girls tournament.

Mountain Brook swept the Class 6A team titles, with its girls and boys both claiming state championships. The Lady Spartans secured their sixth consecutive 6A title, while the boys captured their third straight crown. In Class 1A/3A, Shoals Christian won the girls championship, and Lauderdale County claimed the boys title.

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# SPORTS

## GCHS students compete at Special Olympics track meet



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Gadsden City High School students competed in a Special Olympics track meet last week, participating in events including the 50- and 100-meter dashes and the softball throw. Ernestina Martinez competed in the 100-meter dash and softball throw; Ramon Rodriguez competed in the same events; and Lainey Mackey and Reggie Rogers took part in the 50-meter dash and softball throw. Also competing was Jack Carr in the 100-meter dash and softball throw. According to Special Olympics coach Christine Lowery, Gadsden City High School participants “had a great time” at the meet.

## GSCC’s Katelyn St. Clair named NJCAA All-American

Gadsden State Women’s Basketball sophomore Katelyn St. Clair has been named an NJCAA All-American, becoming the program’s first recipient of the honor since the 2017–2018 season.

A transfer from Berry College, St. Clair delivered a standout season for the Cardinals, leading the conference in scoring with 14.8 points per game. Her performance also earned her First Team All-Conference recognition.

“Being selected for the All-American team is a huge honor,” said St. Clair. “I am so thankful for my coaches, family and teammates who poured everything into this season.”

St. Clair’s impact extended beyond individual accolades

as she played a key role in the resurgence of the Gadsden State program. She helped guide the Cardinals to their first postseason appearance since the 2020–2021 season and their first postseason victory since 2019.

Head Coach Eddy Norris emphasized St. Clair’s importance to the team’s success.

“From day one, Katelyn was determined to become the best version of herself,” Norris said. “She was a great teammate who always put the team first. It was amazing to see her work ethic and attitude become contagious.”

St. Clair’s recognition as an NJCAA All-American highlights both her individual excellence and the continued progress of Gadsden State Women’s Basketball.



## AHSSA

- From B2

**Baseball**  
Westbrook Christian and Glencoe represented Etowah County in the opening round of the AH-SAA Baseball Playoffs, with both teams advancing out of their respective series.

Alexandria in Class 4A, and Sardis dropped its Class 5A series to Russellville. Southside also fell in a three-game Class 6A series against Cullman, and West End was swept by Sumiton Christian in Class 2A play.

Across the state, several higher-seeded teams moved

on with strong showings, including Mountain Brook in Class 6A, Oxford and Homewood. A number of series required decisive third games, particularly in Classes 5A and 6A, as teams battled to advance in the double-elimination format’s opening round.

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# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Brandon V Smith, single, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns dated June 22, 2021; said mortgage being recorded on July 29, 2021 as Instrument No. 3525015 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3606687 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on May 13, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to wit: Lots numbers 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41 and 43, Block 2, of the Marker Subdivision, as shown by map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 113, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

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

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

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights of way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "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  
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## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Sawyer P Smith and Kaitlyn Treasure Smith, Husband And Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Acopia, LLC, its successors and assigns, on April 20, 2023, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on April 20, 2023, as Document Number 3556600. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on June 4, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to wit: Lot Number Thirteen (13), Block Three (3) of County Club Estates, as recorded in Plat Book "F", Page 125, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

More commonly known as: 312 Claremont Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901  
This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form

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

Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.

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## 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:

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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

## 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.

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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.

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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.

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## 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 00 degrees 25 minutes 42 seconds West 111.67 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183); thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 42 seconds West 139.88 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being all of Lots FiftyNine (59), SixtyOne (61), SixtyThree (63),

April 24, May 1 and 8, 2026

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Alec B. Gauldin, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, First Federal Bank, FSB, and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 10th day of June, 2024, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3575518 and corrected and recorded in Instrument Number 3582517; said Mortgage having been transferred and assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, First Federal Bank, FSB, and Lender's successors and assigns) to Alabama Housing Finance Authority by virtue of that certain Assignment of Mortgage dated March 30, 2026, and recorded in said Probate Office in Miscellaneous Book 2026, Page 3606835 and by that certain Corrective Assignment of Mortgage dated April 21, 2026, and recorded in said Probate Office in Miscellaneous Book 2026,

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 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. Guild Mortgage Company LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223  
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at Page 3607830. The undersigned Alabama Housing Finance Authority as Assignee of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse in the City of Gadsden, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 4, 2026, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said property being situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an axle marking the SW corner of Fraction "C" in Section 22, T-12-S, R-7-E, thence along the South line of said Fraction "C" the following bearings and distances: thence N89°35'02"E 210.09' to an axle, thence N89°35'02"E 95.76' to a point, thence leaving said Fraction line N02°04'08"W 78.48' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS) on the Northerly R/W of McLain Street (50" R/W), thence leaving said R/W N02°04'08"W 337.81' to a 1" bolt at a 2" pipe, thence N88°25'52"E 128.80' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), said point being the point of beginning, thence N04°58'59"E 162.96' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence N88°25'52"E 106.90' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence S81°24'46"E 186.55' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS) on the Westerly R/W of McLain Street (50" R/W), thence S14°42'01"W 134.38' along said R/W to a pinched pipe, thence leaving said R/W S88°25'52"W 271.48' to the point of beginning, containing 0.99 acres, more or less..

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 realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. CAPELL & HOWARD, P.C.  
Bowdy J. Brown, Esq.  
150 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
Our File No.: 37591-3682  
ATTORNEYS FOR ASSIGNEE

ALABAMA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY ASSIGNEE

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Andrew Floyd Nix, and wife and Janice Marie Nix to J.A.M. Consultants, Inc. dated November 29, 2005; said mortgage being recorded on December 14, 2005 as Instrument No. M-2005-5416 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to First Indiana Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded as Instrument No. M-2006-0571 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, BMO BANK N.A. s/b/m with First Indiana Bank, N.A., 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 June 10, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT (28) OF CEDAR HILLS FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON PLAT BOOK "H" PAGE 17, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 875 Cornelia Circle, Gadsden, AL 35901.

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

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

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

**ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:** On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.\* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

\* The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

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

BMO BANK N.A. S/B/M WITH FIRST INDIANA BANK, N.A. as holder of said mortgage  
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
505 20th Street N, Suite

1775 Birmingham, AL 35203  
Telephone: (205) 216-4238  
FT21@mccalla.com  
File No. 26-08354AL  
www.foreclosurehotline.net  
The Messenger  
05/01/2026,05/08/2026,05/15/2026  
26-08354AL

May 1, 8, and 15, 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 Keith Pitman Toney, a married man and, Rita Lynn Toney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns dated February 26, 2010; said mortgage being recorded on March 2, 2010 as Instrument No. 3328332 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3397536 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, 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 March 18, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT NO. 10 OF THE FIRST ADDITION TO GREEN MOUNTAIN LAKE HOMES AS RECORDED ON PLAT BOOK "H", PAGE 117, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 2095 Broughton Springs Road, Southside, AL 35907.

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

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

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**ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:** On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.\* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

The 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.

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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.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as holder of said mortgage  
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203  
Telephone: (205) 216-4238  
FT21@mccalla.com  
File No. 22-02543AL  
www.foreclosurehotline.net

The Messenger  
02/06/2026,02/13/2026,02/20/2026,05/01/2026  
AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE  
The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until May 27, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.  
22-02543AL

May 1, 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

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

April 17, 24, and May 1, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

LaShon Self and Amber Kristen Bobo was/were appointed 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

#### FILE CLAIMS

Mark Aaron Tucker was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/16/2026 to the Estate of Jesse Juriee Tucker 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

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Rachael Floto was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/26/2026 to the Estate of Steven M. Floto, 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

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Marshal Flambo was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/26/2026 over the Estate of Phillip J. Franklin, 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

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

Christie Leah Diveto, f/k/a Christie Leah Long was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/27/2026 to the Estate of Charles Lee Abercrombie, 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

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

A. Davis Bailey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/02/2026 over the Estate of William B. Hardy, 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

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

#### FILE CLAIMS

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 HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARY BUTTS, INCAPACITATED

Case #: S-8929

TO: Any interested party Please take notice that a MOTION FOR STATUS HEARING was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 15th 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 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Scott Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: DAISY DOBBINS, INCAPACITATED  
Case #: 1-274

TO: Any interested party Please take notice that a MOTION FOR STATUS HEARING was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 15th 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 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

#### LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF: PATRICIA TEAGUE, DECEASED.

You will take notice that a Petition for Disposition of Remains filed by Jacob Millican, Esq., for the disposition of the remains of PATRICIA TEAGUE, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 15TH day of APRIL, 2026, is set to be heard on the 5th day of MAY, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., alleging that there are no known next of kin to take custody of the re-mains of the Decedent.

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

DONE THIS THE 27th DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

May 1, 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 PUBLICATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARK WORLEY, PLAINTIFF, VS. CYNTHIA PROIETTY, DEFENDANT,

CASE NO.: DV-26-900256-MPS

Plaintiff, Mark Worley, by and through counsel and hereby notifies, the Defendant, Cynthia Proietta, that he has filed a Complaint in the above styled cause, and further notifies Cynthia Proietta that she has fourteen (14) days in which to file a response to his Complaint or else, Mark Worley shall take a default judgment. Signed this the 22nd day of April 2026

Thomas A. King, Attorney, P.C.  
128 S 8th Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
256-547-1117

Cassandra Johnson,  
District Clerk

May 1, 8, 15, and 22, 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

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Hudak Construction Co., Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for "Proposed New Stage Canopy at Mort Glosser Amphitheater, Contract, City of Gadsden Bid Request No. 3604" at 90 Walnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 for the State of Alabama and the City of Gadsden, Owner, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Thomas M. McElrath, Architect, 717 Merit Springs Road, Gadsden, AL 35901.

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

May 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of completion for project AL-21693-2024 – Websters Chapel Road - for the City of Glencoe, in Etowah County, Alabama. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on May 1, 2026 and ending on May 15, 2026.

All claims should be filed at Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC, P.O. Box 1890, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902 during this period.

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

**STORAGE NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Mini-Max Storage will dispose of the contents of the storage building located at 515 Gulf Steel Drive, Glencoe, AL. 35905, on May 12, 2026.

Pam Mayo – Unit 7

Mini-Max Storage  
515 Gulf Steel Drive,  
Glencoe, AL. 35905

May 1 and 8, 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 Suttler - 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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following storage units will be auctioned on May 13, 2026 beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the business premises of Southtowne Mini Warehouses, Southtowne is located at 199 Woodland Drive, off of Steele Station Road in Rainbow City, AL. 356906.

Rodeny Eley - Unit 54

Linda Stenil - Unit RV1

Barry Browning  
Unit 148

Tammi Powell - Unit 144

Jacqueline Looney  
Unit 326

Sonya Atchison  
Unit 361

Tabatha Moberly  
Unit 421

Erica Steve - Unit 443

Jerry White - Unit 502

Joseph Hooks - Unit K-8

Kristie Bell - Unit 585

Danielle Mead - Unit 619

Amber Smith - Unit 707

Chris Smith - Unit 715

Jacob Cornelius  
Unit 717

Brian Labar - Unit 720

Kevin McCombs  
Unit 736

David Chastain  
Unit 829 & 832

Bryan Charlton - Unit 827

Angela Nelson  
Unit 13-11

Joseph Saxton  
Unit 37-15

Lawanda Hester  
Unit 37-21

David Partridge - Unit  
G15

Joseph Hooks - Unit K-8

Southtowne Mini Warehouses  
199 Woodland Drive  
Rainbow City, AL. 35906

May 1 and 8, 2026

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following units will be auctioned or otherwise disposed of on May 14, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the premises of Stock It N Lock It Mini Storage located at 3403 Rainbow Parkway, Rainbow City, AL. 35906.

Shelia Freeman  
Unit 262-J

Frank Armenta  
Unit 343-K

Wade Buckner  
Unit 137-L

Kacey Cobb  
Unit 447-M

Stock It N Lock It Mini Storage  
3403 Rainbow Parkway  
Rainbow City, AL. 35906

May 1 and 8, 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  
VIN: 2G1WW12E019120579

2011 Audi A6 Black  
WAUEKAFB6BN005804

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

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on 6/20/2026 at 8:00 am

2005 GMC Envoy  
VIN:  
1GKDS13S752153389

Tommy Tows  
3403 Forrest Avenue  
Gadsden, AL. 35904  
(256) 490-3715

May 1 and 8, 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 6/05/2026 at 8:00 am.

2012 Nissan Versa  
VIN: 3N1CN7AP-  
0CL883983

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

May 1 and 8, 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 6/27/2026 at 8:00 am.

2009 Chevy Trv.  
VIN: 1GN-  
ER23D59S162981

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

May 1 and 8, 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:

2005 CHEVROLET  
TAHOE VIN: 1GNEK-  
13T45R147010

2000 NISSAN MAXIMA  
VIN: JN-  
1CA31D8YT546913

2013 SUBARU IMPREZA  
VIN: JF1G-  
JAC6XDH016771

2010 CHEVROLET  
HHR VIN: 3GNBAB-  
B0AS506734

2004 HYUNDAI SANTA  
FE VIN: KM8SC-  
13D9U4733601

1991 MAZDA B-2600  
LE5 VIN:  
JM2UF3147M0161725

2010 HONDA ODYSSEY  
VIN: 5FNRL-  
3H75AB075510

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.

May 1 and 8, 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 liable by sufficient sureties, unless charged with capital murder, as provided in Section 13A540, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; murder, 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 13A6152, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; burglary in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A75, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; arson 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 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 such the circuit. Such 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

**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 file 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

**ORDINANCE NO. O-07-26**

REZONING 630 West Meighan Blvd and surrounding properties

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gadsden adopted by Ordinance No. O-36-25, as amended, is hereby further amended by changing the zoning classification district for the following described properties from DT, Downtown District to HC, Highway Commercial District.

Parcel 1 (pin 33773)

A parcel of land, fifty feet in width, on the present Northeast line of Henry Street, and extending to Maighan Boulevard, and having a frontage of approximately 74 feet on Meighan Boulevard, such parcel hereby conveyed having a Southeast boundary line approximately 101.5 feet and a Northwest boundary line of approximately 47 feet; and being all of Lot 6, Block "a" of Fitz Gerald's Survey of the R. B. Kyla Addition, as per plat recorded in Book of Town Plats "A", on Page 153, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, except that part of Lot 6 which was conveyed to the First Baptist Church in Gadsden by a deed from Edwin L. Goodhue and wife, dated Sept, 22, 1953; and the parcel here conveyed, being further described as beginning at a point in the Southeast line of Lot 6 which is 5 feet North-easterly as measured along the line of Lot 6, from the original line of Henry Street; thence Northeasterly along the Southeast line of Lot 6, a distance of 101.5 feet, more or less, to Meighan Boulevard; thence North 82 degrees 56 minute West, along Meighan Boulevard a distance of 74 feet, more or less, to the Northwest line of Lot 61 thence Southwesterly along the Northwest line of Lot 6, a distance of 47 feet, more or less, to the present line of Henry Street;

Parcel 2 (pin 33774)  
Begin at the most West-

erly corner of Lot No. 2, Block "B", of the Kyle Henry Street Plat as rec-ordered in Plat Book "A", Page 153, in the Etowah County Probate Office, and run North 55°00'00" East along the Northerly line of Lot No. 2 a distance of 124.44 feet to an iron pin found; thence run South 75°46'20" East a distance of 3.38 feet to an-iron pin found; thence run South distance 12°42'20" East a distance of 15.47 feet to an iron pin found; thence run South 77°12'20" East as of 39.87 feet to an iron pin found; thence run North 35°10'40" East a distance of 131.00 feet to an existing right-of-way monument and the intersection of the Southerly right-of-way line of Meighan Boulevard and the Southerly right-of-way line of Lister Lane; thence run South 61°37'20" East along the Southerly right-of-way line of Lister Lane a distance of 66.67 feet to an iron pin found; thence run South 28°24'40" West a distance of 110.01 feet to an iron pin found; thence run North 73°28'20" West a distance of 41.93 feet to an iron pin found; thence run North 77°13'53" West a distance of 2.48 feet to an iron pin found; thence run South 28°00'40" West a distance of 193.82 feet to an iron pin found on the Northeasterly right-of-way line of Henry Street; thence run along the Northeasterly right-of-way line of Henry Street and along a curve to the right having a Delta = 38°20', Tangent = 81 feet, a distance of 38.88 feet measured along the chord of said curve having a chord bearing of North 39°19'00" West to an iron pin found; thence continue along the Northeasterly right-of-way line of Henry Street North 34°30'20" West a distance of 125.35 feet to the point of be-ginning. Said parcel being Lot No. 2 and a portion of Lot No. 1, Block "B" of the Kyle Henry Street Plat, as recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 153, in the Etowah County Probate Office, and a portion of the NW ½ of the SE 4, Section 4, T-12-S, R-6-E, lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and containing 0.629 acre, more or less. Parcel 3 (pin 33775)

A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at the point of inter section of the easterly line of Seventh Street with the t southwestly line of Henry Street, as presently located, and from thence run in a southeasterly direction and along the present southwest line of Henry Street a distance of 10.5 feet to a point of curve; thence continue in a southeasterly direction, and a curve along the southwestly line of Henry Street, as presently located, along the left having a central angle of 41 22 and a radius of 259.7 Feet e a distance of 166.33 feet to a point in the north right of way line of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louts Railroad, now the Louisville and Nashville Railroad; thence in a westerly direction and along the northerly right of way line of said railroad a distance of 308.5 feet to a point, in the east line off Seventh Street; thence in a northerly direction and along the east line of Seventh Street a distance of 203.5 feet to the point of beginning, said description embarking within its boundaries all of Block "A" of Kyle Henry Street Plat, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", page 153, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; and a portion of the north-east of the R southwest quarter and e portion of the northwest quarter of the south-east quarter in Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of Huntsville Meridiam, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel 4 (pin 34107)

A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the northerly, or northeasterly line of Lister Lane which is 152.3 feet from the westerly line of North Sixth Street, said point being the southwest corner of that certain tract conveyed by Belie Ragland et al to Trustees of Sweet Home Methodist Church, by deed dated 25th July, 1960, and recorded in Book 789, Page 347, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama and from there run in a northwesterly direction and along the north-easterly Line of Listers Lane of a distance of 50 feet, more or less, to the southwest corner of that certain tract conveyed

by Walter Dennis et al to Jessie L. Webb by deed recorded in Book 696, Page 45, said Probate Office; thence run in a northerly direction and along the easterly line of said Webb lot a distance of 85 feet, more or less, to a point in the southerly right of way line of Meighan Boulevard, otherwise known as Project No. U-208 (7); thence run in an easterly direction and along the southerly line of said Maighan Boulevard along a curve to the right a distance of 57.2 feet, more or less, to a point of tangent; thence run in an easterly direction and along Meighan Boulevard distance of 22.58-feet to the northwest corner of the church lot described in book 789 page 347, above referred to thence deflect at angle of 89 " 31' to the right and run in a southerly direction and along the west line of said Church lot a distance of 100 feet to the point of be-ginning, said description embracing a portion of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) in Section Four (4), in Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) (6) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and possibly a por-tion of Lot Number Two Hundred Eighty-One (281) of the Original Survey of Gadsden. The foregoing description embraces the, same lands conveyed by Home Owners Loan Corpora-tion to Katie Thomas and Cleveland Thomas by deed dated 16th January, 1939 and record-ed in Book "3-N", page 374, Probate office, Etowah County, Alabama except that portion now embraced in Meighan Boulevard PARCEL #2 A Lot or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in northerly or northwest line of Listers Lane which is 202.5 feet the northerly, or north-west- measured along the northwest Line of Listers Lane from the westerly, meas-ured along Street, said point of Listers Lane, from the westerly line of North Sixth street. And point being the southwest by Walter Deunis et being al to the southeast corner of that certain tract conveyed Jessie L. Webb, by deed recorded, in Book 696, Page 451, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and from thence run in a northwesterly direction and along the north-easterly line of Listers Lane a distance of 85.5 feet to the southeast corner of thar certain tract conveyed by Dorris Herron to Glen Andrewe, by deed dated 25th January, 1971, and recorded in Book 1119, pages 39, and Probate Office; thence deflect an angle of 75 35 to the right and run in a northerly direction and along the east line of said Andrews lot a distance of 56.18 feet to a point in the southerly right of way line of Meighan Boulevard, otherwise known as Project No. U-208 (7); thence run in an west direction and along the southerly line of said Meighan Boulevard distances of 77 feet, more or less, to the east line of the Wabb tract describe in Book 696, page 451 thence run in a southerly direction line of said Webb tract direction and along the east Webb tract a distance and along the east line of said Webb tract a distance of 05 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (St 1/4) in Section Four (4), Township Twelve (12) South, Hange S Parcel 5 (pin 34108)

A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the north-east line of Listers Lane, which said point is 288.7 feet northwesterly, measured along said north-east line of lister's Lane, from the westerly line of North 6th Street, said point being the sour west corner of the Jessie L. Webb lot as described in a deed from Walter Dennis, et al, to Jessie L. Webb, recorded in Book "696", Page 45, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and from thence run in a northerly direction and along the westerly line of said lot a entrance of 57 feet, more or less, to a point in the southwestly right of way line of Meighan Boulevard, otherwise known as Federal Project No U-208(7): thence run in a northwesterly direction and along the south-westerly U-208(7)thine of Meighan Boulevard, right of way line of said Meighan Boulevard a

distance of 20 feet, more or run less, in to a point where said right of way line turns abruptly south-west thence southwest-erly direction and along the right of way line of said Meighan Boulevard a distance of 42 feet, more or less, to a point in the north easterly line of Listers Lane; thence run in a southeasterly direction and along the northeast line of said listers Lane a distance of 40 feet to the point of beginning, said description em-bracing a portion of the North-west Quarter (NW of the Southeast Quarter (SE) in Section Four (4), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Ala Abama, and being those portions not embraced in Meighan Boulevard of that certain lot conveyed by Critic Dennis to Hazel Dennis Taylor, by deed dated 4th Au-gust, 1939, and recorded in Book "6- 6-B", page 34, Probate Office, Etowah County, Ala-bama, and being one and the same property described an Parcel No. 3 in that certain deed recorded in Bock "134" page 698, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel 6 (pin 34110)

For a point of beginning to describe the property herein start at a point in the West line of the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 which is 200 feet Southerly, measured along the West line of said forty, from the Northwest corner thereof, said point being in the Southwest line of Lister's Lane and being North 62 degrees 50 minutes West 602.4 feet, measured along the South-west line of Lister's Lane, from the Northwest line of North Sixth Street and from said point run North 62 degrees 50 minutes West and along the Southwest line of Lister's Lane a distance of 4.5 feet to the Northeast corner of that certain lot conveyed by Era Brummett and husband, Lon Brummet, to Kyle Realty Company, a corporation, by deed dated 16th May, 1951, and recorded in Book 471, Page 73, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence deflect an angle of 100 degrees 56 minutes to the left and run South 16 degrees 14 minutes West and along the Easterly line of said Kyle Realty Company lot a distance of 30 feet to a point in the Southerly right-of-way line of the New Meighan Boulevard, known as Proj. U-208(7), and which said last mentioned point is the point of beginning of the lot here-in de-scribed, and from said point of beginning continue South 16 degrees 14 minutes West and along the Easterly line of said Kyle Realty Company lot a distance of 102.8 feet to a point, thence deflect an angle of 91 degrees 35 minutes to the left and run South 75 degrees 21 minutes East a distance of 24 feet to a point in the West line of said NW1/4 of the SE1/4; thence in a Southerly direction and along the West line of said forty a distance of 9.7 feet to a point; thence South 74 degrees 00 minutes East a distance of 21 feet to a point, thence North 27 degrees 10 minutes East a distance of 130 feet to a point in the Southwest line of Lister's Lane, said point being where the Southerly line of the New Meighan Boulevard inter-sects the South-west line of Lister's lane; thence North 87 degrees 30 minutes West and along the Southerly line of said New Meighan Boulevard a distance of 74 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) and a portion of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the South-west Quarter (SW1/4) in Section Four (4), Township Twelve (12) South of Range Six (6) East of Huntsville Meridian, and a portion of Lot Number Two Hundred Eighty-two (282) in the Original Survey of the City of Gadsden, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel 7 (pin 34114)

A tract of land described as beginning at the southeast corner of Lot No. 281 in the Original Survey of Gadsden and from thence run in an easterly or southeasterly direction along the southerly line of said lot a distance of 180 feet to a point; thence run in a north, or north-easterly direction at an exterior angle. Of 89 32' a distance of 95.32 feet, more or less, to the souther-

ly line of listers Lane; thence in a westerly or northwesterly direction along the southerly line of said Listers Lane a distance of 180 feet to the point of intersection of the westerly line of said lot produced; thence in a southerly or southwesterly direction and along the westerly line of said lot produced to the point of beginning and embracing a portion of Lot No. 291 of the Original Survey of Gadsden which lies south or southwest of Listers Lane and also embracing a portion of a tract of land bounded on the south by the north line 11 of the Original Survey of Gadsden, on the north or northeast by the southerly line of Listers lane, and on the west or northwest by the westerly line of said lot No. 281 produced, and being and lying in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. (Property address being 630 West Meighan Blvd and surrounding). Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on April 14, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 1, 2026

**ORDINANCE NO. O-08-26**

The City of Gadsden adopted Ordinance No. O-36-25 on December 30, 2025, which established new comprehensive zoning regulations. Some of the text amendments submitted by the Planning and Engineering departments were mistakenly omitted from the final draft of O-36-25, and Ordinance No. O-08-26 was adopted to integrate those amendments into the comprehensive regulations. The following contains excerpts of the ordinance, which constitutes a synopsis for the purpose of publication. A copy of the full ordinance, which contains approximately 25 pages, may be obtained from the office of the city clerk during normal business hours. The ordinance may also be viewed on the City of Gadsden website at www.cityofgadsden.com.

SYNOPSIS OF Amending Ordinance No. O-36-25 Regarding Zoning Regulations

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that sections of Ordinance No. O-36-25 are amended as follows: Section 130-9 General Site Development and Design Standards Revised language so visibility triangle is applicable at all intersections and driveways, instead of for corner lots.

Section 130-11 Parking and Mobility Added details about surface required for parking; Reduced the amount of standards for parking spaces, including requiring same dimensional size requirements for all parking spaces instead of different requirements based on angle or if a single-or a double-row of parking; Added missing language about rounding for required parking spaces; Removed ride-sharing and alternative transportation credits for parking requirements; Removed specific ADA requirements and replaced with reference to most recent ADA edition; Removed minimum number of loading and vehicle stacking spaces required; Removed loading and vehicle stacking space dimensional requirements

Section 130-12 Landscaping and Buffering Added maximum diameter for trees planted within visibility triangle

Article VI, Development Review Procedures Added Land Disturbance Permit and reference to Sec. 108.3, Land Disturbance Permits, in the City's Code of Ordinances; Corrected all mentions of Site Development Plan, which was sometimes called Site Development Permit

Section 130-26 Measurements Added more details to visibility triangle and reference to AASHTO standards in A policy of Geometric Design of High and Streets (latest edition)

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden, Alabama, at a meeting held on April 14, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 1, 2026

**ORDINANCE NO. O-09-26**

Amending City Code §34-7 Regarding Qualifying Fee for Candidates

WHEREAS, the cost of municipal elections has steadily increased over time, placing a financial burden on the city's budget. Most recently, the City's cost for the 2022 municipal election amounted to \$46,712.39 for the general election and an additional \$44,000.00 for the runoff election; and WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to adjust the qualifying fees to better reflect the rising costs associated with conducting municipal elections; and WHEREAS, Act No. 2026-586 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2026 Regular Session amended Section 11-43B-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for qualification fees for municipal elections in Class 4 municipalities, and to require indigent candidates to submit certain documentation to qualify for fee exemptions; Now, Therefore, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that Section 34-7 of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 34-7. Qualification fee for candidates. (a) A qualification fee in the amount of \$500.00 is hereby fixed and imposed upon all candidates seeking election as mayor of the city, except as provided in (e).

(b) A qualification fee in the amount of \$250.00 is hereby fixed and imposed upon all candidates seeking election as council member of the city, except as provided in (e).

(c) A qualification fee in the amount of \$250.00 is hereby fixed and imposed upon all candidates seeking election as member of the city board of education, except as provided in (e).

(d) The qualification fee shall be paid to the city clerk and deposited in the general fund of the city at or prior to the time of a candidate submitting qualification papers to the clerk.

(e) Any person desiring to qualify who is not financially able to pay the required fee may qualify as a candidate by attesting that their gross income does not exceed 130 percent of the federal poverty level and furnishing the city clerk a copy of their most recent federal tax return.

(f) This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Section 11-43B-4 of the Alabama Code of 1975 and shall be effective in all elections, both general and special, for the stated offices from and after the date of adoption.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on April 21, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 1, 2026

**CITY OF GADSDEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

The City of Gadsden requests proposals (RFP) from companies qualified to provide Fixed Base Operator (FBO) services at the Northeast Alabama Regional Airport. The RFP submission packet may be obtained by contacting Anthony Tarver, General Manager of the Northeast Alabama Regional Airport at 256-442-3313, ext. 3, or by email at Atarver@cityofgadsden.com. Deadline for proposal submission: 5:00 PM (CST), June 30, 2026.

May 1, 2026

**OFFICIAL LIST OF POLLWORKERS FOR THE 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 19, 2026**

ABSENTEES CHIEF INSPECTOR – JENNIFER CAIN

INSPECTOR – TINA SEWELL

CHIEF CLERK – ALANNA LANKFORD

CLERK – LAUREN CRAWFORD

CLERK – ANN MARIE BETHUNE

**NOCCALULA KIWANIS PAVILLION MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – FREDA BURGESS

INSPECTOR – ANITA MAYO

CHIEF CLERK – LAURA COUCH

CLERK – JENNIFER MAYO

CLERK – GWENDELL PHILPOT

CLERK – PAMELA MICHELL

CLERK – DEBBIE LEMONS

**NOCCALULA KIWANIS PAVILLION MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – GLENELL GRANT

CHIEF CLERK – ANNETT BURNS

CLERK – JILL GARDNER

CLERK – KAREN DEAIRES

CLERK – JOHN STARK

**GADSDEN SR WELLNESS CTR MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – GINA CHASTAIN

INSPECTOR – RICKY HUNTER

CHIEF CLERK – TRACI SHARP

CLERK – PEGGY TILLEY

CLERK – VALERIA DUDLEY

CLERK – KATHY ELROD

**GADSDEN SR WELLNESS CTR MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – PATRICIA STRICKLAND

CHIEF CLERK – LINDA KING

CLERK – DONNA VAUGHN

CLERK – JIMMIE ROXANNA COLLEY

CLERK – DEBRA P SPEAR

**GADSDEN SR WELLNESS CTR MACHINE 3**

INSPECTOR – RENAY STOKES REEVES

CHIEF CLERK – GRACIE GREEN

CLERK – WALTINNA GRAY

CLERK – RHONDA SPURLING

CLERK – JOY LEWIS

**CARVER COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – GERALD MAXWELL

INSPECTOR – DONNA GREEN

CHIEF CLERK – CATHY GREEN

CLERK – ROSE RANCHER

CLERK – CEDRIC DUPREE

**CARVER COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – EKRA TOLBERT

CHIEF CLERK – AUDREY STEWARD

CLERK – DONZELLA WILLIAMS

CLERK – DELMA SMITH

CLERK – JACQUELINE CARR

**DOWNTOWN CIVIC CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – LINDA AARON

INSPECTOR – SHEILA BILLINGSLEY

CHIEF CLERK – CYNTHIA WILLIAMS

CLERK – TAYLOR DUPREE

CLERK – DELORES ABNEY

CLERK – MARTHA HOYETT

**DOWNTOWN CIVIC CENTER MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – SHIRLEY DATES

CHIEF CLERK – GLORIA HOPE

CLERK – ALVIN BOLTON SR

CLERK – SIMIYIA AARON

CLERK – DAVID MICALÉ

**MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – SANDRA PLUMMER

INSPECTOR – FRANKIE COPELAND

CHIEF CLERK – JENNIFER CROWLEY

CLERK – SHIRLEY STEWART

CLERK – ELLA WOODY

CLERK – SHARRON SUTTLES

**MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – JAMIE PAYTON

CHIEF CLERK – LESLIE WAYNE PAYTON

CLERK – THOMAS CASH

CLERK – PHYLLIS MATTHEWS

CLERK – YOLANDA MORAGNE

CLERK – KEVIN MOORE

**EAST GADSDEN RECREATION CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – PATRICIA WELCH

INSPECTOR – JOSEPH FARMER

CHIEF CLERK – JOHN BRADFORD

CLERK – BRENDA HALEY

CLERK – MONICA MOSTELLA

**EAST GADSDEN RECREATION CENTER MACHINE 2**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – TINA SMITH

INSPECTOR – LEIGH ANN REYNOLDS

CHIEF CLERK – KENNETH MEANS

CLERK – DALE JAKIEL

**HOKES BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF CLERK – ANNIE RENEA CRUMPLER

CLERK – JAMIA HENRY

**JANE PHILLIPS COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – STACY THOMPSON

INSPECTOR – MARY BOLEY

CHIEF CLERK – STEPHANIE JACKSON

CLERK – MALCOLM RAY

CLERK – FREDDIE LOIS THOMAS

**JANE PHILLIPS COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – DORIS JACKSON

CHIEF CLERK – ALVIN BOLTON

CLERK – BROOKLYN JONES

CLERK – SHANNON MUNIZ

**SARDIS COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – MICHELLE NELSON

INSPECTOR – ERNESTINE HODGES

CHIEF CLERK – DALE JOHNSON

**SARDIS COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – JACKIE CLAY

CHIEF CLERK – DONNA JOHNSON

CLERK – BRUCE PETOSKY

**SARDIS COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 3**

INSPECTOR – ANN HAMRICK

CHIEF CLERK – DEAN ANDERSON

CLERK – SKYLERANN NAYLOR

**AURORA BAPTIST CHURCH MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – ADA MCDUGALD

INSPECTOR – CYNTHIA HANRAHAN

CHIEF CLERK – JEFFERY OWEN

**WALNUT GROVE COMMUNITY CTR MACHINE 1**

INSPECTOR – SHIRLEY BEASLEY

CHIEF CLERK – DEBORAH GOSS

CHIEF CLERK – BEVERLY LEBOEUF

CLERK – WILLIAM STEINKA

CLERK – DAVID BARNETT

**GEORGE WALLACE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – REBECCA HENSON

INSPECTOR – DOT GODFREY

CHIEF CLERK – LORI CLAY

CLERK – BARBARA RIGGINS

**GEORGE WALLACE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – SAMMEE DABB

CHIEF CLERK – JUDY BUCHANAN

CLERK – VERONICA FISH

CLERK – FLORA NALER

**GEORGE WALLACE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER MACHINE 3**

INSPECTOR – GWINETTE WATSON

CHIEF CLERK – THELMA HODGE

CLERK – BRIANNA RUDD

CLERK – ANDREW EDWARDS

**HOKES BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – TINA SMITH

INSPECTOR – LEIGH ANN REYNOLDS

CHIEF CLERK – KENNETH MEANS

CLERK – DALE JAKIEL

**HOKES BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – RODNEY RYLANDER

CHIEF CLERK – DEBORAH ROE

CLERK – RICKEY YOUNG

**HOKES BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 3**

INSPECTOR – TOWANNA FUQUA

CHIEF CLERK – LINDA JOHNSON

CLERK – PATRICIA NANCE

**NORTHEAST ETOWAH COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – RODNEY EVERETT

INSPECTOR – KEELIE HOLLAND

CHIEF CLERK – MARILYN WAKER

CLERK – CHITAKITE

**NORTHEAST ETOWAH COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – CONNIE ARNOLD

CHIEF CLERK – MAXINE LANE

CLERK – TERRY WINTERMEYER

**NORTHEAST ETOWAH COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 3**

INSPECTOR – GREG JOHNSON

CHIEF CLERK – FELECIA HEARD

CLERK – SHIRLEY GRANGE

**LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – KAREN BRYSON

INSPECTOR – PEGGY PRESTON

CHIEF CLERK – CHARLES BRYSON

CLERK – MEGAN REESE

CLERK – BETTY SUE COVINGTON

CLERK – JANICE HOPKINS

**LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – ROSE ANN WHITLEY

CHIEF CLERK – DAVID WILSON

CLERK – GLORIA DEERMAN

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ATTALLA MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – LEONIDAS HICKS

INSPECTOR – DEBRA DUPREE

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ATTALLA MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – MEAGAN DUNCAN

CHIEF CLERK – MELISSA KELLIGAN

CLERK – MARY MOORE

**JANE PHILLIPS COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – STACY THOMPSON

INSPECTOR – MARY BOLEY

CHIEF CLERK – STEPHANIE JACKSON

CLERK – MALCOLM RAY

**JANE PHILLIPS COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – DORIS JACKSON

CHIEF CLERK – ALVIN BOLTON

**SARDIS COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – MICHELLE NELSON

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CHIEF CLERK – DALE JOHNSON

**SARDIS COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 2**

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**SARDIS COMMUNITY CENTER MACHINE 3**

INSPECTOR – ANN HAMRICK

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**AURORA BAPTIST CHURCH MACHINE 1**

CHIEF INSPECTOR – ADA MCDUGALD

INSPECTOR – CYNTHIA HANRAHAN

CHIEF CLERK – JEFFERY OWEN

**WALNUT GROVE COMMUNITY CTR MACHINE 1**

INSPECTOR – SHIRLEY BEASLEY

CHIEF CLERK – DEBORAH GOSS

CLERK – PATRICIA LANDIS

CLERK – PAM KEY

CLERK – TERESA BRANNON

**WALNUT GROVE COMMUNITY CTR MACHINE 2**

INSPECTOR – VICKI RHODES

CHIEF CLERK – JAMES RHODES

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**LIMIT 4 EACH**

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