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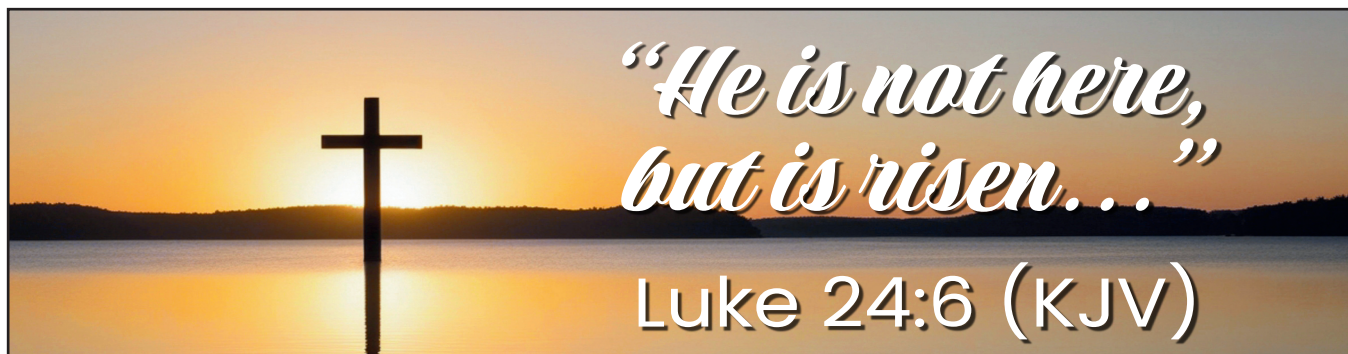
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**Happy Easter!**  
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**April 5, 2026**

## Autism Foundation of Gadsden leader promotes caregiver support through book and annual conference

By **Karla McArthur**  
 Correspondent

Autism Foundation of Gadsden founder and president Mamta Mishra is working to expand autism awareness and understanding among parents, caregivers and the broader community through education, advocacy and personal insight.

Mishra's latest book, *Energy Management: Mantras for Caregivers*, offers strategies and encouragement for those caring for children and adults with chronic disease or who are aging with illnesses. Drawing from her own experience as a caregiver to her son, Parag, who has autism, Mishra shares coping tools she says helped her avoid the burnout common among caregivers.

"I wanted to stay out of the negative state by replacing negative behavior with positive," Mishra said of her motivation for writing the book.

Through personal anecdotes and practical guidance, Mishra emphasizes the importance of positive thinking and self-care. She writes that caregivers can "optimize physical energy by

realigning it with mental, emotional and spiritual energy."

One chapter, titled "Decluttering," encourages caregivers to make space for healing by being kinder to themselves and learning to forgive mistakes. Mishra also uses the analogy of an oxygen mask on an airplane, noting that caregivers must first care for themselves before they can effectively care for others.

"As caregivers, we need ways and means of behavior intervention — creating a bridge between the islands we've created," she said.

Mishra will continue that message at the foundation's fifth annual Autism Spectrum Conference, set for 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 18, 2026, at The Venue at Coosa Landing. The public event is designed as a cross-professional conference and may be used for continuing medical education and continuing education units through participating agencies. Gadsden City Schools is allowing a variance day for educators who attend.

This year's speakers include: Martha K. Loukotka, admission

and transitions coordinator at Horizons School at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

Mishra, author and conference organizer

Jennifer McInerney, attorney in Vestavia Hills

Fatima Wise, collaborative special education teacher

Dr. Anthony C. Metcalfe, family physician

Topics will include preparing students with autism for postsecondary programs and independent living, recognizing and managing meltdowns and tantrums, special needs planning and government benefit protection, caregiver skills training and anxiety in the autism spectrum population.

Through her writing and the annual conference, Mishra said she hopes to equip caregivers with practical tools while fostering greater understanding and inclusion for individuals with autism throughout the community.

For more information about the 2026 ASD Conference, visit [asdofgadsden.org](http://asdofgadsden.org).



Submitted photo

Mamta Mishra (right) and her son Parag Mishra.

## James M. Barrie Center receives recognition at council meeting

By **Kaitlin Hoskins**  
 News Editor

The James M. Barrie Center for Children, a non-profit child advocacy center, was recognized with a proclamation at the regularly scheduled Gadsden City Council Meeting on March 31.

The proclamation declared April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Gadsden. Since 1983, April has been regarded as Child Abuse Prevention Month across the nation. The month is meant to raise awareness for child abuse and resources available to children who have been or are being abused.

Gadsden Council President Kent Back presented the proclamation on behalf of Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford. Back stated that The Barrie Center is a vital resource for all of Etowah County, but that he wished it was not needed.

Barrie Center executive director, Patricia Falcon, accepted the proclamation and praised the Gadsden Police Department for their partnership efforts.

"I know you already know this, but please hear me when I say this — you have a fine, fine, juvenile investigations department," Falcon told the Gadsden City Council on Tuesday. "They

are exceptional, and I just want to take that moment and say 'thank you' for what an amazing job you've done. I hope you know how proud we are to work with

are placing numerous blue pinwheels in front of partnering locations. According to Falcon, the pinwheel represents what childhood should be — fun, playful

as a nod to the magic and fun that should make up a child's raising.

Since August 2002, The Barrie Center has conducted over 5,700 forensic interviews of children

Falcon also shared Tuesday that 39 percent of the children they help every year come from Gadsden. She went on to answer questions from the council, including a question from Councilman Jason Wilson, inquiring about the statistics of boy and girls reporting. Falcon stated that abuse to boys, especially sexual abuse, is historically underreported.

Beyond raising awareness during the month of April, The Barrie Center works with law enforcement, conducts forensic interviews with child victims of violent crimes, train upcoming social workers on mandatory reporting and more.

According to its website, the mission of The Barrie Center is "to promote hope, healing and justice for child abuse victims by providing coordinated, trauma-informed services and education in our community."

If you or someone you know is in need of the services of The Barrie Center, call their office at 256-543-1319, or to report suspected child abuse or neglect, contact the Etowah County Department of Human Resources at 256-622-8300, or the Etowah County Sheriff's Office at 256-546-2825. For emergencies, call 911.



Michael Rodgers/City of Gadsden

Gadsden Council President Kent Back, Barrie Center Executive Director Patricia Falcon, Barrie Center Forensic Interviewer Reaghan Lowry, Barrie Center Community Outreach Advocate Robyn Phillips, Gadsden State's Kristi Blackwell, Children's Trust Fund of Alabama Program Specialist Lydia Blanks and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama CEO/Director Shawn Blackmon.

them." For the month of April, The Barrie Center is partnering with local businesses and governments to spread awareness for child abuse. To help do this, they

and whimsical. The Barrie Center's mission is to help children have a loving home and a fun and safe childhood. The Center was named after Peter Pan author James Barrie,

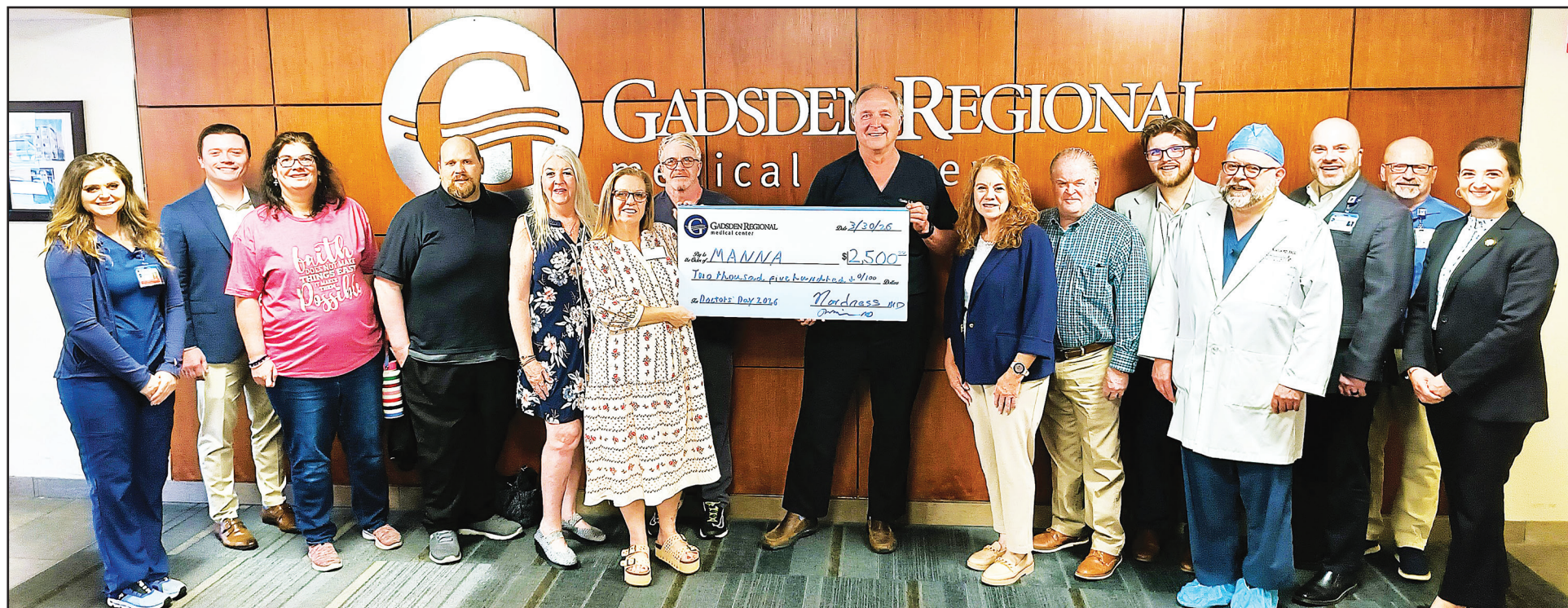
and has served nearly 9,000 family members in Etowah County.

Falcon shared that last year, the pinwheel initiative culminated in 10,000 pinwheels spread across Etowah County.

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# NEWS



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Representatives and volunteers from MANNA joined members of Gadsden Regional Medical Center's Administrative team and medical staff to accept a donation.

## GRMC honors physicians with donation to MANNA

Gadsden Regional Medical Center honored physicians on National Doctors' Day by supporting MANNA.

The medical staff chose the nonprofit entity, whose mission is providing meal delivery service to elderly, homebound and disabled individuals in the Gadsden Etowah County Area, to receive a \$2,500 donation on their behalf.

National Doctors' Day serves as a moment to honor the dedication, skill and unwavering commitment of physi-

cians in providing quality health care to individuals and communities.

"We are grateful to the physicians on the medical staff for the care they provide to our patients and the difference they make each and every day," said Michael Hall, Chief Executive Officer of Gadsden Regional Medical Center. "Supporting MANNA is one way of extending their commitment to the entire community."

The mission of the Metropolitan Area Noon Nutrition Association (MANNA) is to deliver a daily nutritional, diet-specific meal to Etowah County, Alabama residents who are elderly, have special needs, or are homebound, to provide for their physical and emotional well-being and lessen isolation by involving volunteers in community service.

Submitted by Will Mackey, GRMC

## JSU partners with JMC to offer faster Master of Science Education program

A novel partnership between Jacksonville State University (JSU) and the Jack Miller Center (JMC) now offers current K-12 teachers the opportunity to earn a Master of Science Education (M.S.E.) degree in Secondary Social Studies in less time and at a lower cost than the standard graduate degree. Students pursuing an Alternative-A pathway M.S.E. in Secondary Social Studies are also eligible.

This partnership brings together JSU's College of Education & Professional Studies (CEPS), the Center for Leadership and American Principles (CLAP), and JMC, which is a non-profit organization committed to teaching America's founding principles and history.

The cornerstone of this partnership is JMC's Civics Foundations Graduate Consortium. Current K-12 teachers can complete reduced or free graduate history and political science courses through the Consortium. Current K-12 teachers, in JSU's M.S.E. programs in Secondary Social Studies, can use these courses to advance their degree. These students also can obtain a 20 percent scholarship on tuition for the professional studies courses they complete at JSU. Finally, CLAP has received a \$28,000 grant to offer a political science course during the summer of 2026 to benefit the university and Consortium.

Any current K-12 teacher can apply to take a course through the Civics Foundations Graduate Consortium. Prospective students, at any

point, can transfer these Consortium courses into the available JSU M.S.E. options through formally applying to the graduate school.

"This is an exciting time for teachers across the nation as we have effectively found a way for them to complete a M.S.E. degree in 14 months at potentially 50 percent or less of the standard cost," said Dr. Benjamin Gross, director of CLAP. "This is because the students can take reduced cost or free content classes from professors at the University of Chicago, Arizona State, the University of Missouri, Jax State, and seven other locations, while completing their pedagogy courses here with the 20 percent scholarship."

Since 2024, JMC's Consortium has offered affordable and accessible graduate courses that are designed for K-12 social studies teachers. In courses taught by top scholars, teachers expand their knowledge of topics in American civics and history, which spans from the founding through the modern era, with a special focus given to reading and understanding primary sources.

"The goal is creating a partnership where universities and the Jack Miller Center work together to expand graduate coursework to draw teachers, not to just one course at one campus," said Thomas Kelly, senior vice president and chief program officer for JMC, "but to an array of courses and degree programs across the country that will help them teach the foundations

of American political and civic life."

JSU joined the Consortium in the summer of 2025 with the plan to offer an individual course in the summer of 2026. Dr. Gross, however, began conversations with faculty members and leadership within JSU's CEPS to explore offering the first M.S.E. degree pathway in the JMC Consortium. The cross-university collaborative effort realized this idea provided worthwhile opportunities for current JSU students while also inviting current JMC Consortium students to benefit from JSU's strength in education.

"The Jack Miller Center has really sustained education programs and tries to provide curriculum and specific content for social science teachers for a very long time," said Dr. Kimberly White, Dean of CEPS. "Providing a specific opportunity for us to pull all the different ways that they support teachers into a cumulative degree program is very exciting for us."

Teachers with M.S.E. graduate degrees are guaranteed an increase in salary, which, because of this grant, they will receive sooner than ever before. Teachers, however, will gain far more than just a raise from engaging in the collaborative program.

"With an advanced degree comes advanced knowledge," Dean White said. "We're trying to prepare those creative thinkers because we are competing with things like AI. These teachers are working with students to help them think

more deeply, help them process information and knowledge to help them see the world is smaller than we think. Having that advantage becomes so much richer, especially when you're talking about middle- and high-school level teachers."

Furthermore, K-12 teachers in this program gain access to top quality pedagogy training through Jax State and outstanding content courses and professors through the Consortium.

"You're getting access to these top professors at top universities for reduced prices, and then you can get

your degree [at Jax State]," Dean White said. "So, it serves our current students and future students."

JSU is now the third graduate degree program to join the Consortium, along with Arizona State University and Utah Valley University. JSU has a unique status and position in the Consortium, however, as these universities offer an M.A. instead of M.S.E. degree.

"This hybrid degree, if you want to call it that, shows a real innovative spirit," Kelly said. "Nobody had thought of doing that before. It provides a

model that allows others to think outside the box when it comes to how they are offering degrees, how they're designing the degrees, how those degrees can work within the Consortium and that can draw more and more teachers from across the country."

"If we do this right," Dr. Gross said, "we can serve the entire nation, by bringing together Jax State's strength in education with the superior content being organized by JMC, to improve civic education and civics."

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# NEWS

## Over sponsor's objections, Alabama Legislature sends PSC bill to Gov. Kay Ivey

By Anna Barrett  
and Andrea Tinker  
Alabama Reflector

The Alabama Legislature on Wednesday passed a bill that would effectively put the state's public utility regulation board under the control of the governor.

Passage of HB 475, sponsored by Rep. Mack Butler, R-Rainbow City, came over Butler's objections to major Senate changes to the bill that removed provisions that would have required regular hearings in which utilities would be required to justify rate increases.

In a highly unusual move, the Alabama House defeated Butler's motion to send the bill to a conference committee for further negotiations and concurred in Senate changes on a 72-26 vote, with Butler voting against the motion. Butler said in an interview after the vote that while he is disappointed the House did not support him, he is optimistic that changes could be made in a future session.

"We're gonna be able to fight another day," he said. "This isn't the end of any of this. Man, I can come back and drop another bill, first thing next session. This one came out of nowhere. It was not on my radar screen, but I saw a problem, and I tried to jump in and fix it."

A message seeking comment from House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, R-Rainsville, was left Wednesday evening.

Butler said prior to the House vote Wednesday that he would not vote for the Senate version of the bill.

"I want my hammer back," Butler said. "I would like to see a rate cap, and I'd like to see regional and national limits of where the rates can be. That would trigger an automatic formal rate hearing, under oath, under penalty of perjury, and with subpoena power with the Public Service Commission."

Butler said that if those changes are not made, he would not vote for his own bill and would ask House members to do the same.

"I'm hoping we can, I'm very optimistic that we can negotiate that, but at the end of the day, if not, I will be voting no on the bill that has my name on it," Butler said.

Butler's motion to negotiate the bill was tabled on a motion by Rep. Ivan Smith, R-Clanton. Smith then moved to accept the Senate changes.

Butler's bill, aimed at addressing Alabama's region-leading electricity rates, required the Alabama Public Service Commission to hold formal rate case hearings every three years. The PSC has not held a hearing like that — requiring sworn testimony and utilities to prove the reason for rates — since 1981. The commission instead uses a process known as rate stabilization and equalization that guarantees utilities a return. Critics say it locks out the public and makes the reason for electricity rates impossible to determine.

Alabama has some of the highest electricity rates in the South. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Georgia's average residential energy prices in January were 14.46 cents per kW/hr in January, compared to 16.06 cents per kW/hr in Alabama. Concerns over power bills led to the election of two Democrats to the Georgia Public Service Commission last year, the first time Democrats won election to a state position in Georgia since 2006.

The Senate's changes mirror SB 360, sponsored by Sen. Clyde Chambliss, R-Prattville. The new bill requires five of the seven members of an expanded PSC to vote to hold formal rate hearings, and put the whole commission under the authority of a secretary of energy, appointed by the governor. The secretary of



Brian Lyman/Alabama Reflector

Rep. Mack Butler, R-Rainbow City, walks off the speaker's dais in the Alabama House of Representatives on March 31, 2026, at the Alabama Statehouse in Montgomery, Alabama. The Legislature on Wednesday sent a bill changing the makeup of the Public Service Commission to Gov. Kay Ivey, despite Butler's protest.

energy could also order a formal rate case hearing.

"It requires an additional public annual public hearing, and then adds some triggers for additional formal hearings that are in addition to the ones that they already have," Chambliss said.

The annual hearing would not require testimony under oath, like a formal one.

Chambliss' bill would change the Public Service Commission from a president and two commissioners elected at-large from the state to seven members, each elected from a congressional district.

The bill would also allow Gov. Kay Ivey to appoint four new members of the PSC prior to November's elections, which could cancel out the elections of PSC

members who may seek formal rate case hearings.

The most recent version of HB 475 incorporates all the major provisions of SB 360, which requires that public utilities not increase the retail base rates on customers until 2029. The legislation extends a rate freeze that was already ordered by the PSC in December at the request of Alabama Power.

The Senate also adopted an amendment Wednesday offered by Sen. Rodger Smitherman, D-Birmingham, that requires two of the governor's appointees to be selected from a list provided by the minority leaders of the Legislature. The amendment was adopted 31-0.

Daniel Tait, executive director of Energy Alabama, said in a statement Wednesday evening

that the HB 475 that the Senate passed Wednesday is SB 360 in disguise.

"What passed today eliminates mandatory rate hearings. It removes profit limits. It creates a Governor-appointed Secretary of Energy who controls the Public Service Commission's agenda, its staff, and the scope of any rate review — effectively handing a political appointee a veto over your electric bill," Tait said. "Completely rewriting a bill and passing it through the entire Senate in less than 48 hours is not consumer protection. It's Alabama Power protection."

A message seeking comment from Alabama Power was left Wednesday evening.

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# NEWS



## GSCC construction students gain experience with partnerships

Students in Gadsden State Community College's Construction Technology program, based on the Valley Street Campus, are building more than just skills — they're building their communities. Under the leadership of instructor Heath McDaniel, the program partners with several local nonprofit organizations to give students valuable, hands-on experience while giving back to others.

McDaniel said approximately 80 percent of the program's training takes place in the field. Students spend Mondays in the classroom learning core concepts, then apply those lessons Tuesday through Thursday on real job sites throughout the area.

"Our students get to work with their hands, make a difference in the community, and build something they're proud of," McDaniel said. "There are tons of opportunities in construction

right now, and we want our students to be prepared to step right into those jobs."

The Construction Technology program regularly collaborates with organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Eagle Rock Boys Ranch, Windy Van Hooten Teaching Garden, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and The Dream Center. The class contributes to specific phases of nonprofit building projects such as framing, finishing, and other areas aligned with their current training modules.

Support from the Greater Gadsden Home Builders Association has also been instrumental, providing materials, scholarships and mentorship opportunities for students.

The class recently applied those skills on a two-home build project in West Gadsden with Habitat for Humanity, providing students with valu-

able real-world construction experience while supporting local families.

In addition to community service work, students complete college-based projects and other practical assignments that strengthen their technical and teamwork skills. Their work spans much of Northeast Alabama, from Anniston to Boaz, reflecting Gadsden State's commitment to serving its entire service area.

McDaniel said the experience not only equips students with the technical skills needed to succeed but also helps them develop a strong sense of purpose.

"It's rewarding to see students realize they can build a career and make a difference at the same time," he said.

To learn more about Gadsden State's Construction Technology program, visit [gadsdenstate.edu/programs-of-study/construction](http://gadsdenstate.edu/programs-of-study/construction).

## Local free tax filing help available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, residents may contact RSVP at 256-549-8147.

## Free tactical medical training for first responders

Gadsden State Community College announced that the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC), in partnership with the Gadsden State Police/Public Safety Department, will host a Tactical Medical Training for First Responders on May 21 and May 22.

This training opportunity is free of charge and open to first responders from across the region, including:

- Police Officers
- Firefighters
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Personnel

- Public Safety-First Responders
- Jail and Corrections Personnel

As an added bonus, each participant who registers for either the May 21 or May 22 class will receive a free Tactical Medical Kit valued at approximately \$300.

Participants will gain practical experience in:

- Hemorrhage control
- Casualty care under stress
- Rapid medical response in tactical environments
- Critical decision-making when seconds matter most.

"Training is not optional in our profession — it is essential," Jay Freeman, GSCC police chief, said. "When we invest in high-level, hands-on training for our first responders, we strengthen not only our departments but the communities we serve."

Training space is limited and expected to fill quickly. To register, contact Emily Feemster at 256-549-8276 or [efeemster@gadsdenstate.edu](mailto:efeemster@gadsdenstate.edu). For additional information, contact Freeman at [jffreeman@gadsdenstate.edu](mailto:jffreeman@gadsdenstate.edu).

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# NEWS

## JSU launches Bachelor of Science in Aviation

Jacksonville State University (JSU) announced the launch of its newest academic program — a Bachelor of Science in Aviation, set to begin in Fall 2026. The Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved the aviation program on Friday, March 13, 2026, during its meeting in Montgomery.

JSU's Bachelor of Science in Aviation is designed to prepare students for leadership and operational roles in one of the world's most dynamic and fast-paced industries. Grounded in a strong foundation of aviation science, safety and industry best practices, the program offers three concentrations to support students' career goals: Aviation Management, Commercial Aviation and Public Safety Aviation.

"This program represents an exciting step forward for Jacksonville State University and for workforce development across our region," said Jacksonville State University President Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr. "The aviation industry continues to grow rapidly across Alabama and the Southeast, creating new opportunities for students and new workforce needs for our state. By combining strong academic preparation with practical, hands-on experiences, our Aviation program will equip graduates with the skills needed to succeed in a wide range of aviation careers."

This comprehensive degree equips students with the knowledge, skills, and professional competencies necessary to thrive in both the private and public

aviation sectors, as well as in first responder and public safety roles. Whether managing complex airport operations on the ground, deploying drones during emergency response missions, or piloting commercial aircraft, graduates of Jax State's Aviation program will be well prepared to contribute meaningfully to the future of aviation.

"The Bachelor of Science in Aviation reflects Jax State's commitment to developing academic programs that respond to emerging workforce needs while providing students with meaningful career pathways," said Dr. Christie Shelton, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. "Through concentrations in aviation management, commercial aviation, and public safety

aviation, this program blends technical knowledge, safety training, and applied learning experiences that will prepare graduates to make immediate contributions in the aviation industry."

The Commercial Aviation concentration will provide structured flight training aligned with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification standards, preparing students to pursue credentials such as Private Pilot licensure and Commercial Pilot certification with Instrument and Multi-Engine ratings.

"When students complete their degree in Commercial Aviation, they will have 300 flight hours logged and the FAA ratings completed, so that they are prepared to excel professionally," stated Dr. Staci Stone, Vice Provost of

Academic Affairs. "We are excited to get this first cohort of pilot-students off the ground."

Students interested in the Commercial Aviation concentration must first be accepted to Jax State before submitting the secondary application. The deadline to submit the Commercial Aviation concentration application is May 15.

With ACHE approval secured, JSU will now move forward with the Federal Aviation Administration application process for Part 141 ground school authorization and will finalize partnerships with FAA-certified Part 141 flight training providers. The university has also launched a national search for its first Aviation Department Head.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

**MAY 19 - PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**JUNE 16 - 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.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday – March 23 - Absentee voting for Primary Election and Statewide Primary Election begins

Monday – May 4 – Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election

Tuesday – May 12 – Last day for absentee applications to be received by mail or commercial carrier for the PRIMARY Election. (17-11-3(A))

Thursday – May 14 - Last day voters can return in-person, his or her regular absentee application and absentee vote. No one, not even a family member, can return another person's application by hand, (except a medical emergency voter named designee). EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS – (Voter must meet the qualifications required for an emergency absentee ballot)

Monday – May 18 - Last day a voter may hand-deliver his or her absentee ballot to the AEM. No one, not even a family member, can return another person's ballot, (except a medical emergency voter named designee). EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING ENDS

Tuesday - May 19 – PRIMARY ELECTION DAY Mailed ballots must be received in mail no later than (NOON) this date.

Voted medical emergency ballots delivered by the voter's designee, must be received no later than noon today.

Friday – May 29 – Last day to register to vote in-person for Primary Runoff Election Absentee ballots delivered for Primary Run-Off.

Monday – June 1 – Last day for voter to register electronically with the Secretary of State Office.

Tuesday – June 2 – Absentee voting OPENS for the Primary Runoff Election.

Tuesday – June 9 - Last day for absentee applications to be received by mail for the PRIMARY RUN-OFF Election. (17-11-3(A))

Thursday – June 11 - Last day voters can return in person, his or her regular absentee application. No one, not even a family member, can return another person's application by hand, (except a medical emergency voter named designee). EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS (Voter must meet the qualifications required for an emergency absentee ballot)

Monday – June 15 - Last day voters can return in person, his or her regular absentee ballot. No one, not even a family member, can return another person's ballot, (except a medical emergency voter named designee). EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING ENDS

Tuesday – June 16 - PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION DAY

For more information about absentee voting, please visit Alabama Secretary of State website at [www.alabamavotes.gov](http://www.alabamavotes.gov) or visit the Etowah County Circuit Clerk's Office website at [www.etowah.alacourt.gov](http://www.etowah.alacourt.gov).

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# LIFESTYLE

## GPL honored for innovative social work internship

The Gadsden Public Library was honored March 20 by Jacksonville State University's School of Social Work with its "Innovative Social Work Internship Site Award" recognizing the library's creative and effective internship partnership with Jax State social work students.

The award was presented before approximately 400 attendees at the School of Social Work's 46th Annual Social Work Conference, held at the Anniston City Center. It was a proud moment for our library and an affirmation of a program that has quietly made a real difference for the people we serve.

For the past three years, Gadsden Public Library has partnered with Jacksonville State University to host either a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) or Master of Social Work (MSW) student intern each semester. The internship requires 450 hours of service and places the student in a highly visible and meaningful role within the daily life of the library.

Our current intern, Lydia Avery-Tucker, began her work with the library on January 9 and is expected to complete her internship at the end of April or in early May. Lydia serves at the Information Desk on the first floor of the library, where

she is supervised by LaShunda Williams, Manager of Public Services; Gelaine Kelley, Library Assistant; and me, as Library Director.

This internship is unique because it reflects a simple truth about today's public libraries: not everyone who walks through our doors is looking for a book.

Many visitors come to the library for programs, clubs, internet access, or a quiet place to study. Others come because they need something deeper — help with a job application, a résumé, access to services, or guidance during a difficult moment in life. Some need to be connected with local nonprofits or agencies in Gadsden and Etowah County. Others may be facing housing insecurity, utility problems, or mental health challenges.

Library staff work hard every day to serve the public well, but librarians are not trained social workers. That is what makes this partnership so valuable.

As I often say, "The idea behind the internship is that not everyone entering the library is looking for a book. Some are looking for creative children's or teen programs, some are looking to attend book or chess clubs, while others are looking for hope."

At Gadsden Public Library, everyone is welcome through our doors as long as they behave appropriately. This internship helps us better meet people where they are. When patrons arrive with difficult personal challenges or complex needs, they can be directed to someone with training to listen, assist, and connect them with the right resources.

The presence of a social work intern also helps relieve pressure on front desk staff, allowing library employees to focus on traditional library services while ensuring that patrons in crisis or distress are met with compassion and informed support.

We are grateful to Jacksonville State University's School of Social Work for recognizing this partnership and for trusting the Gadsden Public Library as a learning site for future social workers. We are especially thankful for the dedicated work of our interns, including Lydia, and for the leadership of LaShunda and Gelaine in making this program successful. In addition, we'd like to thank Julie Nix, Francesca Guida-Hall, Jonathan Adams, Dominique Maywald, and Robyn Snider at the School of Social Work at Jax State. Public libraries have always been



Craig Scott

places of learning, connection, and community. Increasingly, they are also places where people come seeking stability, direction, and hope. This award reminds us that creative partnerships can help libraries respond to those needs in meaningful and lasting ways.

Gadsden Public Library: 254 South College Street, downtown Gadsden (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 library director of the Gadsden Public Library and a past president of the Alabama Library Association (ALLA).*

## A spring full of new chapters



Tabitha Bozeman

Well, that's a wrap on March, 2026 — Women's History Month. March offered an opportunity to look back at women who contributed in the past to the world we live in now, and to consider the women in our own lives who have made an impact on us. But now we are looking forward, and spring is in full force. This week, spiderwort, irises, wild violets, fleabane, azaleas, and more have absolutely burst into bloom in my yard, reminding me that looking back is necessary and important, but history isn't only in the past. We are living and witnessing women making a difference, creating history, in the present, as it unfolds in our homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. Often, the everyday moments we take for granted are shaping the history of those around us.

This Sunday is Easter, a time many reflect on historical and biblical events, and I remember as a child always being fascinated with the women in the Easter stories because they showed up when others avoid-

ed, they knew and expected grief and the discomfort of loss, and they were willing to bear witness to suffering. They showed up to work, to care, to help close one chapter and write the beginning of the next. They became the story-tellers, the meaning-makers. Where it looked like their narrative was ending, they found continuity and an opportunity to create a future.

This spring has been full of new chapters for me. This Easter, I will be holding my new granddaughter. My first child has become a parent. My first daughter is driving. My second daughter is about to start her last year in middle school. My youngest daughter is finishing elementary school. I am moving into the next phase of life, and I expected it to be full of loss and grief and discomfort, but each day I find new opportunities to shape my story, to make new meaning, and to explore how my own children are moving into their futures. Each generation inherits limitations and possibilities — supporting them as they explore these is much more of an adventure than I'd ever expected.

Most of the time, we don't recognize the moments in our lives as we move from one chapter into the next — we are just busy with the everydayness of showing up and getting things done. But I took some time this week to pay attention to my everydayness, the and what it says about where I am in life. This week, I bore witness to

my children moving into their futures. I watched my son and his fiancée care for their newborn with the utmost attention and love. I let my 16-year-old drive herself to work in my car (it was simultaneously a proud and terrifying experience). I have observed my middle schooler craft and care for new friendships. I have both comforted and celebrated my youngest as she navigates difficult social situations. I have sat with each of them in the discomfort of change, borne witness to their growth, and championed their futures. I have also considered my own narrative and lived experiences, examined how I internally frame them, and have made adjustments. Spring isn't only about looking back and celebrating history, it's also about looking forward to growth and change.

Throughout literature, women are often the time-keepers, the story-tellers, and the meaning-makers. Some of my favorite writers, Ursula K LeGuin, Lois Lowery, Margaret Atwood, and Madeleine L'Engle, crafted women who are not only in stories, but who actively shape the stories' meaning. In LeGuin's *The Tombs of Atuan*, the narrator develops from a young child with no agency over her life, to the keeper of stories, to the creator of new narratives. In Lois Lowery's *Gathering Blue*, the main character is trained to trace and track the stories and history of the community through her art, preserving what needs to be remembered, realizing as she does so that details are being left out, and eventually choosing to create new narratives for

the future. Margaret Atwood continuously gives us women who survive, record, and shape history and narratives. In *Handmaid's Tale*, the main character uses story-telling as both survival and resistance, preserving the past and narrating for a future reader. *The Blind Assassin*, the main character is a woman who tells stories to help restore meaning after a long silence. Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*, three women function much like the women at the tomb in the Easter story: they bear witness, share the knowledge of the past, and help make sense of the events as they unfold. Over and over again in history and in literature, women function as time-keepers, story-tellers, and meaning-makers.

This spring, as I watch my son parent my new granddaughter, and witness my daughters moving forward in their lives, I remember that women not only inherit the stories of the past, we also create the narratives of the future. Because of this, the narratives we tell ourselves about our lives and timelines and relationships matter — words have power, stories create reality, and the future is created one moment of showing up after another. What we might first see as discomfort, grief, or ending often offers opportunity to imagine possibility and craft new narratives, reminding ourselves as Kira does in *Gathering Blue*, that we can "fill the future with something better."

*Tabitha Bozeman is an instructor at GSCC. Email at tabithabozeaman@gmail.com.*

## Mindful Moment

In honor of National Stress Awareness Month, we would like to introduce you to our newest columnist, Carrie Halladay, a local licensed professional counselor and founder of Halladay Counseling.

For more than two decades, she has worked with individuals and families facing a wide range of challenges — from managing stress and navigating relationships to learning how to navigate trauma and major life transitions.

She aims to make conversations about mental health more accessible, breaking down stigma and encouraging a more open dialogue within the community.

Through her new weekly column, she will offer readers insight into the emotional struggles many people experience, along with guidance rooted in both professional expertise and real-world application.

Halladay focuses on helping people better understand their thoughts, emotions and behaviors while developing practical tools they can use in their daily lives. Her work often incorporates evidence-based approaches such as cognitive behavioral therapy and dialectical behavior techniques, tailored to meet each person's individual needs.

After earning her master's degree from Jacksonville State University, she established her private practice, where she has worked since 2003.

As awareness of mental health continues to grow, Halladay's column will offer a consistent, local voice grounded in experience and understanding. Her goal is to provide readers with information that is not only informative, but also practical and relevant.

"You don't have to be in crisis to deserve support," Halladay said. "You don't need to wait until everything falls apart to start caring for your mental health.. It's about being honest and learning how to take care of yourself along the way."



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# DEVOTIONALS

## Faith and fear in a foreign land



Sandra Bost

Standing in the emergency room in a foreign land, holding the lifeless body of my 9-month-old is an image that still haunts me nearly 25 years later. I remember it almost like it was yesterday.

Our son had not been well for weeks. Usually a happy boy, he just seemed a little fussier than usual. I had taken him to the doctor several times, and even tried a new doctor to see if she could help us figure it out. All they came up with was an ear infection. When I asked about his weight loss, they said he was just losing his baby fat. Since he was around 30 pounds, nobody really worried about that. Except for me.

I remember the day I decided to plant myself at the doctor's office until I had an answer. We had been at the pool that April morning. Our son had fallen asleep

in the stroller, so I laid him down in his crib when we got home. He was breathing so hard and fast, just laying there. I called a friend nearby to watch our daughter (which I never did), ordered a taxi, and phoned my husband to meet me at the hospital.

Doctors' offices in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia were housed inside the hospitals. I did not have an appointment this particular time, but I made my way to our doctor's exam room anyway. I knocked on the door and his nurse asked me to wait. She must have seen the panic on my face because she sent the doctor out to us right away. He took one look at our boy, and checked his blood sugar. The glucometer lit up, "High."

My husband had just arrived as we were being sent to the hospital across town to the pediatric endocrinologist. That 20 minute car ride felt like forever as we were trying to wrap our minds around what was happening.

Upon arrival, we were tasked with filling out paperwork and paying a ridiculous amount of money, because in Saudi you have hospital specific insurance and this was not our hospital. While my husband was calling friends to help with the financial situation, I was sitting there,

helplessly holding my baby. All I could do was pray. I don't even know what I prayed for, but as I prayed, courage came over me. I remember barging into the treatment room with my baby in my arms and crying. "Can someone please help my baby?"

A doctor took one look at his limp body and said, "I will help your baby." He took him from me, and I watched, in horror, as a team of doctors and nurses tried to get an IV into his dehydrated little arms, feet -- or anything. By this time, he had even stopped whimpering. He just laid there while they poked his little body. Their attempts for an IV were unsuccessful. Minutes before they came to take him to surgery to insert a picc line, another doctor walked into the room, and asked if he could try. We were desperate. Miraculously, with one stick, this doctor inserted an IV into our boy's left arm. We were so grateful, but we forgot to ask his name. When we asked about him later, nobody knew who he was.

Over the next few days, we would learn that our son had Type 1 diabetes as the risks of his critical condition were explained to us. By the merciful grace of God our baby's body responded well to the treatment. We took a crash course

in counting carbohydrates and checking blood sugar in sweet little fingers and toes. And we practiced giving shots to an orange.

In those scary days, a few things stood out to us. The first thing was the presence of the unknown doctor who just happened to be able to get an IV in when no one else was able. Another thing was the presence of Filipino nurses who were Christians. They knew we were Christians because our son's first name is Joshua (the English name for "Yahweh is Salvation"). These nurses faithfully prayed over our boy whenever they came to check on him. We also found out about their secret church. Immediately The Lord formed a bond between our hearts. He would later use us to bring Bibles, music, and other teaching materials to these people.

This experience taught us that even though we do not understand God's ways, He never wastes one tear or trial. Romans 8:28 reminds us that He is always at work for our ultimate Good and the Good of others. And, for that, we give Him glory!

Connect with Bost on social media platforms by searching for "Sandra Mullins Bost."

## Reflect on the cross, remember the cost

Good Friday forces us to slow down and face the weight of what Jesus endured. The cross was not symbolic. It was real. The pain was real. The sacrifice was real. And in His final moments, Jesus did not stay silent. He spoke seven powerful statements that still speak to us today.

From the cross, He said, "Father, forgive them." Even in agony, He chose forgiveness. That reminds us that no matter what has been done to us, forgiveness is not optional for those who follow Him.

He told the thief, "Today you will be with me in paradise." In that moment, we see that grace is not earned. It is received. It is never too late for redemption.

He said, "Woman, behold your son." Even while dying, He cared for others. That shows us that love does not stop in suffering.

He cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He felt the weight of separation so we would never have to. Even in moments when we feel distant from God, we are never abandoned.

He declared, "I thirst." The Savior of the world experienced human weakness. He understands our struggles, our pain, and our need.

Then He said, "It is finished." Not "I am finished." But "it is finished." The work of sin's defeat was complete. The debt was paid in full.

And finally, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Even in death, Jesus trusted the Father completely.

But the story does not end on Friday. Because early Sunday morning, everything changed.

The stone was rolled away. The tomb was empty. Death was defeated. What

looked like loss turned into victory. What looked like the end became a new beginning.

Easter reminds us that God is still in the business of resurrection. He can take what is broken and bring it back to life. He can take what feels finished in your life and write a new chapter. The same power that raised Jesus from the grave is still at work today.

So, as you reflect on the cross, remember the cost.

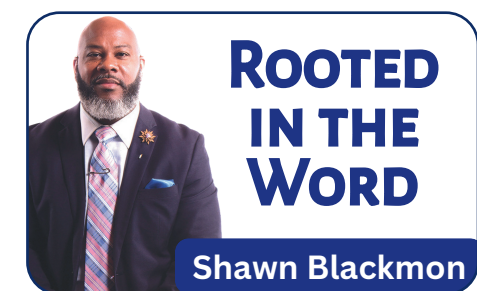
And as you celebrate the empty tomb, remember the victory.

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

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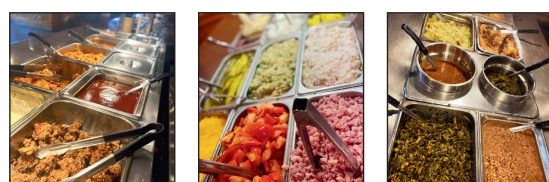
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# OBITUARIES



**Barbara Faye Hall**

**GADSDEN** - Barbara Faye Hall, 84, of Gadsden, passed away peacefully on March 24, surrounded by love.

Barbara was born on October 28, 1941, in Albertville, Alabama, and was raised in Geraldine, where she graduated from Geraldine High School in 1960.

She married the love of her life, Ronnie Hall, and together they built a life centered around faith, family, and community in Gadsden.

Barbara was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her daughter, Loretta Stowers (Danny), and her son, Clark Hall (Sally); her grandchildren, Benjamin Hall, Jonathon Hall, and DJ Stowers; and her great-grandchildren, Tristan, Ethan, Olivia, and Adalyn.

Barbara spent her early years as a stay-at-home mother, later becoming self-employed alongside her daughter, Loretta, for many years. She eventually worked alongside her son, Clark, in his law practice until her retirement in 2020.

She had a deep love for bowling and was inducted into the Bowling Hall of Fame in 1988.

Barbara's life was grounded in her faith in Jesus Christ, whom she accepted as her Lord and Savior at a young age.

She was known for her vibrant personality, her quick wit, and her ability to make everyone feel welcome. She truly never met a stranger.



**Kenneth Lasseter  
Juanise Lasseter**

Brother Kenneth Lasseter, 84, and his beloved wife, Juanise Lasseter, 84, were called home to be with the Lord just one day apart—Juanise on March 23, and Kenneth on March 24.

Brother Kenneth faithfully served the Lord for many years, preaching His word and pastoring numerous local churches. He was well known throughout the community for sharing the Gospel, loving people, and pointing others to Jesus at every opportunity.

By his side every step of the way was his devoted wife and best friend, Juanise. She loved her family deeply and was a friend to many. Her ministry was caring for others—especially through cooking—and anyone who sat at her table knew they were truly loved.

Together, Kenneth and Juanise built a life centered on Christ and love. It is only fitting that they were not apart for long, a beautiful reflection of a bond that was strong on earth and is now made whole in Heaven.

They were preceded in death by their infant daughter, Debra Denise Lasseter.

They are survived by their daughters, Elizabeth (Tim) Elliott and Janice (Jason) Gray; grandchildren, Laura Elliott, Megan (Nathan) Williams, J.J. Gray, and Jase Gray; and great-grandchildren, Elliott and Palmer

Williams.

## **Carl Jackson**

**GADSDEN** - Carl S. Jackson, Gadsden, passed away Monday, March 30, at his Residence. Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife. We ask that you please keep this family in your heart and prayers during their time of bereavement.



**Charles Ronald "Ronnie" Bryan**

**GADSDEN** - Charles Ronald "Ronnie" Bryan, Jr., 76, of Gadsden, passed away peacefully on March 28.

Ronnie was born on December 16, 1949 in Gadsden, Alabama, to Charles and Mina Bryan. Ronnie was raised and spent many of his most cherished years in the Coates Bend community, surrounded by loving family and dear friends. He attended Gaston School and was a devoted member of Macedonia Baptist Church, later joining Union 3 Baptist Church.

He loved his family deeply, often reminiscing about his father, mother, sister, and brother-in-law. Ronnie's father, an Auburn alumnus, taught him the ways of an Auburn man. Ronnie took his duties as a tried-and-true supporter of the Auburn Tigers seriously. His mother taught him the love of gospel music, which brought him joy and comfort throughout his life. During his last years, he expressed excitement about being reunited with his parents. The family finds peace in knowing he is now with his Savior, his mother and father, and family and friends who have gone before him.

Ronnie was the kind of uncle every family needs, steadfast and always present. He never missed a game, recital, or milestone, no matter how big or small, and showed up with genuine pride and enthusiasm. As a result of their close relationships, Ronnie taught his niece and nephews, and great nieces and nephews, the true meaning of family, commitment, compassion, inclusion, sacrifice, and advocacy and life-lessons that will shape generations to come.

Ronnie showed everyone around him the true meaning of connection and community. Whether he was biking around the bend, attending church, gathering at the community center, or supporting school events, Ronnie always greeted others with a warm smile, took a genuine interest in their lives, and offered unwavering encouragement and support. He taught those around him the meaning of unconditional love and pure, child-like joy. His connectiveness with others showed how impactful a supportive community is for belonging and quality of life.

Although Ronnie's experiences in life were not easy, he was resilient and demonstrated how the little things in life are really the big things. In his own unique and powerful way, Ronnie's life became a lesson in love, perseverance, and connection, one that will stay with his family and friends always. It is unmistakable that his journey exemplified the power of a praying mother and God's faithfulness.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his father, Charles Bryan; mother, Mina Horton Bryan; sister, Lana Bryan Kilpatrick; and, brother-in-law, Kenneth Kilpatrick. He is survived by his niece, Kimberly (Scott) Fells; nephews Kevin (Kriszti) Kilpatrick, Kasey Kilpatrick, and Brian (Erica) Kilpatrick; great nieces Sawyer Kilpatrick, Gracie (Jakob) Morris, Lani Fells, and Macy Fells; great nephews Noah Kilpatrick, Ben (Sierra) Kilpatrick, Lincoln Kilpatrick, and Jake Ede; great-great nephews Everett and Ryder Kilpatrick. Pallbearers will be Kevin Kilpatrick, Kasey Kilpatrick, Brian Kilpatrick, Lincoln Kilpatrick, Brad Barnes, and Scott Fells.

The family sincerely expresses their gratitude to the ICU and Comfort Care teams at Atrium Floyd in Rome, Georgia, as well as the staff at Cherokee County Health and Rehab Center in Centre, Alabama, for their compassionate care and support.

Bryan; sister, Lana Bryan Kilpatrick; and, brother-in-law, Kenneth Kilpatrick. He is survived by his niece, Kimberly (Scott) Fells; nephews Kevin (Kriszti) Kilpatrick, Kasey Kilpatrick, and Brian (Erica) Kilpatrick; great nieces Sawyer Kilpatrick, Gracie (Jakob) Morris, Lani Fells, and Macy Fells; great nephews Noah Kilpatrick, Ben (Sierra) Kilpatrick, Lincoln Kilpatrick, and Jake Ede; great-great nephews Everett and Ryder Kilpatrick. Pallbearers will be Kevin Kilpatrick, Kasey Kilpatrick, Brian Kilpatrick, Lincoln Kilpatrick, Brad Barnes, and Scott Fells.

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**Gary Maxwell Henry**

**RAINBOW CITY** - Gary Maxwell Henry passed away on Monday, March 23, at the age of 79. Born on August 13, 1946, Gary was a resident of Rainbow City, Alabama.

He was preceded in death by his parents Kermit (Dorothy) Henry & Vida Faye (Norman) Ferguson and his brother James (Rita) Henry and his sister Vickie (Harold) Wright.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Joan Catherine Henry; his children, Angela (Leonard) Henry, Gregory (Beverly) Henry and Jeffrey (Robyn) Henry; 4 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. He is survived by his beloved brothers and sisters, Phillip (Faye) Henry, Roger (Kathy) Henry, Sarah (Neal) Glassco, Patsy (Jonathan) Carn, Freddie Colvin, Kathy (Gary) Johnson along with extended family and friends who will deeply miss him.

## **Esther Cobb Bell Moore**

**HOKES BLUFF** - Mrs. Esther Bell Moore, 92, Hokes Bluff, passed away Friday, March 20, at her residence. Moore is survived by her family.

## **Ernestine Sheffield**

**GADSDEN** - Ernestine Sheffield, 103, of Gadsden, passed away on Thursday, March 26.

Mrs. Sheffield was a former employee of Professional Opticians. She was a proud mother who found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved to cook and read and enjoyed spending time chatting on the phone, often sharing stories and laughter. She especially cherished time spent with her friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver Street Huff and Bessie Jane Huff; her husbands, Charles W. Hammock and Tommy Sheffield; her son, Grady Ray Hammock; her sisters, Cloma Dell Rogers Head, Bessie Faye Huff, and Connie Sue Huff; and her brother, Oliver Ray Huff.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Diane Glidewell; her brother, Travis Lynn Huff (Jeanette); her sisters, Julia Ann Walker and Debra Kay Graham (Aaron); her niece, Oma Jane Corbin; and her special friends, Joyce Stephens

and Ann Borne. She is also survived by three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests that no flowers be sent.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for the loving care provided by ACG Hospice, Thomas Harper, and all of her devoted caregivers.



**Geneva Downs Benefield**

**GADSDEN** - Geneva Downs Benefield, 88, of Gadsden. She was appropriately called to her heavenly home on Palm Sunday, March 29, surrounded by her loving family and caregivers. Pastor Jordan Self of Falls Mountain Global Methodist Church will officiate. Collier-Butler Funeral and Cremation Services will direct.

Mrs. Benefield was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all who knew her. She lived up to her saying of being "COUNTRY STRONG" throughout her entire life. There were no boundaries as to what she would do for her family. Her last words, "I love my whole family with all my heart," exemplified this. Our precious Geneva brought joy and comfort to all who knew her. She was an inspiration to her family, caregivers, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her devoted husband and best friend of 56 years, Fred Benefield; parents, Emmett and Lucille Downs; and sister, Lavada Dalton.

She is survived by her two daughters, Cindy Pike Sheffield (Ken) and Susan Johnson (Rex); her two grandchildren, Shauna Fuhrman Keiner (Todd) and Will Pike; a host of precious cousins, nieces, and nephews; not to mention grand-dogs and "adopted" children.

Pallbearers were Will Pike, Rex Johnson, Ken Sheffield, Todd Keiner, Dale Vaughn, and David Dalton. Honorary pallbearers are friends of Gulf State Steel, where she spent her 45-year career.

In special thanks, we recognize our adoring friend, Jackie Aldridge Faust, for her care and support. Our family would like to express our sincere gratitude to her wonderful caregivers, Jeanne's Dream Team: Rachel, Amber, Jamie, Ann, Claudette, Jeanette, Misty, Braylen, and Enhabit Hospice nurses.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Falls Mountain Global Methodist Church, 209 Mary Lou Circle, Gadsden, AL 35904.

"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away. Thank you, Mom and grandmother, for the beautiful life and the example you led for all of us here on earth. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. We love you so much, and we will meet you there."

## **Quinlee Grace Farmer**

Quinlee Grace Farmer was born sleeping on March 24, 2026. She was a precious little angel who was taken too soon. Her time on this Earth was short, but the love for Quinlee will last a lifetime.

She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Don Harcrow, and her great-grandparents, Edith and James Cooper, and Larry Farmer.

Left to miss and love Quinlee are her parents, Tony Farmer and Miranda Harcrow, her sister, Hartlee Farmer, her brother, Britton Farmer, her grandparents, Sedana Harcrow, Tony D. Farmer Sr., Christy Wilson and John Graham, her uncles, Cameron Harris, Jessy Lipscomb, Jimmy Lipscomb, Hayden Lipscomb, Jeff Bevels, and Jason Epperson, her aunts, Breanna Harcrow, Stephanie Jackson, Belinda Lodge, Raven Tinsley, Jenny Epperson and Jocelyn Garrard, her great grandmothers, Linda Farmer, Faye Michael and Bobby Epperson and special friends, the Yates Family.



**Janice Ann Pittman Hall**

**STEELE** - Janice Ann Pittman Hall, 90, of Steele, passed away peacefully on March 2. Born on Nov. 24, 1935, in Wilson County, North Carolina, Janice lived a life defined by faith, devotion to family, and enduring love.

Jan was the daughter of MaryAnn and Ivey Pittman and grew up alongside her siblings—her brother Ron and sisters Nelda, Faye. As the youngest, she often fondly reminded her siblings of her "baby" status. Raised during the Great Depression, Jan learned early the value of family, resilience, and togetherness—bonds that remained strong throughout her life.

On Oct. 24, 1953, she married the love of her life, Joe Green Hall, in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Together, they built a life centered on love and family. They welcomed their daughter, Teresa Jo (Terri), in 1954. Later, they lovingly adopted their son, Stephen Allen (Steve), completing their family in 1962. Janice cherished her role as a mother and poured her heart into raising her children.

In 1965, the family relocated to Alabama when Joe's career as a railroad engineer brought them there. They eventually settled in Center Point before purchasing a farm in Ashville in 1979, where Jan truly found joy in creating a warm, welcoming home.

Jan's faith was a cornerstone of her life. She became a devoted member of First Baptist Church of Ashville, where she faithfully attended services and was an active participant in her Sunday School class. Her spiritual journey deepened alongside her daughter Terri, and both shared the special experience of being baptized together.

Known for her kind spirit and loving heart, Jan treasured time spent with her family. She also enjoyed shopping trips and weekly lunches with dear friends, especially her close friend Freda. Her warmth, laughter, and gentle nature will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Even as her health declined, Janice remained steadfast in her faith, facing the end of her life with peace, assurance, and no fear—confident in her eternal home with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Joe Hall; her parents, MaryAnn and Ivey Pittman.

Jan is survived by her daughter, Terri (Don) Uptain; her son, Steve (Deborah) Hall; grandchildren Dana (Scott) Jones, Amber (David) McCress, and Casey (April) Moring; and great-grandsons Joe Uptain,

Tyler Moring, Sam Coleman, Jackson McCress, Slade Jones, and Jase Moring. She also leaves behind many extended family members and dear friends who will cherish her memory.



**Jackie Sue Carmack**

**GADSDEN** - Jackie Sue Carmack ("Mama Mack"), 85, of Gadsden, entered her heavenly home on March 24.

Jackie was a lifelong resident of Etowah County and a graduate of Etowah High School, Class of 1958. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Jacksonville State University and later obtained her master's degree in education from the University of Alabama.

Jackie dedicated more than 43 years to education. She began her career at John Jones Elementary and General Forrest and later taught physical education at Gadsden State Community College. During her time there, she taught tennis, table tennis, and weightlifting, and was especially fond of her role as cheerleading coach. Jackie loved her vocation and took great pride in being a teacher. She was deeply passionate about her calling and poured her heart into shaping her students' lives, leaving a lasting impact on many.

She was active in her community and a member of the Red Hat Society. Jackie enjoyed gardening, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of Paden Baptist Church and later East Gadsden Baptist Church, where she faithfully nurtured her children's love for the Lord and their personal relationship with Christ.

Jackie was preceded in death by her father, Ross Moore; her mother, Lillie Bell ("Pat") Moore; and her sisters, Faye Hamilton and Adalia Browning.

She is survived by her children, Joey (Kelly) Carmack and Carol Carmack; her beloved grandchildren, Ashley, Chandler, Michael (Hannah) Carmack, Colter (Tiffany) Swafford, Grant Carmack, and Elijah Carmack; and her great-grandchildren, Emily, Wolfgang, Emory, Evelyn, David, Daniel, and Adeline. She is also survived by many special nieces and nephews, as well as two honorary family members, Holly Messer and Jason Dendy.

Pallbearers were Michael Carmack, Colter Swafford, Elijah Carmack, Grant Carmack, Preston Carmack, and Brian Carmack.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the caregivers at Oak Landing in Attalla, The Haven in Gulf Shores, Waterford at Creekside in Pensacola, and Emerald Coast Hospice. The family is deeply grateful for the respectful and loving care Jackie received.

## **Mary Elizabeth (McCain) Wise**

**GADSDEN** - With heartfelt sympathy, we announce the earthly transition of Mary Elizabeth McCain Wise of Gadsden, who traded mortal for immortality on Thursday, March 26, at the age of 81.

## **Peggy Williams**

Peggy Williams passed away on March 27, at the age of 71.



**Jesse Benjamin Killingsworth II**

**GADSDEN** - Jesse Benjamin Killingsworth II, 84 of Gadsden, passed away on March 28, at his home.

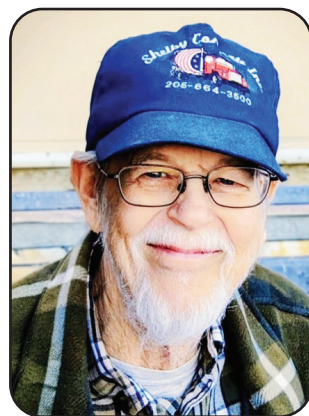
He is preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Benjamin and Alma Bell Killingsworth and several brothers and sisters.

Left to cherish the memory of Jesse, is his loving wife, Phyllis J. Killingsworth, his children, Jesse Benjamin Killingsworth III and Tonia Renea Killingsworth, his grandchildren, Jesse Benjamin Killingsworth IV, Justin Levi Killingsworth, Destiny Killingsworth Werner, Britany Killingsworth, Crystal, Donnie, Ava Fae, Holly Kay, and Gavin, great-grandchild, Kade, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Jesse was a member of the Pentecostal Church of God. He attended Barber School at a very young age and worked alongside his father as a barber for several years. After the passing of his father, Jesse was called into the Ministry and spent almost 10 years studying, during which he obtained his Doctorate Degree in Theology. Along his travels and Pastorship of many churches, he also attended Zales Jewelers School and a highly recognized suit and clothing Taylor School. He loved playing Gretsch Guitars and collecting guns. He was the Texas #1 Six-Shooter Fast Draw winner for three years. He was a blessing to everyone he met and lovingly shared his wisdom and experiences with those who desired to learn more. He will be dearly missed.

**Pamela Byram Conry**

**GADSDEN** - Pamela Byram Conry passed on March 24, at the age of 70. Born on Feb. 11, 1956, in Alabama, she was a resident of Gadsden.



**Eddie Hough**

**PELLHAM** - Eddie Hough, 71, of Pellham, Alabama, passed away on March 23. He will be laid to rest at Williams Southside Cemetery.

Eddie was a proud graduate of Gaston High School, Class of 1973, and went on to attend Gadsden State Vocational School for electrical training. He completed an apprenticeship with the IBEW, working for 5 years before beginning a long and dedicated career as an industrial electrician. His work took him across the country, and he eventually retired in the Birmingham area.

Eddie had a deep love of music and was an avid guitarist. He was also an Eagle Scout, a testament to his character, discipline, and love for the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Iva Hough, and his beloved wife, Renee Hough.

Eddie is survived by his sister, Amanda Mountain (Randall Mountain); nieces, Brooke Vining (Joey Vining), Kristy Phillips (Kevin Phillips); nephews, Tyler Reeves (Gina Reeves), Randy Mountain, and Tracy Mountain; grand-nephews, Braxton Reeves, Reeves Vining, Payton Vining; and one grand-niece, Anna Reece Reeves.

Pallbearers were Tyler Reeves, Joey Vining, Braxton Reeves, and Reeves Vining.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in his honor.



**Jean Brooks Callan**

**GADSDEN** - Jean Brooks Callan, 101, of Gadsden, passed away peacefully at home.

Born in Gadsden, Alabama, on May 18, 1924, Jean was a teacher for many years and helped establish and run a school at College Heights Baptist Church, where she served as director. She was an artist who loved to travel and was a great cook, gardener, and avid reader. She cherished her time at both College Heights Baptist Church and later at Macedonia Baptist Church in Hokes Bluff. Jean could often be found reading her Bible and praying, as she faithfully lived out her Christian beliefs.

Jean is survived by her daughter, Deana (Jeff) Thacker; son, Richard (Cheri) Brooks; and son-in-law, Clark Lancaster. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Scott (Krystal) Lancaster, Brooke Lancaster, Kyle Thacker, Lauren (Colton) Harden, Leah (Patrick) Patterson, Graham Brooks, and Hannah (Britton) Garrett; and great-grandchildren: Carson, Jackson, Mack, Arden, Carter, Adrian, Kaleigh, Arabella, Coralyn, Bella Kate, and Bentley, along with many cherished nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Josie Thompson; her brothers, Jack, Rob, Ray, and Bill Thompson; and her daughter, Linda Brooks Lancaster.

Special thanks to Enhabit Home Health; her nurses and caregivers, Kayla, Jennifer, Lori, Courtney, and Fred (Chaplain); and Dr. Reiland for the wonderful care they provided.

Pallbearers were Scott Lancaster, Kyle Thacker, Graham Brooks, Britton Garrett, Patrick Patterson, and Colton Harden. Honorary pallbearers will be Jeff Thacker and Clark Lancaster.

Jean loved everyone she met and wanted all to know Jesus. She was a Proverbs 31 woman and surely heard the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

**Marjorie Henning**

Marjorie Henning passed away on March 22, at the age of 98; she was born on March 4, 1928.

**Laura Hundley**

Laura Hundley passed away on March 26, at the age of 76.



**Rebecca Lambert Kirk**

**GADSDEN** - Rebecca Lambert Kirk, 72, of Gadsden, passed away peacefully on March 2, after an extensive illness. She left this world on the same day she entered it.

She was born on March 24, 1954, to Cecil and Mary Lambert in Gadsden, Alabama. Rebecca was a proud graduate of Gadsden High School, Class of 1972. She held her alma mater and the precious friendships built at Gadsden High close to her heart for the rest of her life.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Mr. Cecil "CiCi" Lambert and Mary "Mimi" Lambert; her sister, Peggy Lambert; stepson, Jon Kirk; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. S.J. "Jack" Kirk and

Betty Kirk.

Left to cherish her memory is her devoted husband of 37 years, Mr. Sam Kirk; her brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Kim Lambert; sister-in-law, Mary Kirk Atkins; stepson, Stephen (Vickie) Kirk; grandsons, Sellers and Bo Kirk; granddaughters, Katie and Mollie Kirk; and great-grandson, Cooper Kirk. Numerous nieces and nephews also carry her memory forward as well as her constant companions, Lulu and Boots.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the physicians and nurses who provided Rebecca with extraordinary care throughout her journey: Peter Saway, M.D. of Rheumatology Associates in Birmingham; Andrew Langone, M.D. of Vanderbilt's renal transplant team; Frank Malensek, M.D. of Southview Medical Group in Birmingham; and the compassion and care shown to both Rebecca and Sam by the MICU nurses and staff at Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

Lastly but certainly not least, the family holds the miracle of organ donation with profound reverence and are forever indebted to the generosity of the soul whose gift of life gave Rebecca several more years with her loved ones.

There is no service scheduled currently.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."  
— 2 Timothy 4:7

**Paul Garland Johnson**

**ALTOONA** - Paul Garland Johnson passed on Monday, March 23, at the age of 62. Born on Jan. 28, 1964 in New Orleans. Paul was a resident of Altoona, Alabama.

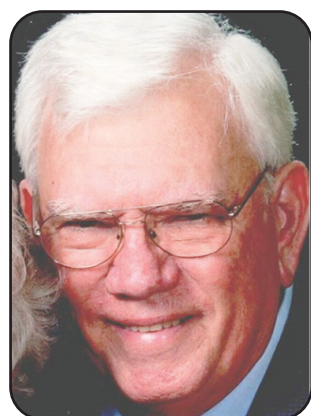
Funeral service will be at 1pm Saturday, March 28, 2026 at Morgan Funeral Chapel. Burial at Rainbow Memorial Gardens.

Paul was a loving husband and father. He was a graduate of Enterprise High School. He was cherished by all who knew him. He was a dedicated Auburn fan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey Allen Johnson and mother, Virginia Marie Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Johnson; three daughters, Ashley Hall, Heather and Matthew Caton, Melissa Hall; two granddaughters, Josalyn Hall, Neveah Hall; brother, David Johnson of Florida, and sister, Wendy Johnson.

Pallbearers were Matthew Caton, Jeff Abernathy, Wyatt LaPradd, Andrew Boren, and Christopher Boren.



**Van Norris Greenhaw**

**GADSDEN** - Van Norris Greenhaw, 85, of Gadsden, went to be with his lord on March 24.

Greenhaw was a longtime member of Cherry Street Baptist Church. Mr. Greenhaw was a 1961 graduate of Gadsden High School. He attended a trade school and graduated as a cabinetmaker.

Greenhaw joined the Air Force in 1964. He was in the Air Force for 27 plus years. He rose to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. He retired from the Air Force in 1991.

Greenhaw could be found with a book in his hands. He loved gardening and fishing. Mr. Greenhaw was also a member of the Gideons.

Greenhaw was preceded in death by his late wife, Wilma Joyce Greenhaw; son, Brian Van Greenhaw; sister-in-law, Janis Greenhaw; sister and brother-in-law, Nina and Perry Wardrup; brother-in-law, Jerry Langley; and parents, Boston and Bonnie Louise Greenhaw.

Greenhaw is survived by his wife, Debra Greenhaw; son, Craig (Phoenica) Greenhaw; daughter, Jennifer (Sean) Rector; brothers, Nick

Greenhaw and Kent (Donna) Greenhaw; brother-in-law, Mike Langley, and many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks are given to Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center staff and to Emily, Erika, Morgan and Robert for taking care of him.

Aveanna Hospice staff for their guidance and help with Greenhaw.

As well as Home Health Services staff, Dane, Susanne and Tonya, for taking care of Mr. Greenhaw at home.



**Shirley du Pont**

**SOUTHSIDE** - Shirley du Pont, 80, of Southside, Alabama, passed away on March 23, after an extended illness. She was surrounded by her brother and cousins.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, May 9 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter in Gadsden. The service will start at 1 p.m., followed by a reception.

Miss du Pont was born on Aug. 10, 1945, in Attalla, Alabama. She graduated in the class of 1963 at Etowah High School, and then graduated with honors and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Alabama, majoring in English. She was employed with South Central Bell and AT&T for over 30 years in Gadsden, Birmingham, Parsippany, N.J., and Nashville, Tenn. She also worked or Service Merchandise as a Jewelry Manager and was program director of the OLLIE programs at University of Alabama in Gadsden. Shirley was affiliated with several senior citizens programs in Etowah County and could be seen on stage in various productions with Theatre of Gadsden.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jo Nell du Pont Adcock and Carl F. du Pont, both of Attalla; Cousins, Jimmy du Pont, Somerset, Penna, Rick Hoover, Somerset, Penna.

She is survived by her brother, Mark du Pont of Jacksonville; and cousins, Jim Jolly of Tuscaloosa, and Sue Jolly of Foley, AL, Larry Ferrel, of Lewis, Del, Linda Sabatella, of St. Augustine, FL, Dave du Pont, Jim Hoover, from Somerset, Penna, Debbie Bryan, of Wilmington, Del, Jack Marker, Joe du Pont, Robbie du Pont, Diane Lee, Keith Hoover, Heather Pruet, all of Somerset, Penna.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, you make a memorial donation of your choice.

The family would like to extend the greatest appreciation for Riverview Hospital (Dr. James Robinson), Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga (Dr. Daniel Kueter), Gadsden Health and Rehab, Encompass Health and Rehab, the staff and residents of Paden Ridge in East Gadsden, and the Hospice of Chattanooga nurses and staff.

**Regina Long Beard**

**GADSDEN** - Regina Long Beard, 86, of Gadsden, Alabama, passed away peacefully at her home on March 27, surrounded by her loved ones.

Born on June 20, 1939, in Gadsden, Regina was the daughter of the late Ester and Grace Long. She spent her life rooted in the community she loved and will be remembered for her gentle spirit, strength, and deep love for her family. She was a devoted employee of South Central Bell/BellSouth for 30 years, during which she built lasting friendships and took great pride in her work. Outside of work, she was a faithful member of Riverbend Baptist Church, where her faith was central to her life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Beard, and her brother, Dewayne Long.

She is survived by her son, Patrick Cash (Jennifer); her granddaughter, Heather

Carter (Logan); her cherished great-grandchildren, James, Meera, and Jack; her dear friend, Walt Alexander; and her brothers, Milburn Long (Anna) and Dennis Long (Gail). Sister-in-law, Margaret Long.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to Faye Payne and Joy Flenord for the loving kindness and care they provided, and to Morgan Brock, RN, for her compassion and dedicated care.

Regina's warmth, kindness, selflessness, and gentle spirit will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.



**Sheila Lalane Smith Stone**

**GADSDEN** - Sheila Lalane Smith Stone, 69, of Gadsden, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 31, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

A lifelong resident of Etowah County, Sheila attended Emma Sansom High School. She was a wonderful mother, a devoted grandmother, and a cherished friend to many. Her life was marked by kindness, strength, and an unwavering faith. Known as a true prayer warrior, Sheila uplifted countless people through her prayers, compassion, and encouragement. She had a special gift for making others feel seen, loved, and supported in times of need.

Her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched through her family, friendships, and steadfast devotion to faith and love. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Sheila was preceded in death by her parents, Elvora Bullock Green and Carl Wayne Smith Sr.; W.A. "Doug" Green; Dolores Smith; and her grandparents, Charlie and Irene Bullock, and Austin and Clara Smith.

She is survived by her three children, Blaine (Tina) McLaughlin, Amanda (Tyler) May, and Ashley (Daniel) Pearce; her siblings, Carl Smith, Rita Smith Toney, Charlene Mabry McEachern, Thomas (Kathy) Mabry, Michael Mabry, Michael Todd Green, and Renee (Gina) Green; as well as her beloved grandchildren and extended family.

Pallbearers will be Blaine McLaughlin, Daniel Pearce, Blake Sims, Joseph Smith, Ty Hunt, Adam Walden, Darrell Hilderbrand, Josh Green, Justin Cox, Dustin Cox.

Honorary pallbearers include Carl Smith, Renee Green, Michael Green, Michael Mabry, and Thomas Mabry, Jeremy Smith, and Justin Chappell.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 3, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Morgan Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 4, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., followed by a graveside service at Greens Chapel Cemetery.

Sheila was a beautiful woman inside and out. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

The family would like to

extend their heartfelt thanks to Rob Caves, Amedisys Hospice of Rainbow City, and ACG Hospice for the compassionate care given to Sheila during her final days.



**Ronald Gene "Peanut" Weaver**

**ALTOONA** - Ronald Gene Weaver "Peanut", 72, of Altoona, passed away Tuesday, March 31.

Ronald was born May 20, 1953, to Ernest and Mary Weaver.

Ronald was always willing to help anyone. He loved his family and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ernest Weaver, mother, Mary Weaver and brothers, Doyce Weaver and Ernie Weaver.

He is survived by his sons, Keith (Jennifer) Weaver, Rocky (Twylla) Weaver and Robert Weaver, daughters, Amanda Weaver and Gina Weaver Edwards (Devin), grandchildren, Cassidy Weaver and Carson Weaver, sisters, Cindy (Kent) Wade and Carla (Jim) Scott, special friend, Sonja Vaughn and a host of other family and friends.

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



**Wanda Ray Williams**

**ALTOONA** - Wanda Ray Williams, 83, passed away on March 27; she was born on Oct. 19, 1942.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 3rd at 1:00 pm at Altoona Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Clyde Jenkins will officiate.

Wanda was born in Blountsville, AL, in 1942. Then moving to Altoona and graduating from Altoona High School in 1960. Wanda married James "Sonny" Williams and was married for 43 years. Together, they had one son, Michael Williams. Wanda was employed at V.F. Corp for 28 years, in various locations. She retired in 2012. Wanda passed peacefully at her home.

Wanda was preceded in death by her father, Ray Smith; mother, Faye Smith, brother, Jimmy Smith.

Wanda is survived by her son, Michael Williams; sisters, Georgia Travis and Mary McCullough; brother, James Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Chad Gibson, Shawn Dillard, Jason Garmany, Heath Yates, Steve McNair, and Dennis Coffelt.

Special thanks given to Jolene, Jessica, and Selena of Shepards Cove in Albertville and many others.

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**IN THE MEAT Dept.**



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**Baby Back Pork Ribs**  
Per Lb. **2.99** With Card

**LIMIT 4 EACH**



Selected Varieties, Rice Krispies Treats (6-8 Ct.), Nutri-Grain Bars (8-10 Ct.), Special K Pastry Crisps (6 Ct.) or **Stouffer's Entrees** (6.25-12.87 Oz.) **2/\$5** With Card



Selected Varieties  
**Jimmy Dean Bacon**  
12 Oz. **3.99** With Card

**IN THE Bakery**



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**Strawberry Shortcake**  
Each **6.99** With Card

**DIETITIAN'S PICK** **IN THE PRODUCE Dept.**



**shortcuts**  
Cut Fresh In-Store, Watermelon, Cantaloupe or Pineapple  
**Fruit Bowls**  
Each **5.00** With Card

**LIMIT 4 EACH**



Selected Varieties, Little Hugs (20 Ct.) or **Nestle Toll House Morsels** (10-12 Oz.) **3.99** With Card

**LIMIT 4**



Selected Varieties  
**Little Debbie Snack Cakes**  
9.5-16.2 Oz. **2.19** With Card

**DIETITIAN'S PICK** **IN THE PRODUCE Dept.**



Selected Varieties  
**Little Potato Company Potatoes**  
3 Lb. **5.00** With Card

**IN THE Bakery**



**New**  
**Twisted Rolls**  
6 Ct. **2.99** With Card

**LIMIT 2**



Selected Varieties  
**Monster Energy Drinks**  
12 Pk., 16 Oz. Cans **19.99** With Card

**LIMIT 8**



Selected Varieties  
**Gatorade**  
28 Oz. **4/\$5** With Card

**LIMIT 8 EACH**



Selected Varieties, Martha White Muffin or Cornbread Mix (6-7.6 Oz.) or **Food Club Fruit** (14.5-15.25 Oz.) **4/\$5** With Card

**LIMIT 4**



Frozen, Selected Varieties  
**Food Club Whipped Topping**  
8 Oz. **99¢** With Card

**LIMIT 4 EACH**



Selected Varieties, Jif Peanut Butter (16 Oz.) or **Smucker's Jam or Preserves** (17.25-18 Oz.) **2/\$5** With Card

**LIMIT 2 EACH**



Selected Varieties, Propel (12 Pk., 16.9 Oz. Btls.) or **RC Products** (24 Pk., 12 Oz. Cans) **7.99** With Card

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Selected Varieties, Frito-Lay Multipacks (8-12 Ct.), Lipton Tea (12 Pk., 16.9 Oz. Btls.) or **Misty Mountain Spring Water** (24 Pk., 16.9 Oz. Btls.) **4.99** With Card

**LIMIT 4 EACH**



Selected Varieties, Country Crock (45 Oz.), Frozen, Marie Callender's or Dolly Parton's Pie (21.6-42 Oz.), Food Club Chicken (25-32 Oz.) or **Texas Roadhouse Mini Rolls** (12 Ct.) **4.99** With Card

**LIMIT 2**



Selected Varieties  
**Food City Coffee** (120 Ct.) **29.99** With Card

**LIMIT 4 EACH**



Selected Varieties, Cheez-It Snap'd (6.5-7.5 Oz.), Toasteds (8-8.7 Oz.), Club Crackers (7.5-13.7 Oz.), Town House (9-13.8 Oz.) or **Cheez-It Crackers** (9-12.4 Oz.) **2/\$5** With Card

**Buy 2 SAVE MORE**



Selected Varieties  
**Swanson Broth** (32 Oz.) **1.99** With Card  
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**LIMIT 2**



Selected Varieties  
**Folgers Coffee** (22.6-25.9 Oz.) **9.99** With Card

**LIMIT 5 EACH**



Selected Varieties, Breyer's Ice Cream (48 Oz.), Klondike Novelties (4-6 Ct.) or Ready to Bake Cookie Dough (14-16 Oz.) or **Pillsbury Cookie Dough** (Roll, 16.5 Oz.) **2.99** With Card

**LIMIT 4 EACH**



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# SPORTS

## Local Schedules

**High School Baseball**  
 April 3  
 GCHS VS Alexandria Pelham at GCHS  
 April 4  
 GCHS VS Austin/Pelham at GCHS at 11 a.m.  
 April 7  
 GCHS VS Ohatchee at 4:30 p.m.  
 April 8  
 Hokes Bluff at Westbrook at 6:30 p.m.  
 April 9  
 GCHS VS Ohatchee at 4:30 p.m.  
 Gaston at Sand Rock at 5:30 p.m.  
 West End at Susan Moore at 4:30 p.m.  
**High School Golf**  
 April 6  
 Gadsden City, Glencoe and Springville Girls at Twin Bridges at 3:30 p.m.  
 April 9  
 Gadsden City v. Southside and Arab at Twin Bridges at 3:30 p.m.  
**High School Soccer**  
 April 6  
 Hokes Bluff at Springville at 7 p.m.  
 April 7  
 GCHS v. Albertville at 5 p.m.  
 Hokes Bluff at New Hope at 7:30 p.m.  
 April 8  
 GCHS v. Pell City at 5:30 p.m.  
 April 9  
 GCHS VS Douglas at 4:30 p.m.  
**High School Softball**  
 April 7  
 GCHS VS Talladega at 5 p.m.  
 Hokes Bluff VS Etowah at 4:30  
 West End at Sand Rock at 5:00  
 April 9  
 GCHS VS Ft. Payne at 4:30  
**High School Tennis**  
 April 6  
 Sardis v. Decatur at 3:30 p.m.  
 Southside v. Donoho at 4 p.m.  
 April 7  
 Southside v. Westbrook at 3 p.m.  
 Sardis v. DAR at 3:30 p.m.  
 Gadsden City v. Guntersville at 3:30 p.m.  
 April 9  
 GCHS at Boaz at 3 p.m.  
**High School Track**  
 April 4  
 King of the East at Oxford at GCHS at 8 p.m.  
 April 7  
 GCS Elementary Track Meet All Day at GCHS  
 April 9  
 Gadsden City Meet # 6 at GCHS at 4 p.m.

## College Sports

**College Men's Baseball**  
 April 4  
 GSCC v. Wallace State Community College-Hanceville at noon  
 GSCC v. Wallace State Community College-Hanceville at 2:30 p.m.  
 April 9  
 GSCC AT Calhoun Community College at 12:00  
 GSCC AT Calhoun Community College at 2:30  
**College Women's Softball**  
 April 9  
 GSCC v. Calhoun Community at 3 p.m.  
 GSCC v. Calhoun Community College at 5 p.m.

## GSCC's Deddrick Tarver named Coach of the Year

Gadsden State Community College announces Head Men's Basketball Coach, Deddrick Tarver, has been named the Alabama Community College Conference Coach of the Year.

The award recognizes Tavar's leadership and success of the Cardinals during the 2025-2026 season, according to a press release from GSCC.

Under Tarver's direction, the Gadsden State men's basketball program delivered a season marked by strong conference performance, disciplined play and continued growth both

on and off the court, the release said.

"Coach Tarver has built a culture of accountability, toughness and excellence within our program," Blake Lewis, Gadsden State Athletic Director, said in the statement. "This recognition is a reflection of the hard work he puts in every day and the respect he has earned across the conference."

Known for his commitment to student success, he emphasizes character development, academic achievement and preparing players for the next level, according to the statement.

"I am honored to receive this recognition, but it truly belongs to our players and staff," Tarver said, in the statement. "They have bought into our vision and put in the work every day. I am proud of what we have accomplished together."

The ACCC Coach of the Year award is voted on by conference coaches and recognizes excellence in leadership, team performance and overall contribution to the sport.

Gadsden State continue to build momentum within its athletics programs, with men's basketball playing a key role in that success.



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## Bryant-Jordan regional recipients released

41st annual banquet set for April 13

The Bryant-Jordan Student-Athlete Scholarship program has announced its regional scholarship recipients for 2026. A total of 52 senior student-athletes from the 420 member schools in the Alabama High School Athletic Association are selected as regional recipients for the Larry D. Stripling Scholar-Athlete Award. An additional 52 senior student athletes have also been selected as regional recipients of the Ken and Betty Joy Blankenship Student-Athlete Achievement Award.

One student from each of the eight regions in Classes 1A through 6A and the four regions in Class 7A are selected in each scholarship program from the nominations submitted by member schools each year. All regional recipients will attend the 41st annual Bryant-Jordan Awards Banquet at Birmingham's

Sheraton Hotel on April 13. Each of the 104 regional winners received a \$3,000 scholarship, the 14 Class winners received an additional \$3,500; and for each overall state winner, the stipend received was \$4,000. Each of the regional recipients is also eligible for several other special awards presented at the annual banquet.

Established by the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in partnership with the AH-SAA, the program was built on the unconditional belief that education and athletics could work together to motivate young people to excel. Named after two Alabama sports legends - Paul "Bear" Bryant and Ralph "Shug" Jordan - the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Program brings together the best and brightest high school senior student-athletes from 52 regions in Alabama awarding college scholarships to celebrate

their achievements. The Bryant-Jordan scholarship program is highly acclaimed across the nation.

The program, currently managed by Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Executive Director Scott Myers and Shelton Thompson, Bryant-Jordan Program Executive Assistant, honors students who are exceptional academically, as well as those who have overcome major obstacles to succeed. The scholarships are divided into two major categories:

The Scholar-Athlete Award, which began in 1986, honors high school seniors who are both superior athletes and outstanding students. Selection considerations include scholastic standing, sport involvement, athletic honors, student leadership, and civic/church leadership. This award is named in honor of Larry D. Stripling, now deceased, who

served as chairman of the Bryant-Jordan Foundation until his passing in 2012. He also served on the board of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame for 23 years and was its chairman for 13 years.

The Achievement Award, established in 1989, honors high school senior student-athletes who have achieved success relative to his or her ability or who may have overcome an unusual hardship. Selection considerations include academic performance relative to measured ability, sport involvement, athletic honors, student leadership, civic/church leadership. This award is named in honor of Ken and Betty Joy Blankenship, who worked diligently to help manage the Bryant-Jordan program for many years. Mr. Blankenship is now deceased.

Since 1986, the Bryant-Jordan Student-Athlete

Scholarship Program has celebrated outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate hard work, determination and commitment that has led to success in sport and academics.

The program has awarded, in total, over \$11 million in scholarships to 3,326 student-athletes across Alabama. Each year, the program touches all 420 Alabama High School Athletic Association schools, involving approximately 100,000 students.

This year's Class of 2026 Bryant-Jordan Regional Scholarship recipients include Cooper Gomez, of Glencoe High School (Class 3A, Region 6); Tanner Griggs, of Southside High School (Class 6A, Region 7); Caden Howard, of Hokes Bluff High School (Class 4A, Region 6).

## Recent Scores

**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**  
**March 26**  
**Baseball**  
 Hokes Bluff 6 vs. Oneonta 16  
 Hokes Bluff 2 vs. Oneonta 7  
 West End 7 vs. Cleveland 16  
 Sardis 16 vs. Colbert Heights 1  
 Sardis 13 vs. Colbert Heights 3  
 Gaston 7 vs. Pleasant Valley 14  
 Westbrook 6 vs. Etowah 3  
**Softball**  
 Hokes Bluff 18 vs. Oneonta 3  
 Southside 8 vs. Sardis 5  
 West End 10 vs. Susan Moore 0  
 Gaston 6 vs. Pleasant Valley 17  
 Westbrook 0 vs. Ohatchee 10  
**Boys Soccer**  
 Gadsden City 8 vs. White Plains 0  
 Westbrook 1 vs. Oxford 11

**Girls Soccer**  
 Westbrook 2 vs. Oxford 0  
**March 27**  
**Baseball**  
 GCHS 9 vs. Brewer 1  
 Glencoe 12 vs. Wellborn 0  
**Girls Soccer**  
 Etowah 1 vs. Oneonta 2  
**Boys Soccer**  
 Southside 2 vs. St. Michael Catholic 9  
 Etowah 0 vs. Oneonta 1  
**March 28**  
**Baseball**  
 Westbrook 6 vs. Southside 5  
**Softball**  
 Hokes Bluff 4 vs. West End 3  
**Boys Soccer**  
 Southside 1 vs. Foley 2  
**Girls Soccer**  
 Southside 2 vs. Foley 0  
**March 30**  
**Baseball**  
 Glencoe 4 vs. Jacksonville 15  
 Glencoe 10 vs. Sand Rock 0  
 Westbrook 1 vs. Mountain Brook 8  
 Southside 10 vs. Springfield 0  
**Boys Soccer**  
 Southside 0 vs. Fairhope 5  
**March 31**  
**Baseball**  
 West End 11 vs.

Glencoe 6  
 Coosa 3 vs. Victory Christian 7  
 Etowah 8 vs. Fort Walton Beach 5  
 Southside 15 vs. Revere 4  
**Softball**  
 Hokes Bluff 2 vs. Ashville 17  
**April 1**  
**Baseball**  
 Southside 6 vs. Lincoln-Way West 4  
**COLLEGE SPORTS**  
**March 27**

**Men's Baseball**  
 GSCC 0 vs. Chattahoochee Valley Community College 14  
 GSCC 2 vs. Chattahoochee Valley Community College 6  
**Men's Tennis**  
 GSCC vs. Oxford College of Emory University 8  
**March 28**  
**Men's Baseball**  
 GSCC 11 vs. Chattahoochee Valley Community College 3  
 GSCC 1 vs.

Chattahoochee Valley Community College 7  
**Men's Tennis**  
 GSCC 2 vs. UT Southern 5  
**March 29**  
**Women's Softball**  
 GSCC 8 vs. Walters State Community College 6  
 GSCC 8 vs. Walters State Community College 12  
**March 31**  
**Men's Tennis**  
 GSCC 6 vs. Central Alabama Community College 3

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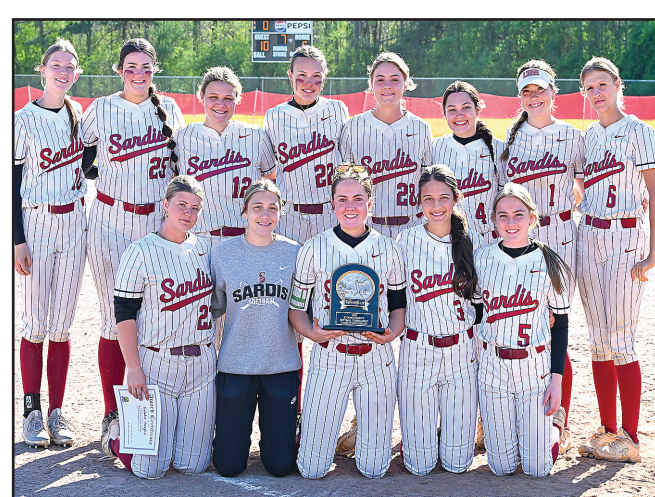
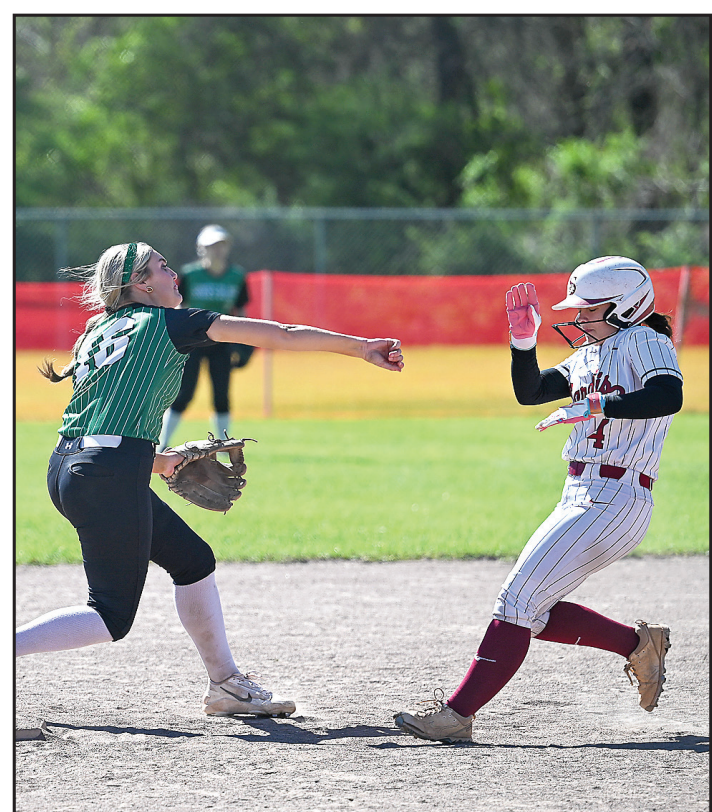
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# SPORTS

## Hokes Bluff wins Etowah County softball tournament



Photos from the 2026 Etowah County Schools softball tournament, held March 28 at the Southside Softball Complex, capture Hokes Bluff's run to the county championship. Entering as the No. 4 seed, the Eagles defeated Glencoe and top-seeded West End to reach the title game before topping No. 3 seed Sardis 10-5. Tournament MVP Lacey Grace Hall anchored Hokes Bluff in the Adelivered the event's offensive highlight with three home runs across two games. Sardis advanced to the final by knocking off Gaston and No. 2 seed A. TOP PHOTO: 2026 All Tournament team (some players not picture). Photos by Alex Chaney/Special to The Messenger.



# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## Attalla Water Works Board

### January-December 2025

**Is my water safe?**

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) drinking water health standards. Your Local Water officials vigilantly safeguard its water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standards. We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water treatment facility and well field are located just outside the city limits on Highway 77 at the old "Lake RHEA" site. We have four deep wells; they can produce 1905 gallons per minute. The Attalla Water Works Board routinely completes a water storage facility inspection plan and utilizes a Bacteriological Monitoring Plan and has a Cross Connection Policy in place to ensure good safe drinking water for our customers. Chlorine is added to the water as disinfectant and the required residual is maintained to protect your drinking water from any possible outside contaminants. We have a Source Water Protection Plan available for review that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions concerning this report or your water utility, please call Brett Roberts at 256-538-2816. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at The Water Works Board Office, 509 Fourth Street NW, Attalla, Alabama, 35954 beginning at 4:00 PM.

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Attalla Water Works Board routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2025. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

**PLAIN LANGUAGE DEFINITION**

Not Required (NR) – Laboratory analysis not required due to waiver granted by the Environmental Protection Agency for the State of Alabama.  
 Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.  
 Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.  
 Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in 10,000,000,000.  
 Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.  
 Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.  
 Millirems per year (mrem/yr) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.  
 Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.  
 Variances & Exemptions (V&E) - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.  
 Action Level – (AL) the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.  
 Treatment Technique (TT) - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.  
 Maximum Contaminant Level - (mandatory language) The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.  
 Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language) The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.  
 Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.  
 Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.  
 T.O.N – Threshold odor number.  
 Health Reference Levels (HRL): The CCL process derives HRLs for screening purposes using available data and can be used in the Regulatory Determination process as risk-derived concentrations against which to evaluate the occurrence data to determine if contaminants may occur at levels of public health concern. HRLs are not final determinations about the level of a contaminant in drinking water that is necessary to protect any particular population and, in some cases, are derived prior to development of a complete exposure assessment using the best available data. HRLs are not legally enforceable federal standards.  
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**Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water run-off, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or ADEM requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

**Table of Primary Contaminants**

At high levels some primary contaminants are known to pose a health risks to humans. This table provides a quick glance of any primary contaminant detections.

CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMOUNT DETECTED	CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMOUNT DETECTED
<b>Bacteriological</b>			Endothall(ppb)	100	ND
Total Coliform Bacteria	< 5%	ND	Endrin(ppb)	2	ND
Turbidity	TT	ND	Epichlorohydrin	TT	ND
Fecal Coliform & E. coli	0	ND	Ethylbenzene(ppb)	700	ND
<b>Radiological</b>			Ethylene dibromide(ppt)	50	ND
Beta/ photon emitters (mrem/yr)	4	ND	Glyphosate(ppb)	700	ND
Alpha emitters (pci/l)	15	1.70	Haloacetic Acids(ppb)	60	23.53
Combined radium (pci/l)	5	ND	Heptachlor(ppt)	400	ND
Uranium(pci/l)	30	ND	Heptachlor epoxide(ppt)	200	ND
<b>Inorganic</b>			Hexachlorobenzene(ppb)	1	ND
Antimony (ppb)	6	ND	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene(ppm)	50	ND
Arsenic (ppb)	10	ND	Lindane(ppt)	200	ND
Asbestos (MFL)	7	ND	Methoxychlor(ppb)	40	ND
Barium (ppm)	2	0.072	Oxamyl [Vydate](ppb)	200	ND
Beryllium (ppb)	4	ND	Pentachlorophenol(ppb)	1	ND
Bromate(ppb)	10	ND	Picloram(ppb)	500	ND
Cadmium (ppb)	5	ND	PCBs(ppt)	500	ND
Chloramines(ppm)	4	ND	Simazine(ppb)	4	ND
Chlorine (ppm)	4	2.02	Styrene(ppb)	100	ND
Chlorine dioxide(ppb)	800	ND	Tetrachloroethylene(ppb)	5	ND
Chlotite(ppm)	1	ND	Toluene(ppm)	1	ND
Chromium (ppb)	100	ND	TOC	TT	0.41
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	0.5	TTHM(ppb)	80	30.50
Cyanide (ppb)	200	ND	Toxaphene(ppb)	3	ND
Fluoride (ppm)	4	ND	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)(ppb)	50	ND
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	1.3	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene(ppb)	70	ND
Mercury (ppb)	2	ND	1,1,1-Trichloroethane(ppb)	200	ND
Nickel (ppm)	0.1	ND	1,1,2-Trichloroethane(ppb)	5	ND
Nitrate (ppm)	10	0.80	Trichloroethylene(ppb)	5	ND
Nitrite (ppm)	1	ND	Vinyl Chloride(ppb)	2	ND
Total Nitrate & Nitrite	10	0.40	Xylenes(ppm)	10	ND
Selenium(ppb)	50	ND			
Thallium(ppb)	2	ND			
<b>Organic Chemicals</b>					
Acrylamide	TT	ND			
Alachlor(ppb)	2	ND			
Atrazine(ppb)	3	ND			
Benzen(ppbv)	5	ND			
Benzo(a)pyrene[PHAs](ppt)	200	ND			
Carbofuran(ppb)	40	ND			
Carbon Tetrachloride(ppb)	5	ND			
Chlordane(ppb)	2	ND			
Chlorobenzene(ppb)	100	ND			
2,4-D	70	ND			
Dalapon(ppb)	200	ND			
Dibromochloropropane(ppt)	200	ND			
0-Dichlorobenzene(ppb)	600	ND			
p-Dichlorobenzene(ppb)	75	ND			
1,2-Dichloroethane(ppb)	5	ND			
1,1-Dichloroethylene(ppb)	7	ND			
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene(ppb)	70	ND			
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene(ppb)	100	ND			
Dichloromethane(ppb)	5	ND			
1,2-Dichloropropane(ppb)	5	ND			
Di-(2-ethylhexyl)adipate(ppb)	400	ND			
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalates(ppb)	6	ND			
Dinoseb(ppb)	7	ND			
Dioxin[2,3,7,8-TCDD](ppq)	30	ND			
Diquat(ppb)	20	ND			

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Attalla Water Works Board January-December 2025 continued

**Table of Detected Drinking Water Contaminants**

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	Range		Amount Detected		Likely Source of Contamination
			Bacteriological Contaminants		January - December 2025		
Turbidity	0	TT			ND	NTU	Soil runoff
Alpha emitters	0	15	0	ND	1.70	pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	2	2	0.072	0.072	0.072	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	1.98	2.06	2.02	ppm	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper	1.3	AL=1.3	No. of Sites above action level 0		0.50	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	0	AL=15	No. of Sites above action level 0		1.3	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as N)	10	10	0.80	0.80	0.80	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Total Nitrate & Nitrite	10	10	ND	0.80	0.40	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Organic Contaminants January - December 2025</b>							
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	N/A	60	7.10	40.00	23.53	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	N/A	TT	ND	0.81	0.41	ppm	Naturally present in the environment
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	0	80	9.80	51.00	30.40	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination
<b>Secondary Contaminants January - December 2025</b>							
Chloride	N/A	250	8.00	7.03	8.00	ppm	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of agricultural runoff
Color	N/A	15	0.10	1.53	0.32	PCU	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
Copper	N/A	1	0.0058	0.0058	0.0058	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from pipes
Iron	N/A	0.3	0.01	0.02	0.01	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium	N/A	0.05	12.4	12.4	12.4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	N/A	250	9.10	9.10	9.10	ppm	Naturally occurring in the environment
Total Dissolved Solids	N/A	500	183.00	183.00	183.0	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Special Contaminants January - December 2025</b>							
Calcium	N/A	N/A	48.60	44.70	44.70	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Carbon Dioxide	N/A	N/A	ND	19.81	16.74	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese	N/A	N/A	ND	0.01	0.01	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
pH	N/A	N/A	7.40	7.53	7.45	SU	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
Sodium	N/A	N/A	7.40	7.50	7.50	ppm	Naturally occurring in the environment
Specific Conductance	N/A	<500	349.00	349.00	349.00	umhos	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
Temperature	N/A	N/A	12.28	21.65	16.97	°C	Naturally occurring in the environment
Total Alkalinity	N/A	N/A	156.40	165.61	156.84	ppm	Naturally occurring in the environment
Total Hardness (as CaCO3) (2018)	N/A	N/A	173.00	173.00	173.00	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
	0.0	0.0	ND	ND	ND	Cysts/L	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
<b>Unregulated Contaminants January - December 2025</b>							
Bromodichloromethane	N/A	N/A	2.70	2.70	2.70	ppb	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff; by-product of chlorination
Chloroform	N/A	N/A	4.70	4.70	4.70	ppb	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff; by-product of chlorination
Dibromochloromethane	N/A	N/A	ND	2.90	1.42	ppb	Naturally occurring in the environment
Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAs)	N/A	N/A	ND	N/D	N/D	ppb	Stable manmade chemicals that allow them to repel both water and oil.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. As you can see by the tables, our system had no violations of allowable limits of contaminants in drinking water. We're proud that your water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities.

**Total Coliform:** Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the stricter regulation, we have increased the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. People who are immuno-compromised such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV/AIDS positive or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)/CDC (Center of Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline. All Drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Turbidity** has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

**Cryptosporidium** is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immune-compromised individuals, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illnesses. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may spread through means other than drinking water. We currently monitor Cryptosporidium and have had none detected.

**Cryptosporidium and Giardia** are microscopic organisms that can cause gastrointestinal illness. These organisms come from human and animal waste. Monitoring is required to determine treatment needs. No violations occurred, and our water continues to meet all regulatory requirements.

Contaminant	Sample Count	Highest Result	Average Result	Units	Likely Source
Cryptosporidium	24	3	0.125		cysts/10 L Human and animal waste
Giardia	24	1	0.04		cysts/10 L Human and animal waste

**Radon** is a naturally occurring gas present in some groundwater. Inhaled radon has been linked to lung cancer and may pose health risk when inhaled after the release from water into the air. This inhalation could occur during showering, bathing, washing dishes, or washing clothes. The radon gas release from drinking water is a relatively small part of the total radon found in air. One major source of Radon gas is from the soil, where the gas can seep through the foundations of homes. It is not clear whether ingested (i.e. taken through the mouth) radon contributes to cancer or other adverse health conditions. If you are concerned about radon in your home, tests are available to determine the total exposure level. For additional information on home testing contact (insert name of local health department). Note 300 Pci/l proposed MCL.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Attalla Water Works Board is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

"Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems.

**Lead Service Line Inventory:** Our Lead Service Line Inventory was completed and submitted by the deadline of October 16, 2024, and a copy of it is in our office as required by EPA. If any would like to review it or have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Upon completing the lead service line inventory, here at Attalla Water Works we are pleased to report that we had 0-Lead Service Lines, 0-Galvanize Required Replacement Service Lines, 0-Unknown, and 2946 Non-Lead Service Lines. Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA, a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus monitoring for these contaminants was not required. We at the Attalla Water Works Board work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

**For more information contact:**

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# LEGALSALES

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Joshua Llewellyn Knowles, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Bank, AFSB, its successors and assigns dated June 7, 2024; said mortgage being recorded on June 7, 2024 as Instrument No. 3575390 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2025, Page 3600817 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on April 20, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

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

Said property is commonly known as 368 Riverside Drive, Gadsden, AL 35903.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION as holder of said mortgage

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March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Bobby R. Roden AKA Bobby Ray Roden and Helen Gail Roden, husband and wife, to Regions Bank, on January 29, 2013, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on February 14, 2013, as Document Number 3380970. Regions Bank, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on April 21, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOTS NUMBER ONE AND TWO AND THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF LOT NUMBER THREE, IN BLOCK NUMBER FOUR, IN THE CHADWICK ADDITION #2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "F", PAGE 155, IN THE OFFICE OF PROBATE JUDGE OF ETOWAH COUNTY, AND LYING AND BEING IN GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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

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

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

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gary Brent Stanfield, married joined by spouse, Kimberly Stanfield, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Loandepot.com, LLC, its successors and assigns, on July 16, 2022, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3543943; the undersigned Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on April 16, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: All that part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 4 East of the Huntsville Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a ¼ inch pipe found at the Southwest corner of the NW ¼ of said section; thence along the South line of said forty, South 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 490.18 feet to

an iron pin set on the Easterly Right of Way of Alabama Highway Number 179 at the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning, leaving said forty line and along said Easterly Right of Way, North 08 degrees 51 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 120.09 feet to a point of curve, having a delta of 07 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds, an arc distance of 266.82 feet and a radius of 2125.66 feet; thence along the chord of said curve, North 12 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds West a distance of 266.65 feet to an iron pin set; thence leaving said Right of Way, North 71 degrees 24 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 209.26 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 11 degrees 53 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 456.16 feet to an iron pin set on the South line of said forty thence along said forty line, North 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 218.07 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.00 acres, more or less, less and except any easements or Rights of Way, and being a portion of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 4 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 31 Rowan Dr., Boaz, AL 35956. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223  
www.tlslaw.com TB File Number: 25-09852-MT-AL 03/20/2026, 03/27/2026, 04/03/2026

More commonly known as: 317 Mitchell Blvd, Gadsden, AL 35904  
This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223  
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March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Larry Rollins and Audrey Rollins, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Novastar Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, on May 25, 2005, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on July 5, 2005, as Document Number M-2005-2770; WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was subsequently modified on September 12, 2007, and said modification being recorded on December 3, 2007, as Document Number 3284474. The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust. Series 2005-2, NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on April 15, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots Numbers 1 and 2 in Block Number 40 in First Addition Bellevue Highlands, as surveyed and platted by Totten & Woodruff, Civil Engineers, according to the map thereof as recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 286 to 290, inclusive, Probate Office, Etowah County, lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

More commonly known as: 317 Mitchell Blvd, Gadsden, AL 35904

This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires

certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.

The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust. Series 2005-2, NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on April 15, 2026, during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on May 27, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) in Section Thirty Four (34), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Three (3) East of Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama and run a tie line South 03 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 391.20 feet to a point on the Northwest R/W line of Walnut Grove Road (60 R/W); thence deflect left and run in a North-easterly direction, along said R/W, 224.90 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said point of beginning run North 52 degrees 08 minutes 08 seconds East, along said R/W, 353.10 feet to an existing pinch pipe; thence run North 01 degree 19 minutes 32 seconds West, leaving said R/W 482.05 feet to a point in the South line of the lands described in Deed Book 1167, Page 873, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence run South 89 degrees 38 minutes 41 seconds West (North 89 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds West Deed), 53.00 feet along the South line of said Deed Book and Page to the Southwest corner thereof; thence run North 88 degrees 07 minutes 08 seconds West, 255.97 feet to a point; thence run South 03 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, 708.03 feet to the point of beginning. Said

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The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust. Series 2005-2, NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2 ("Transferee")

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March 27, April 3, and 10, 2027

## 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 Shannon A Thomas, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns dated September 19, 2014; said mortgage being recorded on September 25, 2014 as Instrument No. 3407787 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2025, Page 3602689 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on May 27, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) in Section Thirty Four (34), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Three (3) East of Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama and run a tie line South 03 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 391.20 feet to a point on the Northwest R/W line of Walnut Grove Road (60 R/W); thence deflect left and run in a North-easterly direction, along said R/W, 224.90 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said point of beginning run North 52 degrees 08 minutes 08 seconds East, along said R/W, 353.10 feet to an existing pinch pipe; thence run North 01 degree 19 minutes 32 seconds West, leaving said R/W 482.05 feet to a point in the South line of the lands described in Deed Book 1167, Page 873, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence run South 89 degrees 38 minutes 41 seconds West (North 89 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds West Deed), 53.00 feet along the South line of said Deed Book and Page to the Southwest corner thereof; thence run North 88 degrees 07 minutes 08 seconds West, 255.97 feet to a point; thence run South 03 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, 708.03 feet to the point of beginning. Said

property being a portion of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) and the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) in Section Thirty Four (34), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Three (3) East, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 6266 Walnut Grove Rd, Altoona, AL 35952.

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



and clear of all rights of redemption.  
C.Direct the Circuit Clerk to execute and deliver a deed conveying the property to plaintiff,  
D.Grant such further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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

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

Cassandra Johnson  
Circuit Court Clerk

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

#### NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

2008 GMC Yukon  
VIN:  
1GKFK13048J149625

2018 Chevrolet Impala  
VIN:  
2G1165S30F9113641

Hi-Point JHP  
SN: X4386335

American Tactical Omni Hybrid  
SN: NS344647

American Tactical Alpha Maxx  
SN: NX078287

Ruger Prescott  
SN: 09497180

DEFENDANTS  
In Re: Sedic Barnard Dukes

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

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency, vehicles and firearms. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 20th day of May 2026. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said property.

DONE this the 19th day of March, 2026

Cassandra Johnson,  
Circuit Clerk  
Etowah County, Alabama

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CV-2026-900135

DONALD BERKEY and JUANITA BERKEY, PLAINTIFFS, v.

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

DEFENDANTS.  
The Defendant, William Taylor, whose whereabouts are unknown, and any other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the

lands described below, must answer Plaintiffs' Complaint filed in the above referenced court and case number within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the above-styled case.

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

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

Done the 20th day of March, 2026.

/s/ SONNIE J. STEEN  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

CV-2018-900661

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

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

An Affidavit having been filed stating that despite diligent efforts the names and/or addresses of certain heirs of the Estate cannot be determined, service upon such unknown heirs is being made by publication pursuant to Order of the Court.

Any unknown heirs, or any person claiming an interest in the Estate of Emma Pruitt Arieta, are hereby notified that a hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement has been set by the Court for the 30th day of April, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, at the courthouse in Gadsden, Alabama.

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

DONE this the 24th day of March 2026.

Cassandra Johnson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Etowah County, Alabama

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

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

#### NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff, v.  
CIVIL ACTION

NO.: CV-2026-00014

BARBARA MANJANG, f/k/a BARBARALYNCH; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; ; that parcel of real property located at 115 North 16th Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901 and having a legal description of: Lot Number Four (4) in Mandy Thaxton addition to Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, a map or plat of said addition being recorded in Plat Book "E", page 55, in the Office of the Probate Judge of Etowah County, Alabama, said lot lying and being situated in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-06-14-1-000-158.000; PPIN: 43502; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

TO BARBARA MANJANG f/k/a BARBARA LYNCH; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein,

TAKE NOTICE that on March 4, 2026, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property:

Lot Number Four (4) in Mandy Thaxton addition to Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, a map or plat of said addition being recorded in Plat Book "E", page 55, in the Office of the Probate Judge of Etowah County, Alabama, said lot lying and being situated in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Property Address: 115 N. 16th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for May 20, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in Judge George Day's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF REDEMPTION.

The address of the Gadsden Land Bank Authority is City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The Gadsden Land Bank Authority may be contacted care of Erin Patterson, City of Gadsden, at (256) 549-4553.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the above-described land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause

before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Dated this the 23rd day of March, 2026.  
Cassandra Johnson,  
Circuit Clerk

J. Lance Smith  
Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C.  
200 Chestnut Street, Suite A  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
Phone: (256) 543-3664  
Fax (256) 543-3674

March 27, April 3, and 10, 2026

#### NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff, v.  
CIVIL ACTION  
NO.: CV-2026-00013

FRANK ROBERTS, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Frank Roberts, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; EUCLID ANDERSON, deceased; JEAN PARKER ANDERSON, deceased; APRIL BEDWELL STONE, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Jean Parker Anderson; APRIL BEDWELL STONE, individually; EDWARD KEVIN STONE; RONNY ANDERSON LIDDELL; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; Lot Number 67 in Wild Acres Unit Number 3, according to the map or plat thereof as the same appears of record in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama in the Book of Town Plats "H", page 1, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and being subject to restrictions recorded in Misc. Book "53", page 325, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, said lot lying and being situated in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-08-28-0-001-376.000 PPIN: 46332; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

Property Address: 0 Greenbriar Road, Gadsden, AL 35901

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for May 20, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in Judge George Day's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF REDEMPTION.

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QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for May 12, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in Judge Brynn Crain's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

Mandy Cash  
City Clerk

April 3 and 10, 2026

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

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

Etowah County Board of Education (Awarding Authority)  
B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 256-390-5657, craig@bclarch.com (Architect)

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

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Etowah County Board of Education (Awarding Authority)  
B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 256-390-5657, craig@bclarch.com (Architect)

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

A mandatory pre-bid conference shall be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 9am CST at the project site. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

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March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 10:00am CST, Monday, April 20, 2026 for Reroofing Hokes Bluff Elementary Building: at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Etowah County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Bid Documents may be examined at the office of B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 436 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. Bidders may receive digital documents from the Architect at no cost. Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures, attended the mandatory pre-bid conference and have demonstrated the ability to provide 24/7/365 service with a main office within 60 miles driving distance of the project site as described in the prequalification package and/or Div 1 specifications and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. Prequalification packages are due at the office of the Architect by 10am CST on Monday, April 6, 2026. Contractors seeking prequalification shall submit a printed AIA form A305 in duplicate.

A mandatory pre-bid conference shall be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 10:30am CST at the project site. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

Etowah County Board of Education (Awarding Authority)  
B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 256-390-5657, craig@bclarch.com (Architect)

March 20, 27, and April 3, 2026

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

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

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

**JOB COMPLETION**

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

March 20, 27, April 3,

and 10, 2026

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION LEGAL NOTICE In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Alabama Grading & Excavation, LLC, has completed the Adams Park Area (Phase 1) Drainage Improvement Project in Gadsden, AL for the City of Gadsden, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify The City of Gadsden, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following storage units will be auctioned on April 8, 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.

Roosevelt Johnson Unit 49

Forest Claunch Unit 52

Barry Browning Unit 148

Fatima Bibb Unit 512

Damien Wachewicz Unit 532

Jennifer Drummond Unit 538

Adam Stinson Unit 548

Selena Pack Unit 562

Mary Butler Unit 581

Phillip McGuire Unit 660

Frankie Pollard Unit 792

Michael Glass Unit 820

Alicia Luttrell Unit 49-4

Angela Nelson Unit 13-11

Sonya Atchison Unit 361

Angela Vaughn Unit 739 & 733

Janie Harrison Unit 833

Sherri Rector Unit 48-7

Lisa Rydel Unit 5A-8,9

Latona Garrett Unit 15-10

Jason Wood RV15

Regina Martin Unit 101

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

March 27 and April 3, 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 2, 2026.

2018 CHEVROLET MALIBU VIN: 2G1105SA6J9165297

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

March 27 and April 3, 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 5, 2026.

2006 HONDA ACCORD VIN: 1HGCM56866A163803

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

March 27 and April 3, 2026

**ORDINANCE NO. O-04-26**

Amending City Code Chapter 50 Article III

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1. To establish a schedule of permit fees for Fire Marshall Inspection. Said rates shall be posted in the office of the building official. Chapter 50 Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gadsden is amended by adding the following:

Sec. 50-65. - Permit Fees

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT - FEE AMOUNT

Automatic Fire-Extinguishing System \$25.00

Fire Alarm Systems \$25.00

Fire Pumps \$25.00

Standpipe Systems \$25.00

Energy Storage Systems (excluding Portable Generators) \$25.00

OPERATIONAL - FEE AMOUNT

Amusement Building \$30.00 per site

Carnivals & Fairs \$30.00 per event

Exhibits & Trade Shows \$30.00 per event

Explosive Storage \$100.00 per site

Blasting \$100.00 each

Hazardous Materials \$30.00 per site

High-Piled Storage \$30.00 per site

Hot Work Operations \$30.00 per site

Liquid or Gas-Fueled Vehicles or Equipment in Assembly Buildings \$30.00 per event

Lumber Yards and Woodworking Plants \$50.00 per site

Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles \$25.00 per event

Open Burning (less than 200 Cubic feet) No Fee

Open Burning (greater than 200 Cubic feet) \$100.00 per site per year

Organic Coating \$30.00 per site

Pyrotechnic/Fireworks Display \$30.00 per site

Storage of Scrap Tires \$300.00 per site per year

Temporary Membrane Structures and Tents \$30.00 per event

PLANS REVIEW - FEE AMOUNT Review of Plans No Fee

Review of Re-Submittals \$50.00

INSPECTIONS - FEE AMOUNT

Courtesy Inspection No Fee

Initial Inspection No Fee

Annual Inspections and any Follow-up for Annual Inspections No Fee

Re-Inspection (1st Time) \$30.00

Re-Inspection (2nd Time) \$100.00

Re-Inspection (3rd and subsequent) \$200.00

After Hours Inspection \$200.00 + \$50.00 per hour after the 1st hour

Section 2. The section, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a valid judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance. The city council declares that it is its intent that it would have enacted this ordinance without such invalid or unconstitutional provisions.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance repeal any prior ordinance or provision of the Gadsden City Code to the extent of any conflict.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 24, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

April 3, 2026

**ORDINANCE NO. O-05-26**

Authorizing TIF Funds for Expenditures Related to Property Acquisition Whereas, the City Council of the City of Gadsden adopted Resolution R-61-26, authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City to enter into an agreement and all documents necessary and to do all things required for the City to acquire from Gadsden Airport Authority property; and Whereas, the City Council finds and determines that the use of tax increment district funds for the purchase of this property is in keeping with the purpose and intent of the tax increment financing law and the project plans previously authorized and adopted. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. O-21-25 (Fiscal Year 2026 Budget), as amended, is further amended, by appropriating \$463,000.00 to account #191-30-3000-460-467040- (Capital Out-lay Land).

Section 2. The Mayor and Director of Finance are authorized to use funds from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for this expense. These funds are hereby appropriated for such purposes. Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on March 24, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

April 3, 2026

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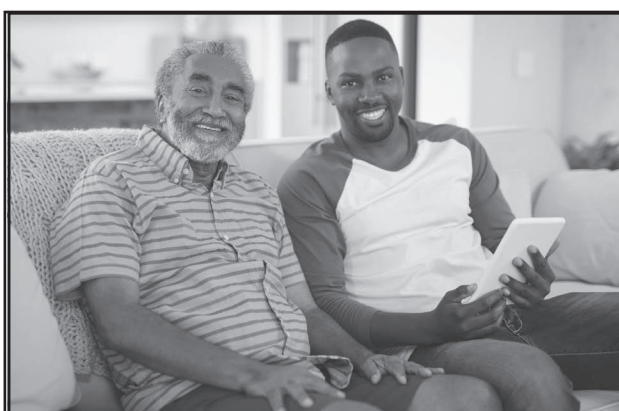
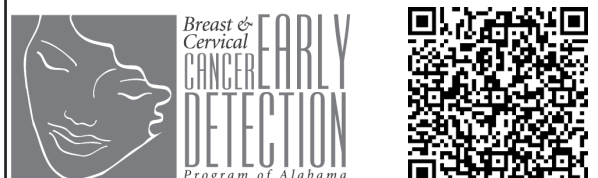
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