



Councilwoman Minatra announces bid for re-election of District 6



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Dixie Minatra officially announced her candidacy for re-election to the Gadsden City Council District 6 seat. "It has been my honor to serve the people of District 6 these last few years, and with your vote on August 25, I look forward to continuing to serve our community," Minatra said. "My commitment has always been to fight for and protect the voices of the people of District 6 and to be a servant leader for our neighborhoods."

A lifelong Alabama City resident, Minatra said her love for the community began while growing up in the area. She attended Elliott Grammar School, General Forrest Middle School, and Emma Sansom High School. Her parents owned and operated a hardware store on Wall Street for more than 20 years.

After graduating from Jacksonville State University with a degree in Marketing and Economics, Minatra spent 40 years working in retail management with Ma-

cy's and Belk throughout the Southeast. During her career, she managed multi-million-dollar budgets, controlled expenses and oversaw thousands of employees.

Since being elected in 2022, Minatra said she has focused on improving neighborhoods, supporting economic growth, strengthening city services and helping make District 6 cleaner and safer.

During her first term, Minatra achieved both Basic and Advanced Certifications in Municipal Government and supported major economic development projects, including the approval of the agreement that brought Minth Group to the former Republic Steel site. The project represents a \$430 million investment and is expected to create more than 1,300 jobs.

She also celebrated industrial expansion projects at Magneco/Metrel and worked to attract new business and investment to the city.

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Gadsden City Councilwoman Dixie Minatra (pictured above) has announced her re-election campaign for City Council District 6.

From classroom to bookshelves; local teacher releases debut novel

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor

Katie Ortiz, a local teacher and author, revealed the cover for her debut novel, *The Southern Sorority of Superstitious Witches*, set for release Oct. 6.

Ortiz, who teaches at Ivallee Elementary School, has always had a passion for reading, writing and all things creative. She said she can still vividly remember her high school hosting a young authors' conference where she submitted her first handmade book.

"It was just made out of paper and stapled together," Ortiz said. "I worked so hard on it and I just remember being so proud of it when I got to finally present it."

After graduating from high school, Ortiz said she did the practical thing and followed in her mother's footsteps by becoming a teacher.

"I've always worked with kids," Ortiz said. "I've worked at summer camps as a camp counselor, worked in daycares, and worked at nurseries in college. I was always very creative, and my mom and dad were very much, 'Get the practical thing done first so you can afford to do the creative things later.'"

So that's what she did. Now, six years after starting her teaching career, she is publishing her first book.

The Southern Gothic novel, set in 1870 Alabama, follows three women, Lucille,



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Ivallee Elementary School teacher Katie Ortiz (pictured above) will release her debut novel on Oct. 6.

Catherine and Victoria, as they participate in a trial semester at the state's most prestigious university to determine whether women should be allowed to attend colleges statewide.

The women band together, forming a

coven under the guise of a sorority, and "weave together old Southern folklore and magic" as they combat educational discrimination and sexism in post-Civil War Alabama. The novel blends magical elements with the real historical struggles women faced in their fight for access to higher education.

The core inspiration for the book was Lucy Stone, a leading suffragist and abolitionist, who was one of seven women invited to test out co-education at universities for the first time, Ortiz said.

"I thought, what if it happened down in the South?" Ortiz said. "What if it was one of ten women, and what if they had to deal with discrimination and sexism, and they were just like, 'let's use magic.'"

The magical element is based on the many superstitions she grew up with, Ortiz said. The beans and greens for health and wealth on New Year's Day, knocking on wood to get rid of bad luck, throwing salt over your shoulder when it's spilled and blowing cinnamon through the front door on the first day of the month, all things her mother taught her growing up.

She began writing the book in 2022 after *Roe v. Wade* was overturned. Not having yet found her community, Ortiz said she was scared and worried, and that she felt like she had no one to talk to about her concerns.

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Rumors of Ebola outbreak at GRMC proven false

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor



Lindsey Frazier | Messenger

Gadsden Regional Medical Center was the center of attention Saturday when a false claim of an Ebola outbreak raised concerns.

Saturday morning, a social media post falsely claimed that Gadsden Regional Medical Center was on lockdown due to an Ebola "outbreak."

As rumors swirled, the Messenger contacted the director of the newly formed Etowah County Emergency Management Agency, Jim Slick. Despite being out of state for training, he had been in contact with his team in Gadsden and was monitoring the situation.

Although he could not issue a public statement, Slick said there were no confirmed or suspected cases of Viral Hemorrhagic Fever at GRMC.

Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) is an umbrella term for epidemic-prone diseases, including Ebola, that affect multiple organ systems, according to the World Health Organization.

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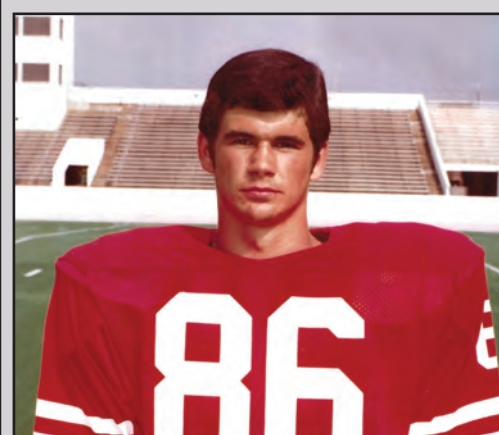
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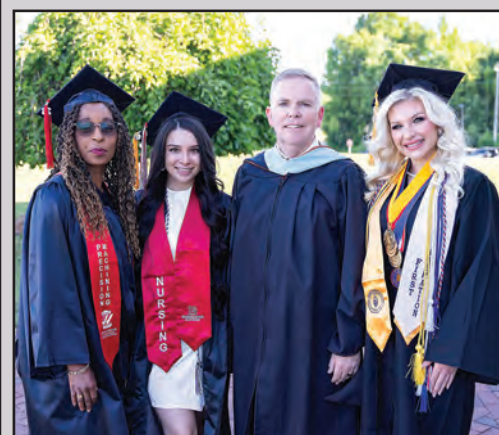
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Rodney Long, one of eight inducted into the Etowah County Sports Hall of Fame.

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GSCC celebrated Spring 2026 graduates at the recent commencement ceremony.

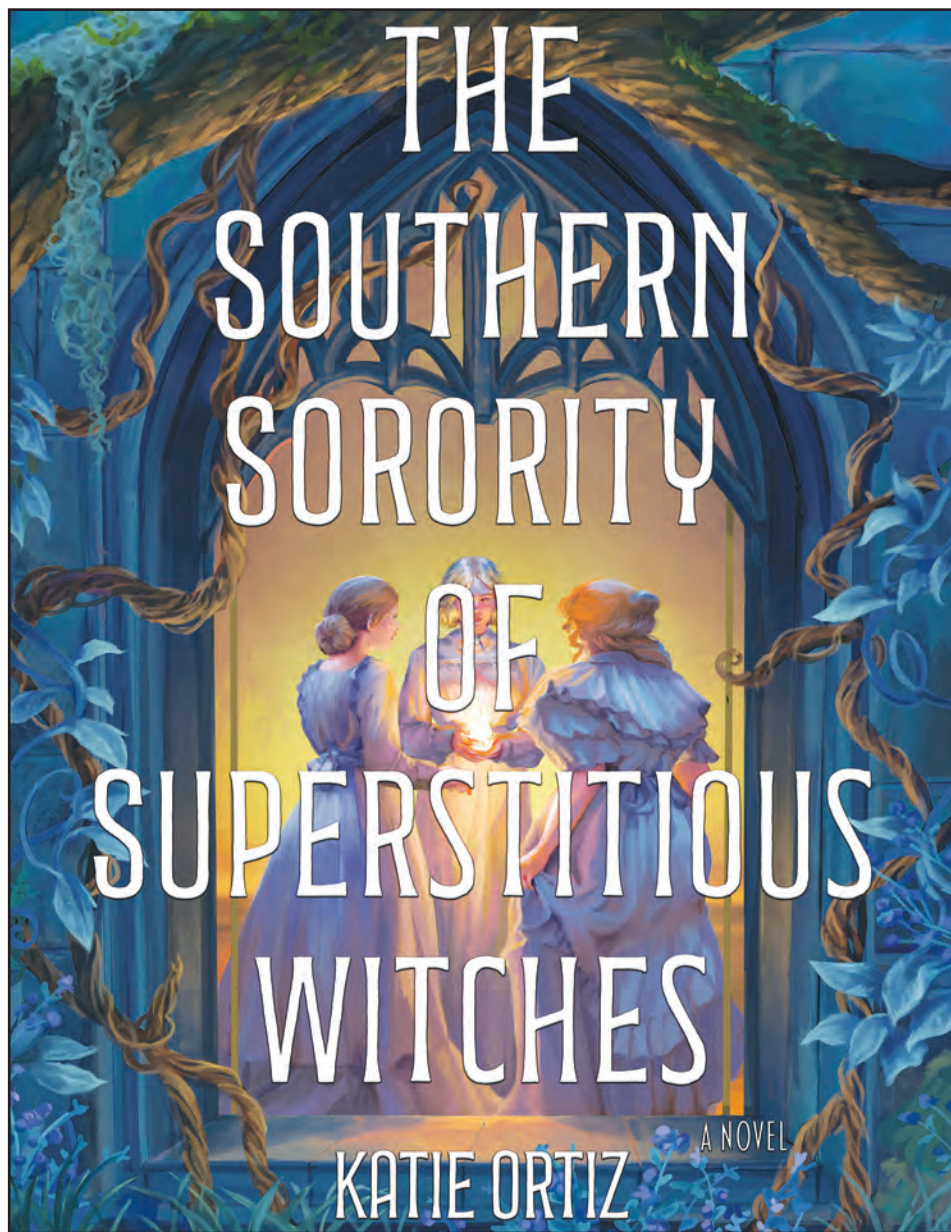
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Ortiz

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So, she wrote the sisterhood she wanted. "I hope, when people read it, that they feel the community and the sisterhood," Ortiz said. "I hope it encourages them to go out and find their own coven, you know, their own people, their place."

She completed the novel during National Novel Writing Month in November, a global challenge that encourages participants to write a 50,000-word draft in thirty days. Such a tight timeline prevented Ortiz from rereading and nitpicking the details, she said. Knowing 1,667 words had to be on the page each day kept her moving forward, a practice she has continued in her writing today.

Writing the book didn't just give Ortiz an outlet; it gave her the opportunity to cultivate the community she had been longing for.

"I have found and met so many amazing people because of this book, and because of getting it published and going to conferences," Ortiz said. "It's been such a phenomenal ride."

Despite having completed her novel in 30 days, or at least the first draft, the publishing process took a bit longer. Ortiz sent her book to more than 300 agents over two and a half years, receiving nothing but rejection letters, which she said was the most difficult part of the process.

"It's like your baby, and you put all of your heart and soul into this project," Ortiz said. "Then you have to send it to beta readers and critique partners and have it just ripped apart. So, you really have to figure out a way to cope with that and find the pieces that really matter and that you need to use."

Finally, three agents offered to represent

her and her novel, and within a month, she had chosen the one she felt best met her needs and had begun the publication submission process, during which the novel was picked up by Alcove Press and will be distributed by Penguin Random House.

While the book doesn't officially release until Oct. 6, it can be preordered, an especially important part of the publishing process for authors, Ortiz said.

"It tells your publisher how well they should market your book," Ortiz said. "It's your best chance at getting on a bestseller list because all of your preorders go as day one sales. So, if you can sell a thousand preorders over five months, it looks like you got a thousand preorders the day it comes out."

Ortiz encourages aspiring authors to get the words on the pages, find a way to cope with rejection and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone.

"I think that's one thing I've learned a lot through this," Ortiz said. "Stepping out of any introvert or shyness and having to force myself to be extraverted."

Even before her first book is released, Ortiz already has her next book written and her next four planned.

Ortiz has a book release party planned at The Coffee Bar in Gadsden, where she said she does most of her writing, and is scheduling stops for her book tour in October.

Being an author has helped Ortiz become a better teacher, she said. Encouraging her students to persist in the face of rejection, drawing on her firsthand experience, has enabled her to teach through action.

"I talk to my kids about not giving up," Ortiz said. "You always hear, 'Oh, don't give up, you can do hard things,' but when I can really tell them, I got 300 something rejections and I did not quit, so you can finish writing your five little sentence paper."

Manatra

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Manatra partnered with city building inspectors to identify abandoned and neglected houses throughout District 6 and worked alongside the Mayor's Street Crime and Narcotics Unit to address illegal drug activity and homelessness concerns.

As Chair of the Public Works Committee, Manatra helped establish regular routes for trash and debris pickup, supported the purchase of new garbage and loader trucks, planned a vehicle rotation program to improve the city fleet, launched citywide Dumpster Day events, returned more than 50 cardboard recycling trailers to neighborhoods and worked to help stop illegal dumping.

Manatra also voted to purchase new fire trucks for Banks Park and Station No. 4 in Alabama City, and supported funding for the future Gadsden Athletic Complex on West Meighan Boulevard, next to the Boys & Girls Club.

Using discretionary funds, Manatra supports local schools, Christmas programs, neighborhood beautification projects, repairs at the Ritz Theatre, improvements to Reagan Park and additional lighting for Hastings Park.

Outside of City Hall, Manatra serves on the Humane Society Board of Directors and volunteers at the shelter, assisting with human resources and operations while continuing to support local animal control efforts and stray animal issues in District 6.

"My goal has always been to be visible, proactive, and accessible to the people I represent," Manatra said. "Together, we have made progress, but there is still more work to do."

Manatra is asking for the support and vote of District 6 residents in the August 25 election.

Rumors of Ebola outbreak proven false

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VHFs are spread through contact with an infected person's body fluids and cannot be transmitted through casual contact or exposure in public spaces. They do not spread through the air, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

By Saturday afternoon, social media was flooded with speculation about the situation and concerns that the hospital's emergency room was on lockdown; however, it was not.

The hospital temporarily diverted ambulances out of an abundance of caution, according to a statement provided to the media.

"The unconfirmed information that's passed around on Facebook causes more chaos than anything," Slick said.

The statement said a patient ar-

rived at the hospital with symptoms that could be associated with Ebola but could also be caused by many other health conditions. Although it was considered unlikely that the patient had been exposed to Ebola, the hospital took precautions to isolate the patient and ensure the safety of staff and patients during the evaluation.

Slick said community members continued to call him for answers, but he, like everyone else, had to wait for an official statement from the hospital before responding to questions.

"Before people start posting on social media, make sure it is confirmed," Slick said. "There are guidelines and procedures that have to be followed before a statement can be released."

The hospital worked closely with the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the patient, according to a hospital press release.

The CDC's guidelines for screening and diagnosing VHFs include identifying potential exposures, isolating individuals and notifying local and state health authorities.

Saturday evening, the hospital responded to community concerns with a press release explaining the circumstances surrounding the situation.

"We can confirm this evening that there are currently no confirmed or suspected cases of Viral Hemorrhagic Fever within our hospital, community or surrounding region," the press release said.

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EDUCATION



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GSCC announces spring graduates

Gadsden State Community College honored graduates from the Spring Semester during commencement on May 14, at Gadsden State Cherokee. The college recognized 440 students who successfully completed the requirements for associate degrees, certificates, and short-term certificates, earning a total of 732 credentials.

There were 132 students honored for their academic achievement with traditional cords signaling the level of honor they achieved.

In total, 31 students received the highest honor by graduating Summa Cum Laude with a 3.9-4.0 GPA wearing a gold cord to signify their exceptional academic success. Additionally, 39 students graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.7-3.89 GPA receiving a red cord. Recognized as Cum Laude graduates for a 3.5-3.69 GPA were 40 students earning a red and gold cord.

A group of 22 students graduated with distinction for earning a certificate while maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA. These students received a red and black cord for their hard work.

Local graduates are:

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Raychelle Winborn, William Bailey Womack and Rosita Maria Ann Zendejas.

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Hokes Bluff – Landon Davenport, Ellie Rebecca Fountain, Kinslee Ann Gray, Savannah Lauren Griffin, Robert Andrew Henslee, Grace Irene Latham, Makayla Cole McLaughan, Karlee S. Reed, Cooper Smith and Alexis Morgan Wells.

Rainbow City – Lauren Nicole Bristol, Greyson Benson Carroll, Roberto Gallegos, Hana Ghazal, Haleigh Carlaine Graves, Alexis Kate Gurley, William Herane, Jackson Holt Page, Anna Renae Ryals, Tabatha Self, Sidney Taylor Vance, Lexie D. West and Wilson Presley White.

Southside – William B. Anderson, Carsyn Crow, Alexandria Lacey Daugherty, Lindsey Doris Denson, Michael Eric Hyland, Tre Bennett Jackson, Meredith Brock Keener, Kyle Allen Patterson, Logan Wilson Phillips, Ava Nicole Ramsey, Malory Faith Rich, Cody Bryan Roberts, Rikki Lauren Rubrigi, Jackson Chadwick Sims and Alyssa Marie Streefkerk.

GSCC celebrates nursing apprenticeship signings

Gadsden State Community College recognized 6 students and two local employers as they signed employment contracts as part of the Registered Nursing Apprenticeship Program. The signing event took place May 8 at the Beck Conference Center on the Wallace Drive Campus.

During the apprenticeship, students will have the opportunity to strengthen and expand their clinical skills while gaining valuable hands-on experience in the healthcare field. The program allows nursing students to attend classes and labs while working two to three days each week with a registered employer. As apprentices complete required training milestones, they earn a progressive wage that reflects their advancing knowledge and skill development.

Apprentices may continue their employment following the completion of the apprenticeship and passing the National Council Licensure Examination that certifies nurses.

The apprentices help meet the high demand for nurses across Alabama. Alabama is facing a critical nursing shortage, with a projected shortfall of 14,000 nurses by 2027, ranking among the top eight highest shortages nationwide.

The student apprentices recruited and employed by Gadsden Regional are Macy Cash, Alexandra Hodges, Jarmaya Pierce, and Aravia Taylor. Rehab Select – Albertville has hired Diserae Hancock and Timberli Turner.

For more information about the Nursing Program at Gadsden State, visit gadsdenstate.edu/Nursing.



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Agnes Rodgers celebrated her 101st birthday on May 26, 2026.

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GOVERNMENT

Federal judges block Alabama's use of 2023 congressional Map

By Anna Barrett
Alabama Reflector

A three-judge panel on Tuesday morning blocked Alabama from using a 2023 congressional map the panel ruled racially discriminatory and ordered the state to use a remedial map aimed at giving Black Alabamians a chance to elect their preferred leaders.

The order comes almost a month after the U.S. Supreme Court substantially weakened Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in a case known as *Louisiana v. Calais*, and weeks after Gov. Kay Ivey called a special session in which Republican lawmakers set special primaries for August in the expectation that the state would be allowed to use the 2023 map, which would likely cost Democrats a seat in Alabama's U.S. House delegation.

The panel was ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court to reevaluate its ruling on the map in light of its April ruling. But at a hearing on Friday, the panel expressed skepticism toward the state's argument that the 2023 map was drawn with partisan intent, not to dilute Black voters. The same three-judge panel previously found that the map was intentionally racially discriminatory and issued a "race-blind" map that led to the election of U.S. Rep. Shomari Figures, D-Mobile, of the 2nd Congressional District.

The judges, U.S. District Judge Anna Manasco, U.S. District Judge Terry Moorer, appointed by President Donald Trump; and U.S. Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus, appointed by former President Bill Clinton, wrote in the 79-page opinion that the state's argument contradicted its arguments made in 2023, and said that its 2023 map "made it impossible not only to remediate the vote dilution we identified, but also to respect the longstanding community of interest the Legislature identified in Alabama's Black Belt."

"These events, along with legislators' contemporaneous statements about race, support only one inference: the purpose of the 2023 Plan was to distribute Black voters across districts to dilute their votes, at least in part because they are Black," the panel wrote in the filing. "Counsel argues mightily that the Legislature's partisan motives drove the creation of the 2023 Plan, but this enormous record contains no evidence of a partisan motive. And the only evidence on the issue cuts against one: Alabama's legislative leadership testified that overtures from national party leaders did not affect their work."

State appeals and reactions

The state appealed the ruling to the U.S. Supreme

Court on Tuesday morning, according to court documents.

Attorney General Steve Marshall said in a statement Tuesday morning that he will appeal the order to the Supreme Court immediately.

"This is a very fluid situation, and I will do my best to keep the people of Alabama apprised of our efforts," Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall said in a statement Tuesday. "Know this — in my mind, it is not a matter of whether we win this case, only when," he said.

Ivey said in a statement Tuesday morning that she fully supports Marshall's appeal to the Supreme Court.

"I remain hopeful they will allow Alabama to move forward with our August 11 Special Primary Election. I will continue to say: Alabama knows our state, our people and our districts best," she said.

Secretary of State Wes Allen said in a statement Tuesday afternoon that he "strongly disagree(s) with the lower Court's decision, and I look forward to appealing it to the United States Supreme Court as soon as possible."

JaTaune Bosby Gilchrist, executive director of the ACLU of Alabama, said in a statement Tuesday morning that they will continue to fight for fair representation through the state's appeal.

"While we fully anticipate the State will continue to fight to use its racist maps to advance their partisan agenda, we will vigorously defend the right of Alabamians to elect representatives of their choosing," Gilchrist said.

The plaintiffs in the case said in a statement Tuesday afternoon that the state has sown confusion in its attempt to change maps mid-way through an election.

"The court saw through Alabama's blatant attempt to reinstate a race-based congressional map that the legislature deliberately enacted to deny Black voters a voice in Congress," they said. "Rather than accept this reality, state officials have knowingly sown confusion and doubled-down on their attacks on Black voters. The court's order today to reinstate the Milligan remedial map is a crucial victory for fair representation and brings necessary clarity to the state's 2026 elections."

It is unclear how the special primary election will proceed. The judges ordered Allen to administer all "remaining events comprising Alabama's 2026 congressional elections" according to the court-ordered map. That order will expire when the Legislature passes a new district map. The state last year agreed to use the current remedial map until 2030.

Messages seeking comment with the qualified can-



Andi Rice/Alabama Reflector

Protestors march in Selma, Alabama as part of the All Roads Lead to the South rally on May 16, 2026. A three-judge federal panel Tuesday blocked Alabama's use of a congressional map it had previously ruled racially discriminatory.

didates for the special primary election, which is set for Aug. 11, were left Tuesday morning.

In a post on social media, Figures said he expected the ruling, but also expects the state to appeal to the Supreme Court.

"This is a significant step in the right direction, but there is still a long way to go before this fight is settled," he wrote.

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Selma, of the 7th Congressional District, said in a statement posted to social media that the court prevented Alabama Republicans from using tactics to racially discriminate against Black voters.

"Today, the court made clear that those tactics will not stand," she wrote. "Black voters in Alabama cannot and will not be silenced."

Alabama House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, R-Rainsville, called the judges "activists" and accused them of "handing Democrats congressional victories in the courtroom" in a social media post.

"Elections should be decided by voters at the ballot box, not activist judges who believe they know better than the people they were appointed to serve. I believe this decision is blatantly in violation of the Supreme Court's ruling in *Callais v. Louisiana* and will not stand once it is presented before a higher court," he wrote. "This is nothing more than a politically motivated attempt to weaponize the judicial system for partisan gain, and Alabama has every intention of taking this to the Supreme Court and fighting back."

Alabama House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels, D-Huntsville, said in a statement Tuesday morning that

the order only applies to the 2026 midterm elections, and the fight for fair representation is not over.

"Let this moment be a powerful call to action to ensure that we do everything possible to get out the vote and drive historic turnout at the polls," he said. "Like I've said, 'If your vote didn't matter, they wouldn't be trying so hard to take it from you.'"

'Tainted by intentional race-based discrimination'

The three-judge panel wrote Tuesday that the Callais decision strengthens their finding that the 2023 Legislature-passed congressional map was intentionally racially discriminatory and diluted Black voters.

"Ultimately, we cannot see our way clear to requiring Alabamians to cast their votes in the 2026 elections under a districting plan tainted by intentional race-based discrimination," they said.

The Supreme Court did not repeal Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in the Callais decision, which prohibits race-based discrimination in voting practices, but it required proof of intentional racial discrimination. The three-judge panel said that, in light of Callais, the 2023 map is unconstitutional because legislators were warned of impacts of the 2023 map, but passed it anyway.

"The Legislature's conduct and that concession made this case unique: we were not (and still are not) aware of any other case in which a legislature — faced with a federal court order declaring that its electoral plan unlawfully dilutes minority votes and requiring a remedy that provides an additional opportunity district — responded with a plan that the

state conceded did not provide that district," the panel wrote.

"Undisputed evidence establishes that in 2023, the Legislature should have foreseen, and in fact actually foresaw, the disparate impact of the 2023 Plan on Black Alabamians, and enacted it anyway," they wrote.

In the Callais decision, the Supreme Court ruled that racial discrimination with intent does violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, but redistricting in the name of party does not. Texas, California, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida and Virginia have either redistricted to give either party more guaranteed congressional seats in the 2026 midterm elections, or are in the process of doing so.

During the 2026 Special Session, lawmakers repeatedly said that their intention to revert to the 2023 map was for partisan gain, not racial discrimination. The judges wrote that the state's counsel argued "mightily that the Legislature's partisan motives drove the creation of the 2023 Plan, but this enormous record contains no evidence of a partisan motive."

"In the simplest terms, the sequence and substance of extraordinary legislative events, against the backdrop of the Legislature's knowledge, compels us to conclude that the Legislature doubled down on racially discriminatory vote dilution after we and the Supreme Court found that it was racially discriminatory vote dilution," they said. "The same evidence leaves us no room to conclude that when the Legislature did all this, it had party politics in mind. The only available intent evidence tells us that consid-

erations of race were the key reason."

The state argued that, under Callais, race cannot be considered when drawing district lines. The judges argue that Callais prohibits race from being the only factor, and it was not the only factor in the remedial map, drawn by a special master, that was used in the 2024 election and in the May 19 primary election. The same was the case for Moon Duchin, an expert for the plaintiffs, who drew many "race-blind" maps in the case.

"We have consistently held that the additional majority-Black districts in the Plaintiffs' illustrative maps are reasonably configured; Dr. Duchin has consistently testified that it is relatively easy to draw an additional reasonably configured majority-Black district, and the special master prepared three remedial plans with reasonably configured remedial districts with no apparent difficulty," they wrote.

The judges acknowledge that their involvement in the state's election is "most unwelcome," which is why the injunction is temporary.

Ballots cast in the 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th congressional districts will be voided, according to the order, due to Alabama law.

Where the court previously prohibited the state from redistricting until 2030, it is now only requiring the state to use the current court-ordered map for the 2026 elections. The injunction will expire when the Legislature creates a new congressional district plan on its own accord. Typically, redistricting happens every 10 years after the U.S. Census.

Democratic candidate sues to block Alabama PSC expansion

By Ralph Chapoco
Alabama Reflector

A Democratic candidate for Public Service Commission Tuesday sued the state over a law restructuring the commission.

The lawsuit, filed by Sheila McNeil, the Democratic nominee for Place 2 on the commission, alleges that the law — expanding the membership of the public utility regulator and giving Gov. Kay Ivey four appointments to be made before July 15 — violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment because it altered election rules after absentee voting had already started.

"When the Legislature enacted this bill . . . without any process to protect candidates already in the field, filing suit became the only path to safeguard the rights of voters and candidates alike," McNeil said in a statement. "With all of the political maneuvering to restructure the Commission, there is nothing in this law that will remotely reduce utility bills."

The lawsuit also argues that the law,

known as HB 475, diluted the voting power of minority voters in violation of Section 2 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and stripped McNeil of the "protected interest of her candidacy" without giving her notice or a hearing.

"The provisions being challenged are the same ones we warned would hand two officials in the executive branch — the governor and the energy secretary — effective control over the body that sets Alabama Power's rates," said Daniel Tait, executive director of Energy Alabama, an organization that advocates for renewable energy use in the state. "Alabamians, who've been paying record-high electric bills while Alabama Power's profits doubled, deserve something better than a law that enacts regulatory capture."

A message was sent to the Governor's Office, members of the Legislature and Alabama Power on Tuesday seeking comment.

HB 475 was the final version of legislation lawmakers altered dramatically as it made its way through the legislative

process this spring, eventually drawing objections from Rep. Mack Butler, R-Rainbow City, the sponsor of the bill.

The version Butler originally filed would have required the PSC, the agency responsible for overseeing public utilities in the state, to convene public rate hearings every three years that would require Alabama Power to justify the electricity rates. The bill aimed to address the state's high electricity rates. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Alabama residents in February paid 16.18 cents per kilowatt hour, the highest rates in the South and up from 15.83 cents a year earlier.

However, lawmakers eventually approved an edition that mimicked another bill, SB 360, that was also circulated in the Legislature when it was considered in the Senate Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development Committee.

It expanded the number of members on the commission from three to seven and authorized Ivey to appoint the four additional members from a list of candidates

submitted by the speaker of the House and Senate president pro tem. The move meant that if voters this fall elected two commissioners who wanted rate hearings, they could be outvoted by Ivey's appointees.

The law also put the expanded PSC under the authority of a newly-created secretary of energy and extended a freeze on the base rate until 2029, even though the PSC already approved in collaboration with Alabama Power up to 2027.

Under the law, the PSC may only convene rate hearings after 2029 and only at the behest of the Secretary of Energy or if five of the seven members of the PSC agree.

Voters in Georgia elected two Democrats to the Public Service Commission in Georgia for the first time since 2006 in response to the increasing prices of electricity in that state.

McNeil will face Republican incumbent Chris Beeker or challenger Jim Ziegler, a former state auditor, who are going to a primary runoff on June 16.

LIFESTYLE

Your Community CALENDAR

May 30 Steven Bridges, Eagle Tribute

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

- Where: The AMP
- When: 5:30 p.m.

June 1 Rainbow City Community Market

- Where: Rainbow City Hall | 3700 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden
- When: 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

June 2 Glencoe Farmers Market

- Where: Glencoe Police Department | 201 Chastain Boulevard West, Glencoe
- When: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 4 Attalla Farmers Market

- Where: 3rd Street Northwest & 5th Ave. Northwest, Attalla
- When: 12 to 5 p.m.

June 5 Gadsden Farmers Market

- Where: 344 1st Street, Gadsden
- When: 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

June 5 First Saturday at Carver Square

- 90's Block Party Edition
- Where: Carver Square | 1030 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Gadsden
 - When: 5 to 9 p.m.

June 11 Taste of the Town Food Truck Festival

- Where: Southside City Hall | 2255 Alabama 77, Southside
- When: 5 to 8 p.m.

June 11 Music Trivia Night at Baja Rainbow City

Name that Tune Trivia hosted by Jason Bozeman

- Where: Baja California
- When: 6 to 8 p.m.



June 5-6 Smoke in the Park

The 9th Annual Smoke in the Park BBQ Competition in Glencoe. This KCBS Backyard sanctioned event will take place June 5-6, at Wilson Park and will bring together barbecue teams from across the region to compete for prizes and bragging rights. The weekend kicks off on Friday, June 5 with The Jeff Smith Memorial Ironman BBQ Challenge, a competition open to all cooks. Contestants will be provided meats and will compete in chicken, ribs and a mystery meat category. The main event continues on Saturday, with the KCBS Backyard BBQ Competition, featuring categories including chicken, pork ribs and pork. Teams will compete throughout the day, with turn-ins beginning at noon and awards presented later in the afternoon. New this year is the People's Choice

“Chef’s Delight”, where teams will serve their best dish to the public and compete for top honors. Proceeds from the event will benefit R.E.S.T., serving families in Etowah County, making this not only a great community gathering but also a way to give back. Cook teams, food lovers, and families are invited to come out and enjoy a full weekend of barbecue, community spirit, and friendly competition in Glencoe. For registration information or questions, visit www.kcbs.us or contact event coordinator Shanon Graham at 256-312-2091 or glencoechristmasforkids@gmail.com.

- Where: Wilson Park, 313 Nancy Carrol Ave, Glencoe, AL
- When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 5-6 Glencoe Celebration in the Park

Celebrate summer, community, and great food at Celebration in the Park on June 5th and 6th at Wilson Park (313 Nancy Carrol Ave, Glencoe, AL). This two-day event will feature live music, food trucks, vendors, and children’s activities, offering something for the whole family to enjoy. It’s the perfect way to spend time with friends, support local businesses, and experience the energy of Glencoe.

On Saturday, don’t miss Smoke in the Park, where attendees can sample barbecue and participate in the \$1 Eat and Vote experience! Bring your family, invite your friends, and come enjoy a weekend full of fun, food, and community spirit right here in Glencoe!

- Where: Wilson Park, 313 Nancy Carrol Ave, Glencoe, AL
- When: 10 a.m. to 6 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 30 Glaze and Garden Workshop

- Where: The Coffee Bar, 532 Broad Street, Gadsden
- When: 12 to 2 p.m.

June 2 Big D’s Jeep Night

- Where: Big Ds Gamechanger, 201 S 3rd Street, Gadsden
- When: 3 to 9 p.m.

June 6 The Frontmen at The Bluff

For the first time, the stage comes to life at The Bluff Amphitheater. The Frontmen take the stage for a night of unforgettable country music. Featuring the legendary voices of Richie McDonald (formerly of Lonestar), Larry Stewart (of Restless Heart), and Tim Rushlow (formerly of Little Texas), this is more than a concert—it’s the soundtrack of a generation. Tickets start at \$40.

- Where: The Bluff Amphitheatre and Campground, 1820 US-278, Hokes Bluff
- When: 5 to 10 p.m.

June 6 Coosa River Irish Session at Clover on Court

A shared table, no stage, no set list... just jigs, reels, hornpipes, polkas, and the collective rhythm of musicians listening to one another. If you know the tunes, jump in. If you’re learning, you’re welcome to sit close, follow along, and join when ready. Musician and listeners alike are welcome.

- Where: Clover on Court | 124 Court Street, Gadsden
- When: 5 to 8 p.m.

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LIFESTYLE

Greetings from Hungary and Serbia



Arranging the Pieces

Tabitha Bozeman

This week, I marked Memorial Day weekend in Hungary and Serbia. On Monday, I texted with my family in the morning as they were getting ready to celebrate with family, and I was getting ready to have dinner across the Atlantic. It was sunny and hot where I was, and stormy and hot at home. I was conscious of the differences in our day, but also the similarities.

Memorial Day in the United States is a specific kind of remembering. We remember those who have served our country and have made the highest sacrifice for it as they defend the rights and privileges of being Americans. It is also a good time to remember that time is fleeting and our lives are never guaranteed to be the same year

to year. It is a reminder to thank those we love for all they do, to remember those in our families and friend groups, our communities and nation who have prioritized the greater good over personal gain. But, in remembering those who are gone, we are also acknowledging those they left behind. As May Sarton reminds us, though, this is something we must choose to do, intentionally as “We remember consciously to remember the lives we [and others] have lived.”

Several women and I sat outside a restaurant in Belgrade, the capital city of Serbia, and found ourselves chatting about many things—but the discussion focused on people and events from the past. We were, in our own way, memorializing the relationships, and experiences, as well as the people we remembered. As I sat under the restaurant canopy with these new friends I met only two weeks ago, I thought about this act of remembrance and memorializing those who have gone before us. One woman received a call that ended her trip early, a call that no mother ever wants to receive, and that evening I thought about how she was grieving at home while we chatted in Serbia. Each of us had similar

thoughts and we shared some stories as remembrances of those we knew and loved. We were a diverse group from Alabama, Canada, South Africa, and Australia, but we all had similar stories and experiences.

There is a Korean term for the connection humans develop when they have spent time with another person, or share experiences with them—particularly a life-changing or traumatic experience, but not necessarily a negative one. The term is Jeong. Often, when we think about someone long after our time with them has passed, we can feel like we are “stuck” in remembering. But in Korea, this is just considered part of life and relationships—connections between humans that are not only the result of trauma or romance, but the lasting effects of interacting with those around us in an authentic, real way. Rather than pushing themselves to get over a relationship, or forget someone, acknowledging Jeong is a way to honor the human aspect of our social and emotional connections and experiences.

Khalil Gibran highlights this connection in a similar way by exhorting us to “Let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit.” Celebrating

friendships, sharing sorrows, remembering those we have lost are all ways to not only memorialize others, but also our own relationships and life experiences. I may have been a continent away from my family on Memorial Day this year, but I was still remembering with them and with new friends.

Later that night, I called each of my children to check on them, and tell them I loved them. I thanked my husband for all he was doing, and I thought about my grandfather and great-grandfather. Both were proud veterans and I have many childhood memories of looking at their service photos and memorabilia. I loved looking at their enlistment photos and imagining who they were as young people. I thought about the friends they lost during their enlistments. I remembered the family they left behind and how loved they were. This collective memorialization we all create together, both publicly and privately, is its own special kind of Jeong.

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The invisible mental load of managing life

Every household has a CEO.

Not the person who makes the most money or has the loudest voice, but the person who quietly keeps everything moving behind the scenes. The Household CEO is the one managing schedules, remembering appointments, coordinating transportation, monitoring school calendars, planning meals, paying bills, buying birthday gifts, keeping track of supplies and making sure everyone's needs are somehow met.

In many homes, this role naturally falls to one parent. Sometimes it is mom. Sometimes it is dad. Often, it happens so gradually that nobody even notices it happening at all.

At first, it may simply feel like “being responsible.” But over time, the Household CEO often becomes the default manager of the family. They are the keeper of information, the planner, the reminder system and the problem solver. They carry the invisible responsibility of making sure life functions smoothly.

The challenge is that running a household is not just about doing chores. It is about managing systems. Someone has

to remember the soccer schedule, notice when the dog needs vaccines, know which child needs a permission slip signed and realize the pantry is running low before breakfast chaos begins Monday morning.

This role requires constant mental energy.

Many parents carry this responsibility because they love their family deeply. They want life to run smoothly. They want their children cared for. They want to support their spouse and create stability at home. But somewhere along the way, many Household CEOs stop functioning as part of a team and start functioning as a one-person management department.

That is when exhaustion and resentment begin to creep in.

One of the biggest mistakes families make is assuming that asking for help means failure. In reality, healthy households require delegation. No successful business expects one person to carry every responsibility alone. Families should not operate that way either.

Delegation is not about laziness. It is about sustainability.

Children can help with age-appropriate responsibilities. Spouses can share the mental load instead of simply waiting to be told what to do. Families can create systems that distribute responsibility more evenly. The goal is not perfection. The goal is teamwork.

Many Household CEOs struggle to delegate because it genuinely feels easier to handle things themselves. Others worry tasks will not be completed correctly. Some feel guilty asking for help because they believe they “should” be able to handle it all. Unfortunately, that mindset often leads to burnout.

A healthy family does not require one exhausted parent carrying the entire operation on their shoulders. It requires communication, flexibility, appreciation and shared responsibility.

Sometimes the most important conversation in a household is not about chores at all. It is about ownership. Who is carrying the mental responsibility for keeping the family running? Who notices problems before they happen? Who keeps track of the details no one else sees?



Mindful Moment

Carrie Halladay

If the answer is consistently the same person, it may be time for change.

The strongest families are not the ones where one person does everything perfectly. They are the ones where family members learn to work together, support each other and recognize that running a household is a shared responsibility.

Even the best CEOs need a team.

Carrie Halladay is a Licensed Professional Counselor and the owner of Halladay Counseling in Gadsden. She earned her Master of Science in Counseling from Jacksonville State University in 2002.

The summer reading adventure begins!

As I write this column, the Gadsden Public Library is buzzing with activity today. Children are laughing, teenagers are gathering with friends, parents are signing registration forms, and grandparents are helping youngsters decide which books they might read first. In fact, I estimate that more than 150 children, teens, and family members are currently filling our library for our Summer Reading Kick-Off Party.

The scene is wonderfully chaotic.

Originally, we planned to hold today's festivities outdoors, but a few rain showers had other ideas. Instead, we've moved the fun inside. Carnival games, temporary tattoos, door prizes, and registration tables have transformed the library into a celebration of reading and learning. Outside, two local food trucks—Pop Culture Soda and Funkee Franks—are helping make the day even more memorable.

While today's event is certainly about fun, it is also about something much more important.

Every summer, educators talk about the “summer slide,” a term used to describe the learning loss that can occur when students

stop reading and engaging their minds during the school break. In fact, I wrote about this very issue in my previous Messenger column because it is a challenge faced by schools, parents, and communities across the nation. Research has consistently shown that children who continue reading throughout the summer are more likely to maintain—or even improve—their reading skills when they return to school in the fall. Those who set books aside for the summer often spend the first weeks of a new school year working to regain lost ground, making summer reading one of the simplest and most effective ways to support academic success. That is why libraries across America invest so much time and energy into Summer Reading programs.

At the Gadsden Public Library, our goal is simple: keep young people reading, learning, and exploring while school is out. We want reading to be something children and teenagers choose to do because it is enjoyable—not just because it is assigned. Summer Reading gives young people opportunities to discover new authors, explore new subjects, and develop

a lifelong habit that can benefit them for years to come.

Of course, Summer Reading is not just for children. It is also about families. One of my favorite sights today has been watching parents and grandparents helping young readers sign up for the program and select books together. Reading is one of the few activities that can be shared across generations, and libraries provide a place where those connections can grow.

Throughout the summer, the Gadsden Public Library will offer separate Summer Reading programs for children and teenagers, each filled with exciting activities, special guests, and opportunities to learn while having fun. From llamas visiting the library to archaeology programs, crafts, games, and special events, there will be something for every age and interest.

As today's Kick-Off Party continues around me, I am reminded that public libraries are about much more than books. They are places where communities gather, where families connect, and where young minds are encouraged to dream, imagine, and grow.



Welcome to the Library

Craig Scott

The summer reading adventure has officially begun, and we invite every child and teenager in our community to join us.

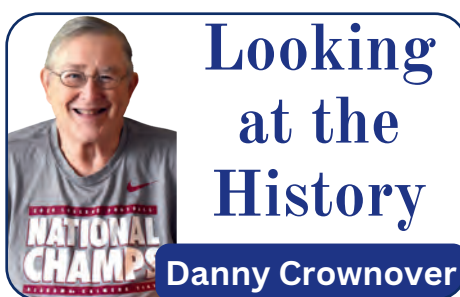
After all, what happens to kids who read all summer?

They return to school stronger, more confident, and ready for whatever comes next. And that's a result worth celebrating.

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

Craig Scott is the director for the GPL.

Cattle in Gadsden in the late 1800s aroused civic ire



Looking at the History

Danny Crownover

Even when it was a tiny village Gadsden had a few citizens who protested against the idea of allowing stock, particularly hogs and cows, to roam the streets at will, but they became vociferous enough to attract the attention of the authorities.

As far back as anybody can remember there was no serious attempt to remedy the situation until about 1895 when the local newspaper began agitation for a hog law.

In the 1870s and 1880s when farmers parked their wagons and carts in the middle of Broad Street, unhitched their horses, mules and oxen and fed them on the spot, or attempted to feed them, they were greatly annoyed by roaming cows and hogs.

There were cows that could snatch a bundle of fodder from the back end of a wagon and be a block away before the farmer was aware of their presence.

There were some citizens who recalled those cows hightailing it up and down Broad Street with stolen fodder or oats and angry men and boys giving chase.

There were hogs that could snatch an ear of corn from a box and be half a block away in a minute's time.

Mules, horses and goats occasionally joined them in such forays and all such animals running at large constituted a menace to health as well as a nuisance to ev-

erybody.

There were literally droves of hogs owned in the city. Some families had as many as 50 within a stone's throw of Broad Street.

When anybody wanted to do anything about such a nuisance they were met with the plea or the threat that both Blacks and poor whites had to raise hogs and keep cows in order to make a living. Politicians steered clear of the matter.

They knew that these would vote solidly against any man that wanted a stock law. Nevertheless, the campaign for such a law continued.

The Gadsden and Attalla Union Railway Company ran a dummy through Broad Street hourly and on account of so many hogs being on the street a steam contrivance was attached to the engines to get the hogs off the track. There were enough hogs

on the street to stop a locomotive.

This is a very bad on the city, but it was almost a first-class stock farm.

The local newspaper wrote that the city ought to pass some sort of stock law. “Notwithstanding the fact that dummy engines pulling street cars through the city had to squirt hot steam from special devices in order to get hogs off the track right on Broad Street.”

The politicians did not care to tackle the problem. They did get up enough courage a year or so later to call an election on the subject and the hogs won by a good majority. It was not until the state legislature passed a law requiring cities of 5,000 population and over to pass and enforce stock laws that Gadsden acted.

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DEVOTIONALS



ROOTED IN THE WORD

Shawn Blackmon

Some people know how to look alive spiritually while dying internally.

They know the language of church. They know when to clap. They know when to shout.

But eventually, fire reveals what is real. You cannot fake fire.

When fire touches something, it changes it. Fire purifies. Fire spreads. Fire transforms. That is why Pentecost matters so deeply. Acts chapter 2 was not just another church gathering. It was the moment Heaven set the Church on fire.

The disciples had walked with Jesus. They had witnessed miracles, heard His teaching, and seen lives transformed. Yet before Jesus ascended, He gave them one simple instruction: wait.

Why? Because Jesus understood something we often forget. Information without power creates powerless believers. And Jesus never intended for His followers to live

powerless lives.

Acts 2 tells us that while the disciples were gathered together in one place, suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind filled the room. Heaven interrupted the ordinary. God moved in power, and everything changed.

The fire was not emotional hype. It was holy transformation.

Scripture says tongues of fire rested on each of them. Not just the leaders. Not just the loud ones. Each of them.

Ordinary people became empowered people.

Peter, who once denied Jesus in fear, suddenly stood boldly in front of crowds and preached the Gospel. The same man who once hid behind closed doors now stood publicly unashamed because the fire of God changed him from the inside out.

And that same fire still changes people today.

Some people walk into church carrying anxiety nobody knows about.

Some are exhausted from fighting silent battles.

Some are smiling publicly while privately falling apart.

Some are trying to survive spiritually on empty.

But one real encounter with the presence

of God can change everything.

The fire of God still breaks chains. It still destroys fear. It still heals broken places. It still revives weary hearts.

But the fire was never meant to stop with us.

Jesus said in Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."

The Holy Spirit was not given simply to create emotional church services. The Spirit was given so believers could carry power into a broken world.

A powerless church cannot heal a hurting generation.

People do not just need sermons. They need hope. They need truth. They need the presence of God.

We live in a world filled with fear, confusion, depression, division, and spiritual exhaustion. More than ever, this generation needs believers who are filled with boldness, compassion, wisdom, and fire.

Because eventually your own strength runs out.

Discipline gets tired. Motivation fades. Emotions shift.

But the fire of God never runs dry.

So do not settle for surviving spiritually. Hunger for His presence again. Hunger for revival again. Hunger for the fire of

God again.

Because when the fire falls, dead things live again.

Fear breaks. Chains break. Bondage breaks. Dry seasons break.

We were never called to blend into culture.

We were built different.

And the difference is the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Let's Pray: Father, I do not want a powerless faith. Fill every dry place in my life with Your Spirit again. Break fear, revive passion, restore joy, and awaken boldness inside of me. Let the fire of Your presence transform me from the inside out so my life reflects You everywhere I go. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Stop settling for surviving spiritually. You were built for fire.

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.

You were built for fire

'For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven'



From God's Word

Toni Ford

There is a story about a young logger who approached a foreman of a logging crew asking for a job. "That depends," replied the foreman. Let's see if you can cut this tree down in a timely manner." The young logger stepped forward and skillfully started cutting the giant tree. Impressed, the foreman exclaimed, "You can start Monday." Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday rolled by and the young logger was still working on cutting down the tree. On Thursday afternoon the fore-

man approached the young logger and said, "You can pick up your paycheck on the way out today. Not sure this job is the best for you." "But I'm a hard worker," the young logger objected. "I arrive first, leave last and even have worked through my coffee breaks!" The foreman, sensing the young logger's integrity, thought for a minute and then asked, "Have you been sharpening your axe?" The young logger replied, "No, I've been working too hard to take the time to do something like that."

Our lives are often like this. Sometimes, we get so busy that we don't take time to "sharpen the axe." In today's world, it seems that everyone is busier than ever, but less happy than ever.

Why is that? Could it be that we have forgotten how to stay sharp, or we become so busy we don't take the time to sharpen our own axe? If we don't take the time to sharpen our axe, we will become dull and lose our effectiveness. There's nothing

wrong with activity and hard work but we all need time to relax, to learn, and to grow.

When I think about slowing down and taking time to sharpen my axe, I am reminded of what the Lord tells us from His Word.

• **Psalm 46:10** – "Be still and know that I am God." When life gets busy and so many people or things from the world start competing for our attention, it becomes harder and harder to hear from God or to know the direction He is leading us. Notice in this verse that in order to know and hear from God, we must first "be still."

• **Ecclesiastes 3:1** – "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." I truly believe the Lord speaks to us and leads in different ways throughout the seasons of life. The Lord has often called me to a season of rest, which means slowing down or saying "no" to more things than I say "yes" to. If I obey Him and am willing to slow down

in those times, I always walk away with more insight, closer to the Lord, and more refreshed.

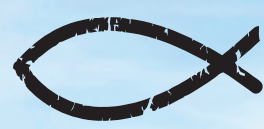
• **1 Peter 5:7** – "Cast all your anxiety on Him for He cares for you." This verse is a great reminder for me to slow down and give Him all the burdens and challenges I am trying to carry on my own. He wants to care for each of us but we must first slow down and give Him the things that are bothering us.

Dear Lord, please help each of us to slow down this summer, take time to rest, and be still. Please help us to remember to sharpen our axe and stay sharp by surrendering to you the things that matter to us, spending more time in Your Word, in prayer, and in worship. Thank you for the reminders from your Word and the promises that come from taking time to rest!

If you would like continued prayer, feel free to email me at tonif77@gmail.com.

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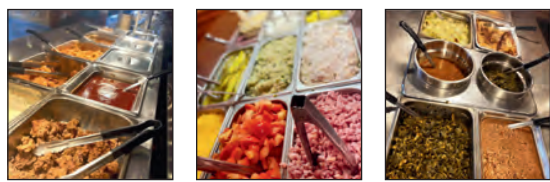
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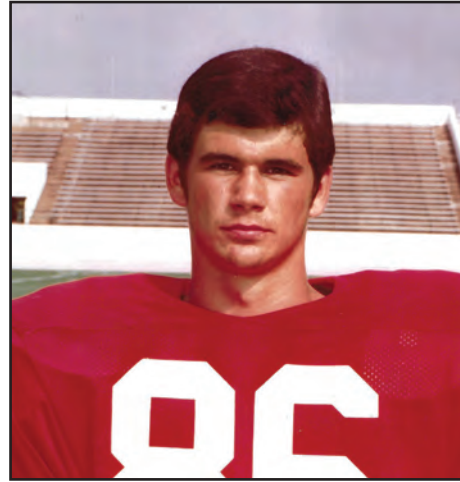
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County Sports Hall of Fame honoring inductees

The Etowah County Sports Hall of Fame will induct its Class of 2026 on June 13 at The Venue at Coosa Landing in Gadsden.

Garry Edward Elkins *In Memoriam*

Garry Edward Elkins, a Gadsden native, embodied endurance, discipline, and determination—earning recognition as Etowah County's own "Marathon Man."

Over a remarkable running career, Garry completed 60 marathons, including an extraordinary 37 consecutive appearances in the Huntsville Marathon beginning in 1977. He consistently placed among the top five in his age division and competed in the prestigious Boston Marathon three times, spanning 25 years from 1979 to 2005, including his final race at age 65. His running resume also included the Birmingham, Chicago, Atlanta, Mardi Gras, and New Orleans marathons, where he achieved an impressive personal best time of 2:28.

In addition to his marathon accomplishments, Garry participated in hundreds of 10K races, including the Peachtree Road Race in Atlanta, the Cotton Row Run in Huntsville, and the Vulcan Run in Birmingham. He also completed a 50-mile ultramarathon in Chicago.

Garry's running journey began with a life-changing decision. At age 32, weighing 190 pounds and smoking two packs of cigarettes a day, he committed to improving his health. Starting slowly—running from one telephone pole to the next—he steadily built endurance, eventually running daily for more than four decades, from 1974 to 2017.

In 1976, during the nation's Bicentennial, Garry demonstrated his dedication and patriotism by running 1,776 miles in a single year, earning the Gadsden YMCA's Top Jogger of the Year award.

A 1961 graduate of Emma Sansom High School, where he participated in football and basketball, Garry went on to earn degrees in Biology and Physical Education from Jacksonville State University in 1968.

Garry gave back to his community through his passion for running. He served as the first race director of the Gadsden Spring Run 10K and was a founding member of the Gadsden Track Club. He mentored countless runners, including Dink Taylor and Steve Carter, and was always willing to share guidance and encouragement with those new to the sport.

A devoted member of Christ Central Church for over 40 years, Garry taught adult Sunday School and sang in the choir. "It really doesn't matter what your time is," Garry once said while describing what it was like to compete in a marathon. "The main thing is that you ran it and you finished it. My wife once said that I would finish a race even if I had to crawl, and I told her that I'd have to try."

James Wesley Graves, Jr.

Over a remarkable 29-year career in Attalla, James Wesley Graves, Jr. made a lasting impact as both a standout student-athlete and a dedicated educator and coach at Etowah High School.

As a starting guard on the 1987-88 Etowah varsity basketball team, Graves helped lead the Blue Devils to a school-record 26 wins, capturing area and sub-regional titles and advancing to the Class 5A Final Four. He averaged 12 points, five assists, three rebounds, and two steals per game.

The following season, Graves elevated his performance, averaging 19 points, eight assists, seven rebounds, and four steals, earning All-Area and All-State honors. That year, Etowah made school history by defeating every Gadsden-area team during the regular season, including two wins over Southside.

After graduating in 1989, Graves continued his basketball career at Snead State Community College, where he helped lead the Parsons to the Alabama Community College Conference championship. As a sophomore point guard, he averaged 18 points and seven assists per game, earning All-Conference and All-State Tournament honors. He also excelled in baseball, batting .455 as the team's leadoff hitter.

Graves went on to Troy State University, where he became a key contributor on the baseball team. In 1993, he helped lead the Trojans to the NCAA Division II World Series semifinals, batting .352 during the regular season and .443 in postseason play. He served as a team captain in 1994.

After earning his degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Health Education, Graves returned to Etowah High School in 2000, dedicating the next 25 years to teaching and coaching boys' basketball. He compiled a school-record 368 wins, captured six area titles, made 14 playoff appearances, reached the Sweet Sixteen six times, and advanced to the Elite Eight twice. In 2023, he was selected to coach in the AHSAA North/South All-Star Game.

While his accomplishments on the court are significant, Coach Graves considers his greatest achievement to be that every player he coached earned a high school diploma.

A committed member of The Guiding Light Church in Trussville, Graves serves as a Big Brother mentor and actively supports his community through volunteer work and charitable giving.

Rodney Wayne Long *In Memoriam*

Rodney Wayne Long accomplished a great deal in a life that ended far too soon, leaving behind a legacy of athletic excellence and leadership.

A native of Blount County and a longtime resident of Etowah County, Rodney's athletic ability was evident from an early age. He was an All-Star selection each year he participated in youth athletics, including the Rockets Little League, Rainbow City Pony League, and Rainbow City Colt League. He competed in multiple sports, playing Pee Wee football, junior high basketball, varsity basketball, and four years of varsity baseball, earning selection to the Alabama East-West All-Star baseball game.

Rodney excelled on the football field at Southside High School, where he emerged as a standout player and team leader. As a junior, he was named The Gadsden Times Player of the Week and earned the team's Most Valuable Back award. His senior season in 1980 was exceptional. Serving as team captain, he recorded 65 receptions for 1,004 yards and 15 touchdowns, helping lead the Panthers to a then school-record 12 wins, their first region championship, and an undefeated regular season. Southside advanced to the Class 3A quarterfinals with victories over Oxford and Midfield before falling to eventual state runner-up Hartselle.

Rodney earned All-County honors for three

years, All-Area honors for two years, and All-State recognition his senior season. He also made history as the first player from Southside High School selected to compete in the Alabama High School Athletic Association North/South All-Star Game in Tuscaloosa.

He continued his football career at Austin Peay State University, where he was named Ohio Valley Conference Rookie of the Week and led his team in receptions, receiving yards, and touchdowns. Rodney was also nominated by U.S. Representative Tom Bevill to attend the United States Air Force Academy.

Rodney Wayne Long passed away in 1982 at the age of 19. In honor of his impact and legacy, his jersey, #47, was retired at Southside High School in 1983. He was loved by many and respected by all, and his influence continues to be felt throughout the community.

Brian Mintz

Brian Mintz is a true product of Etowah County, whose success as a student-athlete, educator, and coach over four decades reflects a powerful combination of hard work, leadership, and faith.

A four-year starting quarterback at Southside High School from 1977 to 1980, Mintz finished his career with more than 4,000 passing yards and 40 touchdowns, earning All-County, All-Region, and All-State honors. He led the Panthers to a 30-12-1 record—the most career wins by a Southside quarterback.

His senior season in 1980 stands among the finest in school history. As team captain, Mintz passed for 1,750 yards and 20 touchdowns, leading Southside to a school-record 12 wins, its first region championship, an undefeated regular season, and its first playoff victory. The Panthers advanced to the Class 3A quarterfinals before falling to eventual state runner-up Hartselle. That team's 12-win

record stood until 2013.

A multi-sport athlete, Mintz also lettered four years in baseball and two years in basketball. He continued his football career at Jacksonville State University, earning varsity letters in 1982 and 1983. After being named Gulf South Conference Player of the Week in 1983, his playing career was cut short by injury.

Mintz began his coaching career in 1986 and quickly made an impact. As head coach at Ragland High School, he led the program to its first-ever playoff appearance. He later guided Glencoe High School to a state semifinal appearance in 1993 and region championships in 1995 and 1996.

Returning to Southside, Mintz played a key role in the development of Barney Hood Stadium. He later returned to Ragland, where he led the team to eight consecutive playoff appearances, including state semifinal runs in 2006 and 2011. After coaching stops in Tennessee, he continued his success at Westbrook Christian, leading the Warriors to 12 wins and multiple playoff appearances.

Since 2019, Mintz has served as Area Director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Etowah County and the Greater Gadsden area, continuing to impact lives through mentorship and faith. He is a member of the Southside High School Wall of Fame and the St. Clair County Hall of Fame.

Brian and his wife, Dr. Kim Subblefield, have four children: Matthew, Michael, John Mark, and Meileigh.

Editor's Note: This week, we introduced Garry Edward Elkins, James Wesley Graves, Jr., Rodney Wayne Long and Brian Mintz. Next week, we will introduce Barbara Downey Payne, Aaron Pearson, Randy Ross and Wes Vance.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

This is to inform that the 2026 Primary Run-Off Election will be held on June 16, 2026.
The offices to be voted on are listed below.

Scott W. Hassell
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Democratic Ballot

United States Senator

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Everett Wess

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Philip Montgomery and Tara Montgomery, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns dated February 2, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on March 9, 2016 as Instrument No. 3430850 as having been modified by an agreement recorded as Instrument No. 3550164 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3538102 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on July 1, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT 3 OF THE RESURVEY OF E.L. WILSON AND J.H. MCCORMICK SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "L", PAGE 46, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 1207 Case Avenue South East, Atlanta, AL 35954.

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

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

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

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of

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

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

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Garner B McBride, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Renasant Bank, its successors and assigns dated March 16, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on March 17, 2023 as Instrument No. 3554707 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Renasant Bank by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3571184 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. The undersigned, Renasant Bank, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on April 1, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

A portion of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 6 East of Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama, described as follows, to-wit: Commence at the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 6 East for the point of beginning and thence run Southerly along the East line of said Quarter a distance of 150 feet; thence run Westerly a distance of 80 feet on a line parallel with the North line of said Quarter; thence run Northerly a point on the North line of said Quarter, which is 100 feet West of the point of beginning; thence run East 100 feet along the North line of said Quarter

to the point of beginning, all lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama, save and except the portion conveyed to the State of Alabama as described in Deed recorded in Book 1902, Page 155, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 2997 Hall Dr, Gadsden, AL 35907. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

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

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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until June 10, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

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May 29, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH Default having been made under the terms of that certain mortgage executed by Bobby Barron and wife Shannon Barron on the 14th day of July, 2017 to The Exchange Bank of Alabama which said mortgage is recorded in the Probate Office Etowah County, Alabama, as Instrument Number 3453406, and by reason of such default, having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, The Exchange Bank of Alabama will sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, before the North entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, at noon or otherwise during the legal hours of sale on June 17th, 2026 the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and is described as follows: Commence at a grader blade marking the SE corner of Fraction "D" in Section 21, T-12-S, R-7-E, thence along the East line of said Fraction "D" the following bearings and distances: Thence N00°06'30"W 470.42' to a 1/2" rebar thence N00°06'35"W 199.73' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), said point being the point of beginning, thence leaving said East line of said Fraction "D" N89°42'14"W 566.88' to a 1/2" rebar, thence N89°36'06"W 170.25' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence N00°05'24"W 242.84' to a 1/2" solid iron, thence N00°31'22"W 278.50' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence S87°17'36"E 218.50' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence N19°54'56"E 114.58' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence S89°09'47"E 481.65' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS) on the East line of said Fraction "D," thence S00°06'28"E 615.81' along said East line of said Fraction "D" to the point of beginning, containing 9.92 acres more or less.

Said above described property subject to a 25' easement described as follows:

Commence at a grader blade marking the SE corner of Fraction "D," in Section 21, T-12-S, R-7-E, thence along the East line of said Fraction "D" the following bearings and distances: Thence N00°06'30"W 470.42' to a 1/2" rebar, thence N00°06'35"W 199.73' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence leaving said East line of said Fraction "D" N89°42'14"W 566.88' to a 1/2" rebar, thence N89°36'06"W 170.25' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence N00°05'24"W 150.06' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), said point being the point of beginning being 25' Northerly of the following described line: thence S61°59'27"W 291.03' to a point, thence S81°21'19"W 307.60' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-

497-LS) on the Easterly R/W of Pineview Avenue (60' (R/W) and the end of said easement.

Less and Except: Commence at a grader blade marking the SE corner of Fraction "D," Section 21, T-12-S, R-7-E, thence N02°23'55"W 670.64' along the East line of said fraction "D" to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), said point being the point of beginning, thence leaving said East line of said Fraction "D" S87°57'46"W 567.10' to a 1/2" rebar, thence S88°04'37"W 169.88 to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence N02°26'58"W 242.82' to a 1" solid iron, thence N88°02'18"E 517.19' to a nail, thence S02°23'55"E 157.47 to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence N87°57'47"E 220.00' to a 1/2" rebar capped (CA-497-LS) on the East line of said Fraction "D," thence S02°23'55"E 85.00' along said East line of said Fraction "D" to the point of beginning, containing 3.31 acres more or less.

For informational purposes the street address for the above referenced property is: 118 Barron Way, Glencoe, Alabama 35905.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described.

Said sale will be subject to the right of way easements and restrictions of record in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, and will be subject to outstanding property taxes, and existing special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to subject property.

Said property will be sold on an "As Is, Where Is" basis without warranty or recourse, express or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment. Neither the mortgagee, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of the mortgagee make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition, including those suggested by Code of Ala. (1975) §35-4-271, are expressly disclaimed.

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

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of said mortgage. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Reynolds, Reynolds & Little, LLC. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds or by wire transfer by 5:00 p.m. the next business day at the Law Office of Reynolds, Reynolds & Little, LLC at the address indicated below unless prior to said sale Reynolds, Reynolds & Little, LLC has agreed to a later date or closing location. The Mortgagee 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.

The failure of any high bidder to pay the purchase price and close this sale shall, at the option of Mortgagee, be cause for rejection of the bid, and if the bid is rejected, Mortgagee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is able, capable and willing to comply with the terms thereof.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancel-

lation.

The Exchange Bank of Alabama
Robert P. Reynolds
REYNOLDS, REYNOLDS & LITTLE, LLC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
2115 Maxie Thomas Way
Post Office Box 2863
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
35403-2863
Telephone: 205-391-0073
File No. 18.0058

May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

Case No.: 202500703

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 the decedent should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent. Done the 6th day of May 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

May 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLENE STEWART, DECEASED.

Case No.: 202500133

TO: Sharon Lashann Baugh; whereabouts unknown

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

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

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELORES FAY HARRISON, DECEASED

CASE NO: 202600194

TO: all unknown heirs

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

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

This the 12th day of May

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT

May 15, 22, and 29, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.:2026-00191

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF: WAYNE NAQUIN, JR. and RANI PLAISANCE NAQUIN.

TO: Unknown father
Address unknown

Please take notice that a petition for adoption of a child born to Brooklyn Naquin has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above alleging that the identity and/or whereabouts of the biological father of said minor child are unknown and have not been disclosed to the Court. The minor child's date of birth is 04/15/2025. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Scott Stewart, Esquire
750 Forrest Avenue, Suite 213 Gadsden, AL 35901

Given under my hand this the 21st day of May 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

May 29, June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION AND REPORT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: ALICE ROSELLA LANCE, DECEASED
Case No. CV2025900659

FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE ROSELLA LANCE

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

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

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

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

Attorney for Bobby Joe Lance
P.O. Drawer 287
Gadsden, AL 35902
2565461656

May 15, 22, and 29, 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 Thompson, was filed on the 24th day of April, 2026. Minor Child's birth date is 02/09/2022.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be and appear before this Court on the 30th day of June, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if you may have, why the Petition should not be granted to Alexis Thompson. 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: 202600169

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 12S, Range 6E, identified as Tract No. 37 on Project No. RACR028759002 in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

Parcel 1 of 1:
Commencing at the NE corner of Lot 9 of the Nannie N. Copeland Addition Subdivision according to the map recorded in PB C, PG 329 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama; thence Southeasterly 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 for 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 2565495333.

This the 5th day of May 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

May 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2026

JOB COMPLETION

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of completion for project IM059(447) & IM059(450), in Etowah County, Alabama. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on May 22 and ending on June 5, 2026. All claims should be filed at Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC P.O. Box 1890, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902 during this period.

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC
May 22, 29, and June 5, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units will be auctioned on June 10, 2026 beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the business premises of South-

towne Mini Warehouses, Southtowne is located at 199 Woodland Drive, off of Steele Station Road in Rainbow City, AL. 356906.

Marcia Hardney
Unit 24C & 170

Brunson Assoc
Unit 151

Brandon Garrard
Unit 162

Lisa Turk
Unit 184 & 533

Latonya Rutledge
Unit 446

Penny Witcher
Unit 468

Jessica Spears
Unit 520

Joe Gielarowski
Unit 577

Mary Butler
Unit 581

Kenneth Womack
Unit 609 & 640

Lynn Carson
Unit 671

Fulton Smith
Unit 692

Amber Smith
Unit 707

Frankie Pollard
Unit 792

Courtney Lumpkin
Unit 797

Joshua Kilgore
Unit 831

Donna Gregor
Unit 13-8

Lauri Price
Unit 28-1B

Ligaya Ferguson
Unit 34-1A

Susan Black
Unit 48-6

Lisa Rydel
Unit 5A-8 & 5A-9

Barbara Mashburn
Unit 13-12

Judith Gordon Moon
Unit 13-25

Joseph Giamalva
Unit 34-12

Katie Barcomb
Unit 52-17

Lanalda Woods
Unit 83-14

Latonya Rutledge
Unit 211-32

Leon Taylor
Unit 211-33

Sammy Satcher
Unit M3

Angela Vaughn
Unit 739 & 733

David Partridge
Unit G15

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

May 29 and June 5, 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 07/20/2026 at 8:00 am.

2015 Chrysler 200
VIN: 1C3CCCBB-8FN583535

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

May 29 and June 5, 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 07/20/2026 at 8:00 am.

2014 Hyun Tucson
VIN: KM8JU3A-G8EU945716

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

May 29 and June 5, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 10:00am CST, Thursday, June 25, 2026 for Re-roofing Sardis School Entry; at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Etowah County Board of Edu-

cation in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Bid Documents may be examined at the office of B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 436 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. Bidders may receive digital documents from the Architect at no cost.

Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to pre-qualification procedures, attended the mandatory pre-bid conference and have demonstrated the ability to provide 24/7/365 service with a main office within 60 miles driving distance of the project site as described in the pre-qualification package and/or Div 1 specifications and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof.

Prequalification packages are due at the office of the Architect by 9am CST on Monday, June 15, 2026. Contractors seeking pre-qualification shall submit a printed AIA form A305 in duplicate. A mandatory prebid conference shall be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 10am CST at the project site.

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

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

May 29, June 5, and 12, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 9:30am CST, Thursday, June 25, 2026 for Re-roofing Rainbow Middle School Cafeteria; at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Etowah County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Bid Documents may be examined at the office of B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 436 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. Bidders may receive digital documents from the Architect at no cost.

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May 29, June 5, and 12, 2026

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2026-00032

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff,

v. BUDDY C. JACKSON, deceased; ELZATER JACKSON, deceased; W. CHARLES JACKSON, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of BUDDIE C. JACKSON; GLENDORF JACKSON, deceased; ELFIDO OVALLE, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Elfido Ovalle, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; EULALIA TOMAS, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Eulalia Tomas, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; GLENDA JACKSON, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Glenda Jackson, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; W. CHARLES JACKSON, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of W. Charles Jackson, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; DAVID L. JACKSON, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of David L. Jackson, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; DORIS A. JACKSON, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Doris A. Jackson, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; VANESSA JACKSON AUSTIN, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Vanessa Jackson Austin, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA; FIRST EDUCATORS CREDIT UNION; that parcel of real property located at 516 Evans Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 and having a legal description of: A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the North Line of Lot No. 13 in the Cummins Addition as shown by Map thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 269, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements thereon.

TO BUDDY C. JACKSON, ELZATER JACKSON, W. CHARLES JACKSON, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BUDDIE C. JACKSON; ELFIDO OVALLE; EULALIA TOMAS; GLENDORF JACKSON; W. CHARLES JACKSON; GLENDA S. JACKSON; VAESSA JACKSON AUSTIN; DAVID L. JACKSON; DORIS A. JACKSON; FIRST EDUCATORS CREDIT UNION; CITY OF GADSDEN; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

ty filed the above-styled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property:

A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the North Line of Lot No. 13 in the Cummins Addition as shown by Map thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 269, Probate Office, which said point is 75 feet Easterly, measured along the North line of said Lot. From the Northwest corner thereof, said point also being the Northeast corner of that certain tract or parcel of land sold and conveyed by Clifford F. Ackerson and his wife, Gertrude V. Ackerson to Henry Williams and wife, Ester Williams, by Deed dated Oct. 22nd, 1948 and recorded in Book 401, Page 121, Probate Office; thence in a Easterly direction along the North line of said Lot No. 13 a distance of 55 Feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot No. 13; thence to the right at an angle of 99 degrees 51 minutes, forming an interior angle of 80 degrees and 09 minutes and run in a Southerly direction along the East lines of Lots No. 13 and 15 in said addition, a distance of 48 feet to a point; thence to the right at an angle of 84 degrees and 03 minutes, forming an interior angle of 95 degrees and 57 minutes, and run in a Westerly or Northwesterly, direction a distance of 57.3 feet to a point in the East line of said Williams Tract; thence in a Northerly Direction parallel with the West line of said Lot No. 13 and along the East line of said Williams, a distance of 44.5 feet to the point of beginning, and embracing portions of Lots No. 13 and 15 in the Cummins Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 269, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements thereon.

Property Address: 516 Evans Street, Gadsden, AL 35901

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for August 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Judge Brynn Crain's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the above-described land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them if being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Dated this the 21st day of May, 2026.

Cassandra "Sam" Johnson, Circuit Clerk
J. Lance Smith
Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C.
200 Chestnut Street, Suite A
Gadsden, AL 35901
Phone: (256) 543-3664
Facsimile: (256) 543-3674

May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2026-00033

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff,

v. GEORGE WRIGHT, deceased; GERTRUDE WRIGHT, deceased; GEORGE WRIGHT, JR., deceased; MILLICENT E. SWIFT-WRIGHT, if alive whereabouts unknown, the heirs and creditors of Millicent E. Swift-Wright, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; GEORGE ANTHONY WRIGHT, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of George Anthony Wright, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; JEFFREY EDWARD WRIGHT, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Jeffrey Edward Wright, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; that parcel of real property located at 515 Kyle Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 and having a legal description of: A lot described as beginning at the northwest corner of Lot Number 11, and from thence run in a southerly direction and along the easterly line thereof a distance of 50 feet to the southwest corner of said lot Number 11; thence in an easterly direction and along the South line of said lot Number 11 a distance of 75 feet; thence northerly and parallel with the west line of said Lot Number 11 a distance of 50 feet to a point in the north line thereof; thence in a westerly direction and along said north line a distance of 75 feet to the point of beginning, and embracing a portion of Lot Number Eleven (11) in the Cummins Addition according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 269, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 10-08-33-3-000-372.000 PPIN: 17009; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

TO GEORGE WRIGHT; GERTRUDE WRIGHT; GEORGE WRIGHT, JR.; MILLICENT E. SWIFT-WRIGHT; GEORGE ANTHONY WRIGHT; JEFFREY EDWARD WRIGHT; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

TAKE NOTICE that on May 12, 2026, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property:

A lot described as beginning at the northwest corner of Lot Number 11, and from thence run in a southerly direction and along the easterly line thereof a distance of 50 feet to the southwest corner of said lot Number 11; thence in an easterly direction and along the South line of said lot Number 11 a distance of 75 feet; thence northerly and parallel with the west line of said Lot Number 11 a distance of 50 feet to a point in the north line thereof; thence in a westerly direction and along said north line a distance of 75 feet to the point of beginning, and embracing a portion of Lot Number Eleven (11) in the Cummins Addition according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 269, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all

improvements located thereon.

Property Address: 5 1 5 Kyle Street, Gadsden, AL 35901

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for August 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in Judge Sonny Steen's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the above-described land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Dated this the 21st day of May, 2026.

Cassandra "Sam" Johnson, Circuit Clerk
J. Lance Smith
Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C.
200 Chestnut Street, Suite A
Gadsden, AL 35901
Phone: (256) 543-3664
Facsimile: (256) 543-3674

May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2026-00034

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff,

v. FOY HOSKINS, deceased; EARLENE HOSKINS, deceased; GLENN HOSKINS; BRYAN HOSKINS; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; that parcel of real property located at 0 Louise Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901 and having a legal description of: Lots Number Five (5), and Seven (7), in Rearrangement of West Half of Block 4 of Brainard R. Pegram Trustee Subdivision, according to the map of said rearrangement recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 201, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Said property is conveyed subject to the rights of Alabama Power Company as shown in Book 5-Y, Page 182, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 10-07-36-2-000-025.002 PPIN: 15632; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

TO FOY HOSKINS; EARLENE HOSKINS;

GLENN HOSKINS; BRYAN HOSKINS; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, TAKE NOTICE that on May 12, 2026, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property:

Lots Number Five (5), and Seven (7), in Rearrangement of West Half of Block 4 of Brainard R. Pegram Trustee Subdivision, according to the map of said rearrangement recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 201, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Said property is conveyed subject to the rights of Alabama Power Company as shown in Book 5-Y, Page 182, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Property Address: 0 Louise Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for July 22, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in Judge George Days's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the above-described land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Dated this the 21st day of May, 2026

Cassandra "Sam" Johnson, Circuit Clerk
J. Lance Smith
Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C.
200 Chestnut Street, Suite A
Gadsden, AL 35901
Phone: (256) 543-3664
Facsimile: (256) 543-3674

May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2026-00035

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff,

v. BILLY R. BROWN, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Billy R. Brown, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown;

JAMES F. JOHNSON if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of James F. Johnson, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA; that parcel of real property located at 1613 Cooper Street, Gadsden, AL 35904 and having a legal description of: Lot Number Twenty-one (21) in Rebecca Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "D" Page 59, Probate Office, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama, subject to the rights, if any of the Southern Natural Gas Company as described in Deed Record "4-Z", Page 576, Probate Office, and being subject to the rights of Alabama Power Company as described in Record Book "343", Page 485, in said Probate Office. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-04-17-0-001-053.000 PPIN: 40457; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

TO BILLY R. BROWN; JAMES F. JOHNSON; CITY OF GADSDEN; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, TAKE NOTICE that on May 12, 2026, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property:

Lot Number Twenty-one (21) in Rebecca Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "D" Page 59, Probate Office, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama, subject to the rights, if any of the Southern Natural Gas Company as described in Deed Record "4-Z", Page 576, Probate Office, and being subject to the rights of Alabama Power Company as described in Record Book "343", Page 485, in said Probate Office.

Property Address: 1613 Cooper Street, Gadsden, AL 35904

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

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

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

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

Dated this the 21st day of May, 2026.

Cassandra "Sam" Johnson, Circuit Clerk
J. Lance Smith
Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C.
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May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2026-00036

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff,

v. C.E. LOFTIS, JR., deceased; EDDIE LOFTIS, deceased; BRENDA WEST, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Brenda West, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; JOANNA THOMPSON; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA; ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; that parcel of real property located at 418 Princeton Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 and having a legal description of: Commencing 50 feet from the Southwest corner of Lot Number 62, East as a starting point, thence along the public road 100 feet, to the Southeast corner of said Lot 62, thence North along the line of said Lot 62, 303 feet to the Northeast corner of said lot, thence West along the North line of said lot, 30 feet, thence South 303 feet to the beginning point and being a part of lot 62, of the India Sutherlin Estate as shown by map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book C, page 311 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama said property being and lying in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama; Less and except a lot or parcel of land commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 62, and running North 148 feet, as a starting point; thence North along the Public road 155 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 62, thence West 30 feet, thence South 150 feet, thence East 80 feet to the point of beginning and being a part of Lot 62 in the India Sutherlin Estate as shown by map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book C, page 311 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said property being and lying in the County of Etowah and State of Alabama. LESS AND EXCEPT: A part of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 6 East, identified as Tract No. 67 on Project No ACSTPAA-0137(013) in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 6 East, identified as Tract No. 67 on Project No ACSTPAA-0137(013) in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 6 East, identified as Tract No. 67 on Project No ACSTPAA-0137(013) in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 6 East, identified as Tract No. 67 on Project No ACSTPAA-0137(013) in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

minutes 54 seconds East a distance of 108.04 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way of Princeton Avenue said point being 40 Westeryly of and at right angles to the centerline of Auburn Avenue at Station 25+00; thence South 18 degrees 35 minutes 54 seconds East a distance of 108.04 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way of Princeton Avenue said point being 40 Westeryly of and at right angles to the centerline of Auburn Avenue at Station 26+07.58' thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 24 seconds East and along said right of way a distance of 28.23 feet to a point on the Westeryly right of way of Auburn Street; thence North 13 degrees 48 minutes 46 seconds West and along said right of way a distance of 161.06 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 55 seconds West a distance 01135.86 feet; thence South 0 degrees 25 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 24.26 feet; to the point and place of beginning. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 10-07-35-2-000-067.000 PPIN: 15067; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

Property Address: 418 Princeton Street, Gadsden, AL 35901

TO C.E. LOFTIS, JR.; EDDIE LOFTIS; BRENDA WEST; JOANN THOMPSON; ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CITY OF GADSDEN; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein,

TAKE NOTICE that on May 12, 2026, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property:

Commencing 50 feet from the Southwest corner of Lot Number 62, East as a starting point, thence along the public road 100 feet, to the Southeast corner of said Lot 62, thence North along the line of said Lot 62, 303 feet to the Northeast corner of said lot, thence West along the North line of said lot, 30 feet, thence South 303 feet to the beginning point and being a part of lot 62, of the India Sutherlin Estate as shown by map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book C, page 311 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama said property being and lying in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama; Less and except a lot or parcel of land commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 62, and running North 148 feet, as a starting point; thence North along the Public road 155 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 62, thence West 30 feet, thence South 150 feet, thence East 80 feet to the point of beginning and being a part of Lot 62 in the India Sutherlin Estate as shown by map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book C, page 311 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said property being and lying in the County of Etowah and State of Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

A part of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 6 East, identified as Tract No. 67 on Project No ACSTPAA-0137(013) in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 6 East, identified as Tract No. 67 on Project No ACSTPAA-0137(013) in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

seconds East a distance of 62.19 feet to a point that is 50 feet Westeryly of and at right angles to the centerline of Auburn Avenue at Station 25+00; thence South 18 degrees 35 minutes 54 seconds East a distance of 108.04 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way of Princeton Avenue said point being 40 Westeryly of and at right angles to the centerline of Auburn Avenue at Station 26+07.58' thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 24 seconds East and along said right of way a distance of 28.23 feet to a point on the Westeryly right of way of Auburn Street; thence North 13 degrees 48 minutes 46 seconds West and along said right of way a distance of 161.06 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 55 seconds West a distance 01135.86 feet; thence South 0 degrees 25 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 24.26 feet; to the point and place of beginning.

Property Address: 418 Princeton Street, Gadsden, AL 35901

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for August 4, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. in Judge Brynn Crain's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the above-described land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Dated this the 21st day of May, 2026.

Cassandra "Sam" Johnson, Circuit Clerk

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May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2026-00037

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff,

v. W.C. ROBERTSON, deceased; VERA ROBERTSON, deceased; RICKY ROBERTSON, deceased; LARRY ROBERTSON, deceased; MARTHA HEATH, as the personal representative

of the Estate of Vera Robertson; MARTHA JEAN ROBERTSON DENSON, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Martha Jean Robertson Denson, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; GLENDA ROBERTSON, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Glenda Robertson, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; VALERIE GALBREATH; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; that parcel of real property located at 306 Princeton Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901 and having a legal description of: Lot Number Thirteen (13) in Block Number Ten (10) of North Highland Addition to the City of Gadsden according to the map thereof recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama in Vol. "B", Page 61, said property lying and being situated in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 10-07-35-2-000-078.000 PPIN: 15080; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

TO W.C. ROBERTSON; VERA ROBERTSON; MARTHA JEAN ROBERTSON DENSON; GLENDA JANE ROBERTSON; RICKY ROBERTSON; LARRY ROBERTSON; VALERIE GALBREATH; MARTH HEATH. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF VERA ROBERTSON; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, TAKE NOTICE that on May 12, 2026, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property:

Lot Number Thirteen (13) in Block Number Ten (10) of North Highland Addition to the City of Gadsden according to the map thereof recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama in Vol. "B", Page 61, said property lying and being situated in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Property Address: 3 0 6 Princeton Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for August 5, 2026 at 10:15 a.m. in Judge Sonny Steen's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom

this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the above-described land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Dated this the 21st day of May, 2026.

Cassandra "Sam" Johnson, Circuit Clerk
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Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, P.C.
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May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2026-00038

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff,

v. HELEN DUKE HESTER, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Helen Duke Hester, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; RODGER DALE DUKE, deceased; MARSHA DUKE CHAPMAN, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Marsha Duke Chapman, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; LINDA DUKE EADS, deceased; CHRIS DUKE, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Chris Duke, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA; that parcel of real property located at 220 Presley Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901 and having a legal description of: Lot Number Four (4) in Block Number One (1) in Presley Addition, being a survey and resubdivision of Lots 68, 70, and 71 of the India Sutherland estate, according to the map or plat of said Presley Addition as same appears of record in Plat Book "D", page 215, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being situated in Etowah County, Alabama. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 10-07-35-2-000-003.000 PPIN: 14992; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

TO HELEN DUKE HESTER; RODGER DALE DUKE; MARSHA DUKE CHAPMAN; LINDA DUKE; CRAIG DUKE; CHRIS DUKE; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein,

TAKE NOTICE that on May 12, 2026, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being situated in Etowah County, Alabama. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

The address of the Gadsden Land Bank Authority is City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Property Address: 2 2 0 Presley Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST

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

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the above-described land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Dated this the 21st day of May, 2026.

Cassandra "Sam" Johnson, Circuit Clerk

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

May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2026-00039

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff,

v. JOHN HAWKINS, deceased; WILLIS HAWKINS, deceased; TISHA JONES, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Tisha Jones, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; SHARISE JONES, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Sharise Jones, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA; that parcel of real property located at 513 Kyle Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 and having a legal description of: A lot described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot Number 13 and from thence run in an Easterly direction and along the North line of said Lot Number 13 a distance of 75 feet; thence in a Southerly direction and parallel with the West lines of Lots Numbered 13 and 15 a distance of 51.5 feet; thence to the right at an angle of 88 degrees and run in a Northwesterly direction and in a direct line a distance of 73 feet to a point in the West line of said Lot Number 13 a distance of 75 feet; thence in a Southerly direction and parallel with the East line of said Lot Number 13 a distance of 36.5 feet to the point of beginning, and embracing portions of Lot Numbers Thirteen (13) and Fifteen (15) in the Cummings Addition according to the

map thereof recorded in Plat Book "A", page 269, Probate Office, lying and being in Gadsden, Alabama, Etowah County, together with all improvements located thereon. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-02-04-2-000-151.000 PPIN: 33312; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

TO JOHN HAWKINS; WILLIS HAWKINS; TISHA JONES; SHARISE JONES; CITY OF GADSDEN; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein,

TAKE NOTICE that on May 12, 2026, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property:

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Property Address: 5 1 3 Kyle Street, Gadsden, AL 35901

ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for August 5, 2026 at 8:45 a.m. in Judge George Day's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of the Court may result in title to the property vesting in the Gadsden Land Bank Authority. Any person who proves to the Court's satisfaction a right to redeem the property pursuant to Alabama Code §§ 40-10-73 (1975) et seq. or Alabama Code §§ 40-10-83 (1975) et seq. may redeem the property pursuant to those statutes within five (5) days after the appropriate Order on Final Hearing is issued. FAILURE TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY AND PRESENT PROOF OF REDEMPTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THE 5-DAY PERIOD MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

The address of the Gadsden Land Bank Authority is City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The Gadsden Land Bank Authority may be contacted care of Erin Patterson, City of Gadsden, at (256) 549-4553. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the undersigned Clerk of Court that publication of this notice be made once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Gadsden Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, and that all persons to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance on the above-described land or any part thereof are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in this cause before the hearing date or a judgment by default may be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Property Address: 518 Evans Street, Gadsden, AL 35901
ANY PERSON WITH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY LOSE SUCH INTEREST, IF ANY, AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. The final hearing on this quiet title and foreclosure action is hereby set for August 4, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in Judge Bryn Crain's Courtroom, Etowah County Courthouse, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The judgment of

Dated this the 21st day of May, 2026.

Cassandra "Sam" Johnson, Circuit Clerk
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May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2026-00040

GADSDEN LAND BANK AUTHORITY, a Public Corporation, Plaintiff,

v. STACEY THOMAS, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of Stacey Thomas, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; JOHN WILLIAMS, if alive whereabouts unknown, if deceased, the heirs and creditors of John Williams, whose names, addresses and ages are unknown; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; that parcel of real property located at 518 Evans Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901 and having a legal description of: A lot described as beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot Number 11 and from thence run in a Southerly direction and along the East line thereof a distance of 50 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot Number 11; thence in a Westerly direction and along the South line thereof a distance of 55 feet; thence Northerly and parallel with the East line of said Lot Number 11 a distance of 50 feet to the North line thereof; thence Easterly and along said Lot line a distance of 55 feet to the point of beginning and embracing a portion of Lot Number 11 in Cummins Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book A, page 269, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 10-08-33-3-000-371.000 PPIN: 17008; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

TO STACEY THOMAS; JOHN WILLIAMS; ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; and any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein, TAKE NOTICE that on May 12, 2026, the Gadsden Land Bank Authority filed the above-styled Complaint and the record reflects recorded notice of a pending quiet title and foreclosure action in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama concerning the rights and/or interests in the following real property:

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May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama The Estate of: White, Vivian DECEASED.

You will take notice that a Petition for Disposition of Remains filed by London Pearce, for the disposition of the remains of Vivian White, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 3rd day of May, 2026, is set to be heard on the 10th day of June, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in Judge Hassell's Courtroom alleging that there are no known next of kin to take custody of the remains of the Decedent. Please be advised that should you intend to contest this matter or desire to take custody of the remains of the Decedent of the proper disposition, you must file a written response within two (2) days of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Courthouse, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.

DONE THIS THE 26TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS STATE-FUNDED PROJECT NO. IAR-028-000-004

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Rainbow City at 3700 Rainbow Dr, Rainbow City, AL 35906, until Monday, June 29, 2026 at 10:00am CST and at that time publicly opened for constructing the following:

Base and pave of an industrial access road from Lumley Road to SMD Steel Facility For the City of Rainbow City, PROJECT NO. IAR-028-000-004

The bracket estimate on this project is from \$800,000 to \$950,000. This bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the de-

cision to award the contract. The principal items of work are approximately as follows:

446 Borrow Excavation (Loose Truckbed Measurement), Per Cubic Yard
12397 Roadbed Processing, Per Square Yard
10507 Crushed Agg Base Course, Type B, Plant Mixed 6" Compacted Thickness, Per Square Yard
815 SuperPave Bituminous Concrete Wearing Surface Layer 1/2" Max Agg Size Mix Esal C/D, Per Ton
963 SuperPave Bituminous Concrete Upper Binder Layer 3/4" Max Agg Size Mix Esal C/D, Per Ton
The entire project shall be completed in thirty (30) working days.

To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete original proposals made available by the owner. Bid documents (including plans and proposals) are available at Three Notch Group, Inc., 515 Locust Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901(256) 543-9431, upon payment of a refundable (if plans are returned in reusable condition within 10 days of bid opening) deposit of \$250. Checks shall be made payable to Three Notch Group. PDF electronic copies are available via email at no cost to the bidder. Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit. No bid documents will be distributed later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled opening of bids.

A cashier's check (drawn on an Alabama bank) or bid bond for 5% of the amount bid (maximum Of \$10,000.00) and made payable to the City of Rainbow City must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

In accordance with Section 34-8-8. Code of Alabama as amended, "all owners, architects, and engineers receiving bids pursuant to this chapter shall require the person, firm or corporation to include his or her current license number on the bid." It also states that "... it will be necessary for him or her to show evidence of license before his or her bid is considered." Proposals will be issued only to and accepted from contractors on the Alabama Department of Transportation's (ALDOT) List of Pre-Qualified Contractors. The award of the contract will be made only to a contractor who has a valid certification of qualification from ALDOT as required by state law and will not be made to any bidder who is considered by ALDOT to be disqualified from bidding, or is an affiliate of or has a corporate officer, director, or principal owner who is a corporate officer, director, or owner of another person who is presently disqualified by ALDOT. Further details and definitions regarding this provision are included in SECTION 102 OF SPECIAL PROVISION 26-LPA-001 and ALDOT's standard specifications.

Proof of insurance coverages of the types and amounts as set forth in the project specifications will be required of the contractor, and any and all subcontractors, prior to beginning work. The contractor will be required to perform work amounting to at least 30% of the total contract cost with his own organization. This is a state-funded project through ALDOT. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. Honorable Joe Taylor, Mayor

May 29, June 5, 12 and June 26, 2026

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