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Wally Burns remembered as builder of Southside, servant to community

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

For more than two decades, Walter Wilson "Wally" Burns Jr. helped shape the city he spent his entire life calling home.

Burns, Southside's former mayor, decorated athlete, Vietnam veteran and longtime public servant, died peacefully Tuesday, May 5. He was 79.

To many in Southside, Burns was more than a mayor. He was a familiar face at city hall, on golf courses, in church pews, at high school ballgames and in community meetings — a steady presence whose influence can still be seen in the roads, parks, athletic facilities and public services that grew during his tenure.

Born Nov. 20, 1946,

Burns was a lifelong Southside resident whose roots in the community stretched back generations. Long before entering public office, he built a reputation as an athlete and leader.

As a boy, Burns played first base on the 1958 and 1959 Gadsden National Little League All-Star teams, helping lead both squads to state

championships and appearances in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

At Southside High School, he excelled in football and basketball, serving as quarterback and team captain while earning all-county and all-area honors on the basketball court. He later continued his athletic career at Gadsden State Community Col-

lege, playing on the school's inaugural basketball team during the 1966-67 season.

His love for sports continued throughout adulthood. Burns spent 22 years officiating high school football and basketball and another 12 years as a college basketball official. His contributions to athletics were recognized with induction

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Whorton Bend resident turns 103 today

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor

Tucked away in a cul-de-sac down the winding roads of Whorton Bend, Billy Crawford lives with his son, Ray, and daughter-in-law, Vickie, though he hasn't lived there long — only about three years. The other 100 years of his life were spent in a multitude of places.

Born in Vincent, Crawford was the fourth of five children, with two brothers and two sisters. He grew up in a two-bedroom house in Fairfield: one room for his parents, one for his sisters and the living room floor for the three boys.

During the summers, his parents would drive him in their Model T Ford to the "country" to visit family in Harpersville, Shelby County, where his uncle promised him some "shiny new money" to help his cousins in the cotton fields, working for hours on end over several days.

"Finally, before I left to go home, he pitched a nickel at me," Crawford said. "He said, 'I told you I'd give you

some shiny money.'"

Other than visiting family, he made kites from newspaper and sticks, mixing together flour and water for glue and using twine to bind them together, doing his best to stay out of trouble so he wouldn't get switched by his mother — except for the occasional skinny dip in the creek near the railroad tracks close to his house, where he said he and his friends would moon the train conductors as they passed by.

All three Crawford boys would go on to serve in the armed forces: one stationed in Germany and one in the Pacific, while Crawford spent his years in the Naval Reserve as a merchant mariner during World War II. He transported cargo, guarded convoys from German U-boats and carried supplies to military forces.

Ray, Crawford's son, said when he was younger, his father told him about a mission he was on with his convoy, where they were separated from the group, putting them in a very dangerous situation



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Billy Crawford, who turns 103 Friday, sits in his spot on the pier overlooking the Coosa River.

that left the men on edge until they were back with their group.

Coming from a small town in Alabama, he said the experience in the Navy Reserve was "eye-opening" compared to what he had heard on the radio or seen on televi-

sion.

Most of his time was spent in the Mediterranean Sea, supplying troops in Northern Africa and southern Italy and traveling to and from Argentina to pick up and deliver goods. He also spent time in

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Quality of Life returns to Town of Walnut Grove

Quality of Life W. T. Scruggs Medical Center in Walnut Grove welcomed its new Nurse Practitioner, Kerstin Mcelvain, to the center on Tuesday.

"Thank you all for coming," Mcelvain said during the event. "I appreciate it more than you know... I'm just so excited to be a part of the community."

The facility will provide primary health care services to both adults and children, including gynecological services, prenatal care, behavioral health services, podiatry, eye care, and dental services, at 13 locations. The company also has five pharmacy locations, filling about 175,000 scripts a year.

Quality of Life served 60,000 patients across 22 facilities and two mobile units before the pandemic, according to President and CEO Wayne Rowe, who built the facility in Walnut Grove in 1996.

In 2020, amid a shortage of health care providers, it was decided to shut down 10 sites, including Walnut Grove. This left a population of nearly 900 without a local health facility, with the nearest clinic in Oneonta about 20 minutes away.

The facility uses a sliding scale system, so they it is an affordable option for those with and without insurance.

"We don't turn anyone away" Rowe said. "We don't let you go unattended regardless."

Rowe said, even if patients don't have money for their visit, they allow payment plans.



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Mayor Randall Green (left), First Lady Scarlett Green (middle) and Quality of Life President and CEO, Wayne Rowe (right), at the reopening of the Walnut Grove facility



NEWS

Modern Woodmen plants strong roots for a growing future

Modern Woodmen of America, a national fraternal financial services organization with local offices in this area, reports strong fraternal and financial results for year-end 2025, including increased life insurance in force, growth of surplus and continued community impact.

Nearing its 150th anniversary, the organization is prioritizing growth to ensure it remains strong for members for generations to come. Current initiatives include expanding the nationwide team of financial representatives to better serve current and future members, evolving product offerings to meet the needs of today's families, and increasing the investment in fraternalism – the member-centered mission and community spirit that has defined Modern Woodmen since 1883.

"All of these initiatives have helped lead to our success in 2025," says President and CEO Jerry Lyphout. "And they'll continue to lead us into a strong future. We thank our members for their continued trust in our organization."

Local representative Mor-

gan Lavender, whose office is in Gadsden, Alabama notes, "Modern Woodmen's performance in 2025 positions us to serve local families even better. As we look ahead to our 150th year, our commitment remains the same – supporting members and making a positive difference in our community."

Highlights

- Life insurance in force increased to \$46.04 billion. Continued life insurance growth shows the value of protection during hardship.

- Total assets grew to \$18.64 billion. Modern Woodmen's solvency ratio of 118.2% continues to exceed the industry average, supporting the organization's commitment to members.

- Fraternal support for members and their communities totaled \$22.6 million. These expenditures funded Modern Woodmen programs, such as college scholarships, grants for members doing good in their communities, and much more.

- Life insurance in force cultivates a secure future for members

- Life insurance in force, the total amount of life insurance

owned by members to protect their families financially after a death, increased to \$46.04 billion in 2025. Payments and benefits to members totaled \$1.51 billion for the year. This includes death benefits, annuity payments and surrender benefits.

A well-rooted asset base supports promises to members

Modern Woodmen's assets, which are invested primarily in high-quality, low-risk corporate and government bonds, totaled \$18.64 billion at year-end and generated \$740.7 million in investment income. Total life insurance and annuity premium income totaled \$1.01 billion.

Total surplus continues to grow each year, reaching \$2.87 billion at year-end 2025. This surplus ensures Modern Woodmen's ability to meet unforeseen events and provide funds for future growth opportunities.

Modern Woodmen's solvency ratio reached 118.20%. That means for every \$100 of liabilities, Modern Woodmen has \$118.20 in assets that back its promises to members.

Fraternal programs sow the

seeds for a strong quality of life

Nearly 700,000 people throughout the United States are Modern Woodmen members. In 2025, the organization contributed \$22.6 million to support member- and community-oriented programs across the nation. For example:

- The Do-Good Grant® program awarded 639 grants to members nationwide, resulting in an estimated 22,000 volunteer hours. The \$200 grant supports members' efforts to volunteer and give back to causes they care about and choose.

- Modern Woodmen's scholarship program awarded \$679,500 to 351 member students. The program was expanded to help fund the educational pursuits of both graduating high school seniors and older students.

- Modern Woodmen's Financial Relief Fund covered more than \$78,000 in premiums for members experiencing financial distress due to medical or natural disasters.

- Members in Modern Woodmen chapters and youth service clubs nationwide contributed more than 230,000 volunteer

hours in service to their communities. Many of those hours supported the organization's Wild About Animals national community focus – a two-year initiative celebrating the important role animals play in our lives and environment. Through this initiative alone, members held more than 2,000 volunteer service projects and partnered with animal-related causes to contribute more than \$880,000 to local communities.

- In partnership with community groups, members supported fundraisers that contributed \$57.8 million for a variety of community causes, including \$5.79 million in direct matching contributions by Modern Woodmen.

About Modern Woodmen
Modern Woodmen of America was founded in 1883 to clear financial burdens – not trees. As a fraternal financial services organization, Modern Woodmen's products and programs support financial security, quality family life and community impact – the common bonds that unite our members nationwide.

Billy

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Cape Town, South Africa, as well as Iraq and Iran.

Around the time the war was ending, he left the reserves but was drafted back into service. In one day, Ray said, his father was in the Army, Navy and Marines.

"When he got drafted, at the reception station, they had a group going to be in the Army," Ray said. "Then they found out he had a Naval Reserve background in Merchant Marines, and they said they needed some to go to the Navy, so they took him out of the Army group and put him in the Navy group."

From there, officials decided they needed some Marines, so they selected him and several of his friends to join the Marine Corps. He was then stationed in China for a year.

During his time in the service, he experienced sleeping in both extreme heat and extreme cold. One summer, he said he worked in the engine room of a Naval ship that ran on steam, where it was too hot for him to sleep. He moved his sleeping bag to a flooded area of the ship that was slightly cooler. He only had warm water to drink on those nights.

While stationed at Beijing, China, he slept in a room with no heat, sandwiched between mattresses to keep warm.

After returning home in the fall of

1946, he married Lillie Bell, and the couple raised two sons together. Crawford returned to his job at U.S. Steel and continued working there for 30 years before retiring.

Lillie Bell and Crawford were married for 63 years until her death in 2009. A year later, at 87, he remarried Deloris Holcomb, becoming stepfather to one boy and two girls. They remained married for 13 years until her death in 2024.

After her death, Crawford moved from his home in Centre to the house in Whorton Bend with Ray and Vickie at the age of 100.

Despite the cold nights and close calls, Crawford laughed when he talked about memories of his time in the armed forces. He learned life lessons and saw the world through a lens he never would have.

"You can have a good life in [the service]," Crawford said. "But you have to have enough sense to stay away from anything that would be harmful to you."

He credits his long life to living a Christian lifestyle and staying away from tobacco and alcohol. Pierce Williams, a friend and fellow church member, said that, despite his age, Crawford stands every Sunday during prayers to show his love to the Lord.

"I'm not ashamed of anything I've ever done," Crawford said. "I'm not

Children's of Alabama Promotes Mental Health Awareness

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a powerful reminder that children's emotional health is just as important as their physical health.

Nearly 20% of children aged 3-17 years old have a mental, emotional and behavioral disorder, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. In 2021, the AAP, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and the Children's Hospital Association declared a national emergency for children's mental health, and it continues to this day.

"Our children deal with some of the same challenges that we deal with as adults, and they are still learning how to deal with those challenges that they may face throughout the rest of their lives," said Brandy Reeve, Vice President of Behavioral Health Services at Children's of Al-

abama, in a press release. "Focusing on it early helps them to develop those tools for how they will cope with things that may come their way as they grow older."

Children's of Alabama has been a leader in child and adolescent mental health treatment, education and research. Its multi-disciplinary team includes psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists, nurse practitioners, nurses and expert support staff. One of the resources Children's offers is through the Psychiatric Intake Response Center.

The free, confidential service links adult callers and community providers to the most appropriate mental health resources for children and teenagers. The therapists who work at the center are licensed mental health professionals who can quickly assess what's going on and point an adult

caller in the right direction.

"We offer education and an opportunity for that person to process what's going on, ask questions and then clearly understand what the next steps are," Cindy Jones, the Director of the Psychiatric Intake Response Center, said in a statement. "Our goal is to make sure the call is calming for the caller, which helps alleviate any anxiety, frustration or fear he or she may have."

The center is constantly updating its database of providers across the state, according to Jones. It is available to families across Alabama, seven days a week, year-round, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. The number to call is 205-638-PIRC (7472). Anyone experiencing a crisis should call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room.

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NEWS

“Lend me a Tenor” brings laughs to Ritz

By Haley Rodgers
Theatre of Gadsden

A small cast, a small set... and large amounts of chaos?

Director Joe Fuselli says Theatre of Gadsden's production of Lend Me a Tenor -- coming to audiences this weekend and next -- is "pure farce done right."

Lend Me a Tenor, a Tony Award-winning comedy play by Ken Ludwig, crams all its hijinks onto the Ritz Theatre stage, cleverly disguised as a 1934 hotel suite in Cleveland, Ohio.

The play works its way through a highly anticipated opera performance gone sideways -- with switched roles, witty dialogue, romantic mishaps and backstage confusion and hilarity.

The fast-paced comedy is nothing new for Fuselli, who has directed two other Ludwig plays and is a big fan.

"I feel that (Ludwig) is the best comedic playwright of the last 40 years," Fuselli said. "I have had the privilege of directing Moon Over



Photos submitted by Haley Rodgers/Theater of Gadsden

Buffalo and The Game's Afoot! I loved them both, but this is my favorite."

Fuselli said audiences should plan on lots of laughter as they hold onto their seats.

"My favorite part of the show is the pacing. It's fast and forces the audience to keep up," Fuselli said, which works "be-

cause the payoffs are always worth the effort. It's simply a pleasure start to finish."

"But the number-one reason I love this production in particular is my cast," he said. "So much talent and so funny!"

One of the funny guys onstage is Forrest Hinton, who plays Saunders, the manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, who is understandably harried.

"My favorite parts of the show involve my character's physical interaction with other characters," Hinton said. "Saunders is constantly knocking people around without any concern for their safety whatsoever, bringing to mind the Marx Brothers and the Three Stooges' antics."

"The laughs come fast and furious as the characters' seemingly impossible predicaments multiply by the minute," he added, noting that "the play has a wonderful reputation of giving actors the rare opportunity to chew the scenery and romp around

the stage with total abandon."

Both Fuselli and Hinton agree that Theatre of Gadsden patrons have a witty, hysterical night of screwball comedy in store for them.

"I want audiences to come out for a fun night of theatre that truly delivers," Fuselli said. "We all need times to relax and unwind. That's what this is -- good laughs."

Theatre of Gadsden's production of Lend Me a Tenor runs this weekend and next (May 8-10, 15-17). Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m., and Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. All performances are at the Historic Ritz Theatre in downtown Alabama City (310 Wall St.).

Bring a mom in your life for a special BOGO ticket offer for the Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day show -- use promo code MOM when purchasing your tickets online or at the door.

For tickets, go to www.theatreofgadsden.org or call 256-547-SHOW (7469).



Wally - From A1

into the Southside High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Patriots Hall of Fame in 2025.

Burns served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1969 as a Vietnam veteran before beginning a 32-year career at Good-year Tire & Rubber Company, retiring in 1999.

That same year marked a new chapter in public service.

After being elected to the Southside City Council in 1996, Burns was appointed mayor in October 1999. He was subsequently elected in 2000 and re-elected in 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016, serving 20 years as mayor.

During Burns' administration, Southside underwent significant growth

and development. Major projects included the construction of the Southside Sports Complex and community center, extensive road paving, expanded city services, upgraded public safety equipment, improvements to parks and public spaces, and enhancements to the city's fire department.

Current Mayor Joey Statum said Burns' commitment to Southside left a lasting legacy.

"Wally dedicated more than two decades to serving the people of Southside, including 20 years as mayor," Statum said. "He always put the people of Southside first. His leadership, vision and steady commitment to doing what was right for this city will leave a lasting impact for generations."

State Representative Mack Butler also remembered Burns as both a friend and community advocate.

"Wally was a friend to all and passionately loved his community," Butler said. "When I was a new school board member and we wanted to build a new high school, he was instrumental in helping us acquire the property from the city where the high school is now located. He will be greatly missed."

Beyond Southside, Burns served in leadership roles across Alabama, including as president of the Alabama League of Municipalities from 2014 to 2015 after serving on its executive board since 2000. He also served as president of the Etowah County Mayor's Association,

chairman of the Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit board, a board member of Etowah County 911 Communications, and in several other regional leadership roles.

Friends and family also knew Burns as an avid golfer, faithful member of Southside Baptist Church, and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Retha Burns; daughters Gina Chambers, Robyn Phillips and Krista Williams; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, extended family and countless friends.

Visitation will be held Sunday, May 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Southside Baptist Church, with funeral services immediately following.

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Your CALENDAR Community

May 8-9 Alabama Arts Trail on Broad

Join us for the inaugural Alabama Arts Trail on Broad in downtown Gadsden, May 8-9. Live demos by Sloss Metal Arts, Muffinjaw Designs, Paperworkers Local, Art for the Wall, sculptor Nelson Grice, Bib & Tucker Sew Co-op, and JSU Potters Guild. There will be musical and dance performances Friday night and a Mother's Day Market on Saturday morning with vendors selling art and other goods. Food trucks and free activities for kids of all ages.

- Where: Downtown Gadsden
- When: Friday and Saturday.

May 8 Dinner and a movie on the lawn

Featuring Madagascar

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

May 8 Dueling Pianos

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing
- When: 6-9 p.m.

May 14 Taste the Town Food Truck

- Where: Southside City Hall
- When: 5 - 8 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 8 Lend Me a Tenor

Lend Me a Tenor is an evening of hijinks, mistaken identity, and chance encounters. Following the belated arrival of Il Stupendo, Max does his best to keep the star calm, and makes sure he gets the rest he needs. Unfortunately, after giving Stupendo a double dose of his sleeping pills Max needs to don clown makeup to do the show, but can he sing as well as the greatest tenor of the generation? After the show multiple women want to sleep with Il Stupendo, but when Max finds the body missing, will he save his career? Or his relationship?

Tickets are \$13 - \$80 and may be purchased online or at the Special BOGO tickets for Mother's Day (May 10) performance with promo code MOM

Tickets at www.theatreofgadsden.com

- Where: All shows at the Historic Ritz Theatre in downtown Alabama City (310 Wall St.)
- When: May 8-10, 15-17 (Fri-Sat shows at 7 p.m., Sun shows at 2 p.m.)

Ground Breakings, Ribbon Cuttings & Grand Openings

May 8 **Grand opening** at Grand Opening for the Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama

- Where: 1986 Challenger Way, Rainbow City
- When: 11 a.m.

May 11 **Ribbon cutting** at The Bluff Amphitheater

- Where: 1820 US Hwy 278 E, Gadsden, AL 35903
- When: 11 a.m.

May 13 **Ribbon cutting** at Johnson's Giant Foods

- Where: Southside Johnson's
- When: 9-10 a.m.

May 14 **Ribbon cutting** at Three Notch Group

- Where: 515 Locust St. Gadsden
- When: 4 p.m.

May 15 **Ground Breaking** at Gadsden State Community College Tennis Complex

- Where: GSCC Tennis Complex
- When: 10 a.m.

May 19 **Don't forget to vote in the primary election!**

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 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.

May 9 Stamp out Hunger

All citizens served by Gadsden, Alabama City, and East Gadsden Post Offices are asked to leave non-perishable food items such as canned meats, soups, vegetables, rice, pasta and peanut butter in a bag near their mailbox on Saturday, May 9 before their letter carrier arrives. The food will be donated to the Etowah Community Food Bank to be given to families through these agencies: Etowah Baptist Mission Center, Catholic Center of Concern and the Salvation Army.

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 23 America's Reptile Expo

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing
- When: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.


May 23 Ferry Park Crawfish Cook-off

- Where: Hokes Bluff Ferry Park
- When: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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May 12

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May 4th

EDUCATION



The annual Excellence in Education Awards, hosted by the Etowah Chamber in Gadsden, celebrated outstanding educators, administrators and support staff from across Etowah County. Local leaders and members of the Etowah Chamber gathered at the packed Venue at Coosa Landing to recognize Teachers of the Year awards earned by educators at Etowah County Schools and surrounding city

schools. The awards recognize the innovative educational programs and community partnerships that are making a difference in local schools and classrooms. Presented by Gadsden State Community College, the luncheon highlights the impact educators have on students and the future of education in Northeast Alabama. Chamber leaders said the awards are

designed to honor the creativity, dedication and excellence happening in education throughout the county, from early childhood programs to post-secondary institutions. Michael Hall (lower left photo), CEO of Gadsden Regional Medical Center, presented the GEMC award for Exceptional Community Involvement to Amanda Hughes of Southside High School. Owner of Gameday LIVE, John Sim-

mons (pictured top right), who graduated from Southside High School, catered the event. Simmons said when he came back to Etowah, he and his family had a mission to provide supplies to students. His company, Backpack Brands, with the help of his sponsors, supplied 100 percent of students in Etowah County with backpacks full of supplies this year.



Local student receives Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship

The Beta Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held the 9th annual Red Rose Mah Jongg Tournament on April 7, 2026 at the Gadsden Country Club. Profits, as well as donations to the tournament, enabled Delta Kappa Gamma to award a scholarship to a local high school senior that will be majoring in education in the Fall. Ninety-two Mah Jongg players from 4 states - Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee - participated in the tournament which made it the most successful in 9 years. Players could choose from American (single) or Royale Mah Jongg. Prize money was awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from each group. Door prizes were given out during lunch, and a total of 15 high-quality raffle items were awarded at the end of playing time. Delta Kappa Gamma consists of active and retired teachers that support early-career educators by monitoring and supplying classroom assistance. Members also support

service projects by donating supplies to teachers, books to local libraries, and food donations to local food banks. All are part of monthly activities for the Etowah County Delta Kappa Gamma chapter. The 2026 Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship, in the amount of \$7500.00, was awarded to Raylee Grace Neal from Westbrook Christian School. Neal is the daughter of Andrew and Rachel Neal. After graduating third in her class, she plans to attend Auburn University pursuing a degree in education. Neal is very active in her school and community and is involved in many clubs, activities, and sports all while maintaining excellent grades and winning numerous honors and awards. She has also completed dual enrollment classes in order to earn college credit. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and National Beta Club. Miss Neal is also a recognized leader in her school. She has served

as team captain on her volleyball and basketball teams, on the leadership team for chapel, class president, class treasurer, and other leadership roles. Neal's teachers say her character, work ethic, and commitment to excellence set her apart from her peers. They describe her as being a self-motivated, diligent high achiever who maintains integrity and pride in all of her endeavors. They say she is honest, loyal, and trustworthy and shows great respect for others. Neal says that she wants to become an educator so she can teach children that they have a purpose in life. She says she is meant to be a teacher and believes that is why God created her. Neal's long-range plans are to earn a Master's degree in Educational Leadership or Guidance Counseling. Neal and her family say that the DKG scholarship is truly a blessing.



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EDUCATION



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Local student named Employee of the Year at Mississippi State UREC

Lucas Kilgro, chapter president of Alpha Gamma Rho at Mississippi State, was awarded the Employee of the Year Award at Mississippi State University Recreation department.

Kilgro, graduate of Gadsden City High School, is the

first employee from the Outdoor Adventures Department to receive the award in 10 years, according to his mom, Christine Kilgro.

The department is in charge of organizing overnight trip, including hiking, camping and kayaking, as

well as providing rental gear to students who want an adventure, but don't have their own gear, according to the Mississippi State website.

Kilgro accepted an internship with the Forestry department and will travel to Wyoming for the summer.

Project SPARK brings engaging experiences to local classrooms

Project SPARK is a three-year professional development program funded by the U.S. Department of Education through an American History and Civics National Activities Grant, Wilderness Education Project, 2022, that many teachers, including teachers from our very own Gadsden City School participate in.

"I have highly enjoyed our cohort trainings with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History while we completed a deep-dive of learning about the Revolution and Colonial period with help from scholars from around the world," Julie Gilchrist, a fifth grade teacher at Striplin, said.

This program grant is being overseen by Marcia Farabee, director of curriculum and instruction for Gadsden City schools, in partnership with the project. Farabee has taught in the public school system for more than 25 years, earning a masters in educational leadership from the University of Alabama.

The program offers engaging learning experiences where educators are challenged to strengthen their skills in social studies, literacy and classroom management through evidence-based training. Hunter Bussey, an elementary teacher at W.E. Striplin in Gadsden, said the program is preparing our educators with the necessary skills to instill the knowledge of America in the next generation.

"I have strengthened my content knowledge and how to successfully integrate social studies across my other content-based instruction," Bussey said.

Amy Smith, an Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics Elementary Teacher of the Year recipient and teacher at Floyd Elementary in Gadsden, said she joined a book club through the program.

"As a teacher who loves reading, completing this journey has shown me ways to incorporate social studies content within my reading curriculum by using shared-content text," Smith said.

Local secures membership to Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Benjamin Hall of Gadsden, Alabama, was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Jacksonville State University.

Hall is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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

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Snead State students inducted into chapter of nursing honor society

Snead State Community College recently celebrated the academic achievements of its nursing students during the induction ceremony for the Iota Nu Chapter of the Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society of Nursing.

The ceremony recognized students enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program who demonstrated excellence in the classroom and a commitment to professionalism and integrity in the field of nursing.

The mission of the Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society is to recognize the academic excellence of students in the study of Associate Degree Nursing. The society encourages the pursuit of advanced degrees

in the profession of nursing, as well as continuing education as a lifelong professional responsibility.

Snead State's Iota Nu Chapter is part of the national Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) and reflects the college's ongoing commitment to promoting high standards in nursing education. The college first established the chapter in 2025.

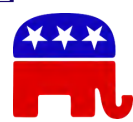
Students inducted into the Iota Nu Chapter include:

Michelle Mason, of Gallant; Makeisha Davis, Jaylin Ezekiel and Crismary Terro, of Gadsden; and Talia Mayhall, of Hokes Bluff.



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GOVERNMENT

State legislature passes special election bill

By Anna Barrett and Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

The Alabama Legislature on Wednesday passed legislation that could set new primary dates for the state amid protests within the Statehouse and flooding that led the Alabama Senate to quickly pass its bill before a mass evacuation of the building.

HB 1, sponsored by Speaker Pro Tempore Chris Pringle, R-Mobile, would allow for a new special election if the U.S. Supreme Court lifts an injunction preventing the state from redrawing congressional maps before 2030. SB 1, sponsored by Sen. Chris Elliott, R-Josephine, affects two Montgomery-area Senate districts.

The legislation drew sharp criticism from Democrats, who said the bills aimed to reduce Black political representation in the Legislature.

"This body continues to find more ways to make voting more difficult, more ways to suppress the vote and more ways to dilute the power of the Black vote," said Rep. Adline Clarke, D-Mobile. "Make no mistake, that's what HB 1 would do, and it's a tragic step backwards for Black Alabama voters. But we've been here before and we will not give up this fight."

The legislation will only take effect if federal courts respond favorably to a flurry of cases filed by Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall seeking to reverse federal court rulings in 2023 and 2025 that found congressional and legislative maps approved by the Legislature violated Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and discriminated against Black voters. The rulings led to new court-ordered maps.

The U.S. Supreme Court last week weakened Section 2 in a case known as Louisiana v. Callais. However, Justice Samuel Alito wrote that the ruling did not apply to Allen v. Milligan, the 2023 case that led to congressional redistricting.

House members debated for five hours over the measure. The Senate late Wednesday appeared to be heading for a similarly lengthy debate. But a storm that put Montgomery under an hour-long tornado watch led to flooding in the building, which prompted an abrupt end of debate and a vote on the bill.

Water burst into the first floor of the building around 5 p.m. and flooded the area around the Statehouse. Staff and lawmakers' cars swam in the lowered parking deck behind the Statehouse. There was water pouring in from the sides of glass doors into the hallway of the first floor.

Wednesday was one day short of the 17th anniversary of the 2009 flood of the Statehouse that led to lawmakers' last regular business in the Old Chambers in the Alabama State Capitol.

The Senate continued debate despite the storm, but adjourned shortly after the fire alarm sounded.

"I got a feeling this is to be continued. So freeze whatever the time is, this is to be continued. We're gonna have to probably get out of here," said Sen. Rodger Smitherman, D-Birmingham.

HB 1 passed on a 75-29 party-line vote. Rep. Rhett Marques, R-Enterprise and a candidate for Congress, abstained from the vote; he later told al.com that he wanted a map that created seven Republican districts.

"This bill simply creates a mechanism to hold special primary elections in certain con-

gressional districts should the federal courts relieve us of the federal injunction against us," said Pringle before debate began.

Twenty-seven of the House's 29 Democrats spoke against the bill during the debate. No speakers apart from Pringle spoke on its behalf.

However, exchanges got tense. While Rep. Juandalynn Givan, D-Birmingham, spoke about Alabama's history of Black voter suppression and segregation, House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, R-Rainsville, said she was not staying relevant to the bill.

"The Speaker gaveled me down, no differently than when he gaveled down one of my other colleagues when we began to get into race and when we began to get into history," she told reporters on Wednesday.

Ledbetter also gaveled down Rep. Barbara Drummond, D-Mobile, during debate when things got heated between her and Pringle.

"It is time that we stop standing on the past and move into the future. I am tired of the doors that were closed that are just now cracking open," she said.

Rep. Chris England, D-Tuscaloosa said the state's loss in Allen v. Milligan was "bad lawyering."

"Essentially Alabama's on four years of probation, and instead of honoring that four years of probation, we're in this session trying to go on a bender," he said. "And there will be consequences to that, because to my estimation and many others, we are in contempt because we said we weren't going to do anything like this."

Democrats also mentioned a comment made by Marshall on Tuesday where he argued that Black voters can be adequately represented by the Republican Party.

"That's the equivalent of saying that Black people should be led and governed by a master from slavery days," Givan said.

Rep. Prince Chestnut, D-Selma, used the final 10 minutes of debate to question why Republicans didn't speak up for the bill, alluding to Rep. Kenneth Paschal, R-Pelham, the House's single Black Republican.

"This bill produces such a racial gerrymander, that not even the lone Black Republican serving in this body will hit his speaker light to come down to the well and defend it," he said.

Before the Senate convened, about 30 protestors gathered in the hallway outside the chamber. Senate security attempted to contain them, and Alabama State Troopers eventually joined. No force was used.

The protestors chanted that lawmakers are trying to take away Black representation, and that they would not move.

"We know you want us to leave, but we shall not be moved. Just like a tree, planted by the waters, we shall not be moved," they sang. "This is the people's house. We built this house. This is our house."

SB 1 would affect State Senate Districts 25 and 26, which are currently represented by Sens. Will Barfoot, R-Pike Road, and Kirk Hatcher, D-Montgomery, respectively. Both senators have swapped districts for the 2026 election due to a court-altered map that was put in place in November.

Marshall and Secretary of State Wes Allen on Monday morning filed an emergency motion to vacate or stay district court injunctions blocking the use of state Senate maps the Legislature passed in 2021. The court has given plaintiffs until Thursday at 5 p.m. to respond to the state's motion, with no further



Andrea Tinker/Alabama Reflector

A group of people hold their fists aloft to protest SB 1 in the Alabama Statehouse on May 6, 2026 in Montgomery, Alabama. The Senate passed the bill on Wednesday amid flooding and tornado warnings in downtown Montgomery.

reply from the state allowed.

"This legislation sets up a special election to be held in the effective districts, only if the courts lift the injunction on the maps, duly enacted by this Alabama Legislature, which we anticipate happening soon," Elliott said.

Soon after debate on the Senate floor began, a tornado warning for Montgomery County blared from every phone in the chamber. The Senate continued debate.

Sen. Robert Stewart, D-Selma, said that the bill would decrease voter turnout in Black voters and referenced a 2025 study by the Brennan Center for Justice.

"There are real world consequences, gentlemen from Baldwin County, for changing election rules. Districts are being challenged in court. This bill could not have come at a more inopportune time. There is uncertainty around representation and compressed election timeline," Stewart said.

The study showed that the voter turnout gap between Black and white voters hit a 16-year high in 2024. It found that if eligible non-white voters had turned out to vote in 2024 at the same rate as their white counterparts, there would have been 200,000 more ballots cast.

Sen. Merika Coleman, D-Pleasant Grove, offered an amendment that she first offered in committee on Tuesday, which would change a required special election to an optional special election.

"The law and order party is sticking their middle finger up to the Supreme Court. We don't have to adhere to your ruling that says we won't do another district until 2030. We're Alabama Republicans. We can do what we want to do," Coleman said.

The amendment failed 8-25.

Sen. Vivian Davis Figures, D-Mobile, also offered an amendment that she offered in committee, which requires the Secretary of State to publish notice of the new election dates and polling locations.

"Giving voters notice of the date of an uncommon upcoming political election is essential because elections are only legitimate when citizens have a fair and meaningful opportunity to participate, adequate notice, protects constitutional rights, strengthens democracy and helps ensure public confidence

in the outcome," Figures said. "It protects the fundamental right to vote."

The amendment failed 8-26, despite Elliott saying on Tuesday that he was open to the amendment.

"Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you members of the Senate for once again, showing me who you really are. God bless you, anyway," Figures said after the vote.

The bill does not allow for a runoff election, which Elliott has said there is not time for. Hatcher, who currently has two Democratic challengers, offered the same amendment he did in committee, which would allow for a primary runoff election.

"Whether it's a seat that I sit in, or anyone else in this chamber or this building, I'd like for them to be able to fairly, find some fairness in the process itself," Hatcher said.

The amendment failed 8-26.

As debate and rain continued, the building flooded on the first floor.

Senate President Pro Tem Garland Guder, R-Cullman, motioned to recess at the call of the chair, meaning the Senate could return at any time. Less than a minute later, Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth called lawmakers back in. Smitherman had not left the lectern.

"Can I continue or what?" Smitherman asked.

"You still have the mic," Ainsworth said.

The fire alarm continued to blare as a closure petition, which would limit debate to 20 minutes, was delivered to the clerk. Smitherman yielded to Elliott, who motioned for a final vote. Lawmakers voted as they were evacuating the chamber. Sen. Greg Albritton, R-Atmore, stood at the doors of the chamber, making sure members voted before they left.

The bill passed 26-7.

Lawmakers, staff and the public filed down the only staircase on the west side of the building. Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, previously called the building a "fire trap" because of the lack of accessible staircases. Outside, there was no apparent fire, but a smell of natural gas.

The House Ways and Means General Fund Committee held a public hearing on the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday. The result of that meeting was not known at the time of publication.

Senator Jones seeks re-election in District 10

What should voters know about you?

I am proud to represent District 10 in the Alabama Senate, which includes Etowah, Cherokee, and Southern DeKalb counties. I was elected to the Senate in 2018 in my first run for public office. Since taking office, my legislative priorities have included helping small businesses and farmers, supporting veterans and military families, fighting for working Alabamians and a lower cost of living, investing in public education, promoting adoption, protecting our way of life in Northeast Alabama, and bringing home resources from Montgomery for roads, bridges, projects, and high speed internet.

What are your local connections?

I am the founder and owner of Deep South Coffee Factory, a craft coffee roasting company, and also a fourth-generation cattle farmer and shareholder in Paul Jennings Farms, Inc., which is named after my late grandfather. I hold a Masters in Public Policy from the College of William and Mary in Virginia and a B.A. from Berea College in Kentucky. My wife Summer and I are members of Centre First Baptist Church, where I serve as pianist.

What are your values?

I have been active in the Republican Party since high school and have served on the Alabama Republican Party Executive Committee for the past 8 years. I weigh every issue based on my Christian family values and the Conservative principles that make Alabama and America great. I am a big supporter of adoption, and I have passed 3 bills to promote and incentivize adoption in Alabama.

What have you done in your current role?

In my role as Senator, I also serve as the Chairman of the Military, Veterans, and Public Safety Committee. Through this role, I have shepherded over 40 bills through the legislature to support veterans and military families. Now, Alabama has moved from last place to first in the nation for military spouse support and is considered the 2nd best state for veterans to retire.

What bills have you sponsored?

In 2023 and 2025, I was the Senate sponsor of legislation to cut the state grocery tax by 50 percent, an effort that required me to push, work, and challenge the status quo for over 5 years. These efforts resulted in the largest tax cut in Alabama history. This \$304 million grocery tax cut provides much-needed savings for Alabama families.

What are you proud of locally?

We've had major successes locally. Education is the first



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Sen. Andrew Jones, R-Centre, looks up to the gallery in the Alabama Senate on March 10, 2026 at the Alabama Statehouse in Montgomery, Alabama.

area that comes to mind. Whether it's supporting our teachers through classroom grants, helping bring home \$17 million for the Northeast Alabama Regional (NEAR) Megasite, \$24 million for Gadsden State's Advanced Manufacturing Center, or \$8.5 million for a new Challenger Learning Center, I know how to get things done and build a better future for our area. I look forward to helping District 10 stay on a path of growth and advancement. We need opportunities and high paying jobs to keep our best and brightest living right here.

What are you most proud of overall?

I have helped secure well over \$125 million and counting for numerous road and bridge projects across Senate District 10. In addition to widening U.S. 411, final permitting is underway for the I-759 extension, and public hearings have been held on two plans for a new Southside bridge. I take the responsibility of bringing funding home very seriously. As a district, we have seniority in the Alabama Senate now, and that will benefit us as we seek to secure funding for our area. I'm also proud that when it really counted, I stood up to Montgomery powerbrokers to protect our district and our way of life. When a foreign multinational conglomerate tried to build a plant in Gadsden that rendered chicken guts near schools, churches, and daycares, I helped lead a coalition to defeat the effort. This is one of the reasons that the special interests in Montgomery have come after me during this election cycle with false ads funded by dark money PACs.

What will you do if re-elected?

If elected to another term, my top statewide priority will be eliminating the last 50 percent of the state grocery tax. For May and June 2026, Alabamians are receiving a tax holiday from these grocery taxes due to legislation passed this session in Montgomery. We must permanently repeal these remaining grocery taxes. The grocery tax is a regressive tax that hits working Alabamians and seniors on fixed incomes the hardest. Locally, my top infrastructure priorities will be pushing to finalize the construction start date for the 759 Eastern Connector and a new Southside Bridge, and also continuing to work toward full coverage of District 10 with high speed internet access. Investing in additional pre-K classrooms will continue to be a big focus as well. Funding for the NEAR Megasite will also be a top priority, as I work to support local officials who are trying to land a major employer at the site.

What else do you want people to know?

I'd like to highlight our diligent efforts to help our constituents and effectively communicate with them. We do our absolute best to cut through the Montgomery red tape and help constituents with problems that arise. We have always welcomed feedback or questions on proposed legislation. We communicate through social media, a website, online newsletters, legislative updates, and letters to businesses, and are always just a call, email, or Facebook message away. You can learn more at www.ANDREWandYOU.com. With your vote on May 19, we'll continue moving District 10 forward.

Submitted by Senator Andrew Jones.

LIFESTYLE



Looking at the History

Danny Crownover

Col. R.B. Kyle was the first mayor of Gadsden. The aldermen elected with him in 1867 were Dr. Joseph Bevans, Major W.P. Hollingsworth, R.O. Randall, And Herman Herzberg.

Soon after Baine County was created in the fall of 1866 a number of citizens petitioned L.E. Hamlin, probate judge, to call an election to determine whether the town should be incorporated and he named a commission to conduct the election.

One of the members of that commission was Herman Herzberg. The voters favored incorporation and a board of mayor and aldermen were elected.

They began to function in 1867, along about March. Under the old village Code of Alabama communities of not less than 150 and not over 2,000 population could petition the probate judge to start the machinery for incorporation.

Meet the first officials of Gadsden

In 1866, Gadsden had from 300 to 500 population and less than a dozen stores. In those days the mayor was called intendant, which was probably a hangover from the Spanish rule since Spanish possessions and political subdivisions are still ruled by intendants.

However, cardinal Richelieu appointed intendants to rule various political subdivisions in France and that country's colonies. The Portuguese government did the same and even the Chinese had intendants of circuits.

There was no newspaper to report the incorporation but soon after intendant R.B. Kyle had called a meeting of the common council to correct tax assessments. Col. Kyle in his official call referred to the council as the "corporate authorities."

One of the first ordinances was a law against public drunkenness and others that followed were for the protection of the public.

It seems fitting that the little town should have been started off under the direction of such men as Kyle, Bevans, Randall Hollingsworth and Herzberg.

Col. Kyle was the richest man in town and was for many years its largest tax-

payer. He was a successful merchant and manufacturer.

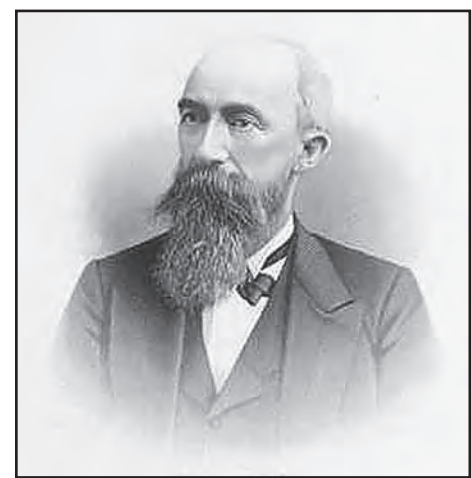
He and Major Hollingsworth built the first railroad into Gadsden. It was the little five-mile stretch to Attalla. It became part of the N.C. & St. L. System. The latter was a wealthy merchant.

Herman Herzberg, who had the courtesy title of major, as did Col. Kyle, was the biggest merchant here for many years and he was also one of the principal builders of the city and county.

Major Randall, who also had a courtesy title, was a native of Brockport, N.Y., being born there in 1840. He came to Gadsden in 1858 and opened a watch making business. Later he established a jewelry store which later was owned by the family of his son-in-law, the late C.F. Cross, and under management of his grandson, Randall C. Cross.

Dr. Bevans was a famous surgeon in the Confederate army and in subsequent years served Gadsden as mayor several times. All five were confederate veterans.

Major Hollingsworth was a major in the Confederate army and personal friend of General Joseph Wheeler. This is the second time that the name of these town officials had been printed, the first-time being



Submitted photo
Col. R.B. Kyle, pictured above, was the first mayor of Gadsden.

March 5, 1869.

Dave Lewis was the first town marshal. He seems to have been the street overseer also when they went out of office. He was a member of a pioneer and prominent family.

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'Love set you going like a fat gold watch'

One of my favorite poems about motherhood is Sylvia Plath's "Morning Song," and the first line is "Love set you going like a fat gold watch." From the very beginning of our lives and our children's lives, time is ticking by, faster and faster it seems.

Time is always ticking, and becoming a mother sped life up in a way that is still hard to fully grasp. The busier I am, the faster my days seem to speed by.

This week, I sat in my classroom as students took their final exam and realized that the morning had drifted by more slowly than usual. I thought "Why on earth is time moving so much more slowly when it generally seems to have sped up lately?" It took a few minutes for it to hit me: I have mostly given up caffeine.

That is not entirely true. I mostly drink water, but will drink tea and the occasional soda or coffee. I haven't given up caffeine exactly, but I have sworn off energy drinks. I have also given up scrolling social media. Well, that is not entirely true either: I have given up "doomscrolling" through things that make me feel anxious. Sometimes,

though, I will realize I've been swiping through fun videos longer than I intended and am, as T.S. Eliot said, "distracted from distraction by distraction."

Maybe, there is a reason those little videos are so popular, though. We are continuously bombarded with demands to our time and attention, sold time-saving tools and guilted for not doing everything. I wonder if we aren't so much focused as we are rushing, busy all the time as our time slips through our days.

Henry David Thoreau tells us, "It is not enough to be busy. So are the ants. The question is: What are we busy about?"

Watching kittens playing or heartwarming wildlife videos can be considered wasting time. But, maybe it can also be a way to remind ourselves of what it means to truly live life.

If I spend my days in an energy drink fueled, frenetic hurry to check off all the tasks on my To Do list, am I being efficient and productive? Yes. But, do I want to look back and realize that I spent much of my time in a blur?

Annie Dilliard reminds us that "How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives." I often notice that the faster my day goes, the fewer experiential details I pay attention to. For example, I might get a large number of things graded, posted, and written, but I might not pay any attention to what the weather is like, or how the birds sound on my way inside, or how good it feels to take off my shoes after work and walk across the living room floor barefoot.

Recently, I've tried taking time to make sure I have quieter, slower, less urgent moments, hours and days. I take time to notice the small details and moments that we often become accustomed to allowing to blur past us.

With Mother's Day coming up, I've been thinking about how I want my children to remember intentional attention coming from me because, as Mary Oliver states, "attention is the beginning of devotion." As a mother, I have often noticed that I can never just consider a place or situation or dinner menu according to what I think. Instead, I am always simultaneously think-



Arranging the Pieces

Tabitha Bozeman

ing about my children and how they are affected, what they'd like, and so on.

Real attention, real love is found in the details, the attention, the time we are willing to spend with and give those we hold dear. Our goal shouldn't be to move faster through life or do more with our time, but to be present enough to actually experience this life we are moving through.

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Mindful Moment

Carrie Halladay

When people think of depression, they usually think of sadness. And while sadness can be part of it, depression is often much more complex—and sometimes much quieter — than people expect.

For many, depression doesn't look like crying all the time. It looks like not feeling much of anything.

Things that used to interest you don't anymore. You go through your day, checking off responsibilities, but there's a sense of disconnection. You're present, but not really engaged. Life can start to feel flat or muted, like you're moving through it without fully experiencing it.

Depression can also show up as exhaustion. Not just physical tiredness, but a heaviness that makes even small tasks feel like a lot. Getting out of bed, responding to messages or making simple decisions can

take more effort than usual. Even things you want to do can feel out of reach.

Some people experience increased irritability rather than sadness. Others struggle with concentration, forgetfulness or a lack of motivation that doesn't match who they usually are. You might find yourself starting things and not finishing them, or avoiding tasks altogether because they feel overwhelming.

Sleep and appetite can shift too — either more or less than usual. And for many, there's a quiet but persistent sense of worthlessness or self-doubt that's hard to explain.

Often, there's a layer of self-judgment: "Why can't I just snap out of this?" "What's wrong with me?"

Nothing is "wrong" with you. Depression is not a lack of willpower. It's a shift in how your mind and body are functioning. And like many mental health challenges, it exists on a spectrum. Some people experience mild symptoms that come and go, while others feel a deeper, more persistent impact.

If you've noticed a change in how you feel, it can be helpful to pause and check

in with yourself. Here are a few questions commonly used in depression screening. Think about how often you've experienced these over the past two weeks:

- Less interest or pleasure in doing things you normally enjoy
- Feeling down, depressed or hopeless
- Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much
- Feeling tired or having little energy
- Poor appetite or overeating
- Feeling bad about yourself, or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down
- Trouble concentrating on things, like reading or watching TV
- Moving or speaking so slowly that others notice, or feeling restless and unable to sit still
- Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself

If you're noticing several of these symptoms happening more than half the days, or nearly every day, it's worth taking seriously.

Depression is treatable. You don't have to wait until things feel unbearable to reach out. Talking with a mental health profes-

sional or your primary care provider can help you understand what's going on and explore next steps.

If you're having thoughts about harming yourself, it's important to seek immediate support. You can call or text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988 or chat via 988lifeline.org.

You're not meant to manage this alone. And with the right support, it is possible to feel like yourself again.

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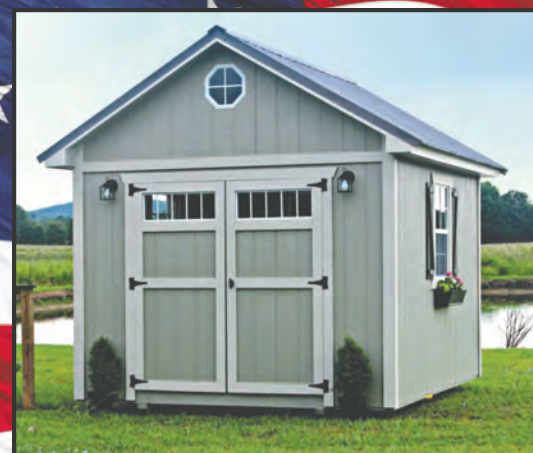
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DEVOTIONALS

‘He will command His angels concerning you’



May is Foster Care Awareness Month, a season that stays pinned to my heart year-round. My husband and I weren't strangers to the world of foster care; we had spent three years as "Mom" and "Pop" to ten teenage boys in a group home. After a few years of much-needed rest though, our daughter convinced us to open our doors to foster care through a different route. So, following a 3 month foster-parent course, CPR and First Aid training, a home study, and enough paperwork to clear a small forest, we became licensed foster parents in Etowah County.

I still remember the butterflies when the social worker called to tell us about a sibling group in need of placement. She went on to explain that there were 3 sisters: ages 4, 5, and 9. We had only prepared ourselves to take 2 children, and had requested older children since most of our experience was with teenagers. However, as she was talking, we just knew that these girls were

meant for us.

That first, "Yes," was easy. We were far enough removed from the children's home experience to forget the waves of emotion and sleepless nights. And, even though we were fresh from foster-care classes, we wore our rose-colored glasses as we rehearsed the "all they need is love" mantra. I don't know if it is naiveté or a healthy dose of Grace, but it is akin to the phenomenon that allows birth mothers to forget the pain of childbirth and eagerly enter into the process again.

Our journey with "The Littles" as we affectionately referred to them, began the day after the call in May 2012. The four of us were so excited that we ran out on the porch when we heard the social worker pull into the driveway. In reflection, it was probably a little overwhelming to those sweet girls to be greeted so eagerly, but we couldn't contain ourselves.

When I look back at pictures from that first day, my heart still aches at the sadness in their faces and distant look in their beautiful brown eyes. We noticed it then, but my heart can really see it now. We invited them in as we offered to take their grocery store bags holding all of their Earthly possessions. We showed them their room and all the Love we could manifest in those early moments. Our children are remarkable, so it didn't take them long to make a crack in the enormous wall that the girls

had built around their hearts for protection. Before the first night was over, we were gifted with smiles and a few soft giggles.

We weren't to know it then, but we would only have them in our arms for 3 short months before the system would send them back to their family to work through the reunification protocols. However, as it turns out, you can fall in love forever with little ones somewhere between 1 and 90 days.

During those brief 90ish days we were able to create so many memories with "our" precious girls. One very vivid memory was the night God decided to give us a tangible lesson as we encountered the Panty Angel. Yes...panty! We had taken The Littles to the drive-in movies. In true "life with kids" fashion, as soon as the movie started, the girls asked to use the bathroom. I took Little and Middle to the potty only to discover that we had made it just a little bit late (in the worst way). Turns out, you can forget how to prepare for life with littles somewhere between 1 and 13 years. Standing at the sink rinsing out tiny panties, a sweet lady asked, "Can I help you?"

"Not unless you have some panties!" I quipped.

To which she replied, "I might." She proceeded to her car to bring back her diaper bag with literal handfuls of panties...in 3 sizes! She pulled out a size 4 donned with Dora the Explorer, Middle's favorite, and

an outfit to boot! Psalm 91:11 came to life for us that night. "He will command His angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways (ESV)."

When Psalm 91:11 promises that God (through His angels) will guard us in all of our ways, we often imagine a grand, celestial protection from physical harm. Yet, "all your ways" includes the messy ways, the exhausted ways, and the "I-forgot-to-pack-a-diaper-bag" ways. That night, a stranger with a spare outfit was a literal messenger of peace, proving that when we step out in obedience, God doesn't just watch from a distance—He sends reinforcements for the very things we feel ill-equipped to handle.

If you have never encountered the Panty Angel, then maybe you should give foster care a try. It is so close to the heart of Jesus that He shows up in the most unexpected ways for those that trust Him with their, "Yes."

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People want better lives, better habits, better relationships, better outcomes, and better futures. We ask God for something new while still holding on to the same old way of thinking. We want different results, but we refuse to change our mind set. But you cannot think the same thoughts and expect a different life.

Romans 12 reminds us that transformation does not start with behavior. It starts with surrender. Paul writes, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be

transformed by the renewing of your mind."

That means God is not just trying to change what you do. He is trying to change how you think.

A lot of people love God, believe in God, and even serve God, but still stay stuck because their mindset never changed. Salvation may happen instantly, but transformation is a process. God saves your soul in a moment, but renewing your mind takes daily surrender.

Your transformation starts when you stop trying to hold everything together yourself and finally give it all to God.

The world wants to shape your thinking. It wants to define your values, your priorities, and your identity. If you are not intentional, you will drift into the world's way of thinking without even realizing it. Just like someone drifting in the ocean, you can slowly move farther away from where God anchored you.

That is why your mind has to be renewed continuously.

What you feed your mind matters. What you focus on matters. What you constantly think about eventually becomes how you live.

Scripture says, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." Your thoughts shape your life.

That is why you cannot allow every thought to stay in your mind. Some thoughts need to be rejected. Some lies need to be confronted. Some mindsets need to be broken. If you do not take control of your thoughts, your thoughts will eventually take control of you.

God did not save you to blend into culture. He saved you to stand out from it. You are built different.

Like the ark Noah built, God designed you to survive what is happening around you. The storm outside may rage, but God built you to withstand it. The pressure may be real, but His Spirit inside of you is greater than the chaos around you.

And here is the good news: God has never lost a battle, and He never will.

The same God who carried Noah through the Hood, David through the battle, Daniel through the lions' den, and Jesus through the cross is the same God walking with you today.

So, stop thinking defeated thoughts. Stop believing limiting lies. Stop allowing fear and culture to shape your identity. Renew your mind. Trust God's truth.

And remember this: You are not ordinary. You are not forgotten. You are not powerless. You are built different.

Walk in grace. Stand in truth. Live blessed.

Pastor Shawn Blackmon serves as the Lead Pastor of UNITY Church in Attalla, Alabama, where his preaching is real, relevant and rooted in the unchanging Word of God. Beyond the pulpit, he serves as CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama, leading life-changing mentoring initiatives that empower young people across five counties.

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TITANS ADVANCE TO STATE

Gadsden City's boys soccer team defeated the Homewood Patriots Thursday, May 6, at Huntsville Sports Complex. At the end of regulation play, the two teams were tied 1-1. After sudden death overtime, the fight continued with a 1-1 tie. After penalty kicks, the Titans emerged victorious. Goalie Jessai Lopez stopped Homewood's last shot, which gave Gadsden City High School the win. The match up Thursday was part of the final four state championship series. With this win, the Titans advance to the final round of championship play. GCHS defeated Cullman 1-0 in the quarterfinals on April 30 to advance to the semifinals. The final game will be held Saturday morning in Huntsville. *Photo courtesy of Huntsville Sports Commission.*

City breaks ground on \$76.5 mil athletic center

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

Construction is officially underway on the \$76.5 million Gadsden Athletic Center, a major sports and recreation development city leaders say will serve residents year-round while creating a new destination for regional tournaments and events.

Birmingham-based construction firm Robins & Morton has begun work on the project following a groundbreaking ceremony Friday at the former West Meighan Complex, where city officials, project partners and community stakeholders gathered to mark the start of construction.

Planned along West Meighan Boulevard, the nearly 29-acre development will feature a two-story, 120,000-square-foot recreation center as part of a larger athletic campus expected to include 161,000 square feet of indoor athletics and extensive outdoor amenities.

When complete, the Gadsden Athletic Center will include eight hardwood basketball courts with overlays for volleyball and pickleball, an indoor aquatics center featuring a six-lane, 25-yard competition pool and a zero-entry leisure

pool, a large fitness center, flexible meeting and party spaces, and a family entertainment center with arcade games, duckpin bowling and sports simulators.

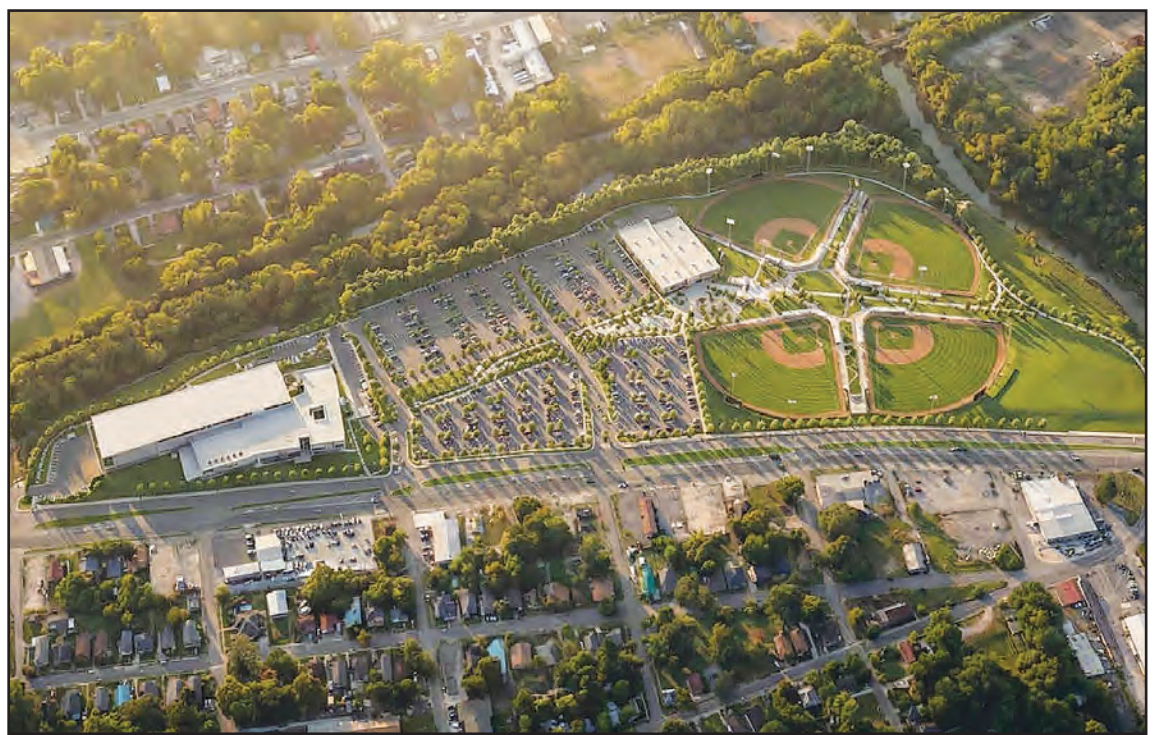
Outdoor amenities will include four natural grass 300-foot baseball and softball fields, 12 pickleball courts, playground areas, walking trails, green space, pavilions and parking.

Robins & Morton is serving as construction manager for the project, while Chambless King Architects designed the facility. Construction is expected to be completed next year.

Mayor Craig Ford said the project represents a major investment in the city's future.

"Breaking ground on this complex is a proud moment for Gadsden," Ford said. "This project reflects our commitment to creating more opportunities for recreation, wellness, and connection while investing in a destination that will support our community for years to come."

Ford also said the center "will be a top-notch facility that is going to improve our quality of life in Gadsden while also benefitting our local economy."



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The rendering (pictured above) for the Gadsden Athletic Center shows four multiuse fields and a large indoor facility.

The Sports Facilities Companies (SFC) is partnering with the city on planning, marketing and operation-

al preparation ahead of the center's opening. Pre-opening efforts will include staff recruitment and train-

ing, operational planning, branding and sports tourism sales.

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GSCC celebrates new athletic park with ribbon cutting

Gadsden State Community College celebrated the official opening of its new athletic park with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, April 30, bringing together college leadership, community partners, alumni and supporters.

Gadsden State President Alan Smith led the program, followed by City of Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford; Dr. Kathy Murphy, former Gadsden State president and current president of Wallace Community College in Dothan; Dr. Chris Cox, Alabama Community College System Deputy Chancellor for Instruction, Research and Development; and student-athletes Jake Steed and Pressley Slaton.

The event, held in the courtyard area of the new complex, highlighted the college's continued investment in student-athletes and campus facilities, as well as the strong partnerships between the college, the city and the Alabama Community College System.

Following the ceremony, attendees moved onto the field for alumni recognition honoring former baseball and softball players, along with ceremonial first pitches delivered by special guests.

Steed and Slaton represented current student-athletes during the program, reflecting the impact of the new facility on the Cardinals experience.

The celebration continued throughout the afternoon with baseball and softball games, allowing attendees to experience the new complex in action.

The athletic park serves as a major enhancement to Gadsden State's athletics program, providing modern facilities for competition, recruitment and community engagement.

The April 30 event also served as a culminating celebration of Community College Month, highlighting the college's role in academics, workforce development and student life across the region.



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Podium finishes were limited for Etowah County area schools at the Class 4A-7A state track and field meet held in Gulf Shores. Southside High School's Rylann Shaw led local individual finishers, placing second in the javelin. Ashville High School's Lydia Northam earned a third-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles, while Etowah High School's Trae Boley placed third in the triple jump. The Ashville girls 4x800-meter relay team also reached the podium, finishing second overall. For Hokes Bluff High School, Emma Godfrey (pictured at left) delivered the team's top performance of the meet, setting a personal record in the 1,600-meter run. Her mark also stands as a school record in the event since the program's transition from imperial to metric race distances. *Photos from Alex Chaney/Special to Messenger.*



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HIGH SCHOOL

Softball
April 30
 Glencoe 3, Sand Rock 0
May 1

Hokes Bluff 1, Ashville 11
 Hokes Bluff 12, Etowah 6
 West End 1, Cleveland 2
May 2
 Glencoe 0, Ohatchee 4
 Glencoe 3, Piedmont 2
 Hokes Bluff 6, Etowah 4
 Hokes Bluff 2, Ashville 12
 West End 4, Susan Moore 0

West End 9, Cleveland 1
 West End 8, Cleveland 1
 Gaston 1, Cedar Bluff 14
 Gaston 2, Pleasant Valley 14
 Gaston 2, Pleasant Valley 13
 Etowah 12, Oneonta 1
 Westbrook 6, Piedmont 7
 Westbrook 2, Ohatchee 14

May 4
 Glencoe 2, Ohatchee 4
 Glencoe 4, Piedmont 1
 Southside 6, Fort Payne 2
 GCHS 1, Fort Payne 16
 Coosa 0, JCA 15
 Sardis 6, Douglas 5
 Sarid 0, Boaz 10

Girls Soccer

April 29
 Glencoe lost 1-6 against Whitesburg Christian Academy in the second round of the AHSAA Girls Soccer Playoffs.

Boys Soccer

April 30
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1-0 in the quarterfinals on April 30 to advance to the semifinals.

May 6
 Gadsden City boys defeated Homewood at Huntsville to secure a place in Saturday's final game.

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According to project projections, the facility is expected to host more than 100 events annually by its fifth year, including basketball, volleyball, aquatics, baseball, softball and pickleball competitions, along with meetings and community events.

Economic projections estimate the complex will gener-

ate more than \$12 million in visitor spending during its first year of operation and nearly \$20 million annually by year five, creating more than \$80 million in cumulative economic impact over its first five years.

By the fifth year of operation, the project is also expected to support approximately 170 jobs annually through facility operations and visitor-related community employment.

Construction Program Management Division Manager Steve Olson called the project "an investment in the

health, vitality and future of our community."

Chambless King Architects principal Michael Shows said the project is designed to create a lasting impact on the city.

"This groundbreaking is proof the vision cast by Mayor Ford and city leadership is happening," Shows said. "This project will provide a premier recreational environment that will improve the quality of life for every resident and change this community forever."

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GADSDEN - Celebration of life was held on Thursday, May 7 at Galilee Baptist Church 904 S 16th St. Gadsden, AL 35901. Burial at Alabama National Cemetery on Tuesday, May 12.

Alicia Buckner

GADSDEN - Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Ms. Alicia R. Horton-Buckner, age 52, of Gadsden, AL, who traded mortal for immortality on Monday, April 27. She is survived by her loving family. We ask that you please keep the Buckner Family and those families that may be going through the same lifted in prayer. Service was held on May 2 at Mission Baptist Church.



Jerilyn "Jerry" Junkins Creed

SOUTHSIDE - Jerilyn "Jerry" Junkins Creed, 83, of Southside, Alabama, passed away on April 28, surrounded by her loving family.

Jerry was a devoted educator, earning her master's degree from the University of Alabama and dedicating 25 years to teaching special education at Southside Elementary School. She had a deep love for her students and found great purpose in helping others learn and grow.

Beyond her career, Jerry enjoyed spending time reading, collecting antiques, and finding unique trinkets to display in her cherished curio cabinet. She also found joy in volunteering at the Southside Public Library, where she shared her love of books and community.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Jay Daniels; her parents, Olen Bud Jones and Mary Evelyn (Lymon) Junkins; and her niece, Wendy Clower.

Jerry is survived by her sister, Sybil Junkins Leavell; her nephew, Cary Chapman and his wife Cheryl and their son Andrew Chapman; her son, Jeff Daniels and his wife Amie, along with their children Katherine Christman and her husband Matthew and their children Matthew and Lexi, and Zach Ferris and his wife Abigail and their children Abraham, Shepard, and Noah; her son, Jon Daniels and his daughter Heather Harris and her husband Alec and their children Tessly, Grayson, and Harlow; her son, Jody Daniels and his wife Amanda and their children Jase, Kirsten Fata and her husband Jacob and their children Colton, Charlee, and Camdyn; Kaitlyn Evans and her husband Brandon and their children Reese, Reign, and Reid; Jade Rooks and her husband Kane and their children Grayson, Kaneslee, and Keaton;

and Jakob Simmons and his wife Kaleigh and their children Knox and Knash; and Jesse Daniels, daughter of her late son Jay.

Jerry will be fondly remembered for the little traditions that made her house a home—especially her request that family members honk twice as they left her driveway, a simple gesture that always brought a smile and let her know they made it safely on their way. She especially cherished hearing her great-granddaughter Tessly sing, a simple joy that brought her great happiness. In a final, touching moment of love, Tessly sang to her in the hospital after her passing.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Enhabit Hospice staff, Riverview Hospital staff and physicians, Rebecca Lankford, Sha-Lee Regling, Michelle Kidd, Tommy Marshall and Glen from Tabernacle Church, and her dear friends Susan Clemmons and Edith and Clarence Mintz for their care, compassion, and support.

Jerry will be remembered for her kindness, dedication to her students, and the love she shared with her family and friends.

Fred Pinkston

Fred Pinkston, age 88, passed away peacefully on April 28. Born on February 9, 1938, Mr. Pinkston lived a long and meaningful life marked by quiet strength, resilience, and devotion to his family. He will be remembered for his steady presence and the legacy he leaves behind in those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his sisters, Melvina Hinson of Bonifay, Florida, and Jimmie Lee Fletcher of Rainbow City, Alabama; one cherished granddaughter; and several beloved nieces and nephews who will carry his memory forward.

Mr. Pinkston was preceded in death by his son, Jerry Pinkston; his parents, Henry and Lizzie Pinkston; seven brothers; and one sister.

Graveside services was held on Thursday, April 30, at Old Harmony Cemetery in Rainbow City, Alabama, with Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory directing.

Jerry Pinkston

RAINBOW CITY - Jerry Pinkston, age 52, of Rainbow City, passed away on April 26. Born on September 24, 1973, Jerry lived a life rooted in simplicity, hard work, and a deep appreciation for the outdoors.

Jerry had a special love for flowers, especially his roses, and found peace in nature. His passion carried into his profession in lawn care, where he took pride in making the world around him more beautiful. He had attended Southside High School and will be remembered for his quiet spirit, kind heart, and the dedication he showed to both his work and those he loved. In recent years, he was a devoted son, faithfully helping care for his father.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Easterwood Sharp; his paternal grandparents, Henry and Lizzie Pinkston; and his maternal grandparents, Watt and Louise Easterwood. His father, Fred Pinkston, who passed away days later, is also remembered with him.

Jerry is survived by Drew Little (Ryan Dunn); three beloved grandchildren, two boys and one girl; his friend Scott Phillips, extended family and friends who will carry his memory forward.

In honor of his life, a

committal service was held on April 29, at Old Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery in Rainbow City, Alabama. He was laid to rest in a joint burial with his father at New Harmony, where they now rest together. Morgan Funeral Chapel directed.

Neal Wayne Holderfield

ATTALLA and SOUTHSIDE - Neal Wayne Holderfield 77 of Attalla and Southside passed away Thursday, April 30 at his resident.

Mr. Holderfield is survived by his Daughter; Nanette Kennedy (Matt), Son; Wayne Holderfield (Deborah), Grandchildren; Tanner Kennedy, Garret Kennedy, Aubrie Holderfield, Laila Holderfield, Sister; Evondia Hall (Kenneth) and a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews. He is preceded in death by his Wife; Judy Holderfield, Parents; Neely Holderfield, Edna Peale, Brother; Lee Holderfield.

Wayne loved fishing, hunting, planting the garden, and his family and friends. Wayne made sure he shared his fruits and vegetables with everyone in the community. Wayne was a general contractor for many years, but he enjoyed tinkering on anything broken. He was known by many as a "man who could fix anything". Special thanks to Dr. Ayers and Hospice of Alabama for all their help and support.

The family will have a private memorial service at a later time.

Arrangements are entrusted to Etowah Memorial Chapel.

Regina Fay Whitmore

Regina Fay Whitmore, affectionately known as "Fay," was born on July 11, 1952, and passed away on April 28.

Fay was preceded in death by her parents, Jewel and Lonnie Dobbs; her brothers and sister, Frank ("PeeWee") and Anita Saffels, Samuel ("Sambo") Dobbs, Lonnie Charles Dobbs, Ricky (Darlene) Dobbs, and Janice Clements; her nephew and nieces, Ricky Whaley ("Lil Ricky"), Jewel Wanet Beam, and Lisa Sauls; her chosen grandson, Jeffrey ("Jeffy") Whaley; her great-grandson, Legend Marrell; and her best friends, Dianne Tumlin and Bonnie Greenhaw.

She is survived by her children, Junior ("Monk") Whitmore and Susan ("Susan Ann") Vaughn, as well as her three chosen sons, Chris, Aurthur ("Aurthur Baby"), and Scott Vaughn. Fay was a proud Mawmaw to six granddaughters, Brittany (JB), Haley (Gavin), Kathy (JonJon), Lexis (Cody), Savannah (Blake), and Krislynn. She was also a loving great-Mawmaw to thirteen great-grandchildren: Bryson, Samantha, Karalynn Savannah, Laithen, Kynlee, Lili, Karleigh, Emile, Ava, Howie, LuLu, and Georgia.

She is also survived by her brother, Travis (Marlene) Dobbs; her best friend, Bonita Vaughn; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Fay loved walking when she was able and cherished every moment spent with her granddaughters and great-grandchildren. She never missed a beat when it came to supporting and being present for her family. If you were looking for her, you could often find her enjoying her favorite westerns or watching game shows. She was loved by everyone who crossed her path and truly never met a

stranger. Fay devoted over 30 years of her life as a loving caregiver. To know Ms. Whitmore was to love her.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Riverview Regional Medical Center, Dr. Kenney E. Smith, Dr. B.J. Patel, Dr. Eta, Amedisys Home Health, and Gentiva Hospice for their care and compassion.

Visitation for Ms. Regina "Fay" Whitmore was held Thursday, April 30 at Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ricky Joe "Papadoc" Works

FORMALLY ATTALLA - Ricky Joe "Papadoc" Works, age 67, of Lebanon, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at his residence. Born and raised in Attalla, Alabama, Ricky lived a full life centered on family, faith, and hard work.

Ricky was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, and friend. He spent over 30 years working in construction, a career he took great pride in. Outside of work, he found joy in the simple things—especially making pancakes for his grandchildren, listening to the blues, and spending time with those he loved. He attended Etowah High School in Attalla, Alabama, and recently rededicated his life to Christ, a decision that brought him great peace.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Lamar Works; his mother, Mable Florine Works; his brothers, James Hopkins, Leonard Works, and Jerry Works; and his sister, Sarah Hopkins.

Ricky leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Evelyn Works; his sister, Sybille Howard; his children, Derek (Tanisha) Payne, Masceo (Olivia) Fenn, Santwan Fenn, Breanca (Rashad) Fenn-Seay, Ricky (Jessica) Fenn, and Tracy Payne; and his goddaughter, Shena Foroutan. He was a proud grandfather of 20, great-grandfather of 15, and great-great-grandfather of 1. His grandchildren include Brittany, Tykyrah, Alex, Rashad Jr., Laronteze, Heaven, Ladererrick, Masceo Jr., Ladericka, Aleegan, Tamont, Makenzie, Ka'mya, Breonna, Mason, Tygan, Levi, Kanaan, August, and Titan. He was also loved by a host of nieces and nephews.

Ricky shared a special bond with his close friends, Darryl Walker, Lisa Billingsley, and Reggie Humes.

A Letter from His Wife, Evelyn:

"Dear Ricky, when I met you, we grew together in love and happiness. Together we raised five beautiful children and our grandchildren as well. We created a strong, loving family. I will cherish the memories we shared, and now it's time for you to rest. I will always love you."

A Message from His Granddaughter, Kitty:

Inspired by The Invisible String by Patrice Karst:

"Love connects us always. No matter where we are, there is an invisible, unbreakable string made of love that stretches from heart to heart, keeping us close to the people we care about. I love you, Papa, and I will truly miss you."

Service Information: A celebration of life was held on Saturday, May 2, at Abundant Life Church. Ricky will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his love, his laughter, and the legacy he leaves behind in his family.



Robert Earl Freeman

Robert Earl Freeman, age 87, passed away peacefully on April 29th, surrounded by the love of his family.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Robert lived a life defined by hard work, quiet strength, and deep love for those around him. Robert was a member of Liberty Methodist Church. For over 50 years, he worked in construction, helping build not only structures but a legacy of dedication and integrity that will be remembered by all who knew him.

Above all, he cherished his family. He found his greatest happiness in spending time with his spouse, children, grandchildren and his beloved grand-dog Maggie, always offering wisdom, laughter, and unconditional love that will live on for generations.

He also had a lifelong passion for Ford vehicles, with a special love for Thunderbirds. Whether he was working on them, talking about them, or simply admiring their classic design, it brought him immense joy. His enthusiasm was unmistakable and contagious.

Robert will be remembered for his kind heart, strong work ethic, and the unwavering love he gave to his family. He will be deeply missed, but his memory will continue to guide and inspire those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Leaving to cherish his memory is his wife, Peggy Hamilton Freeman; children, Robby Freeman (Peggy L.), Patty Weathington (Scott); stepchildren, Pam Ford, Danny Hamilton; 4 grandchildren, Teri Bristol, Kyle Freeman, Megan Clough, Nick Ford; 10 amazing great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Julia Freeman; grandsons, C.H. and Cameron Weathington and parents, Charlie and Jessie May Freeman.

A service to celebrate his life was held at Glencoe-Hokes Bluff funeral home on May 2, with Rev. Tony Holland officiating.



Robert T. Means

GADSDEN - Robert T. Means passed away peacefully at his home in Gadsden, Alabama, on April 29, after a long and wonderful life. Born and raised in Gadsden, "Bob," as he was known to all who had the privilege of knowing him, was a beloved member of his community, a devoted husband, and a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Bob retired as an electrician with Marcum Electric and was a proud member of IBEW Local 136 for more than 60 years. Even in retirement, he continued

to share his skills, working for many years with A&S; Electrical Contractors. He was also a proud veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1958 to 1962, with tours of duty in Korea and at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

A longtime and faithful member of Rainbow Presbyterian Church, Bob formed many enduring friendships that lasted throughout his life. He had a love for travel, especially cruising with family and friends, and he was an avid ballroom dancer, often spending evenings dancing late into the night with his beloved wife.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Mary Means; his sisters, Liz Erwin, Betty Means, Elsie Johnson, Patricia Clayton, and Judy Wagon; and his brother, Ed Means.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joyce; his sons, Craig (Amanda) Means and Jud (Kelley) Means; his granddaughters, Shelby (Austin), Lauren, Anna Kate, Haley Beth, and Molly; and his four great-grandchildren, Catherine, Jack Robert, George, and Myla Grace.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Lynn Gladen with Healing Hearts, caregivers Alexia, Brianna, and Edith, and nurse Alex with Enhabit Home Health for their compassionate care.

A graveside service was held at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery on Monday, May 4th.

Jeffrey Keith Stewart

GADSDEN - Jeffrey Keith Stewart, 56, of Gadsden, passed away on May 1. Jeffrey was a man who truly enjoyed life and the simple pleasures it offered. He loved playing golf, watching all sports, riding bikes, and jogging. He was known for his intelligence and his genuine spirit. Jeffrey proudly served his country in the United States Army and carried that sense of dedication throughout his life. He also shared a special bond with his beloved dog, Bb, who was a constant companion.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Elizabeth Parton and William Sherman Parton, and Elmer Durwood Stewart, Sr. and Martha Stewart.

Jeffery is survived by his loving family: his mother, Gloria Stewart (Randy) Thompson; his father, Elmer Durwood Stewart, Jr.; his brother, Cary Shawn Stewart. He is also survived by his special aunts, Rose (Milton) Jernigan, Carol (Jack) Smith, and Frances Watts; his nephew, Peyton Luc (Tessa) Stewart; his uncle, Richard (Ann) Parton; along with a host of cousins, extended family members, and his cherished dog, Bb.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Joshua Page with the City of Gadsden Police Department for his kindness and support. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Christopher Morton

ALTOONA - Christopher David Morton, age 62 of Altoona, passed away on Saturday, May 02 at Riverview Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his son, Ryan Morton, and special friend, Amanda Rowan.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Ralph and Sherry Morton, brothers; Mark Morton and Jon Morton.

At this time, no services are planned.

Arrangements are entrusted to Etowah Memorial Chapel.



Thomas Wright Stewart

GADSDEN/CENTRE - Thomas Wright Stewart, 93, went to be with our Lord and Savior on May 15, passing away peacefully at home.

Visitation and Service was held at Collier Butler Funeral home on May 5th.

Tom was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Mona Jo Crim Stewart, his son-in-law Jay Wesson, parents, Mitchell and Cleva Dell Stewart, in-laws Pelham and Gladys Crim, sister Iris Cordelia Ruth, brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Lunette Stewart, sisters-in-law, Sylvia Stewart and Brenda Stewart, brothers-in-law, Jim Ruth and Frank Ramsey, and nephews, Mark Ramsey, Mitchell Stewart, and niece Vicky Stewart.

He is survived by his daughter, Monica Stewart Wesson, grandchildren, Meaghan (Alex) Brown, Thomas (Kailey) Williams, Lacey Jae Wesson, great grandsons, Van and Max Brown, brothers Bill (Debi) Stewart, Judge Don (Connie) Stewart, sisters Glennell Ramsey, Delcie (Jerrrell) Yother, many nieces and nephews, and by his beloved companion Doris Horton, who was such a help and blessing in his later years.

Tom enjoyed a very full life and often said "I've had a good run". In his youth, he was an exceptional athlete who played football at the University of Alabama in the fifties and for the Ft. Benning Doughboys while serving in the U.S. Army as Military Police (MP). He graduated from Jacksonville State University while employed at Republic Steel, where he retired after 30 years in Purchasing, and as Superintendent of Transportation.

He loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman all his life. Tom and his late wife Mona loved travel and adventure, whether parasailing off the sand banks of Kitty Hawk, N.C. Or taking their boat up the Tennessee River or to Mobile down the Tombigbee. A certified scuba diver, private airplane pilot, and boat captain, Tom was always up for a challenge. When asked his advice for life, he would always say "Just do the right thing, and you won't be wrong."

Tom will always be remembered as thoughtful, caring, and intelligent. He was an encourager, and always a gentleman to all that knew him. A longtime member of First Baptist Church of Centre, Tom loved the Lord and his family above all. He will be missed, but will always be remembered as a man who lived a full life and touched the lives of many. He did indeed have a very "good run" here on earth and now eternity in Heaven.



Rose Mary Lee

GLENCOE - Rose Mary Lee, age 87, of Glencoe, passed away on April 29.

A funeral service was held at Crestwood Funeral Home on Saturday, May 2. Noel Vice officiated.

Mrs. Lee was a proud 26-year breast cancer survivor, a testament to her strength, resilience, and unwavering spirit. She was vivacious, exuberant, and fearless, with a zest for life that was truly unmatched. She was a member of VFW Post 8600 in Gadsden, and VFW Post 2760, where she joyfully hosted karaoke for five years, and also a member of American Legion Post 71 in Attalla. She was the devoted companion of John Williams for 27 years, and a loving sister to Carol (Jackie) Vice. Rose Mary had a deep love for community involvement and enjoyed participating in senior civic groups and activities. She took great pride in her home, especially her gardening and beautiful flowers. Above all, she loved her family fiercely, was an inspiration to many, and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Bill Lee.

She is survived by her daughters, Helen (the late Roger) Davenport and Denise Lee (Jeffrey Brown); her grandchildren, Lysie (Pat) Guin, Brandi (Brandon) Clough, Cliff (Amanda) Davenport, Raven (David) Foster, Benjamin (Heather) Hulsey, and Levi James (Amanda) Hulsey; and her great-grandchildren, who were the joy of her life: Daniel Guin and Sam Guin, Enlee Clough and Case Clough, Marly Davenport and Camryn Davenport, Wade Foster, Kelby Foster, Ellie Rose Foster, great great grandson Greyson Foster. Zane Hulsey, Henry Hulsey, Adeline Hulsey, Lucas Hulsey

Honorary pallbearers will be members and friends of the American Legion and VFW, with special recognition to Randall (Scarlett and Barbara) Green and Glenell (Connie) Grant

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff of Alabama Cancer Center, including Dr. Bunch, Dr. Steinman, and Dr. Anakwah; Dr. Iyer of Family Medicine in Gadsden; Dr. Patel of Alabama Cardiology Clinic; Dr. Lucian Newman; Dr. Charlie Newman; Joy Carter with SouthernCare New Beacon Hospice; and Dr. Jaiswal and the 7th floor staff at Riverview Medical Center for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Breast Cancer Foundation.



Brenda Jean Browning

GADSDEN - Brenda Jean Browning, of Gadsden, Alabama passed away on April 29 at the age of 85. She was born on December 14, 1940. She is survived by her children, Thomas Brack Alford (Debbie) and Lori Alford Hill (Doug). Grandchildren Thomas "Brackston" Alford, Madeline Alford, Caleb Woodard (Kim), Kinley Miller (Dylan), and Sara Miller (Cameron). Great Grandchildren Mia Minton, Liam Woodard, Savannah Woodard, and Esmee Carter. Sisters Jimmie Bailey and Patricia Morrison.

She is preceded in death by her parents Charles Ross Shirley and Nellie Bell Shirley, brothers, Fred, Joe B. Clyde, Charles, Carey, Lloyd, Billy, and Neal; sister, Dorothy Walden; great grandchild Jett Ryan Bellew. Brenda was one of 12 children; She leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews.

Brenda lived her life as a devout Christian and was

a member of Safe Harbor Church of God. She lived as Jesus instructed and had a particular love of children while working as a Physical Education teacher at Striplin Elementary early in her career and later retired as a lunchroom attendant at Rainbow Middle School. She loved watching Auburn Football and was an avid reader. She could usually be seen reading her Bible while praying continuously for all needs big and small. She was known as a prayer warrior by all who knew her and reached out to pray for anyone who was in need.

She was a wonderful mother who set an excellent Christian example and raised her children to live with honor, dignity and respect for others. She always gave unselfishly of her time and resources.

A graveside service was held at Crestwood Cemetery on May 7, with Rev. Michael Knight officiating.



Jimmy Allen Brock

GADSDEN - Jimmy Allen Brock, 81, of Gadsden, passed away peacefully.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory. Bro. Gary Williams will officiate. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Mr. Brock was a very hard-working and intelligent man who took pride in keeping everything in order. He honorably served in the military, a service he held with great pride. Jimmy was known for his outgoing personality, his sense of humor, and the joy he brought to those around him. Above all, he deeply loved his wife, Mary Anne, his granddaughter, and his great-grandchildren, as well as all his family and friends. He will be remembered as a devoted family man and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his granddaughter, Holly Brock; great-grandchildren, Kylie Wise, Braylee Sawyers, and Bryson Brock; grandson-in-law, Jeremiah Johns; niece, Missy Odell; brother-in-law, Bucky Fox; sister-in-law, Sandra Fox; nephew, Trey Fox (wife and children); daughter-in-law, Sherry Whaley; cousins-in-law, Bill, John, Michael, and Kris Komonski; aunts-in-law, Ann Komonski and Killian; and special friends, Teresa Elrod, Camilia and Dave Davis, Shawn Snyder, and Bro. Gary Williams of Fairview Baptist Church.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory, and most importantly to Bro. Gary Williams for his prayers and for speaking at Pawpaw's service.

"Pawpaw, we love you and will forever miss you."



Bobby Lynn Black Sr

ALABAMA CITY - Bobby Lynn Black Sr., age 65, passed away peacefully on May 1. He was born on

September 5, 1960.

A chapel service will be held on Friday, May 8, at Collier-Butler Funeral Home, 824 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901. Officiating the service will be Rev. Allen Ragan, Rev. Chris Ragan and Rev. Allen Mancil. Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home, with burial to follow at Crestwood Cemetery in Gadsden, Alabama.

Bobby was raised in Alabama City, where he built a life defined by hard work, kindness, and dedication to those he loved. Bobby was the proud owner of Black's AC Units, where he worked tirelessly to help families afford reliable heating and cooling. He was known for his generous spirit, always willing to lend a helping hand, and for his ability to make others laugh. Above all, he deeply loved his family, who were the center of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry Dean Black and Jean Talton Black; his brother, James "Buddy" Haney; and his grandmother, Ruby Brooks.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Jean Black; his children, Kelly (Nick) Wood, Bo (Jenn) Black, and Timothy (Olivia) Black; and his grandchildren, Gracie (Wes) Davis, Aaron Wood, James Wood, Kaylynn Black, Grant Morgan, Levi Black, Trey Black, and Crosby Black; great-grandchildren, Finnley Davis and Emberly Wood. He is also survived by his sister, Tammy Sheppard; his brothers, Steven Haney and Jerry "Boo" Black; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Bo Black, Timothy Black, Nick Wood, Aaron Wood, James Wood, Grant Morgan, Trey Black, and Wes Davis.

Honorary pallbearers will be Levi Black and John Alexander.

The family extends a special thanks to John Alexander and the staff of Pro Health Home Health & Hospice of Gadsden, for their care and support.



Corey Nichols

GADSDEN - Prestige Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory sadly announces the passing of Mr. Corey P. Nichols, age 36, of Gadsden, AL, who traded mortal for immortality on Wednesday, April 29. He is survived by his loving family. Celebration of Life will be on May 9, at 1:00 PM. Sweet Home United Methodist Church, 218 North 6th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901



**Walter Wilson
"Wally" Burns, Jr.**

SOUTHSIDE - Walter Wilson "Wally" Burns, Jr., 79, of Southside, Alabama, passed away peacefully on May 5. Born on November 20, 1946, Wally lived a life marked by service, leadership, faith, athletics, and devotion to family and community. The family will receive friends on Sunday, May 10, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. with funeral services immediately following at Southside Baptist Church 3975 Hwy 77 Southside, Alabama 35907. Pastor Joey Jones will officiate, with arrangements under the direc-

tion of Collier-Butler Funeral Home.

Wally attended Southside High School and later attended University of Alabama. From an early age, Wally distinguished himself as an exceptional athlete. He was a member of the 1958 and 1959 Gadsden National Little League All-Star Teams, helping lead both teams to State Championships. He also played first base in the 1958 and 1959 Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. At Southside High School, Wally excelled in football and basketball. As quarterback and football captain, he demonstrated leadership both on and off the field. In basketball, he earned All-County and All-Area honors during the 1963-1964 and 1964-1965 seasons.

Wally continued his athletic career at Gadsden State Community College on a basketball scholarship and played on the school's first basketball team during the 1966-1967 season.

His love for sports carried into officiating, where he served as a high school football and basketball official for 22 years and a college basketball official for 12 years. In recognition of his athletic accomplishments and contributions, Wally was inducted into the Southside High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2009 and later into the Patriots Hall of Fame in 2025.

Wally proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1968 to 1969 and was a Vietnam Veteran.

Following a 32-year career, Wally retired from Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in September 1999.

Dedicated to public service and his love for the City of Southside, Wally was elected to the Southside City Council in October 1996. In October 1999, he was appointed Mayor. He was subsequently elected Mayor in 2000 and re-elected in 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016, serving the citizens of Southside with unwavering dedication and leadership for many years.

Throughout his years of service, Wally held numerous leadership roles. He served as a current member of the Board of Directors for Family Savings Credit Union, President of the Etowah County Mayor's Association, Board Chairman of the Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit, Board Member of Etowah County 911 Communications, and Past Chairman of the Gadsden/Etowah Metropolitan Planning Organization. He also served as Vice President of the Alabama

League of Municipalities from 2013-2014, President from 2014-2015 and was a member of the Executive Board since 2000.

Outside of his public service, Wally was an avid golfer who spent many years enjoying the game and friendships made at Goodyear Golf Course and Twin Bridges Golf Club.

Most importantly, Wally was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. He was a faithful member of Southside Baptist Church and loved deeply by all who knew him. He also dearly loved his beloved dog, Coco, who brought him great companionship and joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Lucille Burns; mother-in-law, Roselle Lowe; brothers-in-law, Bill Lowe, Danny Lowe, and Dave Rogers; and great-grandson, Harrison Colegrove.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Retha Lowe Burns; daughters, Gina (Kyle) Chambers, Robyn (Kip) Phillips, and Krista Williams; grandchildren, Kaleigh (Griff) Gordon, Peyton (Adam) Colegrove, Hannah (Julius) Boggus, and Zach Phillips and fiancée Kacey Watts; great-grandchildren, Gray, Elle, and Woods Gordon, and Mary Ann Colegrove; brothers, Joe (Evelyn) Burns and Wayne (Kay) Burns; sisters-in-law, Melba Rogers, Diane Lowe, and Nancy Lowe; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Pallbearers will be Kyle Chambers, Kip Phillips, Zach Phillips, Julius Boggus, Griff Gordon, Adam Colegrove, Hacky Jagers, Danny Garnett, and Randel Mountain.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Gary Hopper, Tommy Robertson, Wendell Vinson, Richard McGowan, David Dean, Johnny Wetzel, Mayor Scott Reeves, Charles Gilchrist, Mayor Joey Statum, Mayor Larry Means, and Mayor Craig Ford.

The family would also like to express heartfelt appreciation to his former city employees, colleagues from the Alabama League of Municipalities, and his many golfing buddies and Mayors for their friendship and support throughout the years.

A special thank you is extended to the Riverview ICU nurses — Angie, Bess, Allison, Madison, Cody, Ryan, Ariel, Sydney, Kaylee, Teresa, January Blalock, CRNP Staff and Enhabit Hospice — for their compassionate care and kindness.

Local funeral home directory

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

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

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

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

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

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

Etowah Memorial Chapel
12600 US Highway 431,
Sardis City, AL 35956
Phone: (256) 593-4994

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

West Gadsden Funeral Home
2118 Forrest Ave.,
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COUNTY OF ETOWAH

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

The undersigned, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2023RP2, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on May 27, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

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

Said property is commonly known as 911 Maryland Ave, Gadsden, AL 35903.

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

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

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

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new AntiMoney Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to cer-

tain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal AntiMoney Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN AntiMoney Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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

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

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April 24, May 1, and 8, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jonathan Garner, a married man and Allison Garner, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC, its successors and assigns, on November 18, 2021, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3531271; the undersigned Guild Mortgage Company LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on June 24, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Beginning at a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183) on the Eastern Rightof-Way of Taylor Road (35 foot R/W) and also marking the Southwest corner of Lot FiftyNine (59), Block Two (2), Taylor Subdivision Addition to Glencoe, as

recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 401, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence along said RightofWay North 00 degrees 26 minutes 29 seconds East 111.67 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183); thence leaving said Rightof-Way North 80 degrees 34 minutes 28 seconds East 139.86 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183); thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 42 seconds West 111.67 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183); thence South 80 degrees 34 minutes 28 seconds West 139.86 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being all of Lots FiftyNine (59), SixtyOne (61), SixtyThree (63), SixtyFive (65) and a portion of Lot SixtySeven (67), all in Block Two (2) of Taylor Subdivision Addition to Glencoe, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 401, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and also being Lot Five (5) of Taylor Trails, an unrecorded subdivision.. Property street address for informational purposes: 900 Taylor Road, Glencoe, AL 35905. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Guild Mortgage Company LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 2512061GMAL 0 4 / 2 4 / 2 0 2 6 , 05/01/2026, 05/08/2026

April 24, May 1, and 8, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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 "asis" 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.

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), 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..

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

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required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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

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:

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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 "asis" 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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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 Mort-

required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jason McIntyre and Jennifer McIntyre, husband and wife, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Family Savings Credit Union, on June 14, 2017, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3452124; the undersigned Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on January 15, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Commence at a 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 8 East; thence South 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 734.24 feet along the East line of said forty to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA497-LS) also being the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 325.00 feet along said forty line a 3/8-inch rebar on the Northerly right of way of U.S. Highway Number 278 (80-foot right of way); thence leaving said forty line North 69 degrees 43 minutes 21 seconds West 283.00 feet along said right of way to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA-497-LS); thence leaving said right of way North 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds East 325.00 feet to a 1/2-inch capped rebar

(CA-497-LS); thence South 69 degrees 43 minutes 21 seconds East 283.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 9234 US Highway 278 E., Hokes Bluff, AL 35903. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from March 19, 2026 until April 30, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from April 30, 2026 until June 18, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-06399-CE-AL 12/05/2025, 12/12/2025, 12/19/2025

May 8, 2026

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 Mort-

May 8, 2026

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 Mort-

gage 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 prorata 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. 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 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

May 8, 15 and 22, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARK HICKS, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026250

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

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT AND/OR SERVICES of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 8th day of JUNE 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Scott Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

April 24, May 1 and 8, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: CECIL MCGATHA, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026230

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

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT AND/OR SERVICES of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 18 day of MAY 2026 1:30 P.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL 2026.

Scott W. Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

April 24, May 1 and 8, 2026

NOTICE OF 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 PUBLICATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

CASE NO.: DV-26-900256-MPS

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

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

Cassandra Johnson, District Clerk

May 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN FATHER

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

You will take notice that a Petition to Change Name of Minor Child born to Alexis Thomp-

son, 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. 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 MATTER OF: THE PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

NOTICE TO: BLAKE BUTLER/UNKNOWN FATHER

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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 12/06/2023.

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.

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 UNKNOWN HEIRS, 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 10f 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 South-easterly 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 radius of 1360.00 feet); thence S 21°29'48" E and along the grantor's said property line a distance of 72.23 feet to a point on the present North R/W line of 10th Street S; thence S 68°30'12" W and along said present R/W line a distance of 75.00 feet to a point on the grantor's West property line; thence N 21°29'48" W and along the grantor's said property line a distance of 97.93 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, containing 0.15 acre(s), more or less.

Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication to file an answer or other response with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902 and the attorney for the plaintiff, John Porter, III, Esq., 123 Laurel Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768.

You are further notified that the hearing of said complaint has been set by this court for June 17, 2026 at 3:00 p.m., at which time you may appear and answer said complaint or file objections thereto if you so desire.

If the application to condemn is granted by the Court, a Commissioners' hearing will be scheduled within 30 days thereafter to determine damages which may be due to the defendants. For information on the date and time of such hearing, please contact the Probate Court during regular business hours at 256-549-5333.

This the 5th day of May 2026.

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

May 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

May 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

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

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

May 1, 8, and 15, 2026

STORAGE NOTICE

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

Pam Mayo - Unit 7

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

May 1 and 8, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Steele Station Road in Rainbow City, AL. 356906.

Rodeny Eley - Unit 54
Linda Stenil - Unit RV1

Barry Browning
Unit 148

Tammi Powell - Unit 144

Jacqueline Looney
Unit 326

Sonya Atchison
Unit 361

Tabatha Mobyary
Unit 421

Erica Steve - Unit 443

Jerry White - Unit 502

Joseph Hooks - Unit K-8

Kristie Bell - Unit 585

Danielle Mead - Unit 619

Amber Smith - Unit 707

Chris Smith - Unit 715

Jacob Cornelius
Unit 717

Brian Labar - Unit 720

Kevin McCombs
Unit 736

David Chastain
Unit 829 & 832

Bryan Charlton - Unit 827

Angela Nelson
Unit 13-11

Joseph Saxton
Unit 37-15

Lawanda Hester
Unit 37-21

David Partridge - Unit G15

Joseph Hooks - Unit K-8

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

May 1 and 8, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Shelia Freeman
Unit 262-J

Frank Armenta
Unit 343-K

Wade Buckner
Unit 137-L

Kacey Cobb
Unit 447-M

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

May 1 and 8, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

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

2005 GMC Envoy
VIN: 1GKDS13S752153389

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

May 1 and 8, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on 6/05/2026 at 8:00 am.

2012 Nissan Versa
VIN: 3N1CN7AP-0CL883983

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

May 1 and 8, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on 6/27/2026 at 8:00 am.

2009 Chevy Trv.
VIN: 1GN-ER23D59S162981

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

May 1 and 8, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

2005 CHEVROLET TAHOE VIN: 1GNEK-13T45R147010

2000 NISSAN MAXIMA VIN: JN-1CA31D8YT546913

2013 SUBARU IMPREZA VIN: JF1G-JAC6XDH016771

2010 CHEVROLET HHR VIN: 3GN-BABB0AS06734

2004 HYUNDAI SANTA FE VIN: KM8SC-13D94U733601

1991 MAZDA B-2600 LE5 VIN: JM2UF3147M0161725

2010 HONDA ODYSSEY VIN: 5FNRL-3H75AB075510

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

May 1 and 8, 2026

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. The 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

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

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

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2025227

Section 16. That all persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless charged with capital murder, as provided in Section 13A540, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; murder, as provided in Section 13A62, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; or any solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit murder; kidnapping in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A643, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; rape in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A661, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; sodomy as provided in Section 13A663, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; sexual torture, as provided in Section 13A665.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; domestic violence in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A6130, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; human trafficking in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A6152, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; burglary in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A75, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; arson in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A741, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; robbery in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A841, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; terrorism, as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of Section 13A10152, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; and aggravated child abuse, as provided in subsection (b) of Section 26153.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; and shooting or discharging a firearm, explosive, or other weapon into an occupied dwelling, building, railroad locomotive, railroad car, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft, as provided in Section 13A1161(b); and that excessive bail shall not in any case be required.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2025291

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

in each county for a term of six years. If the office of register in chancery continues to be provided by law then the clerk of the circuit court may also fill such the office in a manner prescribed by law. Vacancies in the office of clerk of the circuit court shall be filled by the judge or judges of the circuit court who have jurisdiction over the county in which the office of clerk of the circuit court is located. (c) Persons Individuals elected to the position of constable to assist the courts of the state as provided by law shall be subject to the same restrictions, rights, and limitations as are specified in Section 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 drive-by 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 re-

serves 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, water-proofing, 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 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 Engineer; 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

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk, City of Gadsden, Alabama, at the City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Room 411, Gadsden, Alabama until 2:00 P.M., June 2, 2026, for the Paden Road & Tabor Road Resurfacing Project, Bid Request No. 3645, located in the City of Gadsden, Alabama.

Bids submitted prior to the bid opening by mail shall be directed to "City Clerk, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, Alabama 35902-0267" or in person delivered to the office of the City Clerk, Room 401, City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the above time and place. Specifications and contract documents are open to the public for inspection at the City Hall. Electronic (pdf) specifications and contract documents can be distributed at no cost. All bidders must be registered with the City of Gadsden Engineering Department in order to submit a bid. Bids received from unregistered bidders will be rejected.

The bidder shall file with his bid either a cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank, payable to the City of Gadsden, Alabama, or a bid bond executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make such bonds in Alabama, in an amount equal to the lesser of five percent (5%) of the bid or ten thousand (\$10,000).

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for the satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bond in the amount required by Section 39-1-1(a), Code of Alabama 1975, and evidence of insurance as required by the bid documents within ten (10) days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The bidder must comply with all requirements of the public works bid law Section 39-2-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.

Any bidder, whether a resident or non-resident of the State of Alabama, must comply with all applicable provisions of Section 34-8-1, et seq., Code of Alabama, 1975, including requirements for licensing as a general contractor and the necessity to show evidence of license before the bid will be considered by the awarding authority. A current license number must be included on the bid.

This is a tax-exempt contract.

By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the state of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and

shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

Bidders must certify that they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must also certify they will make facilities handicap accessible to the extent required by law. THE CITY GADSDEN, ALABAMA Craig Ford, Mayor Iva Nelson, City Clerk

May 8, 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

612 MOULTON STREET, ATTALLA, AL 35954

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

LEGAL ZONING NOTICE

At a regular meeting of the City Council of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, First Floor, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 commencing at 10:00 a.m., a public hearing will be held to consider the adoption of an ordinance substantially as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gadsden adopted by Ordinance No. O-36-25, as amended, is hereby further amended by Zoning classification district for the following described properties:

"A request to rezone the following described properties from TR, Traditional Residential District to NC, Neighborhood Central. (Property address being 1016 Forrest Avenue).

Lot 4, 6, 7 and 9 in Block 5 of Gadsden Land and Improvement Addition to Gadsden, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 23 in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama.

Iva Nelson
City Clerk

May 8 and 22, 2026.

SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF ETOWAH COUNTY QUALIFIED VOTERS

State of Alabama
Etowah County

Pursuant to the Code of Alabama, 1975, §17-4-1, I SCOTT W. HASSELL, Probate Judge, hereby certify that the within constitutes the supplement list of registered voters inadvertently omitted from the original list published previously, as the same appears from the list on file in this office based on information provided by the Board of Registrars.

NOCCALUA KIWANIS PAVILION

BROWN BRITTANY NICOLE

CHANDLER MATTHEW RYAN

DONNELLY CHERYL HELEN

FERGUSON MARTA RUIZ

GROSS BARRY NEAL

JAGGERS KEVIN LEE

LAUCK SARAH ASHLEY	HUNT BOBBY MARLIN	MOSTELLA JACARA NADRA	COURTYN BARBER	WILLIAMSON PERRY ELI	WILKERSON POLLY H	NACOLE
LEMONS TYLER DRAKE	JULES RACHEL KELLY	NICHOLSON GAVYN CALEB	WILLIAMS JEREMIAH COLE	NORTHEAST ETOWAH COMMUNITY CENTER	JANE PHILLIPS COMMUNITY CENTER	AURORA BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTIN RICHARD HUDDLESTON	KATER LIONEL SHERROD	RUFFIN PAMALA MICHELLE	WOOD KATHRYN LAYNE	BLACKMON MARK STEVEN 111	ABEL JENIFER FRANTZ	AHRENS MARK DAVID
MCNAIR ALYSSA LAUREEN	KILGORE RONNIE LEE	SAMS KENTON DEVONDRE	GEORGE WALLACE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	BURNS DEANNA LYNN	ABEL JOHN THOMAS	BAKER JOSH AARON
RAMIREZ QUINTERO ENRIQUE	LONG BAYLOR SCOTT	STEWART DENARD	ERIK	CAMPBELL KAITLYN M	BOSWELL JOHN MICHAEL	FRANKLIN PAYTON LEN
ROBERTS VICKEY BARCLAY	MCCLEDON MARK ANTHONY	STEWART TASHONA SHAY	ALEXANDER LUCAS COLE	DOMIAN COTY LYNN	BRYANT MARTHA WOOD	LORANGER LEO PAUL III
TERRY MITZ STEWART	MILLS NATHAN ANDREW	VELEZ-RESTO ALEJANDRO JOEL	BARRON TIFFANYLAURA	GRIFFIN CYNTHIA BARDEN	CARMACK HAROLD DEAN	MARTIN CARRILLO SANTOS MARINA
GADSDEN SENIOR WELLNES CENTER	PABLO-ANDRES MATILIA NOEMI	VICENTE KOPY GAVINO	BLOOD SLAY ALANA GWENDOLYN	HOLLAND BRAYLEN GRANT	CHURCHILL SHAUN TYLER	POOLE KAILER DUSTIN
ALLEN MARIA MARTIN	RODICK HANNAH PENELOPE-FAYE	WALKER JESSTIN DIETRENT	CALDWELL ASHLEIGH LYNNE	HUGHES CHARLOTTE JOHNSON	DILLARD AUSTIN SKYLER	WOODY SELENA GRACE
BANKS THOMAS DUPRE JR	SHELTON LAURA BETH	WASHINGTON SHAWN LATONYA	DIVINE COLTON HOWARD MCCOWN	JACOBS MICHAEL ANTHONY	JONES GARY EDWARD	YOUNG MADELINE ALLEIGH
BOLDING NICOLE RENAE	STOKES WILLIE JAMES	WHEELER TIYANE MAURICE	DUKE AUBREY AUGUSTUS	MEEKS MISTEY LYNN COLE	HALL TARA DENISE	WALNUT GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER
BOYD JAMAL DERRELL	WHISENANT BRIAN ANDREW	WITT MICHAEL LEROYAL SR	DUKE PATRICIA MILAM	MIDDLEBROOKS ROBERT R	LAYFIELD VANESSA LEAUNA	ALLEN EMMA GRACE
CARTER MARSHALLE MERCEDEZ LYNN	WILLIS SAMANTHA JOLIE	SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER	ELLIOTT JOHN LESLIE	MORGAN GRANT NOAH	MACHEN MALLORIE NICOLE	BROWN KIMBERLY DENISE
FRANCISCO RICARDO MIGUEL	WISE JENNIFER PEEK	ARGUELLO JENNIFER NICOLE	ELLIOTT TAMMY MCCURRY	NORMAN SOPHIA DELORISE	MEJIA ESPARZA ALEXIS SEBASTIAN	GARRARD JESSICA GRACE
GAMBLE NORBERT DELONEJR	WRIGHT GREGORY WIRMAINE	ARNOLD RYAN LEIGH BELLEWDYLAN RAY	HARDIN BILLY O SR	NOWAK EVELYN ELIZABETH	OWENS MADISON PAIGE	GRAY TRACY MARIE
GREGERSON MURPHY LEIGH	MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH	BLACKWELL AMANDA ENGLAND	HEARD MISTY LEE	OLIVER BRANDON LANE	PERSICHETTI MICHAEL J	GREEN DALTON JAYDEN
GRIZZARD CALEB HARRISON	COLE MICHAEL ERIC	BURNS CHARLEY	JAGGERS JAMIE MICHELLE	ORGOVAN JAMES FRANK	RICH KILEY GRANT STEPHENS MICHAEL EDWARD	HOPKINS ABBIEGAIL RENEAE
KING PHILLIP TRYWAYNE II	HOLLINGSWORTH RAINE NICOLE	CAMPBELL RANDALL RAY	LEE LORI ANN MEREDITH	PALMER CHRISTY MICHELLE	STONE WESLEY RONALD WALTER	HOPKINS CODY RAY
LOVE ELLA LOUISE	HOWARD JAMES DATON	CAMPBELL SUSAN	NOAH JAMES MURPHY	PALMER RODERICK GRADY	STORTZ ALICE ELLEN VELASQUEZ DE MENDOZA MARINA	HUBBARD TIMOTHY LEWIS
MCGILL JODAN HENDERSON BULER	MACHEN BETTY ELROD	COHEN LADESSA HOPE	PHILLIPS KAMMI MICHELLE	PENLAND NEVAEH TAE	PEREZ CHARITY ANN	HUSELTON TIMOTHY PATRICK
MEEKS TONYA LYNN	PEPPERS SANTANAH JADE	COKER EMILEE CAROLINE COTE DAWSON BLAKE	ROBERG JESSICA BROOKE	PRICE CLARA ARIAL STORM	QUINN PATRICIA MILLER	HYFIELD BARBARA MARTIN
NICHOLS DEBRA ALEXANDER	SPARKS KATHRYN BROOKE	FOX BRAYDEN NICOLAS	RODGERS JEFFERY BISHOP	SPELL FLEET ROSE IV	SARDIS COMMUNITY CENTER	KIDD AARON BRAXTON MONTANA
PARTON LILYROSE PHOENIX PHILLIPS JOHN RAINIE	STARZL BENJAMIN REID	GAMBLE TAVIE OLIVIA	STEELE JODILYNN ANN	SPRINKLE SANDRA DELAINE	ALLRED DUSTIN BRODIE	PIERCE AVERI WALLACE
SHROPSHIRE KAYLA ALYIAH	EAST GADSDEN RECREATION CENTER	HAWK ASHLEY MARIE	STRAWN CHARLI GRACE MINGZHU	TAYLOR MARK ANTHONY	BAUGH DAWN IDA	SEARS SHERRY LYNN
SLAUGHTER ALEXIS KIERRA	ADERS BRADLEY THOMAS	HAWK JOSEPH ALEXANDER	TUCKER LEVI COLE	TUCKER AKARRA DI'ANN	BAYNE CLAUDE RANDY V	VICKERS BRIANE SHANE
SMITH SPENCER RAYMOND III	BLAYLOCK BRITTANY LEE	HOLLOWAY MYRNA BUSBY	VEST COURTNEY REA	WILSON KASSIDY TAYLOR	BAYNE KAREN SUE	PALECEK MARY LOUISE
STEWART CHELSEA MARIE	BOOKER CASSIE VICTORIA	JONES KALEY JORDAN	WOLF CHRISTIAN ROBERT	LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER	BIGELOW WALKER	PANKEY DEBORA GAYLOR
STOVALL CLAUDE RAY	BRADY SHANNON STRICKLAND	KIMBRIL MAKENZI WHITE	WOOD MAEGAN ELIZABETH	BUCHANAN JON GARY	BOLEY ALEXIS LEIGHANN	PANNELL CAROLYN L
TILLEY JOHN KELLEY	BROOKS ROBERT LEWIS	KITCHENS KATHRYN ALINE	HOKES BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER	BUCHANAN STEVEN PATRICK	BOLTON ADRIENNE CHIVONNE	PANNELL JERRY WADE
TRIMBLE DALE DWAN	BROWN CHRISTOPHER WAYNE	LINDSEY TEEVIE REBECCA LOUISE	BRAY MAGGIE GRACE	COOK KERRI DIANNE	CHASTAIN DEWAYNE LOWE	PANNELL KEISHA BROOK RAE
WESTBROOK ANGELABETH	CHRISTOPHER CORDERIOUS RAFAEL	MADARIS ROBERT BOYCE JR	CRUZ KALVIN M	FLORES-CABRALES ENRIQUE	CLINE KEVIN ANTHONY	PAPENFUS DEBORAH ANNE
CARVER COMMUNITY CENTER	COKER MICHEAL BO	MALONE ROBERT BRANDON	FLEMING JANET KAY	GARRARD MATTHEW DAVID	CONNER JOSHUA LOGAN	PARADICE JOCIE MARIE
ADAMS CAROLYN LAWTON	COLON RODRIGUEZ YOLIMAR	MCRAE CHRISTINA SONG	FLETCHER JAMES NEWMAN	HAWKINS HALEY DANIELLE	CORNELIUS JONAS TARO	PARASKEVAKOS ALEXANDRA NICOLLE
BARKLEY DARLENE B	COOPER BRENTAVIOUS MUNTAI	PATTON JANICE ANDERSON	GARDNER NORRIS	LIMBAUGH HUNTER TILLMAN	EATON LAWRENCE GILBERT	PARKER CAROL AGNES
COX LINDA ODUM	DUNCAN MICHELLE MARILYN	PETERSON PEGGY YATES	GAZAWAY MICHAEL JAY	MAYBEN DAVID STANLEY	ELLISON MATTHEW LOFTON	PARKER ETHEL LORENE
DAVENPORT SHERRILYN E	ENGEL HAYDEN MICHAEL	PHILLIPS DAVID WAYNE	HARP MAKALA LEE	MCALISTER CASEY MARIE	GOWAN ERICA JONES	PARKER KATIE FAITH
OLIVER NICOLE ANN	FLOYD MATTHEW DAVIS	PRUETT BRYSON MARCELO	JOHNSON JASON NEAL	PELL CLIFFORD JUSTIN	HARDIN ROBERT LEE	PARKER MARK DAVIS
SATTERWHITE TATYANNA NEVAEH KAYLEE	FRECHETTE CAROL DILLARD	RAMSEY DONNA COGER	KING ERICA SUZANN	SMITH TERRI DENISE	HERRERA APRIL DESHANNON	PARKER MARY ANNETTE
SPEARS DARIUS DESHAWN	GOMEZ-ROCHE ANIBAL FERNANDO	RICHEY AMY LEIGH	MCKINNEY TODD P	1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ATTALLA	JACOBS LEA KATHRYN	PARKER SHERYL GEORGE
TOWNSEND KEVIN RAY SR	GRIFFITH DEWEY WAYNE	SAILORS JENNIFER LEIGH	MUNDT SUE BRITT	ANDERSON PERRY SCOTT	JIMENEZ RONALDO CRUZ	PARKER TIMOTHY MICHAEL
TOWNSEND TOMASINA DIONNE	GRIFFITH ETHEL HOLCOMB	SNIDER JOSEPH EDWARD	PEA-BODY SEAN THOMAS	BARRETT LEONARD DALE	KELLEY ERICA LEIGH	PARKER WILLIAM T
WILSON RAKERIA SHARNAE	HEFLIN DUNTREY DESHUN	SNIDER TIFFANY DOVER	PLEDGER JESSYCA NYCHOLE	BARRETT SHERRY ANNETTE	LUKER ANDREA NICOLE	PARKER BROOKE ANN
YOUNG MILAN SIMONE	HERRON JENNIFER NICOLE	SPARKS SYDNEY ERNST	REAVES PAMELA ANN	COLE TRISTAN TREY	MCGLYNN JOSEPH	PARKER FLORA JEAN RUTH
DOWNTOWN CIVIC CENTER	HOLCOMB JACOB ROSS	STRUNK CONNOR ANDREW	SEYMOUR JAMES WESLEY	FEW CYNTHIA PHILLIPS	MINYARD JUSTIN TAYLOR	PARKER GENIE
ARMSTRONG FELICITY JANE ISABEL	HOWELL-CAVER DAEQUANN CORTEZ	SUTHERELI JACKSON	SPARKS SARAH ELIZABETH	GIBBS ELSIE LANAE	MYERS JONI LANE	PARKER JUDY DILLARD
CARTERRICKEY IRVIN	JOHNSON ULYSSES RENARD	TRUMAN TRACY NORTON	TURNER DAVID GLENN SR	HAGAN DAKOTA KEITH	PASSMORE ANDREA W	PARKER PHILLIP GAVIN
COATS GREGORY CHAVEZ	KEETON BETTY	WASHINGTON COURTNEY LEE	VESS KAYLA NICOLE	MILTON TRINITY JAMAR	PINKSTON JAMES MATTHEW	PARKER RICHARD CARL
COOK DAKOTA GAVIN	JEAN GULLEDGE	WATKINS TONY BRANDON	VINSON JACOB DANIEL THOMAS	SALINAS-RAMOS EDUARDO	PROUTEY JESSICA DENISE	PARKER TARA LYNN
ELAM SARAH LYNN	KHAN ABDULLAH	WEAVER JEFFERY ARNELL	WASHBURN PAYTON TANSLEY	SANTANDER LINDSEY RHEA	RASH KAYLYN ROSE MARIE SMITH PHILLIP DALE	PARKER TROY DEAN
ELAM SCOTT LEE	MACON DANIELLE OLIVIA JAYDEN	WHITE CHRISTEN NICOLE	WATKINS ALEX KODY	THOMAS BILLY RAY SR	TOLTON LAUREN BAILEY	PARRIS ANGELA MEAD
FANK NATHAN DALE	MANUEL LOPEZ	MARROQUIN FELIX MARIA	WHITFIELD ANGELINA MARIA	WEAKLEY JOSEPH SCOTT	VAUGHN JAKE CHRISTOPHER	PARRISH AILSA RENEE
FOY MAYA SIMONE	MCCLOUD LATAJA LASHAY	WIGGINS CARSON TAYLOR	WIGGINS		WHITTEN LESLEY	PARRISH ANTHONY LEON
GASTON BONNIE JEAN GOMEZ KELVIN MARTINEZ						PARTEE BRANDI VINYARD
HENLEY DEYON QURMELLO						PATE CHRISTOPHER GORDON

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RAMANIBHAI PATREMBERT ANTHONY	PHILLIPS RALPH CHAMBERS	PUCKETT KERRI RENE A	REYNOLDS DANIEL EDWARD	ROMINE MANDY BATTLES	SHARP AMANDA BROOKE	SMITH TERRY GLENN
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PATTERSON JOSEPH LEE	PHILLIPS BRENDA GAIL	PULFORD AMAND A GIDLEY	REYNOLDS KARA LYNN	ROWAN WILMA WHITE	SHARP TARA DEANNE SIMMONS	SMITH TIMOTHY LEE
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PATTERSON MARSHELL CLINTON	PIERCE MATTHEW BRIAN	PUMAN MORGAN PAIGE	RHODES OLLIE RUTH	RYAN GARY LYNN	SHOEMAKE CAROL EMILEE	SMITH BARBARA D
PATTERSON MATTIE DIANE	PIERCE DANIEL JOSEPH	PUTMAN TAYLOR DAVID	RHODES CATHY GREESON	RYAN JULIE SPEER	SIGMON KAYLA JO	SMITH BARBARA GILLILAND
PATTON BRANDON ALLEN	PILCHER KIRBY JOE	PYBURN JEREMY NEIL	RHODES JAMES S	RYAN JOSEPH E	SILVEY MONA COCHRAN	SMITH BRENDIA ANN
PATTON BRIAN	PILCHER COLEEN LISA	PYLANT JENNIFER ANNETTE	RHODES VICKI	RYAN KATHY JANE RYAN PAUL DARRIN BRASHER	SILVEY VERNON LEE	SMITH DEBBIE LYNN
PATTON EDITH PATTERSON	PILKINGTON MONALISA ROWAN	QUICK HALEIGH	ROBERSON RICHARD RICKEY DALE	RYLANT JO ANN MACLEAN	SILVEY TONY LEE	SMITH HOWARD MATTHEW
PATTON GLENN ALLEN	PILKINGTON CHARLES LEE	QUICK KAYLEE DANIELLE	RICHARD STACY RENEE	SAAB DOUGLAS MICHAEL	SIMMONS BRADY GAIGE	SMITH JONATHON TAYLOR
PATTON JESSICA LYNN	POHLMAN APRIL MICHILLIE	QUICK MORRIS J	RICHARD ERICA NICHOLE	SAINT VICKIE GAIL	SIMMONS CANDACE JANE	SMITH JOSHUA DANIEL
PATTON JOSHUA AARON	POHLMAN JOSHUA STEVEN	QUICK RUTH A	RIGSBY JUNIOR LEE	SALTER RALPH EDISON	SIMMONS HEATHER DAWN	SMITH KELI KRISTEN
PATTON DAVID AARON	PONDER WILLIAM HARMON	QUICK CHRISTO	RIGSBY OAKLENE GREESON	SANCHEZ ADILENE	SIMMONS MICHAEL STEPHEN	SMITH LEVI DALTON
PATTON MICHAEL RYAN	POOLE MORGAN SKYLAR	QUICK TAMMY NICOLE	RILEY DAVID ALAN	SANCHEZ BRIANNA MARIE	SIMMONS GARY MIKE	SMITH MARTHA J
PATTY KIMBERLY HUDGINS	POORE OWEN DOMINIQUE	RADFORD CHEYENE RENEE	RIVES-BAUGH DESTIN NICHOLE	SANCHEZ JEANNETTE LILIANA	SIMMONS JOHN WESLEY	SMITH NELLIE CLAYTON
PATTY TIMOTHY MARK	PORTER JUANITA LAURECE	RADFORD TAMMY JAMETTE	RIZZO KENDALL JADE	SANDERS MARGARET CARROLL	SIMMONS MARILYN REID	SMITH REBECCA DIANE
PAYNE CHRISTOPHER RAY	POTTER FELICIA MARIE	RAMOS COREY BLAINE	ROBERSON BOBBY GENE	SANDERS JULIE RENEE	SIMS CAROLINE MILLER	SMITH ROBERT E
PAYNE DONALD GENE	POTTER JILL LYNN	RAMOS EDUARDO	ROBERSON BRADLEY DEWAYNE	SANFORD JAMIE DALE	SINCLAIR LINDA MARY	SMITH RONNIE LEE
PAYNE ERNEST F	POTTER THOMAS RICHARD	RAMOS LYDIA JULIETTE	ROBERSON EDWARD JOSEPH	SAPORETTI HEATHER EUODIA	SITZ TERRY MICHAEL	SMITH RONNIE LEE
PAYNE FRANK AUTREY	POUNDS CEARRA STARR	RANEY TONY MICHAEL	ROBERSON JAMES ARTHUR	SAPORETTI JOSEPH ALAN	SKINNER ERA LOUISE	SMITH SHEILA JACKSON
PAYNE JOSEPH FRANKLIN	POUNDS JACOB CHRISTOPHER	RASBERRY ROMAN DALE	ROBERSON JOYCE DUTT	SAPORETTI LOUIS DUANE	SLATON BOBBY RAMON	SMITH WESLEY MATTHEW
PAYNE KAMALA DENISE	POUNDS KEN BARRY	RATLEDGE ANNIE LORETTA LYLES	ROBERSON ISAIAH HUSTON	SAUCEDO VIRIDIANA	SLATON MELANIE CATHLEEN	SMITHERMAN DONALD EUGENE
PAYNE NELLIE PAYNE	POUNDS PAMELA ALEXANDER	RATLIFF GENEVA ANN	ROBERTS JANICE L	SAVAGE JANET MARIE	SLATON PHILLIP SHANE	SMOOT KEVIN EDWARD
PAYNE REGINA KELLEY	POUNDS CALEB MATTHEW	RATLIFF JACKIE DAVID	ROBERTS RUSSELL OREN	SAVAGE JOHNNY WADE	SLATON REGINA SUZETTE	SNEAD HAROLD DAVID
PAYNE ROBERT LARRY	POUNDS ISAAC KOLBY	RAY WAYNE D	ROBERTS SARAH JO	SAYE JAMES KENNETH	SLATON REGINA SUZETTE	SNEAD KIMBERLY BROOKE
PAYNE SARAH SMITH	POUNDS MICAH BRYANT	REASE MARY ELISABETH	ROBERTS SKYLAR CHRISTIAN	SAYE REX ALLEN	SLATON CHELSEA MARIE	SNEAD RICHARD EARL
PAYNE HOYT LECIL	POUNDS SAVANNAH MARIE	REASE RANDY KEITH	ROBERTS STEVEN RAY	SCHANLAUB SHELLEY ANN	SLYTER AMY DIANE	SNEAD LEONARD LANE
PAYNE JOYCE H	POWELL NANCY SIMS	REDD HAYLEY ALEXIS	ROBERTS BARBARA DENISE	SCHANLAUB SUSAN HOWARD	SLYTER ROBERT PRICE	SNEAD LINDA M
PAYNE RICKEY LAYNE	POWELL SHANE DANTHONY	REDDING MARY LOU	ROBERTS HOLLIS LAMAR	SCOGGINS CRYSTAL DAWN	SMITH ANGELA HALL	SNEAD MONICA LYNN
PEMBERTON LOUISA COUEY	POWELL MARIE TINA	REDDING WARREN WADE	ROBERTSON CHAD WILLIAM	SCOGGINS EDWARD HAROLD	SMITH BETTY BRIANNA	SNEAD WALLACE ERIC
PENDERGRAFT ANDREW JUSTIN	PRICE SHAYNA LYNN	REED BRITTANY NICOLE	ROBERTSON JAMMIE GARNER	SCOGGINS MATTHEW TRENT	SMITH MELINDA ANN	SNEAD ZACKARY LANE
PENDERGRASS JIM	PRIDMORE DAMION BLAKE	REESE TERESA LYNN	ROBERTSON JUDY J	SCOTT CAROL BLAKELY	SMITH BREANNA RUTH	SNEAD LANE
PENROD ADDISON GRACE	PRIEST RUBY JEAN BUFORD	REEVES BROOKE ALLYSON	ROBERTSON EMILY NICOLE ROBINSON	SCOTT CHELSEA DANIELLE	SMITH DONNA DIXON	SNOW ETHAN NATHANIEL
PENTECOST DANA CRAIG	PRINCE MELINDA JONES	REEVES BRYAN LEE	ROBINSON ALICE SYRELL	SEABOLT LARRY WAYNE	SMITH DYLAN KEITH	SOCIE PATRICIA CHRISTINE
PEOPLES CRYSTAL MICHELE	PRINE CHRISTINA MARIE	REEVES DEANNA LEE	ROBINSON TYLER EDWARD	SEABOLT MARGARET DENISE	SMITH ELIZABETH ANNE	SOCIE PAUL JEROME
PEOPLES JARROD STEVEN	PROCTOR CONNOR HEATH	REEVES DONALD WINSTON	ROBINSON JUDY CARROLL	SEARS SHERRY LYNN	SMITH JAMES MCCALL	SOUTHERN DONNA AUSTIN
PERRIN DANIEL RAY	PROCTOR JEREMY H	REEVES EDDIE L	ROBINSON CHRISTY CORNWELL	SEI WERT-LUCAS SABINE ELISABETH	SMITH JUSTIN HENRY	SOUTHERN SHARLOT ANN
PERRY CINDY CHAVIERS	PROCTOR RUSSELL MORRICE	REEVES ELISHA DAVID	ROBINSON LAWRENCE DANIEL	SELF CHRISTOPHER WAYNE	SMITH JOSHUA RANDALL	SPIKER JACOB THOMAS GRANT
PERRY WILLIAM HEATH	PROCTOR SHARON ANN	REEVES JOHNATHAN JEFFERY	ROBINSON DANIEL	SELF DENAE BYNUM	SMITH JUSTIN HENRY	SPIKER NOAH JACKSON GRANT
PERRYMAN DANNY JOE	PROCTOR THOMAS MCGRIFF	REEVES LESLEIGH JOSAPHINE	RODEN BRITTANY HOPE	SELF JAMIE HEINRICH	SMITH KENNETH WAYNE	SPIKER SUSAN GRANT
PETERS MARISA DEVIN	PROPSNER ADAM JOSEPH	REEVES RHONDA SMITH	RODEN DARRELL WAYNE	SELF TINA MARIE	SMITH KIMBERLY MCCRIGHT	SPIKER ZACHARY TODD GRANT
PHILLIPS KIMBERLY KAYE	PROPSNER JON JACOB	REEVES SHANNA LYNN	ROESNER CHRISTOPHER WAYNE	SELF DEBORAH	SMITH MARY P	SPIKINS BARBARA JEAN
PHILLIPS ELIZABETH CASI	PROVOST STEPHEN B	RENEAU MADGE ELAINE	ROGERS ANTHONY ALLAN	SELF JARED DAVID	SMITH MELINDA ANN	SPIKINS BENJAMIN LEWIS
PHILLIPS CHRISTOPHER LYNN	PRUETT JOSEPH THOMAS	REYES DESTINY		SELF MYLAN ROBERT	SMITH MELODY PAIGE	SPIKINS CARA NICHOLE
PHILLIPS CHRISTY LYNN					SMITH MICHAEL JERRY	SPIKINS DOYLE LEDELL
PHILLIPS ELIZABETH A					SMITH MICHAEL LYNN	SPIKINS JULIA LADD
PHILLIPS GARY LYNN					SMITH MICHAEL LYNN	SPIKINS LARRY J
PHILLIPS GREGORY L					SMITH PATSY RAINWATER	SPIKINS STEPHEN PAUL
					SMITH PHILLIP RAY	SPIKINS SUSAN ELIZABETH
					SMITH REGAN MAE	SPURLING

DANNY RAY SPURLING JAMES W	STANCIL MICHAEL STEVEN	DENISE BROGDON JASON HEATH	COCKREL AMANDA JEAN	KELSEY SUTTON LARZABAL MELISSA ANN	TALLEY PAMELA JILL WATTS MARGARET RHOADES	DUCHOCK CHERYL MATHENY DUGGER CASON
SPURLING JANICE TUCKER	STANCIL SAMUEL EVAN	COLE DANIELLE GRACE	FREEMAN GRACIE MAE	LATIMER SHEILA R	WESTON EVELIN MARTINEZ	FRIEDBERG ADDISON PAYNE
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