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## PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

### BLAST OFF: Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama opens



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On Monday, a crowd gathered on the grounds of the amphitheater, once covered in kudzu, to cut the Hokes Bluff green ribbon for The Bluff Amphitheater. Owners Josh Santos, Chad Lee and Drake White recently moved back to the area after living in Nashville for years, and brought the music scene back with them. The three friends brought the Gold City Music Park back to life, which has lain dormant for over 15 years. *Photo by Lindsey Frazier/Messenger.*

### CDC: Risk low of hantavirus spread

By Jennifer Shutt  
Alabama Reflector

Officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday the risk of a member of the general public contracting hantavirus remains low despite several passengers on a cruise ship becoming infected with the disease.

Dr. Brendan Jackson, an epidemiologist and the agency's team lead in Nebraska, said Americans who were on the MV Hondius cruise ship after others were diagnosed with the illness were flown to the National Quarantine Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Healthcare providers at the site have been talking with

each passenger about whether they may have been exposed to any of the people with confirmed cases. They're also monitoring the Americans for fevers or other symptoms.

Any cruise ship passengers who traveled on commercial flights, leading to possible exposures for others on those planes, left the ship before the infections were diagnosed, he said.

CDC officials are working with local and state public health officials to ensure anyone who may have been exposed outside of the cruise ship isolates at home and monitors themselves for symptoms.

The officials on the call declined to say how many people are being monitored for

possible exposure or where they are located in the country, citing privacy concerns.

They also declined to talk about the two cruise ship passengers taken to Emory University Hospital's Serious Communicable Diseases Unit in Georgia.

Dr. David Fitter, incident manager for the agency's hantavirus response, said that unlike the coronavirus pandemic that spread around the world in 2020, hantavirus is not new to public health officials.

According to the World Health Organization, Hantavirus cardiopulmonary syndrome (HCPS), also known as hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS), is a zoonotic, viral respiratory disease caused by contact with urine

or feces of infected rodents, or contact with infected surfaces.

HPS is characterized by headache, dizziness, chills, fever and gastrointestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain, followed by sudden onset of respiratory distress and hypotension.

Symptoms of HPS typically occur from 1-6 weeks after initial exposure to the virus. However, symptoms may appear as early as one week and as late as eight weeks following exposure.

CDC officials have encouraged the people at the Nebraska facility to stay there throughout the quarantine period but there are not currently any state or federal quarantine orders in place.

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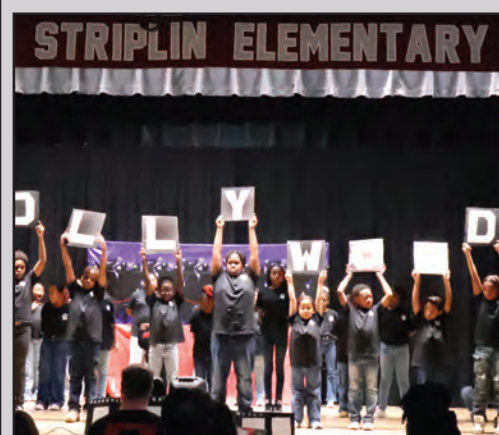
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# EDUCATION

## Woman's Club honors local students with scholarships

The Woman's Club of Gadsden recently honored five high school senior girls selected from a competitive pool of applicants during its annual scholarship ceremony. A total of \$10,000 in scholarship funds was awarded to the students, each recognized for academic achievement, leadership, service and ambitious college and career goals.

The Woman's Club has sponsored scholarships for deserving students for more than 35 years through the Charlotte Chrisman Cox Scholarship program.

"We are thankful for our advocates who support our mission and help us raise funds each year for the Charlotte Chrisman Cox Scholarship," said Valerie Pugliese, club president. "The scholarships are given in honor of the founder of our club. Our organization is proud to be a motivational force in shaping the future of these young women."

This year's scholarship recipients are Angela Connally of Gadsden City High School, Addison Friedberg of Southside High School, Danielle Prime of Westbrook Christian School, Addison Robertson of Hokes Bluff High School, and Jolie Taylor of Sardis High School.

Recipients were selected from a large group of qualified applicants and advanced through an interview process before being chosen as finalists.

Angela Connally moved to the United States at age 13 to join family in Gadsden, a community far different from her birthplace of Amman, Jordan. At Gadsden City High School, she immersed herself in numerous activities and organizations, including Titan Ambassadors, Gadsden City Youth Council, the Etowah Chamber Leadership Program, Symphonic Band, Titan Danceline and Mu Alpha Theta. Connally also works as an assistant manager at a local wedding venue and as a gymnastics coach. Those

experiences inspired her to pursue a career helping children as a speech-language pathologist. She plans to attend Samford University, majoring in communication sciences and disorders before pursuing a master's degree.

Addison Friedberg will graduate with honors from Southside High School after excelling in honors, Advanced Placement and dual enrollment courses. Her accomplishments include serving as an ASTRA officer, participating in the Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy, and involvement in Key Club, National Honor Society and Alabama Girls State. Friedberg is also a dedicated member of Southside's soccer and varsity cheer teams. She plans to attend Auburn University to major in exercise science, with future plans to earn a master's degree and doctorate in occupational therapy.

Danielle Prime, a graduating senior at Westbrook Christian School, plans to attend the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and major in aerospace engineering. Prime has been highly involved through Student Government Association, Key Club, varsity girls basketball, National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She was also selected as an NRECA Youth Tour delegate, representing her school in both Montgomery and Washington, D.C. Her love of travel motivated her to earn her private pilot license, and she hopes to one day become a commercial airline pilot. Prime said her parents, including her mother Heidi Prime, a member of the Woman's Club, have been important role models and inspired her senior thesis on immigration reform.

Addison Robertson, a senior at Hokes Bluff High School, is passionate about her family, friends and faith. She has been actively involved in FCCLA, FBLA, Key Club and Student Government Association,



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From left to right: Jolie Taylor, Addison Friedberg, Addison Robertson, Angela Connally and Danielle Prime.

while also serving as senior class secretary. Robertson has competed on the varsity basketball, volleyball and track teams. She plans to attend the University of Alabama this fall for undergraduate studies before pursuing medical school and a career as a dermatologist. Inspired by her own dermatologist, she hopes to help others achieve healthy, confident skin.

Jolie Taylor, a graduating senior at Sardis High School, serves as captain of the basketball team and has been active in FCCLA, Junior Civitans and Student Govern-

ment Association, where she serves as vice president, as well as senior class treasurer. Taylor was selected to represent her school at Alabama Girls State and has earned the distinction of valedictorian. She plans to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham and major in mechanical engineering. Grounded in her faith, she looks forward to beginning the next chapter of her life.

Pugliese said the Woman's Club is always proud to see young women continue the tradition of making a positive impact in their communities.

## Attalla Schools announces free, reduced lunch program

Attalla City Schools recently announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. For School Year 2026-27 Attalla City Schools will continue participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). No further action is required of you. This USDA provision allows your child(ren) to participate in the school meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

CEP is a key provision of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, which allows schools and school districts in low-income areas to eliminate school meal applications and serve breakfast and lunch at no charge to all enrolled students. CEP gives food service professionals more time to focus on preparing nutritious meals that

their students will enjoy and gives students more time to eat those meals by cutting down on time spent in the lunch line. More importantly, by offering all students a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, CEP helps ensure more students come to class well-nourished and ready to learn.

Children need healthy meals to learn. Attalla City Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast and lunch meals will follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals, so please encourage students to participate. "In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability."

Parents or guardians who need further information may contact Donna Giles, Child Nutrition Program Director 256-538-8051.

## GSCC Health Sciences Division holds pinning ceremony

The Gadsden State Community College Health Sciences Division recognized students earning their associate degree in Registered Nursing during a pinning ceremony held May 7, 2026, at the Richard Lindsey Auditorium on the Gadsden State Cherokee Campus. The 55 students will receive the associate in applied science in Registered Nursing during commencement exercises May 14, 2026, at Gadsden State Cherokee.

"The RN pinning ceremony is a meaningful milestone for our graduates, their loved ones, and everyone involved in the Nursing Program," said Dr. Cynthia Mullinax. "These students have worked tirelessly through an intensive nursing curriculum, and we are confident they are fully prepared to enter the healthcare field as skilled, safe, and capable registered nurses."

Students receiving their pin include: Kathryn Grayson, of Altoona; Hannah Hufstetler, Macie Hunt, Kaitlyn Nelms and Matthew Vasser, all of Attalla; Alyah Jackson, Terri McCain, Danasha Simpkins, Ashley Sjoerdsma, Celeste Taylor, Makya Wilson and Rosita Zendejas, all of Gadsden; Savannah Rogers, of Glencoe; Savannah Griffin, of Hokes Bluff;

Haleigh Graves and Sidney Vance, both of Rainbow City; and Meredith Keener and Jackson Sims, both of Southside.

Students presented with awards for achievement during the ceremony included Kayleigh Lee, recipient of the highly coveted Florence Nightingale Award, which is given to the student who is the most committed to caring and compassionate nursing care.

The Excellence in Academic Achievement was presented to Abigail Read, who had the highest grade point average in the class.

Students awarded the Academic Achievement Award for having at least a 3.0 GPA are, Savannah Griffin, Haleigh Graves, Hannah Hufstetler, Macie Hunt, Alyah Jackson, Meredith Keener, Kaitlyn Nelms, Jackson Sims, Ashley Sjoerdsma, Makya Wilson and Rosita Zendejas.

Six students were recognized for completing the Registered Nurse Apprenticeship Program, which provides nursing students with the ability to earn while participating in on-the-job learning as a student nurse apprentice at a registered apprenticeship employer. Graduating participants are Danasha Simpkins and Ashley Sjoerdsma.

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# EDUCATION

## ECBOE recognize students in 2026 creative contest

By Karla McArthur  
Correspondent

Students from across Etowah County Schools were recognized for their creativity, storytelling and digital skills during the 2026 Etowah County Schools Creative Writing Contest, which featured entries in fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama, illustrated story and webpage categories from kindergarten through 12th grade.

In kindergarten-first grade fiction, winners were Karrigan Edwards of Glencoe Elementary, first, for Watch Out! Here Comes Moose!; Jaxson Humphrey of West End Elementary, second, for My Wish; Clara Bea Hill of Hokes Bluff Elementary, third, for The Day I Met and Rode a Unicorn; and honorable mention recipients Samuel Davis of Gaston Elementary for Big Foot Hunters, Eli Reeves of Carlisle for The Scary Desert Day and Ryleigh Parks of Southside Elementary for The Dragon.

In kindergarten-first grade illustrated story, winners were Ximena Cabrera of Southside Elementary, first, for The Knight; Arizbeth Ramos Corona of Carlisle, second, for The Fair; Micha Overby of Carlisle, third, for National Princess Day; and honorable mention recipients Pearse Gunter of John Jones for Rusty, Jordan Whisenant of Duck Springs for Rooseeter and Rumi My Crazy Pups and Elli Jay Freeman of Southside Elementary for An Elephant.

In kindergarten-first grade non-fiction, Luke Garnett of Carlisle won first for My First Deer; Drayden McCloud of Carlisle was second for My Favorite Season—Basketball Season!; Hudson Lynn of Hokes Bluff Elementary was third for The Titanic; and honorable mentions went to Mercy Garrison of John Jones for The Saturalia and Corbyn Paulson of Southside Elementary for My Favorite Thing.

In kindergarten-first grade poetry, Charly Battles of Southside Elementary placed first for If I Were a Snowman; Lainey Willett of Carlisle was second for Church; Ares Elkins of Gaston Elementary was third for Santa; and honorable mentions went to Charlie Dyess of Glencoe Elementary for Soccer and Zoey Walden of Southside Elementary for Fall.

In second-third grade fiction, Paisley West of Ivalee placed first for The Sorry Little Mouse; Kanon Dogan of Whitesboro was second for Finding Rex's Mama; Charley Hill of Whitesboro was third for Ruby the Fox; and Elsie Haskins of John Jones earned honorable mention for My Stuffed Unicorn Story.

In second-third grade illustrated story, Cadince Turner of Carlisle won first for The Magical Mirror; Tessa Smith of Southside Elementary was second for The Magic Key Adventure; and Nash Lavender of Hokes Bluff Elementary was third for Jeff the Snowman.

In second-third grade non-fiction, Georgia Sewell of Southside Elementary placed first for My Family Farm; Eleanor Coleman of Whitesboro was second for Wolves; Kinsley Smith of Whitesboro was third for Tater the Buck; and Jace Haynes of Carlisle earned honorable mention for My Disease.

In second-third grade poetry, Lilly James of Ivalee won first for August; Millie Garnett of Southside Elementary was second for God Is Good; and Myla Barron of Hokes Bluff Elementary was third for Roller Skating.

In fourth-sixth grade drama, Anderson Pierce and Jake Verkaki of Rainbow Middle placed first for Camp Solaria: New Beginnings; Lucy Guinn of Glencoe Middle was second for The Secret Surprise; and Catherine Hamm of Southside Elementary was third for The Midnight

School Disaster.

In fourth-sixth grade fiction, Clementine Hilburn of Ivalee won first for The Dream; Anderson Pierce of Rainbow Middle was second for The Knight in Shining Armour; and Bentley Lowery of Glencoe Elementary was third for The Taco Who Loved Basketball.

In fourth-sixth grade illustrated story, Mason Rowell of Southside Elementary placed first for A Fire Adventure; Charlotte Gregory of Glencoe Elementary was second for The Door; Hadley Silvey of Southside Elementary was third for The Field Trip; and Ava Wilson of Highland Elementary earned honorable mention for What Is Christmas.

In fourth-sixth grade non-fiction, Parker Hamby of John Jones won first for I Survived a Tillaux Fracture; Korah Sewell of Southside Elementary was second for My Healing Journey; Andrew Hall of Southside Elementary was third for Me and My Best Bud, Jace; and honorable mentions went to Faith Barton of Gaston Elementary for A Day on the Farm, Levi Lankford of Glencoe Elementary for A Fishing Afternoon at the Crawfish Pond and Abbott Stewart of John Jones for Benvenuto in Italia (Welcome to Italy).

In fourth-sixth grade poetry, Jaida Sims of Rainbow Middle placed first for The Girl I'm Becoming; Asher Gray of Glencoe Elementary was second for Agnes and Waffles; Rae Brinley of Ivalee was third for Me and You; and Rhett Rampey of Glencoe Elementary earned honorable mention for The Line's Strongest Link.

In fourth-sixth grade webpage, Molly Sumners of Rainbow Middle won first for You've Arrived! Disney with Molly G; Olivia Bozeman of Southside Elementary was second for Sign Language; and Haley Harbin of

Southside Elementary was third for Haley's Miracle.

In seventh-ninth grade drama, Cora Lang of Sardis Middle placed first for Written for You; Kylie Riley of Glencoe Middle was second for The Blank Page Special; Addie Amos of Glencoe Middle was third for Stella's Way Out; and Katelynn Smith of West End High earned honorable mention for The Mystery of the Haunted Playground.

In seventh-ninth grade fiction, Anleigh Minton of Southside High won first for A Holocaust Remembrance Story; I Can Only Hope; Okat Eta of Rainbow Middle and Emersen Champagne of Southside High tied for second with Melting Ice and Game Over; Sara Galloway of West End High was third for The Things I See; and Callie Cook of Glencoe Middle earned honorable mention for Source.

In seventh-ninth grade illustrated story, Abby Lee of Glencoe Middle placed first for The Tale of Charlie Croak; Tinsley Craig of Glencoe Middle was second for The Whispering Woods and the Lost Acorn; and Addie Foster of Gaston High was third for Sara the Flamingo and Larry the Parrot.

In seventh-ninth grade non-fiction, Evelyn Sparks of Rainbow Middle won first for ACAP From the Student Perspective; Emmie Mabrey of Glencoe Middle was second for Perseverance; Joshua Cornelius of Sardis Middle was third for A Pearl Harbor Survivor's Story; and Lilly Ford of Southside High earned honorable mention for The Price of Convenience.

In seventh-ninth grade poetry, Addison Taylor of Southside High placed first for The Porch Is Empty; Lilly Grace McGowan of Sardis Middle was second for Dance With Your Heart; Harley Ray of Gaston High and Arraya Vail of Glencoe Middle tied for third with The One That Got

Away and Life Is Like Seasons; and honorable mentions went to Caroline Kilgo of Southside High for The Weight of the World and Brylan Whisenant of Sardis Middle for Content Again.

In seventh-ninth grade webpage, Calleigh Wood of Hokes Bluff High School won first for Freida McFadden; Callie Cook of Glencoe Middle was second for The Holocaust; and Allie Posey of Hokes Bluff High School was third for J.K. Rowling.

In 10th-12th grade drama, Harmony Oliver of Southside High won first for Perfect Machine.

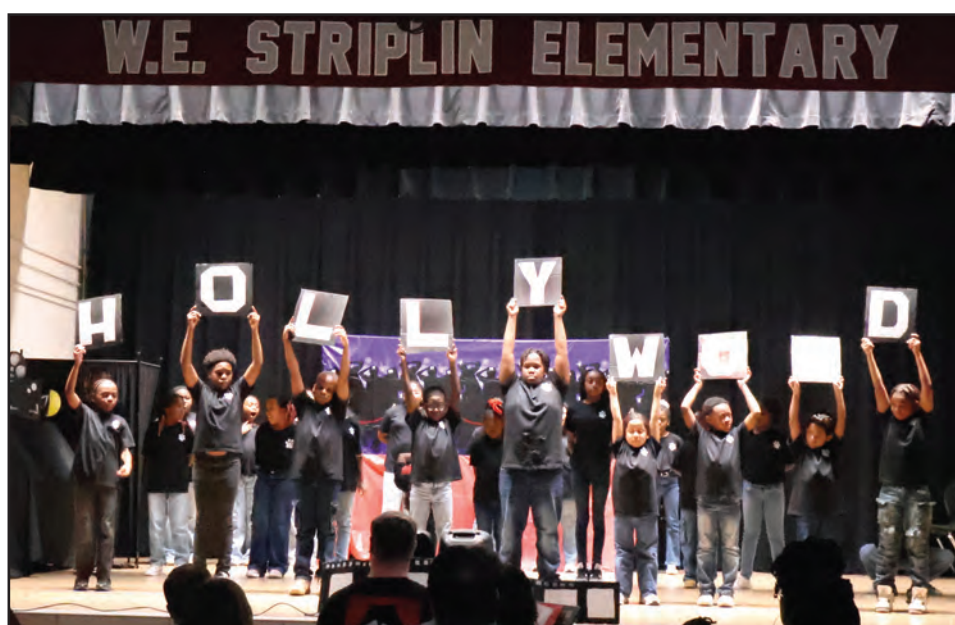
In 10th-12th grade fiction, Chelsea Green of Southside High placed first for The Light; Anthony Harris of Sardis High was second for The Package; and Audrey Wilkinson of West End High was third for Lies, Murders, and Mysteries.

In 10th-12th grade illustrated story, Italy Ainsworth of Glencoe High won first for Keep Out: A Fairy Tale.

In 10th-12th grade non-fiction, Shayna Price of Sardis High placed first for My Testimony; Chelsea Green of Southside High was second for Just How It Goes; and Heaven Freeman of Glencoe High was third for Music Is My Therapy.

In 10th-12th grade poetry, McKenzie McClellan of Glencoe High won first for The Longest Goodbye; Kamryn McCright of West End High and McKenzie McClellan tied for second with My Mom Is Dying and A Teacher's Touch; Kari Juarez of West End High was third for Alien; and Madelyn Jones of Southside High earned honorable mention for Cajun Boiled.

In 10th-12th grade webpage, Sophie Nicholson of Hokes Bluff High won first for Victor Hugo, and Shyanne Freeman of Hokes Bluff High placed second for Holly Jackson.



Photos by Lindsey Frazier/Messenger

## Striplin Elementary's Drama Club pays tribute to favorite songs in final performance

By Lindsey Frazier  
Features Editor

W. E. Striplin Elementary's Drama Club performed a tribute to our favorite Hollywood songs on May 7 for their final performance of the 2025-2026 school year.

The club wowed the crowd with songs from The Lion King to K-pop Demon Hunter, and performed skits they have been working on since their last performance in December.

"This season was such a special time of singing some of our favorite tunes straight from Hollywood," Hunter Bussey, director

of the club, said. "The kids took each song and ran with it, since most were familiar with the song or the movie, which made my job easy."

Bussey established the club in 2022 to share his love of theater with future generations. Since then, the club has held winter and spring performances to showcase the hard work they put into learning the lines, songs and dances.

"Each season gets better and better, and I'm excited to see what the 2026-2027 season brings us," Bussey said. "Make sure to watch our school's Facebook page for drama club events!"



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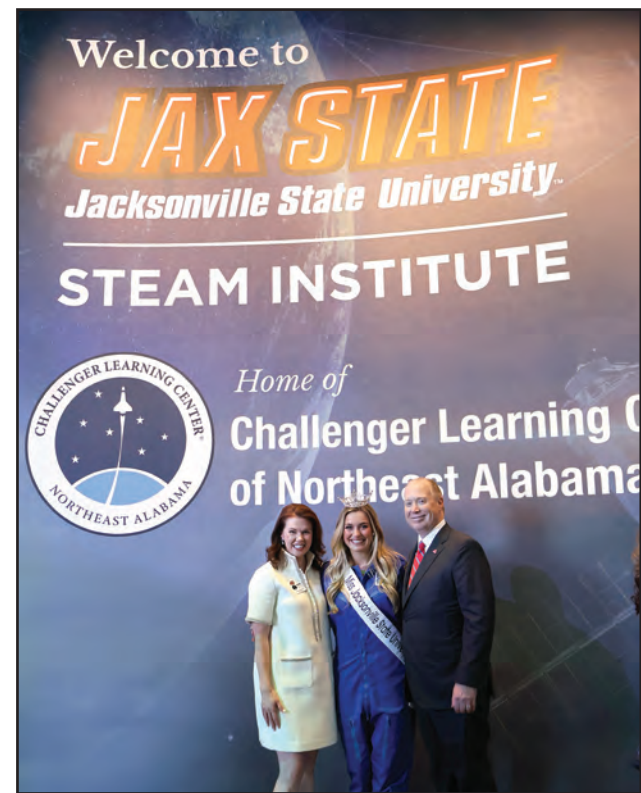


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## Alabama moves to implement 2023 congressional map

By Anna Barrett, Ralph Chapoco and Andrea Tinker  
*Alabama Reflector*

Alabama Republican officials moved swiftly Tuesday to implement an order from the U.S. Supreme Court allowing the use of a 2023 congressional map as plaintiffs who challenged those maps as violations of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act sought to restore an injunction against them.

Following the Supreme Court's order, which instructed a lower court to reconsider the case in light of last month's ruling in *Louisiana v. Callais*, which significantly weakened Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, Gov. Kay Ivey called a special primary election in the 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th congressional districts. The special primary election will be on Aug. 11. There will be no runoff, as required by legislation passed by the Legislature and signed by Ivey on Friday.

"As I said at the close of our special session last week, Alabama now stands ready to quickly act," Ivey said in a statement Tuesday morning. "I thank (Alabama House) Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter and (Senate President) Pro Tem Garland Gudger for their focus last week that has allowed us to be in this strong position to move forward with our 2023 Alabama-drawn congressional map."

The special primary is estimated to cost \$4.45 million, according to the Legislative Fiscal Office, in reimbursements to the counties affected from the state's General Fund budget.

Plaintiffs in *Allen v. Milligan*, Alabama's redistricting case, Monday filed

for a temporary restraining order to prevent the state from using maps drawn by the Legislature saying "the court has created chaos for Alabama election officials and voters."

"The court's decision is designed to entrench power in the hands of the few at the expense of Black voters who have been denied equal rights at every turn," plaintiffs and their counsel said in a statement Tuesday. "It also flies in the face of the decision it issued in this case less than three years ago. This order is also contrary to longstanding precedent that has, until yesterday, forbidden changing the rules too close to an election."

The U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama Tuesday set briefings on the order.

The new primary schedule adds uncertainty and the potential for complications just a week before the May 19 primaries, which will continue for all other federal and state offices on the ballot.

Alabama Secretary of State Wes Allen said at a press conference on Tuesday afternoon that the state will count all votes in the coming primary election but will invalidate the votes cast for the party nominees in the districts that were affected by the recent Supreme Court order.

Ballots that were cast for the other offices by voters, including for residents in the affected congressional districts, will be tallied and counted just as they have in previous elections. The votes for the party nominees in congressional districts 1, 2, 6 and 7 will be tallied and made available, but soon invalidated in lieu of the special primary in August.

"That means Alabama will now move forward using its own 2023 legislative-enacted congressional map," Allen said. "The May 19 primary includes many important races, including numerous statewide constitutional offices, local races, state legislative and judicial races, as well as statewide constitutional amendments. All of these will proceed as normal and the results will be tabulated, canvassed and certified."

However, the votes for the congressional districts that are affected by the court's decision will be voided after the numbers are made public.

The Supreme Court's decision will especially affect the 2nd Congressional District, drawn in 2023 to include the southern Black Belt and a Black Voting Age Population (BVAP) of 48.7 percent, reflecting court orders requiring the state to have two congressional districts where Black voters had the opportunity to elect their preferred representatives.

Using the 2023 map would put more of the district in the Republican-leaning Wiregrass and reduce the Black Voting Age Population (BVAP) from about 49 percent to under 40 percent, making it more likely to be won by a Republican nominee.

Opponents of last week's special session are counting on a 2022 constitutional amendment to provide a legal challenge to the special primary election bills passed by the Alabama Legislature should Alabama be allowed to redistrict. The amendment, known as Amendment 4 during the election, requires any election law passed by the Legislature to be enacted at least six months before a general election.

### CLUB NEWS

## Mah Jongg Club enjoys recent events

A big surprise arrived at the end of March when the 2026 mah jongg cards came in — a wonderful gift for mah jongg players.

We would like to wish a happy birthday to these members: Donna Spraggins and Cheryl McElwee in January, and Barbara Russell in February.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Donna's sisters, Barb and Debbie; Eva's daughter, Shea; Gwen's sister, Cynthia; and Sherry Hunt, who recently underwent finger surgery

following an accident.

A new addition to the family: welcome William A. Davis IV, nephew of Wendy Jarde. Congratulations to the parents.

We enjoyed the Delta Kappa Gamma Mah Jongg Tournament and National Mah Jongg Day in April.

Be sure to check out Hunt Vintage and More Variety Vendors Store, located at Third and Locust streets in Gadsden. You may even find some mah jongg items there.

January monthly winners

(Wednesday games):

Connie Coley, 1,975; Wendy Jarde, 1,680; Donna Spraggins, 1,430.

February:

Wendy Jarde, 2,135; Donna Spraggins, 1,705; Gwen Bonner, 1,155.

March:

Donna Spraggins, 1,535; Becky Campbell, 1,270; Genni Arledge, 1,211.

January monthly winners (Friday games):

Gwen Bonner, 1,925; Wendy Jarde, 1,925; Connie Coley, 1,455; Donna Spraggins, 1,435.

February:

Wendy Jarde, 1,365; Donna Spraggins, 1,345; Genni Arledge, 1,110.

March:

Becky Campbell, 1,001; Genni Arledge, 900; Donna Spraggins, 775.

In February, Connie Coley made the 2025 mah jongg hand worth 75 points.

Congratulations, ladies, and good luck with the 2026 mah jongg card.

Submitted by Gwen Bonner.

## GRMC expands imaging, cardiac technology with new CT suite, upgraded cath lab

Gadsden Regional Medical Center has expanded its medical technology with the addition of a new 128-slice CT suite and a fully upgraded cardiac catheterization lab, hospital officials announced.

The upgrades are designed to improve diagnostic imaging, support minimally invasive cardiac procedures and enhance patient care across the region.

The new 128-slice CT scanner provides high-resolution imaging with increased speed and accuracy, allowing physicians to diagnose a wide range of conditions more efficiently while improving patient comfort.

"Our new CT suite represents a significant step forward in imaging capabilities," said Penny Dobbins, GRMC imaging director. "With a 0.35-second rotation speed capturing 128 image slices in a single rotation, we're able to deliver incredibly detailed, high-resolution scans."

Dobbins said the technology can reduce radiation exposure by up to 82 percent, supports cardiac imaging with full heart scans completed in as few as two heartbeats and includes metal artifact reduction for clearer imaging in patients with implants.

She added the scanner also supports rapid diagnostics in emergency situations, including stroke and trauma cases, with full-body scans completed in as little as six seconds.

In addition to imaging improvements, GRMC has completed a full upgrade of one of its cardiac catheterization labs, adding technology designed to support complex heart and vascular procedures.

"The upgraded cath lab allows our team to perform complex cardiac procedures with even greater precision and efficiency," said Kristen Bedwell, director of cardiology services. "With a 50 percent reduction in radiation exposure for patients, additional radia-

tion protection for staff and physicians, and new operational functionality that helps reduce procedure times, this technology enhances both safety and quality of care."

Michael Hall, chief executive officer of GRMC, said the investments reflect the hospital's ongoing commitment to local healthcare.

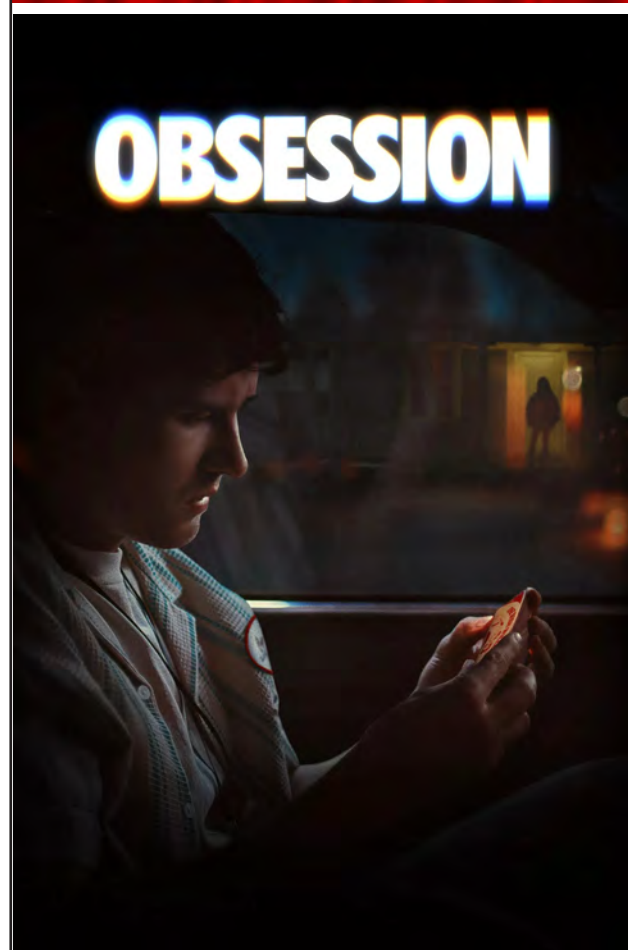
"At Gadsden Regional, we are dedicated to providing safe, compassionate care close to home for our patients," Hall said. "By continuing to invest in technology and facility upgrades, we're ensuring that our community has access to high-quality care without having to travel outside the area."

Gadsden Regional Medical Center is a 346-bed acute care hospital serving Etowah County and surrounding areas. The hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission and offers recognized programs in cardiology, pulmonology, sleep medicine and stroke services.

Submitted by Will Mackey, GRMC.

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# GOVERNMENT

## Former Ag and Industry Commissioner re-sparks his passion for politics

Ron Sparks was the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Commissioner for two terms from 2003 to 2011. The second time he was elected, he was voted in by 62 of the 67 counties in Alabama, he said.

"It was one of the biggest honors of my life to be able to serve the people of Alabama, the consumers, the farmers, the people of Alabama," Sparks said.

In 2011, he stepped down from his position to run for Governor, where he was defeated by Governor Robert Bentley. However, Sparks said he has sat on the sideline for long enough.

"If you look and see the struggle that our farmers are going through right now, I just feel like the timing is right for me to come back and give everything I have to try and help our farmers. Not only that, but I'm not really happy with some of the

things that have happened at the Department of Agriculture."

**What should voters know about you?**

"I believe the Department of Agriculture is the consumer protection agency of the state of Alabama. Whether it's the food you put in your mouth, the gasoline you put in your car, the shrubbery you plant in your yard," Sparks said. "We're over animal health and plant health, food safety, pesticides... The Department of Agriculture is a big department and I was there for 12 years, so I know that department in and out, and the one thing I want to say, I say this everywhere I go, I've never made a decision based on my party affiliation. The Department of Agriculture, number one, it doesn't need to be political. It serves everybody. There's no decision that you can make over there based on whether

you're a Democrat or a Republican. It's unfortunate that you have to do that, but I was there for 12 years and I never made those decisions like that. I made decisions based on what I thought was good for the people of Alabama. And that's exactly what I'm going to do again."

**What are you most proud of overall?**

"When I came into office, animal diagnostics were not the best in the world," Sparks said. "We didn't have good facilities in Alabama, and that's extremely important with our poultry industry, our cattle industry, and any other animal diseases that we could possibly have in Alabama. I built three brand new animal diagnostic labs in Alabama. I built one in Auburn, I built one in Boaz and I built one in Elba. So, we pretty well covered the state. The antibody diagnostics were state-of-the-art facilities, because Alabama's an agricultural state and we have a lot of livestock and I wanted to make sure we took care of it."

Before the facilities were built, necropsies, the autopsy of an animal, were completed in a homemade lean-to outside, Sparks said.

"That's just not acceptable to me," Sparks said. "That's why we built a brand new one, so that we could make sure that our farmers and consumers and people who may have a pet or find a dead bird that needs some kind of dialysis. I mean, this was a very important part of the Department of Agriculture,

and I was honored to be able to do it."

**What will you do if re-elected?**

"When I was there, we had an agri investigator group," Sparks said. "We had like 10 law enforcement officers that worked out in the counties that went to cattle sales. Farmers were able to get to them pretty quickly, and we were able to help farmers when they would lose equipment or lose cattle. Or help anybody, as far as that goes, whether it be violations or animal abuse, anything of that nature. They don't have those anymore. They have pretty much done away with the law enforcement division at the department, and I don't think it's fair to the people of Alabama. Especially with the job they did. They were phenomenal employees and I'd like to put those back."

Another thing Sparks said he would reinstate if elected is having the department inspect gas pumps as they once did. Currently, gas station owners are responsible for ensuring their pumps are accurate.

"When I was there, we sent out inspectors to make sure the pumps were accurate," Sparks said. "Made sure that it's been paid for a gallon if you got a gallon. Made sure that if you bought 93 octane, you got 93 octane, and that's just not the way they operate today... I don't think that's exactly the way it ought to be done. Two reasons: one, service stations have to pay for the service, and two, the de-



Submitted photo

Ron Sparks is running for Department of Agriculture and Industries.

partment is not as close to the inspections as it once was. So, I'd like to change that and get the department back involved so that we make sure consumers in Alabama are protected."

**What else do you want people to know?**

"I feel like we have a message, and I certainly feel like we have a record," Sparks said. "I would ask anybody to look at the record of when I was the commissioner and tell me what you didn't like.

You know, we worked hard and we opened up new markets for farmers. We push for country-of-origin labeling, so people would know where their food comes from. We fought for farmers when big businesses would try to mistreat them. We stopped foreign food that was contaminated from coming into the state of Alabama and so, we were very aggressive in a lot of areas."



## Local resident runs for Secretary of State

Glenda Jackson started her career in government as a volunteer poll worker before becoming a clerk at a city precinct, where she said she learned firsthand how the system works and built a foundation of knowledge around it.

"The process took me 15 years," Jackson said. "From starting as a clerk, getting promoted to be chief inspector and then receiving an appointment by Auditor Jim Zeigler to be on the Board of Registrars. It was a process over years, and at the same time, I was tutoring at an academic intervention program... Anything you want, you can achieve. It takes work and it takes you wanting to submit and learn."

**What are your local connections?**

Jackson taught in the Anniston and Gadsden city school systems before working at Versailles Christian Institute of Learning, where she served as an academic intervention tutor and an educational service provider through the Creating Hope and Opportunity for Our Students' Education Act.

"I'm from Gadsden," Jackson said. "I want to represent this county and this city in excellence, because that's the one thing on my ministry, my spirit of excellence, Daniel 6:3,

but I want to make sure that I represent the people in excellence."

**What are your values?**

"I have an awesome relationship with God, which causes me to have an awesome relationship with people," Jackson said. "I choose to live by standards that have been set by God, that were introduced to me by my parents. God, family, country. Who I am is because of who God is and who God was to my parents, who instilled that into us by going to church and being an example."

Jackson also said her priority is to ensure everyone who can vote has the opportunity to do so. She supports the use of mobile units that can go to nursing homes, to people who need assistance from caregivers, and to veterans in rehabilitation centers.

"They should not feel like they don't have a voice," Jackson said. "I want everyone to know that their voice is their vote and their votes are important, but I want them to become knowledgeable and this scripture comes from me that my people are destroyed by a lack of knowledge. Paul said, brother I want not for you to be ignorant, for my people are destroyed by a lack of knowledge. And I think that is what is happening. That people

don't have the knowledge of what's going on and they should not be deprived."

Jackson did not receive donations from any Political Act Committees, but she has accepted donations from the public for her campaign and has funded it herself.

"My great-granddaddy was owned. We should not be owned by anyone. Nobody owns me. I want the people to know that they are important. I'm not in it for status or anything like that; I'm in it to make improvements to the state for the people. They are the most important to God. The Constitution says we, the people of the United States. Not we the government, not me the politicians, but we, the people."

**What are you proud of locally?**

For 24 years, Jackson served her community as the neighborhood crime watch coordinator.

"I got rid of, being a coordinator, 16 drug houses in 14 years, and transformed the neighborhood from being a drug-infested neighborhood into a family-oriented neighborhood," Jackson said.

Serving as coordinator gave Jackson the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the city ordinances and the proper way to effect change when needed.

"It's either going to make you or break you," Jackson said. "You can retaliate verbally, but my intellect has taught me better, and I'm a Christian, a minister also, and my intellect has taught me you do not lower yourself to another person's standards. You take them to court and let the court deal with it."

**What are you most proud of overall?**

"We were poor," Jackson said. "My mother only finished eighth grade and my daddy only finished the tenth. My great-granddaddy was a slave who migrated from North Carolina... I've earned everything in which I've achieved and worked for it."

Despite coming from a humble background, Jackson said not attending college was never an option; her mom spoke it into existence from the time she was little.

"Words are so powerful, and that's all I heard when I grew up, 'You're going to college,' so I automatically knew I was going to college," Jackson said.

Jackson earned a bachelor's in elementary education with a minor in special education from Jacksonville State University and continued her education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she

earned her master's in elementary education and a postgraduate certificate in administration.

In 2022, Jackson was appointed to the Republicans Operating As Missionaries advocacy group, which promotes school choice and conservative values in the school system.

"I believe that parents should have a choice in the school that they want their child to attend," Jackson said. "Everybody should have a choice in everything that they wish to do. This is America. America provides choices."

**What will you do if you are elected?**

Jackson said her main focus is the people. She said she wants to host town hall meetings to speak directly to community members and to be more transparent about what the state is doing.

She is "a grassroots candidate of truth for the people," Jackson said.

**What else do you want people to know about you?**

"My heart's desire is for the people," Jackson said. "If you're going to be the Secretary of State, you have to have a heart for the people. Because it is the official office of the people, because the Secretary of State serves the people."

## Gov. Kay Ivey sets special elections for four congressional districts

By Anna Barrett  
Alabama Reflector

Gov. Kay Ivey on Tuesday called a special election for congressional districts 1, 2, 6 and 7 after the U.S. Supreme Court Monday evening allowed the state to revert to its 2023 congressional maps.

"I will continue to say: Alabama knows our state, our people and our districts best. The United States Supreme Court's decision is plain common sense and enables our values to be best represented in Congress," Ivey said in a statement Tuesday morning. "For years, we have fought for this outcome, and I am proud to celebrate this win for Alabamians."

The special primary election will be on Aug. 11, and there will be no runoff, as required by legislation passed by the Legislature and signed by Ivey on Friday. Qualifying for the special election will begin on May 20 and end on May 22 at 5 p.m. for

all major parties. For independent candidates and minor parties, qualifying ends on Aug. 11 at 5 p.m.

"Alabamians now have another opportunity to send strong voices to Washington to fight for our values, and I encourage them to get out and vote in this special primary election on August 11. I also urge them to head to the polls this coming Tuesday, May 19 to vote in all other races," Ivey said.

The previously scheduled primary elections for all other races are in one week. Absentee voting began in March. Votes already cast in the affected districts will be nullified, but votes in other races will still be counted.

Plaintiffs in *Allen v. Milligan*, the court case on congressional redistricting, filed an emergency motion Monday for a temporary restraining order to preserve the court-ordered congressional districts.

"Nothing in *Callais* changes the court's finding that 'when

the Legislature enacted the 2023 Plan, there was no lack of clarity that an additional opportunity district was necessary in Alabama' and that regardless of whether the Supreme Court might eventually alter the standard in the future, as it did in *Callais*, 'at that moment in time, ... there was no basis for those legislators to believe that they could ignore [the court's] affirmed ruling...' the plaintiffs wrote. "And nothing in *Callais* changes the fact that defendants stipulated (and this Court found) that the Remedial Plan was 'prepared race-blind' in accordance with Alabama's redistricting guidelines and 'without reference to any illustrative or proposed plan.'"

The three-judge panel ordered the plaintiffs and Secretary of State Wes Allen to file any motions in relation to the Supreme Court's order for the lower court to reevaluate the map by Friday at noon. Allen is also required to file an affidavit on the practicali-

ties of administering the election as soon as possible, but no later than Friday at noon. The court also asked Allen when he would need a map in hand to effectively administer a special election.

"It is essential that we have a full understanding of all relevant practicalities without delay," the order said.

Rep. Rhett Marques, R-Enterprise, and candidate for Alabama's 1st Congressional District, announced Monday evening that he is now a candidate for the 2nd Congressional District. That district is currently represented by U.S. Rep. Shomari Figures, D-Mobile, who, under the 2023 map, would fall into 1st Congressional District. A message seeking comment from Figures was left Tuesday.

The 2nd Congressional District currently runs across the southern part of Alabama's Black Belt, from the Mississippi border to Georgia. Using the 2023 map would put more

of the district in the Republican-leaning Wiregrass and reduce the Black Voting Age Population (BVAP) from about 49% to under 40%, making it more likely to be won by a Republican.

Clyde Jones, Democratic candidate for District 1, said in a phone interview Tuesday afternoon that he plans to run in the special election.

"This is very disappointing, as far as all these changes, but we're going to keep going," Jones said.

Messages seeking comment from U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Selma; and Keith Pilkington, Democratic candidate in District 6, were left Tuesday morning. A message seeking comment from Jeannie Burniston, spokeswoman for the Alabama Republican Party, was left Tuesday morning.

Candidates that win the primary election will advance to the general election on Nov. 3 with all other races, according to the press release.

# LIFESTYLE

## Grave marking ceremony planned to honor Revolutionary War patriot Joseph Garner

A public ceremony honoring Revolutionary War patriot Joseph Garner will be held Saturday, May 23, in Gadsden as local historians and descendants celebrate both his legacy and America's approaching 250th anniversary.

The grave marking ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Garner Cemetery on Washington Street and will recognize Garner's military service and his place in local history. The event is being sponsored by the James Gadsden Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as part of the organization's nationwide observance of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Following the ceremony, attendees are invited to a covered dish supper at Noccalula Falls Park, Pavilion No. 4, beginning at 4 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to share as family members, historians and community members gather to celebrate Garner's life and legacy.

Jackie Brown, regent of the local DAR chapter and Garner's sixth great-granddaughter, said she hopes the event draws younger generations interested in learning more about local history.

"We hope this will promote patriotism," Brown said. "History is very important, especially local history. To have this connection to the Revolutionary War right here in Gadsden is very interesting."

According to Brown, Garner was born around 1754 in what is now West Virginia. He later served during the Revolutionary War before being discharged after suffering a musket injury. He eventually made his way to Alabama, where he lived until his death in 1840.

Brown said State Rep. Mack Butler donated funds for the grave marker, while

Buffalo Rock donated signs promoting the event.

The ceremony will include a military color guard and a black powder gun salute in Garner's honor.

Because the event will be held outdoors and the cemetery grounds may be uneven, organizers recommend attendees wear comfortable, sensible shoes.

The event is open to the public. For more information, email [mjb4672@gmail.com](mailto:mjb4672@gmail.com) or visit the Joseph Garner Cemetery Facebook page.

Send us your events and have them published here

# Your Community CALENDAR

**May 15** **Bingo at Pique Nique Restaurant**  
 • Where: River Rocks Landing  
 • When: 7 p.m.

**May 15** **Dinner and a movie on the lawn**  
 Featuring Zootopia  
 • Where: Southside Landing  
 • When: 6 p.m.

**May 15-17** **Downtown Dance Conservatory Presents Sisters of the Moonlight and Tide**  
 • Where: Wallace Hall 1001 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden,  
 • When: Friday and Saturday 6 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m.

**May 23** **Ferry Park Crawfish Cook-off**  
 • Where: Hokes Bluff Ferry Park  
 • When: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**May 23** **Cruising for a Cure**  
 • Where: Southside Field House parking lot  
 • When: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Ground Breakings, Ribbon Cuttings & Grand Openings**

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

**May 15** **Ground Breaking at Twin Bridges Night Golf**  
 • Where: Twin Bridges golf course  
 • When: 10 a.m.

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**May 20** **District 3 Representative**  
 Candidate Lee McInnis has planned a speaking arrangement at the gazebo at city hall. After the speaking event, McInnis plans to walk the streets of Gadsden and speak to members of the community one on one.  
 District 3 represent all of Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Lee, Macon, Randolph, Russell, St. Clair, Tallapoosa counties and most of Talladega County.  
 • Where: 90 Broad Street, Gadsden City Hall Gazebo  
 • When: May 20 11 a.m.  
 Promoted by the Etowah County Democratic Women's Club.

**May 16** **Third Annual Strawberry Festival**  
 Fill the day with food trucks, specialty vendors, a mimosa bar, local art and live music at the third annual Strawberry Festival at Riverside Park. Be sure to bring your blankets and lawn chairs and settle in for a full day of fun along the beautiful riverfront. For the first-ever, there will be a Strawberry Face-Off, featuring a pie-eating contest and Strawberry Spread-Off (a homemade jam or jelly making competition).  
 Live Music Lineup:  
 10:00 AM – New Delusions  
 12:00 PM – Jake & Jacy (Jake Steed & Jacy Matthews)  
 • Where Riverside Park  
 • When: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**May 17** **Freedom Church Dedication**  
 • Where: 2610 Sansom Ave., Gadsden  
 • When: 9:30 a.m. ribbon cutting. 10:30 service.

**May 23** **America's Reptile Expo**  
 • Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing  
 • When: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**May 23** **Grave Marking Ceremony Honoring Patriot Joseph Garner 250th Semi-Quincentennial Commemoration**  
 This commemorative ceremony will pay tribute to Joseph Garner's legacy and patriotic service as we reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who helped secure American independence. A covered dish meal will be held at Noccalula Falls Park Pavilion 4 will follow the ceremony. Guests are invited to bring a covered dish to share as we continue this time of remembrance and celebration together.  
 For additional information, please contact:  
 Jackie Brown  
 256-458-2630  
 • Where Garner Cemetery Washington Street  
 • When: 2 p.m.

**May 14-17** **Highway 11 Antique Alley Yard Sale**  
 The annual Highway 11 Antique Alley yard sale is held every year after Mother's Day from Thursday through Sunday. Hundreds of vendors set up across the 502-mile roadside yard sale, with antiques, collectibles and crafts for the over 30,000 visitors that shop across the south.  
 • Where: Along Highway 11 from Meridian, Mississippi to Bristol, Virginia  
 • When: Each day from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 No one person is in charge of the event. Call Greater Gadsden for vendor space 256-538-3154

**May 26-29** **Gross Out Camp**  
 Enjoy your summer right on the river, fishing from the pier and exploring the creek running along the trail. The area is rich in worms for fishing and creatures for finding. The camp is led by our entomologist -- so plenty of bugs will be found and examined. Financial aid available.  
 • Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing  
 • When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**May 30** **12th Annual Bash in the Bend**  
 12th Annual Bash in the Bend featuring Kameron Marlowe, Colton Bowlin & KG & The Bad Habits on Saturday. All proceeds support the James M. Barrie Center for Children and local charities. Don't miss out on a great event for a great cause. Gates open at 4 p.m. and the show starts at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and children 10 and under are free.  
 • Where: The River Lot in Tillison's Bend | Robert Lee Rd, Gadsden  
 • When: 4 - 11 p.m.

# LIFESTYLE

## Reading, llamas, snakes and summer fun at GPL

As schools across Etowah County prepare to close their doors for the summer break, the staff of the Gadsden Public Library is preparing for one of our busiest — and most important — times of the year: Summer Reading.

Public libraries across the United States understand something very important about summer vacation. While students certainly deserve a break from homework, tests, and early morning school buses, reading skills can sometimes decline during the long summer months when children and teenagers stop reading regularly. Educators often refer to this as the “summer slide,” and libraries have worked for decades to help families prevent it.

That is exactly why Summer Reading programs matter so much.

At the Gadsden Public Library, our goal is simple: keep children and teenagers reading, learning, exploring, and using their imagination all summer long — while making it fun at the same time.

This summer, GPL will once again offer two separate calendars of events — one for children ages 12 and younger and another specifically designed for teenagers ages 13

to 17. By separating the age groups, we can better tailor programs and activities to their interests and learning levels.

And yes — we are bringing back some exciting favorites!

For our younger readers, one of the most anticipated programs will be a special visit from the llamas of Red Bird Willow Farm on Friday, June 5 at 10 a.m. If you have never seen a library filled with children reading to llamas, smiling from ear to ear, and asking a thousand questions, you are missing something special. Another major attraction will be our Snake Show on Friday, July 24 at 10 a.m. Programs like these spark curiosities and help connect learning with excitement and discovery.

Our Teen Summer Reading calendar also features outstanding events. One highlight will be “Dig into Archaeology with Chris Hill” on June 23 at 3:30 p.m., where teenagers can learn about archaeology, discovery, and history in a hands-on and engaging way. Then on Saturday, July 25, GPL will host GPLCon from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Lena Martin Room — a celebration designed especially for teens who enjoy gaming, pop

culture, creativity and community.

Summer Reading is about much more than simply checking out books. It is about building lifelong readers. It is about encouraging imagination. It is about helping students return to school in August ready to succeed rather than struggling to catch back up.

Most importantly, it is about families spending meaningful time together.

One of the greatest things about public libraries is that opportunities like Summer Reading are available to everyone. Families do not have to travel far or spend large amounts of money to provide enriching experiences for their children. Right here in downtown Gadsden, the public library offers educational programs, entertainment, technology, creativity and thousands upon thousands of books — all designed to help our community grow stronger.

I encourage parents and grandparents to take a few minutes to look over our Summer Reading calendars and make plans to participate. Whether your child enjoys animals, science, history, crafts, gaming, or simply discovering a good book, there is something waiting for them this summer at GPL.



The staff of the Gadsden Public Library looks forward to welcoming everyone through our doors for another exciting Summer Reading season.

For complete schedules and additional information, visit the Gadsden Public Library Youth Services and Main Library Facebook pages.

Visit us at Gadsden Public Library: 254 South College Street, downtown Gadsden (next to the U.S. Post Office). Phone: 256-549-4699. Or visit the Genealogy Branch: 2700 West Meighan Boulevard, Alabama City (corner of West Meighan and Wall Street). Phone: 256-549-4688.

*Craig Scott is the director for the GPL.*

## Remember we are all doing the best we can

As a mother, the best I can do is the best I can do, on any given day, in any given situation. Sometimes, I feel adequate. Occasionally, I feel accomplished. Most of the time, though, I feel woefully underprepared to give my children what they need on my own. But I have learned many lessons, and I have read many books and poems.

My village is full of wise words, blessing, friends, aunts and lessons, and I try to pass all of this on to my children, letting them know they are never alone, and that they will always have a place with me if they need or want it, even as I prepare them to leave and walk their own paths.

Last year, instead of posting baby pictures of each of my four children for Mother’s Day, I instead chose several pictures of all four of them together — a complete sibling group. They have changed through the years, but also still look exactly the same in a lot of ways. They each have the same chin — my chin — and each of them look like me in so many ways, at various times in my childhood. My oldest, Lake, my only son, has at various points in his life looked so much like my siblings and my father’s baby pictures, and now my little nephews, that it boggles my mind. My oldest daughter, Addie, looks so much like me that people remark on it all the time in public. She’s always good-na-

tured about it, but I know it drove me crazy when people did that when I was her age. Remembering makes me smile. My middle daughter, Sylvia, looks so much like my little girl pictures, but also just like my sisters that it is wild. She might be two inches taller than I am, but she’s still my sweet little girl. My baby girl, Olivia, also looks just like my baby pictures and my baby sister’s baby pictures, but she and Sylvia also look like their dad and uncle’s baby pictures. Genetics are wild!

All of these thoughts were running through my mind as I looked at their faces, choosing which to post, and what to say. This year, I went with gratitude and transparency. Being a mother is a wonderful thing, but it is also really, truly hard. I am the same person all day every day, and I have worked to become a fully-developed person so I can be the best mom I am capable of being. But I fall short a lot. I have days when I am exhausted and they are acting wild. Or days when I just want to have a pleasant time, but one of them is in a bad mood. I am never the exact same mother to each of them that I am to their siblings. Not just because of moods or schedules or lack of sleep, but because each of them are their own people, learning in their own unique ways and developing at their own paces.

There are several poems I think of when I consider parenthood: Sylvia Plath’s “Morn-

ing Song” which traces becoming a mother from the first moment a child cries at birth: “Love set you going like a fat gold watch. The midwife slapped your footsoles, and your bald cry Took its place among the elements” and the feeling of hopelessness when a new mom can’t fix everything what is wrong, instead standing by like: “We stand round blankly as walls.” This poem is honest and real and vulnerable.

Another is Nikita Gill’s “Tell Your Daughters,” that reminds mothers to be mindful of how they treat themselves because little eyes and ears are watching and listening: “Tell your daughters how you love your body. Tell them how they must love theirs. Tell them to be proud of every bit of themselves.”

Finally, quotes from a poem and a letter written by Mary Oliver and F. Scott Fitzgerald, respectively. In “The Summer Day,” Mary Oliver asks a question I hope my children will always keep in mind as they walk through life: “I don’t know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass, how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields, which is what I have been doing all day. Tell me, what else should I have done? Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious



life?”

Last, Fitzgerald sent a letter to his daughter with these lines that run through my head often, and that I share with my children: “For what it’s worth... it’s never too late, or in my case too early, to be whoever you want to be. There’s no time limit. Start whenever you want. You can change or stay the same. There are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it. I hope you see things that startle you. I hope you feel things you’ve never felt before. I hope you meet people who have a different point of view. I hope you live a life you’re proud of, and if you’re not, I hope you have the courage to start over again.”

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## Conflict: How to argue in a healthy way

Most people don’t like conflict. It feels uncomfortable, tense and unpredictable. So we either avoid it completely or handle it in ways that leave things worse than they started.

But conflict itself isn’t the problem. It’s how we handle it.

Every relationship—marriage, family, friendships, even work relationships—will have disagreement at some point. The goal isn’t to eliminate conflict. The goal is to move through it in a way that doesn’t damage the relationship in the process.

One of the biggest mistakes people make during conflict is trying to win.

When your focus shifts to proving your

point, being right, or getting the last word the conversation stops being about resolution and starts being about control. And when one person wins, the relationship usually loses. Healthy conflict is less about winning and more about understanding. That doesn’t mean you agree with everything the other person says. It means you’re willing to hear it without immediately preparing your defense.

Another common pattern is reacting instead of responding.

When emotions run high, it’s easy to interrupt, raise your voice or say something you don’t fully mean. In those moments, your goal isn’t clarity—it’s release. That’s why slowing things down matters.

If you feel yourself getting overwhelmed, it’s okay to pause. Stepping away briefly can prevent the kind of statements that are hard to take back.

What you say also matters. Statements like, “You always...” or “You never...”

tend to escalate conflict quickly. They put the other person on the defensive and shift the focus away from the actual issue.

A more effective approach is to speak from your own experience.

“I felt frustrated when this happened.”

“I need more communication about this.”

Being clear and direct is less likely to trigger defensiveness.

It’s also important to stay on one issue at a time. When conflict starts to build, it’s tempting to bring up past situations or stack multiple frustrations into one conversation. But that usually leads to overwhelm and confusion, not resolution. Stick to what’s in front of you.

Healthy conflict also includes listening—really listening. Not waiting for your turn to talk. Not mentally preparing your next point. But actually trying to understand what the other person is saying. That doesn’t mean you have to agree. It means you’re making an effort to see their perspective.

And sometimes, the goal of a conversation isn’t full agreement. It’s clarity. You can understand each other better and still see things differently.

At the end of the day, how you argue matters just as much as what you argue about.

Healthy conflict doesn’t leave people feeling attacked or dismissed. It leaves them feeling heard, even if everything isn’t fully resolved. Conflict handled well can actually strengthen a relationship. It builds trust, improves communication, and creates a clearer understanding of each other.

Avoiding it doesn’t protect the relationship. Learning how to move through it does.

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# DEVOTIONALS

## The gospel according to the guard dog



The other day, we came home to a fresh pile of “doggy-doo” on our front porch steps. This abominable batch was left by one of the two dogs who, just the week before, had played a game of tug-of-war with our deaf dog that left him a little worse for wear.

These dogs are the guardians of the territory we are currently inhabiting—strays taken in by the director of the boys’ home where we work-camp. They are a study in contrasts: nice enough to play sweetly with our grandchildren, yet ferocious enough to chase coyotes at night.

At the end of the day, they are just doing what dogs do. So, even though I am tired of cleaning up after them, I can’t really be upset. In fact, I’ve realized I can learn from them.

Not long after the pair ganged up on our dog—leaving him bleeding—I was taking our buddy for a walk. As we descended the stairs, I spotted the male dog a few hundred yards away, and he spotted us. His tail went straight up and he—uncharacteristically—charged toward us at full speed.

I tugged on our dog’s leash to alert him, since I am his ears. He stiffened as he made eye contact with the “enemy.” The two locked eyes, the big black dog skidded to a halt. They stood like statues, a football field apart—ears alert, tails erect—as still as stones. At that moment, I realized our boy needed a chance to save a little face, so I began leading him directly toward the other dog.

In an instant, the black dog began advancing again, but with more caution; his tail dropped ever so slightly. We picked up the pace. When we had cut the distance in half, the black dog stopped to mark an innocent bush and scratch the ground with his back feet—the infamous signal to “keep out.”

Of course, we did not. I let our dog move as quickly as he wanted into the forbidden territory. I noticed that as long as we maintained eye contact and walked confidently toward him, the “enemy” would retreat. But the moment we stopped advancing or turned

toward home, he would begin stalking back in our direction.

Eventually, after our dog marked his own territory, we ran toward the black dog waving our arms and yelling, “Get! Get! Get!” Okay, maybe only one of us did that. Admittedly, it was not my finest moment (and with any luck, there are no trail cams on the property to prove it), but it worked.

Once our aggressor was safely back at his own house, we turned for home. That is when the lesson clicked. It was a perfect picture of spiritual warfare.

The Bible warns us about our enemy’s tactics in 1 Peter 5:8: “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (ESV). While these ranch dogs are hardly lions, their “prowling” behavior is unmistakable.

When the black dog thought we weren’t paying attention, he advanced quickly and stealthily. But when we were wide-eyed and offensive, he turned away. This brought to mind James 4:7, which offers a three-part strategy for spiritual battles: “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

The first step is to “submit yourself to

God.” This is the foundational alignment of our will with His. The second part, “resist the devil,” is the active response—standing your ground against temptation, fear, or pressure. Then comes the promise: he will flee.

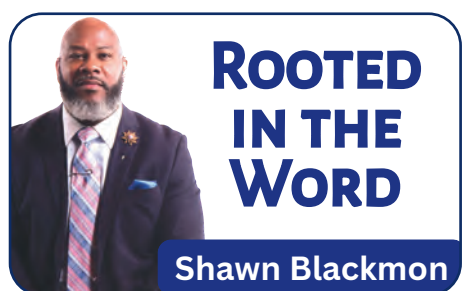
When we submit and resist, the enemy runs, just like that black dog. The dog didn’t suddenly become a different animal; he was still the same territorial stray. But the dynamic changed because we stopped being passive observers of his advances.

It’s funny that the same dogs making my morning chores miserable are teaching me how to stand my ground. They are teaching me to outmarch the things trying to claim territory in my mind and heart. If I want the enemy to flee, I have to give him a reason to run.

Let’s be vigilant this week. Don’t let the “prowler” claim territory that doesn’t belong to him. Ask Holy Spirit to reveal any area of your life where the enemy is advancing. Align yourself with Jesus, resist the devil and claim the victory that belongs to you as a child of God.

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## God is calling His daughters higher



As we celebrated Mother’s Day this past Sunday, we recognize Mother’s Day is more than flowers, cards and celebrations. It is a reminder of the strength, calling and purpose God placed inside women from the very beginning. This week, the Lord keeps echoing one message: Wake up.

Ephesians 5:14 says: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”

There are many women today who are present physically but disconnected spiritually. They show up, but they are exhausted. They smile, but they are carrying hidden burdens. They survive, but they have stopped truly living with passion, purpose and fire for God.

The enemy has been busy attacking minds, families, bodies, emotions and identities.

Fear, disappointment, trauma, rejection and exhaustion have caused many women to quietly drift into survival mode. But God is calling His daughters higher. He is calling women out of spiritual sleep and back into purpose.

Throughout Scripture, God used ordinary women to do extraordinary things. Esther saved a nation. Deborah led with courage. Ruth remained faithful in hardship. Hannah prayed until heaven responded. Hagar was seen by God in the wilderness. The Proverbs 31 woman handled business, cared for her family and honored God with her life.

None of these women were perfect. But they were awakened to purpose.

The enemy fights women so hard because he understands the power of a woman who knows who she is in God. If he can attack your thinking, he can attack your purpose. That is why renewing your mind matters so much.

Romans 12:2 reminds us: “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Transformation begins when your thinking changes. You cannot constantly think defeated thoughts and expect victorious living. You cannot carry fear, bitterness, hopelessness, and insecurity while expecting peace and freedom to grow in your life.

God is calling women to think differently, live differently, respond differently and worship differently. This is not about perfection. It is about presence.

God is not asking you to have it all together. He is asking you to wake up to who you are. You are chosen. You are seen. You are valuable. You are still usable even after heartbreak, mistakes, trauma and disappointment. Broken crayons still color.

Some women have spent years carrying pain silently while still trying to hold everybody else together. But this week, remember this truth: God binds up the brokenhearted. He sees every tear, every prayer, every hidden struggle and every silent battle. And just like Hannah, your sincere cry still reaches heaven.

Some breakthroughs will not come from simply watching anymore. Some breakthroughs come when you respond. When you pray. When you worship. When you surrender. When you say “yes” to God even when it feels uncomfortable.

The question this week is simple: Would you still say yes if God called you higher? Would you still say yes if obedience stretched your comfort zone? Would you still say yes if purpose required sacrifice? Would you still say yes if God asked you to trust Him completely?

This Mother’s Day, do not just celebrate motherhood. Celebrate purpose. Celebrate calling. Celebrate the fact that God still uses women to shape generations, shift atmospheres, and carry His glory into the earth. Wake up, woman of God.

The world does not need more distracted, defeated, spiritually exhausted women. It needs awakened women.

Prayer: Father, awaken every gift, purpose and calling that has gone dormant inside us. Heal every broken place, renew our minds and restore our passion for You. Give them courage to say yes to Your will even when it stretches us. Remind every woman reading this that she is chosen, valuable and deeply loved by You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Walk in grace. Stand in truth. Live blessed.

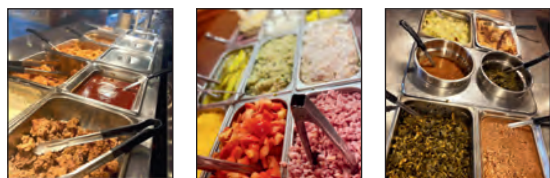
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# SPORTS

## GCHS's first girl in 15 years to receive golf scholarship

Gracey Lankford of Gadsden City High School signed a golf scholarship with Calhoun Community College on Monday.

Lankford is the third female golfer from Gadsden City to sign a scholarship, the last being 15 years ago.

She has played golf at Gadsden for four years and has been one of the top four girls in every match and tournament over the last three, Robert Brown, GCHS golf coach, said. Her efforts helped the girls' team earn second place in the Gadsden Area Tournament for the last two years.

"I've had the pleasure and honor of being her coach for the last three, and also her math teacher for a semester," Brown said in an email to the messenger. "I feel very fortunate to have been part of her journey."

Although her record doesn't reflect it, Lankford's golf career has had its share of challenges.

"Two years ago, she injured her knee during a tournament, which brought a quick and unexpected end to her season," Brown said. "But she came back stronger and more determined the next year. Then the week before sectionals, we were in a golf cart accident together, where Gracey fractured her finger and suffered a bunch of scrapes and bruises. But she was determined not to pass up the opportunity she had worked so hard for."

A few days after the accident, Lankford endured the pain to compete at sectionals, he said. Thankfully, she made it through this season without any injuries, Brown said.

"I've really enjoyed getting to know Gracey for the past three years and see the tremendous growth she's had as a person and a golfer," Brown said. Three years ago, she started off with scores in the low 60s during our 9-hole matches. At the beginning of the next season, she started breaking 60, and by the end of that season, she finally broke 50. This season, she had scores down to the mid-40s."

This year, at the Kickoff Classic Tournament, she broke 100 and helped her team finish third. Lankford's efforts also enabled her to qualify for sectionals the last two years, and each time, her scores got her close to qualifying for sub-state, Brown said.

"Calhoun Community College is not only gaining a great golfer, but also a strong, tough, hardworking, authentic, kind and caring young lady who will be a huge



Photo submitted by GCHS

Gracey Lankford (middle) pictured with her dad, Jeremy (seated left), mom Rebecca (seated right), girls athletic director Amanda Lewis (top left), head golf coach Steven Brown, (top middle) and principal Joel Gulleddge (top right) at Lankford's signing ceremony on Monday.

asset and blessing to her coach, teammates, instructors and the many friends I'm sure she'll make there," Brown said. "We are so proud of you, Gracey! We are happy and excited that you've been given this incredible opportunity. You've worked very hard, and you truly deserve this.

This is just the beginning for you. We know you will keep showing up and working hard in everything you do. We look forward to seeing you succeed on the golf course, in your schooling, in your future career, and in your life. Congratulations!"

## Glencoe student receives GSCC Athletic Scholarship



Lindsey Frazier/Messenger

Aiden Johnson (seated with the red hat), his brother (seated left) and Glencoe's baseball team at Johnson's athletic scholarship signing ceremony on Friday.

Aiden Johnson, a Glencoe student, signed an athletic scholarship to Gadsden State Community College on Friday during a signing ceremony.

In his five years of playing baseball at Glencoe, Johnson threw almost 3,000 pitches, pitching 62 innings this season alone, Dillon Terry, Glencoe baseball head coach, said. Although his stats are impressive, Terry said that's not the only reason he earned a scholarship.

"I want to let y'all know why

we're here," Terry said. "That's more based off the person that he is, the type of teammate that he is, the kind of player that he is. It has nothing to do with [the stats]."

From a coaching standpoint, Terry said he does all the little things right, even though he is slow to get ready.

"He's almost always one of the last kids to leave," Terry said. "That's because he's staying to help clean up afterward. He may be staying behind to get extra reps, whatever the case may be. A lot of

times it is his fault because, like I said, he does take forever to get ready, and his brother takes right after him."

Johnson is always helping out with his teammates and talking with his coaches about what he can do to improve, Terry said. Even in the summer, he's working out and training on his own, he said.

It doesn't just stop with baseball, either. He said Johnson is the same way on the football field, where he coached him as well.

"He's one of the best kids to be

around," Terry said. "He always has a great attitude, he's not a terrible teammate, he's not cussing out his teammates and doing things that you're not supposed to do. He's always doing the right thing, and that, more than anything, is why he's sitting here today."

Johnson lettered in baseball for five years, earned a spot on the Etowah County Tournament team this year, All-Etowah County last year and this year, All-Area 11 3A last year and this year, and East-West All-Star selection since 2024.

With games still left in the season, many of Johnson's final statistics are still being calculated, but Terry said he is pushing for Johnson to earn All-State honors this year.

"Thanks to his parents, a lot of the foundation he had coming into this is why he was able to accomplish what he did," Terry said. "What he's accomplished with us on the mound and at the plate has been a big deal. We couldn't have done what we did without him."

### Johnson's career stats

- Batting average 334
- On base percentage 430
- Hits 115
- 55 RBIs
- 71 runs
- Total pitched 157 innings
- Batters faced 788
- Earned run average 3.15w
- Number of pitches 2,924
- Walks plus hits per inning 1.614
- Strikeouts 197

### This season's stats

- Innings pitched 62
- Earned run average 1.899
- Walks plus hits per inning 1.213
- Strikeouts 79
- Batting average 186

## Snead State announces athletes with special ceremony

Snead State Community College recognized student-athletes on May 4 in a special Commencement ceremony highlighting their achievements in both academics and athletics.

Held at Plunkett Wallace Gymnasium, the ceremony brought together graduates, families, coaches and college officials to celebrate a class that balanced competition schedules with coursework while representing the college across multiple sports.

Snead State President Joe Whitmore addressed the graduates, emphasizing the discipline required of student-athletes.

"Tonight is a special kind of celebration," Whitmore said. "We gather to honor a group of graduates who didn't just complete assignments and pass exams - you competed, you represented this college with pride, and you carried the responsibility of being both a student and an athlete. That takes discipline. That takes sacrifice. That takes resilience."

Whitmore challenged the graduates with a message about humility and accountability as they enter the next stage of life.

"Receiving your degree is a big deal, but it does not entitle you to anything," Whitmore said. "Your degree is an accomplishment. It is not a guarantee. It provides an opportunity. It is not a reward for the rest of your life, and it certainly does not entitle you to success."

He noted that millions of students graduate each year, urging the class to distinguish themselves through their actions rather than through their credentials alone.

"What will set you apart is not the fact that you have a degree—but how you live, how you work, and how you respond when life gets hard," Whitmore said. "Nothing is given. You didn't win just because you showed up. Some of your greatest growth came when things didn't go your way."

Whitmore also highlighted the importance of faith and humility, encouraging graduates to remain grounded as they pursue careers or further education.

"Faith replaces entitlement with gratitude," Whitmore said. "Instead of saying, 'I deserve this,' faith says, 'I'm thankful for the opportunity.'"

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# OBITUARIES



**Daryl Wallace**

**GADSDEN** - Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Mr. Daryl I. Wallace, age 56, of Gadsden, AL, who traded mortal for immortality on Tuesday, May 05. He is survived by his loving family. **CELEBRATION OF LIFE** will be on Saturday May 16, at 12:00 PM at Heritage Baptist Church, 2953 Fowlers Ferry Road, Southside, AL 35907



**Dennis "Dean" Smith**

Dennis "Dean" Smith, age 66, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family, May 5th. A private graveside service was held at Crestwood Cemetery, with Daniel Smith officiating.

He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Andrew Smith, his mother Florella Smith and his brother Steve Smith.

He is survived by his wife Cecelia "Jane" Smith, daughters Lauren (Joe) Ward and Jennifer Cornutt, stepdaughters Donna (Kyle) Castille and Kimberly (Jacob) Hudson, father Roy E. Smith, brothers Greg and Terry (Janna) Smith, sister Paula (Alan) Bowman, grandchildren Andrew Pounds, Zoey, Cooper, Olivia, and Ellis Cornutt, Gylan, Zane and Olivia (Des Singleton) Tucker, and Zoe (Eli) Tilton, Cody (Mary Ann), Gavin (Emma) and Ethan (Marly) Burrage.

Special thanks to Southern Beacon Hospice for their care and kindness.



**Dixie Elaine Coker Ferguson**

**GADSDEN** - With deep sorrow, Dixie Elaine Coker Ferguson passed away on May 4th, surrounded by her family and friends. Dixie was loved immensely as she was a strong, fiery woman who was absolutely devoted to her family.

Born on March 6, 1963, in Gadsden, AL, Dixie grew up with 5 siblings and was the youngest child to come into this world. She grew up caring for others and developed a sense of responsibility and compassion. In her adulthood, she would go on to have two beautiful children who she loved most in this world. As a mother, she was supportive and helped to ground them as she would anyone else who needed it. Dixie was resilient, and she gave endlessly of herself.

Dixie didn't just leave this world; she joined another as she ascended into Heaven where she is at peace with her parents, Jerry Coker and

Gwynne Coker. She also is with her brother, Johnny Coker and his son Joseph Coker, as well as her sister and her best friend, Shelley Hale, who previously passed on December 13, 2025.

She is survived by her two children; Her son, Chad Ferguson and his wife Brandy, and Emilie Ferguson and Colby. She was known as Nana to her grandchildren, Livie Grace, Briley, Isaac, and Charlee Kate. As well as her dog Nora.

She is also survived by her brothers and sister: Tommy Coker and Rhonda, Jeff Coker and Debbie, Margaret Johnson and Lee.

Nieces and Nephews: Angela Crumpton and Wes, Andrea Gatlin and Nathan, Jason Coker and Jenny, Matt Johnson and Micky, Chris Johnson and Afton, Kevin Johnson and Brittney.

This is a big family with great nieces and nephews, and Dixie loved every single one of them.

Dixie had a Celebration of Life on May 8th at Carnes Chapel Methodist Church in Attalla, AL.



**Jacob Edward Hornsby**

Jacob Edward Hornsby, 14, of Boaz, Alabama was born January 25, 2012 and passed away on May 6, where he spent his life surrounded by family and friends he loved. Jacob was a bright and kind-hearted young man with a contagious smile and generous spirit. He was a student at Sardis Middle School and had a love for the Marching Band, video games, animals, skiing and spending time outdoors. His energy, curiosity, and warmth touched everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his loving parents, David Hornsby and Tammy East, brother Stephen East, Nephew Evan Cole, Grandmother Connie Moore and Grandmother Mary Allen and a host of Aunts, Uncles, cousins and friends who loved him dearly and will always cherish the memories they shared with him. He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Charles and Edna Hornsby, and Great-grandmother Joann Stewart. Though his time here was far too short, Jacob's impact on the lives around him will never be forgotten. Pallbearers: Stephen East, Gavin Carroll, Tony Weary, Zack Sherwood, Carl Cryer and Bailey Cryer.

A celebration of life was held on May 12th at Etowah Memorial Chapel. Jacob will be deeply missed and forever loved.



**Kathryn Elizabeth McGuire Thomas**

Kathryn Elizabeth McGuire Thomas, 37 of Abilene, TX on May 4 at Emory University Hospital after a brief illness.

A Celebration was held on May 9 at Collier Butler Funeral Home in Gadsden, AL, with David Powell of the Sand Rock church of Christ.

Kathryn was born to Cindy and Michael McGuire on February 28, 1989, in Char-

lotte, NC. At 8 weeks of age, she was diagnosed with a complex congenital heart defect and correction was difficult but achieved to its best degree. She graduated from Philips Academy in 2010. She also attended school at Clear Creek Elementary, Providence Rd Elementary School, Northeast Middle School, and Manus Academy, all in Charlotte, NC. She attended Central Piedmont Community College.

Katie was the absolute "spark" and sparkle of our family. She was loving, loyal, courageous, the best hugger. She never met a stranger. She was forgiving and tenderhearted. She showed the love and forgiveness the Father bestows upon us. She's our heartbeat. To describe her is to use all the wonderful things in this world.

On June 1, 2019 (her Golden grandparent's anniversary), Katie married the love of her life, Andrew Thomas. He was her everything...her knight in shining armor, her soulmate. It was the happiest day of her life.

Katie was a crafter. Her sisters taught her how to crochet and knit. She enjoyed making a variety of craft projects. She had a booth at The Crossing, in Abilene, TX, selling her creations.

She is preceded by her "SuperDad," Michael David McGuire of Centre, AL as well as grandparents Bobby and Carol Golden of Southside, AL and Lillian Pauline Quarles McGuire of Gadsden, AL and Vestor Mickey McGuire, Ret Mstr Sargent, US Army of Birmingham.

She leaves to cherish and honor her memory: her beloved Andrew Thomas, Sr Airman, USAF of Abilene, TX, mother Cindy Golden McGuire of Centre, AL, brother David (Erin) of Piedmont, AL, sister Diana (Nathaniel), Easley, SC, niece Lillian Faith McGuire and nephew Aiden David McGuire of Piedmont, AL, her parents in love, Michael and Susan Thomas of Hendersonville, TN, her aunts, Vicky (Michael) Lamb and Christy (Ben) Morton, her uncle James (Jana) Golden, her chosen Mimi, Meri Russell of Abilene, TX and her chosen aunt and uncle Tina and Mark Heatley of Charlotte, NC, as well as a host of cherished and loved cousins.

Honorary Pallbearers: Dr Anton Melnyk and the staff of Texas Oncology in Abilene, Drs Anna Venardos, Scott Pilgrim, Dr Medani of Cook Children's Hospital Adult Congenital Heart team and her friends at The Crossing in Abilene, TX.



**Lucille Thomas**

**GADSDEN** - A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Please join us in mourning the passing of Mrs. Lucille Thomas, of Gadsden, AL who traded time for eternity on Tuesday, May 5, at the age of 86. We ask that you please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Lucille Martin Thomas was born on January 23, 1940 to the late John Maull, Sr. and Henrietta Maull in Marion, Alabama.

She confessed Christ at an early age at First Baptist Church in Alabama City.

She was a graduate of Carver High School class of 1958.

Lucille retired from Mid-South Electronics in 2006, where she was a Welder for many years. She also worked at General Times many years prior.

Lucille was preceded in death by her husband of 59

years, George Thomas, Jr.; parents, John and Henrietta Maull; son, Andre Leonard Thomas; special granddaughter, Anasha Ne'cole Davis; brothers, Isaiah Taylor, Robert Maull, Willie James Taylor; sister, Sarah Ann Maull; brother-in-law, Raymond "Falcom" Whorton, Sr., Jimmy "Eggie" Thomas, Toy Thompson; sister-in-laws, Rosie Thomas, Maxine Thomas, Mildred Woody.

Lucille is survived by her caring and loving children, Cedrick Lamont Thomas, Anthony Wayne Thomas, and Monica Henrietta Thomas-Jones; one brother, John Maull, Jr.; one sister, Dorothy Jean Harris; brother-in-law, John (Nikki) Thomas; sister-in-laws, Carrie Stewart, Helen Thompson, Martina Marshall, Johnnie Mae Taylor; best friend, Lucille Oliver Harris; grandsons, Deroyale Andre Jones, Jr., Jacobi Rapheal Jones, Bernard Leonardo Thomas, Jaylan Kartez Taylor; great grandsons, Dr'Marina Giavontte Jones, Jaceon Javar Thomas, Ja'Kar Lee Kartel Taylor; chosen granddaughters, Dienesha Hickman, Iermeisha McBride, Jada Lindsey, Jalesa Lindsey; chosen daughter, Christy Taylor, Terral (Kenneth) Townsend; chosen sons, Eddie (Punchie) Calloway, Ronald Sears, Zach Easley, Samuel Cox; Special nephew, Robert (Bobby) Maull, Jr.; special granddaughter-in-law, Kayla Williams, and a host of other nieces, nephews family and friends.

Celebration of Life was held on May 9, at First Baptist Church ~ Alabama City.



**Miracle Cooper**

**GADSDEN** - It is with deep sympathy we announce the passing of Miracle Cooper of Gadsden, AL, who transitioned on May 3, at the age of 17. We ask that you keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during the difficult time.

Miracle Samirah Alice Cooper was born on April 30, 2009 to Tania and Kennedy Cooper in Gadsden, Alabama. Miracle was the second child of four siblings.

Miracle attended Gadsden City High School, shooting for the stars to get her high school diploma. Miracle was preceded in death by her granddads, James C. Randle, David Dais; grandmothers, Emma Louise Davis, Mary Alice Cooper.

She leaves to cherished memories to her mother, Tania Cooper; her father, Kennedy Cooper; her siblings, Jamarion Randle Hardwick, Raya Cooper, Kennedy Cooper; her grandmothers, Martha Fenn, Carolyn Adams; her grandfathers, Kennedy Cooper, Sr. Jerome Adams; her aunts, Darlene (Ronald ) Collins, Margaret (Bruce) Ragland, Tanganeke Cooper, Julius Tolbert, Waltina Gray; her uncles, Tommy (April) Davis, Spencer (Rosaland) Gray, Kevin (Kirsten) Cooper, Tyreses ( ) Cooper; great aunts, Dolly Thomas, Nancy Davis, Silvia Davis, Mary McNeal Cooper and Nancy Burns, and a host of cousins, family and close friends. Services were held on May 9, at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church.



**Janet Hazel Simmons**

**SOUTHSIDE** - Janet Hazel Simmons, 74, of Southside, passed away peacefully on May 8, surrounded by family.

Born on July 8, 1951, to Leslie and Hazel Howington, Janet lived a life rooted in faith, love, strength, and devotion to her family and community.

Janet attended Emma Sansom High School and later worked for the City of Gadsden in Parks and Recreation, where she served faithfully for many years. She was known for her strong work ethic, fierce independence, and caring spirit.

A woman of deep faith, Janet loved God and cherished every moment spent with her family. She had a passion for gardening and found joy in watching hummingbirds flutter around her flowers.

Janet traveled extensively throughout the world, but one of her favorite places was Cades Cove, where she found peace and beauty in the mountains she loved so dearly.

Janet never met a stranger and had a gift for making people feel welcome. She especially loved feeding others and took pride in making sure her family was always well fed and cared for. She was generous with her wisdom and advice, always ready to help those she loved. Her strength, resilience, and unwavering love will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leslie and Hazel Howington; her beloved granddaughter, Alyssa Jade Simmons; her sisters, Lisa Ann Dorrough and Joan Marie Tilly; and her nephew, Scott Tilly.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Stacy (Will) Hall and Karen (Jeff) Munos; her son, Michael Simmons; her granddaughter, Leslie (Devon) Hall; her grandson, Josh (Abby) Hall; her sister, Linda (Randy) Patty; her brother, Kenneth (Shannon) Howington; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Simmons, Josh Hall, Steve Simmons, Gary Fox, Will Hall, Kenneth Howington, Jason Patty, and Brandon Dorrough.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Amedisys Hospice as well as the many friends and family members who offered love, support, and care during this time.

A Celebration of Life service was held on May 11 and officiated by David Carroll.

**Scottie Wilks**

Scottie Wilks passed away on May 9, at the age of 57. He was a loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend who gave his life to God and loved his family deeply. Scottie enjoyed riding motorcycles and spending time fishing, making memories with those he loved most. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Scottie was preceded in death by his parents, Luther Wilks and Mildred

Price, and his nephew, Jeremy Wilks.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his daughters, Jessica (Demetris) and Kayla (Hunter); his six beloved grandchildren, Robert Hawkins, Zarah Renfro, Zoey Renfro, Khloe Cook, Kolton Cook, and Zaylee Renfro; his brothers, Kim Wilks and Bryan Wilks (Donna); his niece, Haley (Zack); along with a host of cousins, extended family, and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 15, at Village Chapel Funeral Home. Family viewing will be from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, public viewing from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and funeral service at 6:00 PM.



**Martha Gail Wassham**

**GLENCOE** - Martha Gail Warsham passed on May 8, at the age of 87; she was born on August 2, 1938, in Alabama and was a resident of Glencoe, Alabama.

Visitation was held at Collier-Butler Funeral Home 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901, on May 13, followed by a Funeral Service.

Final resting place will be Forrest Cemetery, 700 S 15Th St, Gadsden.



**Zera Bellamy Mullendore**

Zera Bellamy Mullendore passed away surrounded by the love of family on May 10, at 98 years old. She was born in Etowah County on October 25, 1927. Zera was married to her beloved husband, Tommy Mullendore, and will be remembered for her kind heart, quiet strength, and the love she shared with those closest to her.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, Tommy Mullendore; her brothers, Willie Bellamy, Clifford Bellamy, R.L. Bellamy, Horace Bellamy, and Russell Bellamy; her parents, Isaac and Ollie Bellamy; and her beloved niece, Barbara Bellamy Turner.

She is survived by her beloved niece, Deborah Bellamy (Denson) Ragsdale, and her daughters, Kayla Ragsdale Prater and Lori Ragsdale Bendall. She also leaves behind many great-great-nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved: Mason, Morgan, Milean, Madeleine, and Samuel. She is also survived by her nephews, Clay Bellamy and Curtis "Bud" Bellamy.

Cherished memories and her lasting impact will remain with all who knew and loved her. The family appreciates the thoughts, prayers, and support during this difficult time.

A private family service will be held to honor and celebrate Zera's life.



**Perry Ellis Wain**

**GADSDEN** - Funeral service for Perry Ellis Wain, 63, of Gadsden will be held 2pm Monday, May 18, 2026 at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Rainbow Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 12pm until time of service.

Mr. Wain passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026 surrounded by family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Ellis Wain and Bettie Sue Wain.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kimberly Wain; children, Sarah (DJ) Nation, Chris (Ashlyn) Jones-Wain, Andrew Wain, and Jeremy Wain; step-children, Justin Littlejohn (Kris-ty), Courtney Darden (Charles), Amanda Roberson, Chris Elliott, Kacey Elliott; grandchild-dren, Brianna (JT) Sisk, Mackenzie Nation, Taylor Nation, Irene Nation, Benjamin Nation, Jasmine Nation, Scarlett Nation, Kaydence Jones, Daxton Jones, Jessie Jones, Aubrey Jones, Austin Martin, Gabriel Wain, Connor Wain, Darryl Wain, and London Gilbert; 13 step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Paxton Sisk, Baylon Sisk, and Aurora Mortin; brothers, Les (Donna) Wain, and Justin (Crystal) Wain; and several nieces.

Ellis was a member of Central Avenue Baptist Church. He was a 1981 graduate of Emma Sansom High School. He worked as a machinist until he joined the United States Air Force. He served 5 years active duty and retired from Air National Guard after 17 years. Ellis learned plumbing in the Air Force and opened his own plumbing company while in Air National Guard. He was a master plumber and a member of the Plumbers and Gas Fitting Union out of Birmingham. He was very active all his life, he loved playing sports such

as church soft-ball. Motorcycles were a love of his, especially Harley Davidsons and Indian Motorcycles; he rode as chaplain with the Christian Motorcycle Association. He loved NASCAR and Alabama football.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Wain, Jeremy Wain, Chris Jones-Wain, DJ Nation, Les Wain, and Justin Wain. Honorary Pallbearers will be Ben Nation, Connor Wain, Darryl Wain, Gabriel Wain, Daxton Jones, and Tony Battles.

Special thanks to ACG Hospice, especially, Clay and Blaise.



**Mildred Joyce Stephens**

**GLENCOE** - Mildred Joyce Stephens, age 90, of Glencoe, passed away on May 7. A funeral service was held at Crestwood Funeral Home on May 13. Pastor Tommy Ferguson will officiate. Burial will follow at Crestwood Cemetery.

Ms. Stephens was truly a shining light in this world. She had a loving and devoted heart for her family, especially her granddaughters and great-grandson. She dearly loved her children and animals and had a special affection for her beloved cats. A strong and faithful woman, Joyce was baptized into the Christian faith in a creek as a teenager and remained steadfast in her beliefs throughout her life. She was a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Jack-sonville, Alabama. Christmas was her favorite holiday, and she treasured all the joy and togetherness it brought. Joyce was also known for her sassy spirit and determined strength, qualities that made her unforgettable to those who knew and loved her. She will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents, R.L. Taylor and Bertha Taylor; and her daughter, Cathy Ford.

She is survived by her daughters, Stephanie Croy,

Debra Gray, and Kim McGowan (Dennis); her son, Richard Stephens; her granddaughters, Rachel Stephens (Jason Vargas) and Megan Morgan (Elliot); and her grand-grandson, Quentin Morgan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials and donations may be made to the Humane Society of Etowah County.

Pallbearers will be Richard Stephens, Dennis McGowan, Elliot Morgan, David Willis, Jason Vargas, and Nate Whisenant.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Coosa Valley and Gadsden Regional for the compassionate care and kindness shown to Joyce during her final days.

**Wanda George-Beckett**

Public Visitation will be 12noon -6pm Monday, May 18 in the chapel of West Gadsden Funeral Home.

Celebration of life will be 2pm Tuesday, May 19 at First Baptist Church of Douglas 304 11 Street SE Fort Payne, AL, United States, Alabama 35967. Burial Glenwood Cemetery 9th St, Fort Payne, AL 35967.



**Ruth Machen Love**

Ruth Machen Love, age 92, passed away peacefully on May 13.

Born on June 5, 1933 in Gadsden, AL, Ruth grew up in the Ashville area and attended Ashville High School where she met the love of her life, Jerry Love. Their marriage in 1949 began a 67-year partnership rooted in love. Ruth lived a life marked by devotion to her family and her faith.

Ruth and Jerry lived many years in the Hueytown community raising a son and daughter, Greg and Beverly. There they enjoyed square dancing and supporting their children in school events. They returned to the Shoal Creek Valley area of Ash-

ville on weekends to share a love of watersports with family and friends. In 2005 Ruth and Jerry returned to Shoal Creek where they enjoyed retirement on the lake reunited with friends and family from their youth.

Ruth was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Her family will remember her as a steady, loving presence - gentle, faithful, and full of quiet strength. She had a creative spirit and found joy in working with her hands. She loved baking, sewing and crochet, creating pieces that will continue to be cherished by those who knew her. Her baby blankets, booties and afghans are still favorites to so many family and friends. Later in life, she discovered a passion for acrylic and watercolor painting, expressing her creativity in new and beautiful ways.

She was a member of Greensport Baptist Church and it's Joy Sunday School Class. While living in Hueytown, she was an active member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Ruth's faith was always central to who she was.

She dedicated many years of service to Auburn Engineering Service and Bessemer State Technical College where she worked as the school registrar until her retirement, earning the respect and appreciation of colleagues and students alike.

Ruth's life was a testament to faith, love, and quiet service. She leaves behind a legacy of de-votion that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Ruth is predeceased by her husband, Jerry Love, and her granddaughter, Shea Vines Head-ley.

She is survived by her son, Greg (Andrea) Love; granddaughter, Alesha Love (TK); grandson, Brock (Jordyn) Love, great-granddaughter, Lyla Love; daughter, Beverly Love; grandson Latt (Amina) Vines; granddaughter, Hope (Nate) Fox Love; great-granddaughter, Carmen (Ethan) Newsome; great-great-grandchildren, Hayes and Marlee Newsome; and great-granddaughter, Kaci Love. She is also survived by her sister, Rachel (Hoyt) Minyard and sister-in-law, Joyce Sanders; as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the caregivers at Gadsden Health and Rehab Center and Enhabit Hospice

for their kindness, care and love.

A visitation will be held Saturday, May 16, from 2:00-3:00 pm, followed by a funeral service at 3:00 pm, both at Greensport Baptist Church in Ashville, AL.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Greensport Baptist Church Building Fund in her name.



**Parker Ray Wain**

**ATTALLA** - Funeral service for Parker Ray Wain, 60, of Attalla, will be held 11am Tuesday, May 19, with Rev. John Mark Collier officiating the service. Burial will follow at Rainbow Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 10am until time of service.

Mr. Wain passed away Monday, May 11 at Riverview Regional Medical Center.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lester "Jack" Wain and Juanita Wain; brothers and sisters, Peggy Ann Wain Roden, Lester Fletcher "Moe" Wain, Jr., Jerrie Eulene Wain Breedwell, Rebecca

Lynn Wain Woods, Richard Allen Wain, Cornelia Elizabeth Garrett Roebuck, and Sherry Elizabeth Wain Jones.

Left to cherish the memory of Mr. Wain are his wife, Ludovina Wain; daughters, Ashley Alexander, Rachel Kreter (Michael), and Cecilia Pike; grandchildren, Rosemary, Elliana, Willow, Evelyn, Charlie, and Liam; sisters, Fernsanteese "Sandy" Wain Perry, Delia "Darlene" Garrett Morrow; and brother, Jackie Wain; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Parker was a member of Central Avenue Baptist Church. He graduated from Etowah High School in 1983. Mr. Wain worked for Federal Mogul in Boaz most of his life. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Special thanks to Lewis and Sherry Blackwell.

**Jerry Wooten**

**GADSDEN** - Jerry Wooten passed on May 13, at the age of 84. Born on September 16, 1941, Jerry was a resident of Gadsden, Alabama. Collier-Butler Funeral Home S 15Th St, Gadsden.

**Earlene Lyle**

**ATTALLA** - Ms. Earlene Lyle passed on May 12, at the age of 88, and was born on December 11, 1937, and was a resident of Attalla, Alabama. Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory

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# QUALITY WATER REPORT FORDS VALLEY & HWY. 278 WATER CO-OP

## Year ending 2025

We are pleased to provide you with this year's Quality Water Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The source of our water is Tawana Springs. 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, which has a delineated protection area. Potential contaminant sites have been identified and marked on map and there is a source water committee in place with representatives from the area on the committee. The protection area has been marked and we are working to reduce potential contaminant sites. As part of the Public Awareness portion of this program a meeting was held to make information available to the public and answer questions. Turnout was small but informative.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm excluding holiday, at the Coop office at 9529 Hwy 278 East. If you have any question about this report, please contact Felix Firestone at (256) 492-5886.

Fords Valley & Hwy 278 Water Co-Op routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. This table shows the results of our Monitoring for the period January 1 through December 31, 2025, and or the most recent. All drinking water including bottled drinking water may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It is important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations that may not be familiar. To assist you in understanding these terms we have provided the following definitions. Part per Million (PPM) or Milligrams Per Liter (mg/l) equal to one part in a volume of million - one minute in two years Part Per Billion (ppb) or Microgram Per Liter equals to one part in a billion- one minute in 2 years

Picocuries Per Liter (pCi/l) a measure of radioactivity in water

Millirem's Per Year (mrem/yr) measure of radiation absorbed by the body

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) million fibers per liter is a measure of asbestos fibers that are longer than ten (10) micrometers Nephelometric Turbidity- Units (NTU)

measure of clarity of water, five (5) NTU is just noticeable to the average person

Action Level concentration of a constituent which if exceeded, triggers treatment or the requirements which the water system must follow.

**Technique (TT)** is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water

**Maximum Contaminant Level maximum allowed (MCL)** is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal "The Goal" (MCLG)** is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MCLG's allow for a margin of safety

**Variance & Exemptions (V&E)** State or EPA permission not to conduct this test or to meet an MCL treatment technique under certain conditions.

We are proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The data presented represents the most recent testing done in accordance with applicable regulations. There have been no monitoring violations.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water possesses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791.

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 activity.

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/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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 Fords Valley & Hwy 278 Water Co-Op work around the clock to provide top quality water to each tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are at the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

Please review the tables below:

### Table of Primary Contaminants 2025

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

CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMOUNT DETECTED
<b>Bacteriological</b>		
Total Coliform Bacteria	< 5%	4.167%
Turbidity	TT	0.10
Fecal Coliform & E. coli	0	ND
<b>Radiological</b>		
Beta/Photon emitters (mrem/yr)	4	ND
Alpha emitters (pci/l)	15	ND
Combined radium (pci/l)	5	ND
Uranium(pci/l)	30	ND
<b>Inorganic</b>		
Antimony (ppb)	6	ND
Arsenic (ppb)	10	ND
Asbestos (MFL)	7	ND
Barium (ppm)	2	0.11
Beryllium (ppb)	4	ND
Bromate (ppb)	10	ND
Cadmium (ppb)	5	ND
Chloramines(ppm)	4	ND
Chlorine(ppm)	4	1.14
Chlorine dioxide(ppb)	800	ND
Chlorite(ppm)	1	ND
Chromium (ppb)	100	ND
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	0.078
Cyanide (ppb)	200	ND
Fluoride (ppm)	4	ND
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	1.0
Mercury (ppb)	2	ND
Nitrate (ppm)	10	0.10
Nitrite (ppm)	1	ND
Total Nitrate & Nitrite	10	0.10
Selenium(ppb)	50	ND
Thallium(ppb)	2	ND
<b>Organic Chemicals</b>		
Acrylamide	TT	ND
Alachlor(ppb)	2	ND
Atrazine(ppb)	3	ND
Benzene(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
Endothal(ppb)	100	ND
Endrin(ppb)	2	ND
Epichlorohydrin	TT	ND
Ethylbenzene(ppb)	70	ND
Ethylene dibromide(ppt)	5	ND
Glyphosate(ppb)	700	ND
Halocetic Acids(ppb)	60	1.25
Heptachlor(ppt)	400	ND
Heptachlor epoxide(ppt)	200	ND
Hexachlorobenzene(ppb)	1	ND
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene(ppm)	1	ND
Lindane(ppt)	200	ND
Methoxychlor(ppb)	40	ND
Oxamyl [Vydate](ppb)	200	ND
Pentachlorophenol(ppb)	1	ND
Picloram(ppb)	500	ND
PCBs(ppt)	500	ND
Simazine(ppb)	4	ND
Styrene(ppb)	100	ND
Tetrachloroethylene(ppb)	5	ND
Toluene(ppm)	1	ND
TOC	TT	ND
TTHM(ppb)	80	2.15
Toxaphene(ppb)	3	ND
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)(ppb)	50	ND
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene(ppb)	700	ND
1,1,1-Trichloroethane(ppb)	200000	ND
1,1,2-Trichloroethane(ppb)	5	ND
Trichloroethylene(ppb)	5	2.1
Vinyl Chloride(ppb)	2	ND
Xylenes(ppm)	10	ND

### Table of Secondary and Unregulated Contaminants

**Secondary Drinking Water Standards** are guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. ADEM has Secondary Drinking Water Standards established in state regulations applicable to water systems required to monitor for the various components. **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.

CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMOUNT DETECTED
<b>Secondary</b>		
Aluminum	0.2	ND
Chloride	250	ND
Color (PCU)	15	ND
Copper	1300	0.0039
Foaming Agents	0.5	ND
Iron	0.3	ND
Magnesium	75	10.2
Odor (T.O.N.)	5	ND
Silver	7	ND
Sulfate	7	ND
Total Dissolved Solids	500	86
Zinc	6	ND
<b>Special</b>		
Calcium	N/A	27.5
Carbon Dioxide	N/A	ND
Manganese	0.05	ND
pH (SU)	N/A	ND
Sodium	N/A	ND
Specific Conductance (umhos)	<500	ND
Temperature (*C)	N/A	ND
Total Alkalinity	N/A	108
Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	N/A	111
<b>Unregulated</b>		
1,1- Dichloropropene	N/A	ND
1,1,2,2- Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND
1,1- Dichloroethane	N/A	ND
1,2,3 -Trichlorobenzene	N/A	ND
1,2,3 - Trichloropropane	N/A	ND
1,2,4 - Trimethylbenzene	N/A	ND
1,2,4- Trichlorobenzene	N/A	ND
1,3 - Dichloropropane	N/A	ND
1,3 - Dichloropropene	N/A	ND
1,3,5 - Trimethylbenzene	N/A	ND
2,2 - Dichloropropane	N/A	ND
3- Hydroxycarbofuran	N/A	ND
Aldicarb	N/A	ND
Aldicarb Sulfone	N/A	ND
Aldicarb Sulfoxide	N/A	ND
Aldin	N/A	ND
Bromobezene	N/A	ND
Bromochloromethane	N/A	ND
Bromodichloromethane	N/A	ND
Bromoform	N/A	ND
Bromomethane	N/A	ND
Butachlor	N/A	ND
Carbaryl	N/A	ND
Chloroethane	N/A	ND
Chlorodibromomethane	N/A	ND
Chloroform	N/A	ND
Chloromethane	N/A	ND
Dibromochloromethane	N/A	ND
Dibromomethane	N/A	ND
Dichlorodifluoromethane	N/A	ND
Dieldrin	N/A	ND
Fluorotrichloromethane	N/A	ND
Hexachlorobutadiene	N/A	ND
Isopropylbenzene	N/A	ND
M-Dichlorobenzene	N/A	ND
Methomyl	N/A	ND
Metolachlor	N/A	ND
Metribuzin	N/A	ND
MTBE	N/A	ND
N - Butylbenzene	N/A	ND
Naphthalene	N/A	ND
N-Propylbenzene	N/A	ND
O-Chlorotoluene	N/A	ND
P-Chlorotoluene	N/A	ND
P-Isopropyltoluene	N/A	ND
Propachlor	N/A	ND
Sec - Butylbenzene	N/A	ND
Tert - Butylbenzene	N/A	ND

## QUALITY WATER REPORT FORDS VALLEY & HWY. 278 WATER CO-OP

Year ending 2025  
continued

Table of Detected Drinking Water Contaminants							
CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	Range	Amount Detected			Likely Source of Contamination
				Bacteriological Contaminants January - December 2024			
Turbidity	0	TT		0.10	NTU		Soil runoff
Inorganic Contaminants January - December 2024							
Chlorine	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	0.21 -	2.07	1.14	ppm	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper (2022)	1.3	10 Sites AL=1.3	No. of Sites above action level 0 0.15	0.078		ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (2022)	0	10 Sites AL=1.3	No. of Sites above action level 0	0.001		ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as N)	10	10	0.18 -	0.18	0.18	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Organic Contaminants January - December 2024							
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	0	60	1.0 -	1.5	1.25	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	N/A	TT	ND -	ND	ND	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Total trihalomethanes (TTHM)	0	80	1.0 -	3.3	2.15	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Ford's Valley Lead Service Line inventory was completed and submitted before October 16, 2024 as required by EPA and a copy is in the office for customer viewing.  
UCMR 5 monitoring was conducted by Ford's Valley Water Cooperative throughout 2024 as required by EPA.

Ford's Valley Hwy 278 Water Cooperative Unregulated Contaminant Rule 5 (UCMR5) Contaminants		
Contaminants	Unit Msmt	Level Detected
lithium	ppb	ND
11Cl-PF3OUdS	ppb	ND
4:2 FTS	ppb	ND
6:2 FTS	ppb	ND
8:2 FTS	ppb	ND
9Cl-PF3ONS	ppb	ND
ADONA	ppb	ND
HFPO-DA	ppb	ND
NFDHA	ppb	ND
PFBA	ppb	ND
PFBS	ppb	ND
PFDA	ppb	ND
PFDaA	ppb	ND
PFEESA	ppb	ND
PFHpA	ppb	ND
PFHpS	ppb	ND
PFHxA	ppb	ND
PFHxS	ppb	ND
PFMBA	ppb	ND
PFMPA	ppb	ND
PFNA	ppb	ND
PFOA	ppb	ND
PEOS	ppb	ND
PFPeA	ppb	ND
PFPeS	ppb	ND
PFUnA	ppb	ND
NEtFOSAA	ppb	ND
NMeFOSAA	ppb	ND
PFTA	ppb	ND
PFTTrDA	ppb	ND


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# LEGALSALES

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Alec B. Gaudin, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, First Federal Bank, FSB, and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 10th day of June, 2024, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3575518 and corrected and rerecorded in Instrument Number 3582517; said Mortgage having been transferred and assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, First Federal Bank, FSB, and Lender's successors and assigns) to Alabama Housing Finance Authority by virtue of that certain Assignment of Mortgage dated March 30, 2026, and recorded in said Probate Office in Miscellaneous Book 2026, at Page 3606835 and by that certain Corrective Assignment of Mortgage dated April 21, 2026, and recorded in said Probate Office in Miscellaneous Book 2026, at Page 3607830. The undersigned Alabama Housing Finance Authority as Assignee of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse in the City of Gadsden, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 4, 2026, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part here-of, said property being situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

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

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

This sale is made for the purpose of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses

of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. CAPELL & HOWARD, P.C.

Bowdy J. Brown, Esq. 150 South Perry Street Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
Our File No.: 37591-3682  
ATTORNEYS FOR ASSIGNEE

ALABAMA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY ASSIGNEE

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

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

The undersigned, BMO BANK N.A. s/b/m with First Indiana Bank, N.A., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on June 10, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

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

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

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

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

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ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, 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 is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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

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

BMO BANK N.A. S/B/M WITH FIRST INDIANA BANK, N.A. as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 26-08354AL www.foreclosurehotline.net The Messenger 05/01/2026,05/08/2026,05/15/2026 26-08354AL

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## NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2010, a certain Mortgage was executed by Judith Moon, a single woman, as mortgagor(s), in favor of Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc., its successors and assigns as mortgagee, and was recorded on January 18, 2011, as Instrument Number 3344152 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, State of AL; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated June 23, 2017 and recorded on July 6, 2017, as Instrument Number 3452866 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, State of AL; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the payment due

on the death of the borrower(s), was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of April 9, 2026 is \$306,064.62 and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage Deed to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, notice is hereby given that on May 29, 2026 during the legal hours of sale, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Lot Number Seven (7) of Covered Bridge Estates, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 151, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

More correctly described as follows: Lot Number Seven (7) of Covered Bridge Estates, 1st Addition, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 151, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama

Commonly known as: 107 COUNTRY CHURCH RD, Rainbow City, AL 35906-6103 This sale will take place at the Etowah County Courthouse. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development estimated bid will be \$306,755.67. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$30,675.57 (10% of the Secretary's bid) in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$30,675.57 must be presented before the bidding is closed. THE DEPOSIT IS NONREFUNDABLE. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

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The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor or to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is based upon the nature of the breach, this loan is not subject to reinstatement. A total payoff is required to cancel the foreclosure sale or the breach must be otherwise cured. A description of the default is as follows: FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE AND ANY OUTSTANDING FEES, COSTS, AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME ALL DUE AND PAYABLE BASED UPON THE DEATH OF ALL MORTGAGORS. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Dated this 13th day of April, 2026.

Michael Lindsey Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Foreclosure Commissioner 244 Inverness Center Drive Birmingham, AL 35242 Phone: (801) 355-2886 Fax: (801) 328-9714 HWM File: AL23702

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## 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 Larry E Rogers, A Married Man and Amanda Rogers, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for MortgageAmerica, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 28, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on August 31, 2007 as Instrument No. 3278528 and rerecorded as Instrument No. 3282282 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3603244 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC

s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on March 18, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 1 AND ALL OF LOT NUMBER TWO (2) IN BLOCK NUMBER TWO (2), IN BROOKLINE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "D", PAGE 141, PROBATE OFFICE, AND LYING AND BEING IN GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 702 Tidmore Bend Rd, Gadsden, AL 35901.

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ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC S/B/M NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 25-07479AL www.foreclosurehotline.net

The Messenger 02/13/2026,02/20/2026,02/27/2026,5/15/2026 AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until May 27, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment. 25-07479AL

May 15, 2026

## FILE CLAIMS

Mark Aaron Tucker was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/16/2026 to the Estate of Jesse Juriee Tucker deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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## FILE CLAIMS

Rachael Floto was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/26/2026 to the Estate of Steven M. Floto, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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## FILE CLAIMS

Marshal Flambo was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/26/2026 over the Estate of Phillip J. Franklin, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

## FILE CLAIMS

Christie Leah Diveto, f/k/a Christie Leah Long was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/27/2026 to the Estate of Charles Lee Abercrombie, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

## FILE CLAIMS

A. Davis Bailey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/02/2026 over the Estate of William B. Hardy, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Mark Worley was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/21/2026 to the Estate of Ray G. Worley, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Linda Oden Todd was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/27/2026 to the Estate of Dorothy Mae Womack Oden, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

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

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

A.Davis Bailey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/30/2026 to the Estate of Terri Lisa Bynum, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Clare Darelne Morgan was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/09/2026 to the Estate of Pamela Ann Rogers, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Kim Trowbridge Weaver was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/12/2026 to the Estate of Mildred Joanne Trowbridge, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Lea Ann Smith was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/27/2026 to the Estate of Ella Jean Steele, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Priscilla Christian was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/05/2026 over the Estate of Phillip W. Christian deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

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

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Leigh Rhea was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/06/2026 to the Estate of Nina Ellen Gattis, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Shawn Cleveland was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/28/2026 to the Estate of Jerry L. Cleveland, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARY BUTTS, INCAPACITATED

Case #: S-8929

TO: Any interested party  
Please take notice that a MOTION FOR STATUS HEARING was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 15th day of JUNE 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.  
DONE THIS THE 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Scott Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

TO: Any interested party  
Please take notice that a MOTION FOR STATUS HEARING was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 15th day of JUNE 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: ANGELA EVANS MAYO, INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-58

TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 15th day of JUNE 2026 at 2:00 P.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Scott Hassell  
PROBATE JUDGE

May 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROSA RETENCIE RODGERS, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2025-00703

TO: KELLY HARDEN; whereabouts unknown  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court an instrument purporting to be in the Last Will and Testament of Rosa Retencie Rodgers, deceased, and a petition in writing and under oath praying for the admission to probate and record in this Court of said instrument as the true Last Will and Testament of the decedent. You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 7th day of July, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Ella Jean Steele, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.  
Done the 6th day of May 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLENE STEWART, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2025-00133

TO: Sharon Lashann Baugh; whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court a Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Charlene Stewart, deceased.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 8th day of July, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the said Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Charlene Stewart, deceased, should not be granted.  
DONE THIS THE 13th DAY OF May 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

CASE NO.: 2026-00194

TO: all unknown heirs  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Delores Fay Harrison, deceased, and a petition in writing and under oath praying for the admission to probate and record in this Court of said instrument as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 7th day of July, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Delores Fay Harrison, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

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

Cassandra Johnson,  
District Clerk

May 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

CASE NO.: 2026-00194

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256-547-1117

Cassandra Johnson,  
District Clerk

May 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN FATHER

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE THAT A PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD BORN TO ALEXIS THOMPSON, WAS FILED ON THE 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026, MINOR CHILD'S BIRTH DATE IS 02/09/2022.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED TO BE AND APPEAR BEFORE THIS COURT ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M., WHEN SAID PETITION WILL BE HEARD AND TO SHOW CAUSE, IF YOU MAY HAVE, WHY THE PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED TO ALEXIS THOMPSON.

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Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

**NOTICE OF ESTATE**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROY RANDELL HOPPER, DECEASED

CASE NO: 2026-00303

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of ROY RANDELL HOPPER, Deceased, having been submitted to the Honorable Scott W. Hassell, Judge of Probate, by Petitioner, Jenny Hopper on the 11th day of May, 2026; Notice is hereby given that all persons contesting said Petition shall file a response thereto with the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902, within 30 days of the date of this publication.  
Done this the 12th day of May 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

May 15, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION AND REPORT**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: ALICE ROSELLA LANCE, DECEASED  
Case No. CV-2025-900659

FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE ROSELLA LANCE

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of December, 2025, Bobby Joe Lance, Personal Representative of the Estate of ALICE ROSELLA LANCE, deceased, filed his Petition and Report for final settlement of said Estate.

The Circuit Court for Etowah County, Alabama has ordered that the 2nd day of June, 2026, be appointed as the day for the hearing of the said petition and report, at which time all persons interested may appear and contest the same if they desire to do so.

Witness my hand this 5th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Bobby Joe Lance  
Bobby Joe Lance  
Personal Representative  
Robert D. McWhorter, Jr.

Attorney for Bobby Joe Lance  
P.O. Drawer 287  
Gadsden, AL 35902  
256-546-1656

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

CASE NO.: 2026-00194

TO: all unknown heirs

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 7th day of July, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Delores Fay Harrison, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

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Cassandra Johnson,  
District Clerk

May 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026

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Cassandra Johnson,  
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May 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2026

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

NOTICE TO: BLAKE BUTLER/UNKNOWN FATHER

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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Done this the 5th day of May 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2026

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO: 2026-00169

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL JOHN R. COOPER, DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Petitioner,

V

ESTATE OF WILLIAM B. HARDY, deceased; BECKY NORDGREN, as ETOWAH COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR; CITY OF GADSDEN Defendants.

NOTICE TO: ANY CLAIMANTS, OR INTEREST PARTIES CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED the Alabama Department of Transportation, by and through their attorney, John Porter, III, Esquire has filed a complaint in writing seeking to condemn for the uses and purposes set forth in said complaint that certain real property located in the county of Etowah, State of Alabama, and described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION A part of NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 12-S, Range 6-E, identified as Tract No. 37 on Project No. RACR-028-759-002 in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

Parcel 1 of 1: Commencing at the NE corner of Lot 9 of the Nannie N. Copeland Addition Subdivision according to the map recorded in PB C, PG 329 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama; thence Southeastly and along the properties' line a distance of 63 feet, more or less, to a point on the acquired R/W line (said line offset 100' LT and parallel with centerline of project); thence Easterly and along the acquired R/W line a distance of 26 feet, more or less, to a point on the acquired R/W line (said point also on the grantor's West property line), which is the point of BEGINNING; thence following the curvature thereof an arc distance

of 79.29 feet and along the acquired R/W line to a point on the grantor's East property line (said arc having a chord bearing of N 87°24'49" E, a clockwise direction, a chord distance of 79.28 feet and a

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

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

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

(d) The revenue from fines, forfeitures, and court costs produced in district courts from the exercise of jurisdiction under municipal ordinances shall be apportioned between the municipality and the state as shall be provided by law.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in every county as required by law.

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

**STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE COLLECTION SERVICES DIVISION INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY**

LOCATED IN ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 40-29-23(b), Code of Alabama 1975, that the Alabama Department of Revenue is accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following real properties described below, acquired as a result of a Sheriff's Sale. Sealed bids shall be submitted online at: <https://www.ebuy.alabama.gov>, until the closing date and time of 11:59 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2026, at which time all bids will be opened and read in the Collection Services Division. Bids will not be accepted after the above stated date and time.

Brief Description of property offered: ONE HALF (1/2) INTEREST LOT NUMBER SIX (6) PLUS THE NORTHWEST 1/2 OF LOT NUMBER SEVEN (7), IN THE MAP OF REYNOLDS STREET ADDITION TO GADSDEN, AL AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK C, PAGE 305 PROBATE OFFICE OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. The property is located at or near 804 Reynolds Circle, Gadsden, AL 35904; Parcel Identification Number: 15-02-09-3-000-033.000; as described in Sheriff's Deed Instrument# 3415289.

The parcels are being offered "as is" and "where is" without recourse against the State of Alabama Department of Revenue. It is the responsibility of the bidder to inspect the property conditions before submitting a bid by driveby only, without trespassing on the property in any manner. Bidders must agree to all terms listed online before submitting a bid. If you wish to bid on this property, please complete the Sealed Bid Form online. The minimum bid for this parcel is \$4,500.

EACH bid submitted online must be accompanied by an EFT bid deposit payment of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Any bid submitted without payment of the bid deposit will not be considered. The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned following the bid closing date. NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON ANY TIME AFTER THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE. IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE ACTUAL RECEIPT OF THE BID BY THE COLLECTION SERVICES DIVISION PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE.

The Alabama Department of Revenue reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time and the right to reject any or all bids.

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

May 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids from bidders who have filed a letter of interest with the architect and who have attended the mandatory pre-bid conference will be received at the ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION Chambers (Room 108), located on the First Floor of the Courthouse, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901 until 10:00 AM CT on TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026 for:

BUILDING ENVELOPE REPAIRS AT THE ETOWAH COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER at such time and place, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No bids will be accepted after the time stated for receipt of bids. The Work on this Project includes but is not limited to the following: Repair to all exterior building finishes and components, waterproofing, flashings, transitions of exterior components, miscellaneous painting, replacement of joint sealants, repair of existing damaged areas of EIFS, cleaning and sealing of cast stone components.

Requirements for Bidding: The Bidder must provide evidence of having successfully completed similar projects on time for satisfied Owners of work similar to the work in this project. Bidders must include with bid the following information, Experience Modification Rate (EMR), a list of successful projects, construction costs, and clients' name, address, and telephone numbers. Information for the Project can be obtained from the office of the architect, Stephen Ward & Associates, Inc. 205-802-6084 or by email: [admin@swa-consultants.com](mailto:admin@swa-consultants.com)

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Stephen Ward & Associates, Inc., 140 Oxmoor Road, Suite 160, Birmingham, Alabama 34209. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the best and most responsible bidder. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted. Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

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 En-

gineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the opening thereof. Bids must be submitted on Proposal Forms included in this project manual or copies thereof. Bids must be provided on the Proposal Form provided, without changes, in a sealed envelope bearing the contractor's name, license number, and bid bond. A bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of 5% of bid must accompany any bid \$25,000 or more. Bids submitted without the bid bond will not be considered. Prior to executing the contract, the successful Bidders must show evidence of license in accordance with the Laws and Regulations of the State of Alabama and Etowah County. All times indicated are local times. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interest of the Owner will thereby be promoted. The successful qualified bidder will provide a Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and a Labor and Material Payment Bond of no less than 50% of the Contract Price, a Certificate of Insurance and proof of enrollment in the Federal E-Verify Program.

Owner: Etowah County Commission Architect: Stephen Ward & Associates, Inc. 140 Oxmoor Blvd., Suite 160 Birmingham, Alabama 35209 T: 205-802-6084

May 8, 15, and 22, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF ATTALLA**

THE CITY OF ATTALLA WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS TO DISCUSS THE REMEDIES FOR NUISANCE/ABATEMENT CASES THAT WILL COME BEFORE THE ATTALLA CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, May 18, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD AT 612 4TH STREET NW, ATTALLA, ALABAMA. THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES WILL BE DISCUSSED.

610 MOULTON STREET, ATTALLA, AL 35954

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111 HUGHES AVENUE, ATTALLA, AL 35954

206 HUGHES AVENUE, ATTALLA, AL 35954

308 12TH AVENUE NW, ATTALLA, AL 35954

305 MCELROY STREET, SE, ATTALLA, AL 35954

Mandy Cash City Clerk

May 8 and 15, 2026

**ORDINANCE NO. O-10-26**

Authorizing Conveyance of Certain Property Whereas the City of Gadsden owns property located on 4th Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Parcel #1: East 33 1/3 feet of Lot 12 in Block 10 of Hill and Cansler Addition according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book A, Page 74, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel #2: Lot 10 in Block 10 of the Hill and Cansler Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book A, Pages 74 – 75, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Whereas, Imogene Suttle Young has offered to pay \$250.00 for the property;

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

1. This real property is not needed for any municipal or public purpose.

2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a deed to and in favor of Imogene

Suttle Young for the sum of Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$250.00).

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on May 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL 35903.

Dexter Harrell Unit 53 & 71

LaYonda Bradford Unit 58

Michael Waters Unit 91

Christopher Hodge Unit 121

Rebecca Pena Unit 131

May 15 and 22, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

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

2014 KIA OPTIMA VIN: 5XX-GR4A66EG292399

2007 FORD FIVE HUNDRED VIN: 1FAH-P24147G151850

2004 CHEVROLET COLORADO VIN: 1GCCS198548121782

2013 FORD FUSION VIN: 3FA6P0HR3DR229955

The public auction will be held at Kelton Wrecker LLC located at 1625 Forrest Ave Gadsden AL 35901 at 8:00 AM on 06/06/2026. The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low and may postpone the public auction until another time and place. In addition, the seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

May 8, and 15, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2003 Toyota Camry. Vin#4T-1BE30K83U130114 Te public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 6/12/2026

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

May 8 and 15, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2001 Chevy S10 vin# 1GCCS195618239146 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 6/10/2026. The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

May 8 and 15, 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 7/10/2026 at 8:00 am

2007 Chevy Colorado Base VIN: 1GCCS149978191872

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

May 15 and 22, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. R-358-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 114 S. 27TH STREET (COMMERCIAL BUILDING) (County records list property address as 104 TWENTY SEVENTH STREET) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots Thirty-eight (38) and Thirty-nine (39), in Block Twenty-nine (29) in the Alford Addition to Alabama City, according to the Second Survey thereof, as shown by the map thereof, recorded in Plat Book "A", page 308, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden (formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-06-2-000-135.000 PIN #: 38012

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to JOHN COLTON RICHARDSON, 2729 FORESTDALE RD., SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA 35907, with possible rights of redemption to KEVIN FLOYD SMITH and TERESA SMITH, 114 S. 27TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, DRAPER WILLIAMS, 1419 SWAN-COTT RD, MADISON, AL 35756-5005. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026. Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. R-359-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 216 8TH STREET SOUTH (County records list property address as 216 South 8th Street) in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 12 BLK 8 SOUTH ADD TO E GAD PLAT B-360 10-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-10-4-000-066.000 PIN# 36108

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to MARION D. GLADDEN, 216 S 8TH ST, GADSDEN, AL 35903-2403 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026. Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. R-360-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 215 ALBANY AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 21 BLK 1 HER-

RING-ROSENBAUM SUB PLAT C-381 GADSDEN 13-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-13-4-000-022.000 PIN# 43304

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to MADILLE PROPERTIES, LLC, 111 SOUTH 10TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026. Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. R-361-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 3012 DODD STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 22 & PT LT 21 EAST POINT ADD PLAT D-47 GADSDEN 19-12-7

Tax ID#: 14-04-19-0-001-014.000 PIN# 26482

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to WILLIE JAMES LOVETT JR., 3012 DODD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026. Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. R-362-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 712 HENRY STREET (County records list property address as 710 HENRY STREET) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 4 5 6 BLK 22 THORNTON ADD REARR PLAT B-334-335 GADSDEN SEC 4 TWP 12S R 6E

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-073.000 PIN# 33224

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to GRANT CHAPEL A M E CHURCH, 710 HENRY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. R-365-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1115 MOUNTAINBROOK DRIVE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 34 & TH W 1/4 OF LT 33 BLK 7 MOUNTAINBROOK ADD #3 PLAT E 80-81 GADSDEN & PT OF ANNULLED 50' ROW 33-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-4-000-063.000 PIN# 17075

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ADELL F MCALPIN, 1115 MOUNTAINBROOK DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

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**RESOLUTION NO. R-363-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 13 HINSDALE AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 75 CONE MILLS PARCEL #4 PLAT F-57 GADSDEN 31-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-286.000 PIN# 18709

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to THE KEITH BOATWRIGHT SPECIAL NEEDS AND IRREVOCABLE TRUST, 2517 FORREST AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1953. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. R-364-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 501 MILTON STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

PT LTS 1-2 BLK E ELIOTT ADD #1 PLAT B-5 GADSDEN 4-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-363.000 PIN# 33555

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to BOBBY R & wf CATHERINE FOMBY 'LF EST', 506 JOSEPH T. ROBINSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, MALCOM MUHANNAD FOMBY, 501 MILTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. R-365-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1115 MOUNTAINBROOK DRIVE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 34 & TH W 1/4 OF LT 33 BLK 7 MOUNTAINBROOK ADD #3 PLAT E 80-81 GADSDEN & PT OF ANNULLED 50' ROW 33-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-4-000-063.000 PIN# 17075

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to BOBBY R & wf CATHERINE FOMBY 'LF EST', 506 JOSEPH T. ROBINSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, MALCOM MUHANNAD FOMBY, 501 MILTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances. Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026.

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May 15, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-366-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 412 RILEY STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 2 BLK 4 RILEY ADD BK HH-555 4-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-290.000 PIN# 33470

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to VERONICA RAWLS, 420 PADEN ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3664, JESSIE RAWLS, 412 RILEY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026. Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-367-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 322 SPRINGDALE ROAD in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 2 BLK M OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 25-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-3-000-032.000 PIN# 14316

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to STATE OF ALABAMA, P.O. BOX 327210, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36132. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on May 5, 2026. Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 15, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-368-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 701 TARRANT COURT in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 31 TARRANT CT PLAT C-77 GADSDEN SEC 4 TWP 12S R 6E

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-370.000 PIN# 33562

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required

by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to D Z & WILLIE MAE TIMMONS, 701 TARRANT COURT, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3149. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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May 15, 2026

LEGAL ZONING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on May 27, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the City of Gadsden will hold a regularly scheduled public hearing in the Council Chamber at City Hall, First Floor, 90 Broad Street to give all persons who desire an opportunity to be heard, in opposition to or in favor of, the following requests:

Request for Planning Approval on a Final Plat for a Minor Subdivision on property Described below: LEGAL DESCRIPTION - LOT 1-A Commencing at a concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 5 East, thence South 02°36'13" West a distance of 863.05 feet to a concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of Lot 1 of Gadsden Commons, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "M", Page 58, Office of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama; thence along the northerly line of said Lot 1 run North 63°29'25" West a distance of 145.50 feet to an iron rod set, said iron being a 1/2" rebar with plastic cap stamped "B MEANS LS 27727"; said iron marking the point of beginning of the following described property: thence continue along said northerly line of Lot 1 run North 63°29'25" West a distance of 264.66 feet to an iron rod set marking the Northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence along the westerly line of said Lot 1 run South 26°30'35" West a distance of 280.00 feet to an iron rod set marking the Southwest corner of said Lot 1; thence along the southerly line of said Lot 1 run South 63°29'25" East a distance of 264.66 feet to an iron rod set; thence leaving said southerly line of said Lot 1 run North 26°30'35" East a distance of 280.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 1.70 Acres, more or less, and being a portion of Lot 1 of Gadsden Commons, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "M", Page 58, Office of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION - LOT 1-B Commencing at a concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 5 East, thence South 02°36'13" West a distance of 863.05 feet to a concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of Lot 1 of Gadsden Commons, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "M", Page 58, Office of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama; thence along the northerly line of said Lot 1 run North 63°29'25" West a distance of 145.50 feet to an iron rod set, said iron being a 1/2" rebar with plastic cap stamped "B MEANS LS 27727"; thence leaving said northerly line of said Lot 1, run South 26°30'35" West a distance of 280.00 feet to an iron rod set on the southerly line of said

Lot 1; thence along the southerly line of said Lot 1 the following courses: thence South 63°29'25" East a distance of 91.34 feet to an iron rod set; thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 92.00 feet, with a radius of 200.50 feet, with a chord length of 91.19 feet to an iron rod set; thence South 89°46'47" East a distance of 92.67 feet to an iron rod set marking the Southeast corner of said Lot 1; thence along the east line of said Lot 1 run North 00°13'13" East a distance of 199.70 feet to an iron rod set; thence North 10°15'48" West a distance of 48.90 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 1.32 Acres, more or less, and being a portion of Lot 1 of Gadsden Commons, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "M", Page 58, Office of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama. (Property Address being 1714 West Grand Avenue).

Request for Planning Approval for an Adaptive RE-Use on property described below:

A tract of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of Block Number 1 of the Homewood in 1 Number Block of corner Northeast the at beginning as described land of tract A the of Office the in 218 Page "C", Book Plat in recorded thereof plat or map by shown as Addition, and direction Southerly a in run thence from and Alabama, County, Etowah of Probate of Judge a Addition, Homewood said of 1 Number Block said in 1 Number Lot of line Easterly the along direction Easterly an in run thence 1; Number Lot said of corner Southeast the to feet 140 of distance intersection its to line straight continuous a in produced 1 Number lot said of line South the along West the along and direction Northerly a in run thence Street; Courtland Van of line West the with the with Street Courtland Van of line West the of intersection the to Street Courtland Van of line Westerly a in run and left the to 05° 93deg of angle an deflect thence Avenue; Forrest of line South beginning, of point the to feet 186.23 of distance a Avenue Forrest of line South the along direction Northwest the and Quarter Northeast the of Quarter Southwest the of portions embracing and Huntsville the of East 5 Range South, 12 Township 1, Section in Quarter Southeast the of Quarter Alabama. County, Etowah County Alabama. (address being 3204 Forrest Avenue).

A request for Planning Approval for Rezoning property from (TR) Traditional Residential District to (NC) Neighborhood Center on several areas of property described below:

AREA:1 COMMENCE AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, GADSDEN, ALABAMA; THENCE, SOUTH 16° 20' 29" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2381.65 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 88° 18' 54" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 385.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHOSE NORTHING IS 1280255.6744 AND WHOSE EASTING IS 589757.9742. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, SOUTH 88° 18' 54" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 253.29 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 00° 45' 02" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.03 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 88° 50' 12" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 3281.94 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 87° 55' 43" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 121.63 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 87° 48' 59" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1331.25 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 17° 20' 55" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 226.55 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 48' 06" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1327.42 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 29° 21' 41" EAST FOR A

DISTANCE OF 110.67 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 47' 31" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2640.57 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 89° 10' 21" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 465.70 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 88° 05' 55" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 56.36 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENTIAL CURVE, SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE RIGHT THROUGH 38° 18' 26", HAVING A RADIUS OF 610.15 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS SOUTH 70° 35' 17" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 400.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 18.16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. LESS AND EXCEPT ALL PORTIONS OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY LYING WITHIN ANY EXISTING PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WHETHER ESTABLISHED BY USE, DEDICATION, OR RECORDED INSTRUMENT.

AREA:2 COMMENCE AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, GADSDEN, ALABAMA; THENCE, SOUTH 16° 20' 29" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2,683.82 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 88° 18' 54" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2,285.59 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHOSE NORTHING IS 1288085.2020 AND WHOSE EASTING IS 599181.6060. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, SOUTH 88° 48' 32" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 852.31 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 88° 50' 05" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 911.57 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 84° 53' 12" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 50.43 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 87° 44' 48" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 984.68 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 01° 38' 12" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 139.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 49' 26" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1044.68 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 88° 17' 37" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 911.10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 88° 57' 07" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 852.04 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 01° 58' 25" WEST A DISTANCE OF 141.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 9.01ACRES, MORE OR LESS. LESS AND EXCEPT ALL PORTIONS OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY LYING WITHIN ANY EXISTING PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WHETHER ESTABLISHED BY USE, DEDICATION, OR RECORDED INSTRUMENT.

AREA:3 COMMENCE AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, GADSDEN, ALABAMA; THENCE, SOUTH 89° 31' 29" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2,206.36 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 00° 28' 31" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1,909.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHOSE NORTHING IS 1280625.0612 AND WHOSE EASTING IS 593003.8358. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 11" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 499.03 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 40' 53" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.02 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 14" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 451.28 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 02" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.02 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 14" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 451.28 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 02" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.02 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 40' 58" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 403.35 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 42' 34" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 55.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 12" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 603.08 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE, NORTH 61° 08' 39" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 67.16 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 19' 03" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 314.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 19' 18" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 339.12 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 88° 42' 51" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 235.39 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 08° 02' 47" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 396.59 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 01° 43' 34" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 222.18 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 89° 14' 09" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 405.66 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 85° 21' 59" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.06 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 02° 08' 46" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 274.21 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 88° 31' 33" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 450.18 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 02° 08' 15" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 290.29 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 89° 01' 48" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.08 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 89° 02' 02" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 151.76 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 89° 23' 34" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 148.60 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 88° 10' 17" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 149.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 87° 43' 46" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 154.02 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 87° 42' 34" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 55.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 87° 37' 05" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 403.37 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 87° 37' 05" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 59.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 87° 37' 15" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 450.49 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 87° 22' 03" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 87° 08' 53" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 498.48 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 02° 18' 17" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 142.77 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 02° 17' 17" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 59.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 02° 18' 24" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 139.38 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 02° 15' 08" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 19.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 02° 17' 56" WEST A DISTANCE OF 143.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 40.63 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. LESS AND EXCEPT ALL PORTIONS OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY LYING WITHIN ANY EXISTING PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WHETHER ESTABLISHED BY USE, DEDICATION, OR RECORDED INSTRUMENT.

AREA:4 COMMENCE AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, GADSDEN, ALABAMA; THENCE, SOUTH 89° 31' 29" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2,206.36 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 00° 28' 31" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1,909.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHOSE NORTHING IS 1280625.0612 AND WHOSE EASTING IS 593003.8358. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 11" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 499.03 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 40' 53" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.02 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 14" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 451.28 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 02" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.02 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 14" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 451.28 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 02" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.02 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 40' 58" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 403.35 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 42' 34" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 55.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 87° 41' 12" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 603.08 FEET TO A POINT;

DISTANCE OF 60.01 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 65° 31' 11" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 423.11 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 24° 17' 37" EAST A DISTANCE OF 349.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 24.79 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. LESS AND EXCEPT ALL PORTIONS OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY LYING WITHIN ANY EXISTING PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WHETHER ESTABLISHED BY USE, DEDICATION, OR RECORDED INSTRUMENT.

AREA:5 COMMENCE AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, GADSDEN, ALABAMA; THENCE, SOUTH 89° 31' 29" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 11,071.76 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 00° 28' 31" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 4,364.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHOSE NORTHING IS 1278095.9347 AND WHOSE EASTING IS 601848.5668. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHOSE NORTHING IS 1280023.5227 AND WHOSE EASTING IS 599939.5483, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, SOUTH 65° 32' 22" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 423.11 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 65° 33' 03" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.01 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 42° 44' 07" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 69.86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 09° 05' 58" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 97.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 81° 21' 02" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 271.82 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 10° 34' 22" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 64.01 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 13° 47' 58" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 105.91 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 16° 26' 09" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 151.67 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 08° 55' 14" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 86.11 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 04° 16' 12" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 51.55 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 01° 12' 04" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 93.92 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 03° 32' 43" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 66.06 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 88° 41' 13" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 299.80 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 13° 21' 05" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 59.25 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 11° 52' 22" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 286.88 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 88° 38' 45" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 801.01 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 88° 38' 45" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 362.30 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 06° 22' 53" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 45.76 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 09° 39' 21" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 51.05 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 07° 34' 54" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 47.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 00° 45' 50" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.29 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 03° 09' 11" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 152.10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 02° 54' 13" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 66.03 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 88° 42' 04" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.53 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 88° 40' 37" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 89.52 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 10° 01' 41" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 159.70 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 88° 56' 03" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 66.34 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 10° 18' 43" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 239.73 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 80° 56' 57" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.02

FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 10° 12' 40" EAST A DISTANCE OF 150.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 23.51 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LESS AND EXCEPT ALL PORTIONS OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY LYING WITHIN ANY EXISTING PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WHETHER ESTABLISHED BY USE, DEDICATION, OR RECORDED INSTRUMENT.

AREA: 7

COMMENCE AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, GADSDEN, ALABAMA; THENCE, SOUTH 89° 31' 29" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 7,948.40 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE,

SOUTH 00° 28' 31" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 9,808.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHOSE NORTHING IS 1274422.2527 AND WHOSE EASTING IS 612701.4342. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, NORTH 83° 57' 35" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 99.77 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 81° 47' 55" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 99.47 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 06° 21' 23" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 76.44 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 02° 33' 35" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 53.63 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 01° 43' 17" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 48.05 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 05° 59' 51" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 42.39

FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 09° 58' 47" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 42.41 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 14° 29' 01" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 53.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 18° 47' 39" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.77 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 18° 50' 50" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 504.75 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 17° 31' 43" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.27 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NONTANGENTIAL CURVE, SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE RIGHT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 108° 24' 56", HAVING A RADIUS OF 56.13 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS NORTH 78° 56' 57" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 91.06 FEET TO A POINT

OF INTERSECTION WITH A NONTANGENTIAL LINE. THENCE, SOUTH 49° 20' 56" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.50 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 37° 49' 52" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 18.78 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 27° 29' 55" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 72.05 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NONTANGENTIAL CURVE, SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE RIGHT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 27° 52' 19", HAVING A RADIUS OF 178.22 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS SOUTH 10° 20' 53" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.84 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH A NONTANGENTIAL LINE. THENCE, SOUTH 09° 14' 13" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 641.39

FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NONTANGENTIAL CURVE, SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 82° 06' 24", HAVING A RADIUS OF 248.42 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS SOUTH 39° 03' 30" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 326.31 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH A NONTANGENTIAL LINE. THENCE, SOUTH 05° 24' 05" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.02 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 84° 36' 06" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.62 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 06° 01' 48" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 93.69 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 82°

00' 56" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 113.14 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 79° 04' 17" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 115.08 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 82° 42' 52" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 146.69 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 05° 35' 47" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 114.72 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 84° 35' 27" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 24.66 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, NORTH 05° 24' 33" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 99.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 06° 31' 13" WEST A DISTANCE OF 85.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 7.91 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LESS AND EXCEPT ALL PORTIONS OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY LYING

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