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With Gadsden's planned addition of a hotel on the downtown side of the river, the proposed pedestrian bridge, depicted above, will provide a link to The Venue at Coosa Landing.

Gadsden awarded grant for new pedestrian bridge project

On Friday, Mayor Craig Ford announced the City of Gadsden has received a \$690,000 grant from Innovate Alabama for engineering and design for a pedestrian bridge across the Coosa River.

Innovate Alabama is a statewide public-private partnership focused on entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation. The organization was formed as a result of Gov. Kay Ivey's Alabama Innovation Commission in 2021 to implement the commission's recommendations.

"It's a tremendous honor to receive this grant," said Mayor Craig Ford. "When we first put together the GROW Gadsden master plan, building a vision for the riverfront was a major part of it. And one of the centerpieces of that plan is a pedestrian bridge across the Coosa River to connect our downtown with East Gadsden. This project will have effects on Gadsden far beyond being

a beautiful place for a walk." Besides being an instant landmark and attraction for Gadsden as the first pedestrian bridge over the Coosa River, it will also improve the city's walkability and connect riverfront parks and regional trail networks.

"This will provide another way for people to navigate across our city," Ford said. "It opens up new, safer routes for exercise and travel. We're making Gadsden more attractive for everyone to want to bring their talents and put down roots here."

Increasing foot traffic to local businesses, stimulating riverfront growth and boosting tourism are all parts of improving the local quality of life — a key element in attracting and retaining young professionals.

With Gadsden's planned addition of a hotel on the downtown side of the river, the pedestrian bridge will

also provide a critical link to The Venue at Coosa Landing, one of Northeast Alabama's premiere meeting spaces and conference centers.

"I want to thank Innovate Alabama for seeing the potential in our plans for this pedestrian bridge and the major impact it will have on Gadsden," Ford said. "I also want to thank our citizens who contributed to the GROW Gadsden master plan and our staff who are constantly working to keep us moving forward."

The \$690,000 grant will cover a majority of the engineering, design and surveying for the overall project.

Innovate Alabama also supports outdoor recreation projects that strengthen quality of life, enhance community connectivity, and create places where entrepreneurs, innovators, and skilled talent want to live and work.

Through strategic investments in outdoor assets and in-

frastructure, the organization helps communities leverage recreation as a tool for economic competitiveness and talent attraction and retention.

About Innovate Alabama
Innovate Alabama was established to implement the initiatives and recommendations set forth in the Alabama Innovation Commission's report, including smart policy solutions that will create a more resilient, inclusive and robust economy to remain competitive in a 21st-century world.

With founding CEO Cynthia Crutchfield leading the charge, Innovate Alabama is also made up of a board of 11 innovation leaders appointed by Gov. Ivey, collaborating across sectors to advance industries, drive technology and facilitate an environment where innovation and small businesses thrive.

Learn more about Innovate Alabama at www.innovatealabama.org.



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Candidates for District 1 and 3 qualify for upcoming city election

Gadsden City Councilwoman Tonya Latham has announced her candidacy for re-election to represent District 1, pledging to continue the progress that has improved neighborhoods, strengthened infrastructure, enhanced public safety, and created new opportunities for residents throughout the district.

Community leader, retired healthcare administrator, and longtime advocate for neighborhood improvement, Denecia Getaw has officially announced candidacy for the Gadsden City Council District 3 seat.

Tonya Latham

A lifelong resident of Gadsden, Latham attended Donehoo Elementary School, Cory Middle School, and Litchfield High School before earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education from Miles College. Her lifelong connection to the community gives her a unique understanding of the needs and opportunities facing District 1 and the City of Gadsden. "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the constituents and communities of District 1," Latham said. "I am excited about the progress our city has made in such a short period of time. There is so much more to embark upon. Together, we are building a better, stronger Gadsden not just for today, but for the next generation. We Are One."

Since taking office, Latham has worked to improve quality of life for District 1 residents through strategic



TONYA LATHAM

investments in infrastructure, parks, public safety, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization. She has built strong working relationships with Mayor Craig Ford, fellow council members, community leaders, and local stakeholders to advance projects that benefit both District 1 and the entire city.

Among the accomplishments achieved during her tenure are:

- Major drainage improvements on Springrock Street, Adams-Daugett residential area, and Murray Drive areas, with additional projects currently underway
- Support for the creation of the City's paving crew, allowing more streets to be



DENECIA GETAW

resurfaced and maintained efficiently

- Construction and relocation of the new City Hall building
- Development of the Gadsden Athletic Center
- Improvements to the East Gadsden Community Center, including upgrades to the swimming pool and splash pad facilities
- Resurfacing of Hoke Street and intersection improvements at Hoke Street and East Broad Street
- Restrictions on 18-wheeler traffic along East Broad Street
- Renovations and upgrades to Hughley Park and Adams-Daugett Park

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NEWS

OBITUARY



Edward Thames Turner

Edward Thames Turner died on Sunday, May 31, at age 98. Ted, as he was known, was born in Sherrill, New York, and raised in Opelika, Alabama. He graduated from Opelika High School and immediately joined the Navy and served in Saipan and Tinian in the final years of World War II. Ted's Navy years were spent in the Seabees, building airstrips and water systems in the Northern Marianas Islands.

After his discharge from the Navy, Ted returned to Alabama and earned a Business degree at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now called Auburn University. A lifelong supporter of the Auburn Tigers, Ted attended hundreds of football games. His love for the Tigers was fearless and true.

Ted worked in purchasing at Goodyear Tire and Rubber for 37 years. Many of his closest friends were made

during his career there. He enjoyed the friendship of his Goodyear colleagues for the rest of his life. He spent many happy hours on the golf course at Goodyear with old friends and new ones, playing 9 or 18 holes and spending time together in the clubhouse.

Ted was married to his beloved wife, Lynn, for almost 50 years. Time spent enjoying friends and family, cooking, golfing, trips to the beach, and music was cherished together. He lovingly cared for her as she battled cancer. He was a tender-hearted husband and father.

Meadowbrook Baptist Church nurtured his faith and the friendships he formed there were enduring. Quiet acts of service and fellowship were how his true devotion was manifested. Ted served as a volunteer at Way of the Cross. He found the work to be fulfilling, and the camaraderie of the Wednesday group was a weekly dose of happiness. He continued to volunteer as long as he was able.

Ted valued spending time with people. He loved talking, laughing, and caring for others. His relationships were treasured and tended. He was generous and funny and had friends of all ages.

At the time of his death, he had several special and cherished friendships. Stephanie Watson brought care, knowledge and laughter to his daily life. He was healthier and much happier

because she was his companion and caregiver. Anne Kathryn Ashley was more than a neighbor; she was a true friend and partner in all manner of foolishness. The gentle friendship of Mona Wallace and her loving family, who embraced him as one of their own, brought him enormous joy.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents, James Webb and Mattie Lou Turner, brother James W. Turner, sister Mary Ann Dorsey, and his wife, Lynn Wright Turner. He is survived by two daughters, Melissa (Missy) Turner and Alice Turner Machin (Ricardo), grandsons Edward (Ted) Machin and Graham Machin, sister-in-law Gloria Rives, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Tommy and Tena Wright, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 9, at 2:00 at Meadowbrook Church, 2525 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, with visitation at 1:00. Pallbearers will be Russ Ashley, Campbell Ashley, Ricardo Machin, Graham Machin, Tommy Wright, and Bill Poe. Honorary pallbearers will be Edward Machin, Carr Ashley, Eddie Whitson, Dr. Alberto Echeverri, Lee Trotter, Johnny Wetzel and the Wednesday volunteer group at the Way of the Cross. Donations may be made in Ted's honor to The Way of the Cross, 101 N 24th St, Gadsden, AL 35904.



ROAD CLOSURES

Ramp closures Monday

Alabama Department of Transportation closes two Interstate 759 ramps in the Gadsden/Attalla area on Monday to complete maintenance paving.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., the I-759 westbound ramp to Interstate 59 southbound at the west end of I-759, according to the ALDOT website. This is estimated to last three to four hours, the website said.

ALDOT suggests using I-59 northbound and taking Exit 183 and return to I-59 southbound, the website said.

Once that ramp is completed, maintenance operations will continue on the

ramp to I-759 westbound to I-59 northbound. This is expected to begin around noon and be closed another three to four hours, lasting until around 4 p.m., according to ALDOT.

The website suggests using I-59 southbound to Exit 181 (State Road 77) to return to I-59 northbound.

These repair times are subject to change depending on the weather conditions, the website said. The completion times are estimates and road closures will continue at each site until the work is completed.

Downtown Gadsden

The 200 block of Broad Street remains closed for the installation of the pedestrian crosswalk. Shops and sidewalks are still open.

Tuscaloosa Ave.

Sections of Tuscaloosa Ave. remain closed as work continues on Phase 2 of the Agricola Drainage project.

The overall project is focused on fixing drainage issues around Nocalula Gateway Plaza (the former Agricola Shopping Center), North 11th St., Jacksonville St. and others in the area.

Tuscaloosa Ave. is closed from North 11th St. to North 10th St. and will remain closed until at least July 1.

The detour includes traveling along

North 11th St., Sequoyah Ave, Kyle Alley and North 10th St.

Spring St., Wawonah St., and Kyle St. remain open to local traffic from the north side.

Locations including Carver Square, the Carver Community Center and Quality of Life can be accessed from the south side via Evans St.

Other streets, such as Jacksonville St., Tuscaloosa Court and Ashley Ave., remain open.

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- Securing grant funding for safety improvements at the College Parkway and Highway 431 intersection
- Support for the Inclusive Champions Field and Gadsden Sports Park projects

Latham has also supported citywide initiatives that have benefited residents across Gadsden, including employee pay raises, investments in new equipment and vehicles for first responders, demolition of dilapidated properties, expanded sanitation services, support for local schools and extracurricular activities, and partnerships with youth organizations.

Her support for economic development efforts has helped create employment opportunities through the recruitment of companies such as Minth Group and new businesses while continuing to advocate for public-private partnerships that strengthen neighborhoods and create long-term growth.

Latham currently serves as Chairperson of the Education and Recreation Committee, Co-Chair of the Public Works Committee, and a member of the Community and Economic Development Committee on the Gadsden City Council.

She also represents Gadsden nationally through her service with the National League of Cities, where she serves on the

Small Cities Council, Racial Equity and Leadership Council, National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and Community and Economic Development Committee.

Looking ahead, Latham said her priorities remain focused on safer neighborhoods, reliable infrastructure, expanded green spaces, economic growth, affordable housing opportunities, and continued investment in the people and communities of District 1.

"Our district is cleaner, safer, and jobs are coming, but there is much more to accomplish," Latham said. "With me, I know the job, so there will not be a learning curve. From day one, I will continue moving District 1 forward, building on the progress we've made and delivering results for our neighborhoods, our families, and our future. We have only just begun, and I am committed to continuing the work of making District 1 and Gadsden stronger than ever."

Denecia Getaw

A lifelong member of the Gadsden community, Getaw is a proud graduate of St. Martin de Porres School and Carver High School and attended Gadsden State Community College. Following a successful career dedicated to serving others, Getaw retired after 19 years in management with Quality of Life Health Services, Inc., where leadership, accountability, and community service were at the center of daily work.

In addition to a distinguished professional career, Getaw has remained actively involved in civic leadership. Getaw currently serves as Vice-President of the Gadsden Beautification Board and was recently elected Vice-President of the Gadsden Planning Commission. Through these roles, Getaw has worked to improve neighborhoods, enhance the city's appearance, and help shape thoughtful growth and development throughout Gadsden.

"District 3 deserves a representative who listens, leads with integrity, and works every day to improve the quality of life for all residents," said Getaw. "I am committed to revitalizing the self-esteem, connection, and visual appeal of our community while building a stronger future for our families and neighborhoods."

As a candidate for City Council, Getaw's platform is built upon several key principles:

- Honesty and Transparency — Promoting open communication, accountability, and trust to strengthen relationships between city government and residents.
- Ambitious Leadership — Taking a proactive approach to identifying challenges, delivering solutions, and achieving successful results for District 3.
- Networking and Collaboration — Building genuine partnerships that encourage the sharing of knowledge, resources, and support to benefit the entire community.

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- Community Growth and Unity — Being accessible to all residents, sensitive to their opinions, and responsive to their concerns while working to bring people together.

- Infrastructure Improvement and Expansion — Advocating for investments that strengthen roads, public spaces, utilities, and neighborhood infrastructure to support growth and improve quality of life.

Getaw believes effective leadership begins with service and a commitment to the people of District 3.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members," said civil rights leader Coretta Scott King. This philosophy has long guided Getaw's dedication to serving others and strengthening the community.

"Together, we can continue building a District 3 that is connected, vibrant, and full of opportunity," said Getaw. "I am ready to work with residents, businesses, churches, and community organizations to move our district forward."

For more information about the campaign, volunteer opportunities, or upcoming events, contact Denecia Getaw at mzdagd3@gmail.com or visit "Denecia Getaw for City Council District 3" on Facebook.

The municipal election will be held on August 25, 2026.

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EDUCATION

GSCC Cardinal Foundation receives Walmart Spark Good Grant to expand public safety training

The Gadsden State Cardinal Foundation has received a grant through the Walmart Spark Good Grant Program to support and expand public safety training initiatives throughout the community. The funding will enhance access to critical training opportunities that equip individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to respond effectively during emergency situations.

Through this grant, the Cardinal Foundation will collaborate with departments across Gadsden State Community College to offer a variety of public safety programs focused on emergency response, situational awareness, and community preparedness. These initiatives are designed to provide residents across the region with greater access to life-saving education and essential safety resources.

"This funding creates meaningful opportunities for our community to become better prepared and more resilient," said Jay Freeman, chief of police at Gadsden State. "By expanding access to public safety training, we are empowering individuals with the tools and confidence they need to respond in

critical moments. Partnerships like this strengthen the safety and well-being of our entire community."

The Cardinal Foundation continues to play a vital role in connecting philanthropic support with impactful programs that benefit both students and the broader community. Through strategic partnerships such as the Walmart Spark Good Grant Program, the Foundation is able to expand its reach and increase the availability of workforce and community-based training opportunities.

"Our partnership with Walmart through the Spark Good program demonstrates the power of collaboration in addressing community needs," said Hillary Folsom, director of Advancement and Alumni Relations with Gadsden State. "This grant not only supports essential public safety training but also reinforces our commitment to expanding educational opportunities that make a meaningful difference in people's lives. Together, we are helping build a safer, more prepared community."



Photo courtesy of Gadsden State Community College

Pictured from left to right are Sergeant Bankson of Gadsden State, Hillary Folsom, Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations and Chief Freeman, Police Chief of Gadsden State.

More than 21,000 graduate from Alabama's community colleges



Submitted photo

The Alabama Community College System (ACCS) concluded a successful 2025-2026 award year by awarding 30,389 degrees and certificates to 21,005 graduates who completed programs during the Summer 2025, Fall 2025, and Spring 2026 semesters. These numbers do not include completers of Adult Education and non-credit training programs.

According to ACCS, 10,800 students earned 11,178 associate degrees. These two-year degrees provide students with a strong foundation to enter the workforce or seamlessly transfer credits to a four-year college or university as they pursue higher education credentials, including bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

Certificate programs are also a vital part of the community college mission. ACCS colleges award both short-term and long-term certificates, allowing students to enter the workforce more quickly through credit-bearing programs aligned with specific job skills and industry competencies. During the 2025-

2026 award year, 10,695 students completed 19,211 short-term and long-term certificate programs. Short-term certificates typically range from 9 to 29 semester credit hours, while long-term certificates require at least 30 credit hours and do not exceed 60 credit hours. Many students also apply these credits toward continued college education.

Among the 2025-2026 graduates were 1,580 dually enrolled high school students, who collectively earned 2,004 credentials. ACCS colleges awarded 1,736 short-term and long-term certificates to these high school students, while 227 dual enrollment graduates earned 268 associate degrees simultaneously with their high school diploma.

The top credentials conferred were Associates in Science and in career pathways such as registered nursing, practical nursing, welding, advanced manufacturing, and computer information systems.

Final numbers will differ as colleges complete degree audits for the Spring 2026 semester.

Gadsden City Schools announces free and reduced meal policy

Gadsden City Schools announced recently its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. For School Year 2026-2027 Gadsden City Schools will continue participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). No further action is required of you. This

USDA provision allows your child(ren) to participate in the school meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

CEP is a key provision of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, which allows schools and school districts in low-income areas to eliminate school meal applications and serve breakfast and lunch at no

charge to all enrolled students. CEP gives food service professionals more time to focus on preparing nutritious meals that their students will enjoy and gives students more time to eat those meals by cutting down on time spent in the lunch line. More importantly, by offering all students a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, CEP helps ensure more students

come to class well-nourished and ready to learn.

Children need healthy meals to learn. Gadsden City Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast and lunch meals will follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals, so please encourage students to participate. "In the operation of child

feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability."

Parents or guardians who need further information may contact Johnnie Parker, Child Nutrition Program Director by emailing pmcburnett@gadsdencityschools.org or phoning 256-549-2971.

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EDUCATION



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Jacksonville State University officially opened the Randy Owen Center for the Performing Arts in unforgettable fashion on Wednesday night, May 27, as some of the biggest names in country music gathered to honor Jax State alumnus and ALABAMA frontman Randy Owen during a sold-out grand opening celebration.

JSU celebrates grand opening of ROC with star-studded concert

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Live in Concert: Randy Owen and Friends brought together a lineup of country music royalty to perform songs spanning ALABAMA's Hall of Fame career while celebrating Owen's impact on music, philanthropy, and Jacksonville State University.

Artists performing throughout the evening included ALABAMA's Owen and Teddy Gentry, Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, Riley Green, Jamey Johnson, Pam Tillis, The Oak Ridge Boys, Mark Wills, Drake White, The Isaacs, and Gordon Mote.

The evening's appearances were kept secret from Owen ahead of the concert, creating a night filled with emotional surprises honoring the country music legend and his impact on generations of artists.

The concert marked the official

opening celebration of the new state-of-the-art facility, which will serve as a cultural hub for performances, arts education, university programming, and community engagement for generations to come.

"What took place tonight says everything about what Randy Owen means to Jacksonville State University and to the country music industry," said Jax State President Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr. "When artists and friends of this caliber come together to honor one person, it speaks to the respect Randy has earned through his career, his character, and the way he has invested in others throughout his life. Randy has never forgotten where he came from, and now future generations of students will have a place that inspires them to dream bigger, create boldly, and share their talents with the world. The impact of this facility and what it will represent will be felt at Jax State for decades to come."

Named in honor of Owen, the center stands as a major investment in arts education and cultural enrichment for Northeast Alabama. The fa-

cility will host concerts, educational programming, student performances, touring productions, and community events while also serving as a learning environment for Jax State students pursuing careers in music and the performing arts.

During Tuesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony, Owen reflected on what the moment meant to him personally and the impact he hopes it will have for generations to come.

"My wishes, and my hopes, and my dreams are that someday some kid will come through here, like me, and when they leave here, they have a dream," Owen said during Tuesday's ceremony. "Because if I can make it, anybody can. I've been so blessed to be here, and this is one day that I'll never forget."

Opening week festivities for the Randy Owen Center continued on Thursday, May 28, with guided public tours and a free public screening of My Home's in Alabama: The Randy Owen Story that evening.

For more information about the Randy Owen Center for the Performing Arts, visit jsu.edu/roc.

Alabama Connections Academy graduates 25 local students

Alabama Connections Academy honored 991 graduates from across the state during its commencement ceremony on May 14 in Montgomery.

Twenty-five local students are among this year's graduating class.

Graduates from Etowah County include: Adrianna

Barron, Elizabeth Bellanton, Makenzie Bone, Tymothy Brown, Amiyah Brown, Jessie Cornelius, Saniya Davis, Aiden English, Charles Evans, Mason Irwin, Hailey Kahn, Izabella Martin, Chasty Martin, Jacob Massey, Brandon Mendoza, Autumn Payne, Zunaira Siddiqui and Kyra Smith.

GSCC's FAME program signs 50

The eighth cohort for Gadsden State Community College's FAME Chapter signed with their respective companies during a recent signing ceremony at the Oxford Civic Center.

FAME, or the Federation of Advanced Manufacturing Education, is an apprenticeship-style program that allows students to attend class two days a week and work three days a week in a local advanced manufacturing facility.

Two classes – known as FAME South and FAME North – were selected with the South students attending class on the Ayers Campus in Anniston and the North students going to Gadsden's East Broad Campus in the Advanced Manufacturing Center. Gadsden State is the first college in the country to have two locations for the FAME program.

To be considered for the FAME program, students must apply and be accepted to Gadsden State, com-

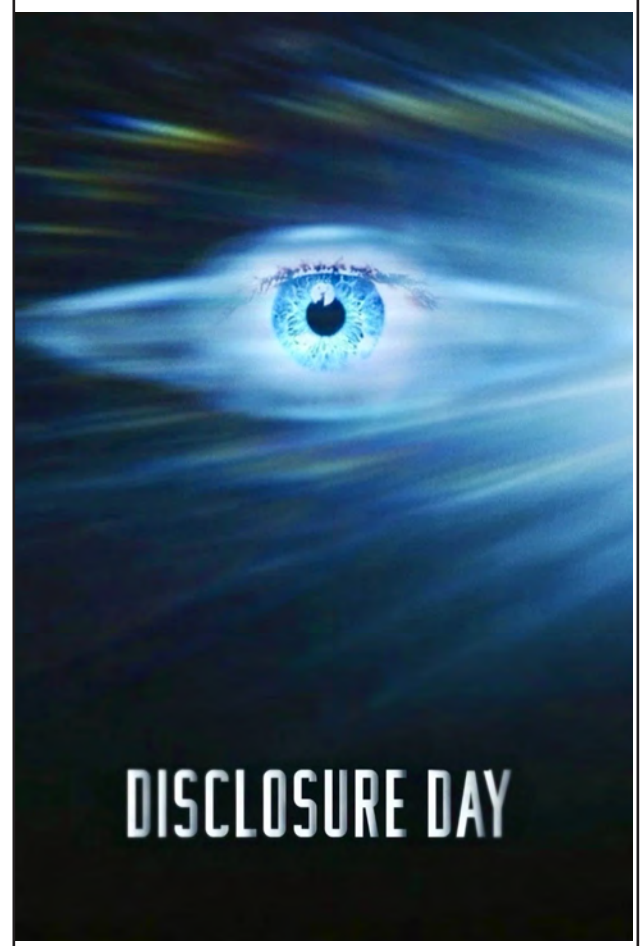
plete a FAME application and write an essay. Qualified applicants then go through an interview process with a panel comprised of industry partners. Program participants are then selected by the industry partners in a draft-style process.

The following students have been selected to participate in the FAME program and work for one of our world-class industry partners:

Automation Robotics Controls – Andrew Woods; Doncasters – Bentley Cable and Jacob Pentecost; General Dynamics – Christopher Blevins; GH Metal Solutions – Dara Aquino; Honda of Alabama – Rylan Hill, Braxton Maxwell, Derek Tyson, and Blaine West; Kobay South – Tristen Cochran; Koch Foods – Ashland Plant – Teon Knox and Hunter Morgan; Koch Foods – Collinsville Plant – Ryan Anderson, Derrick Jackson, Ian McConnell, Braxton Nash, and Evan Teel; Koch Foods – Gadsden Plant

– Kyler Finley and Devi Tchidewou; Kronospan – Jesus Bartolo Gijon, Antonio Garza, Anthony Gonzalez-Torres, Sterling McKinney, Braden McMichen, Noah Oswalt, Jack Patterson, Carlos Perez, Zach Pressley, Joel Reyes, Brikael Truss, and Shelomith Yeldin; M & H Valve – Benjamin Brady, Chancten Cole, and Aaron Stubblefield; New South Express – Gavin Miller; Prince Metal Stampings – Drew McCarver, Amanda Moore, and Kevin Rodriguez; Tyler Union – Ethan Finley, Austin Pierce, and Jayden Woods; Unipres – James Ingram; Alternates: Phillip Britt, Edward Jones, Nathaniel Ledbetter, Henry Mancillas, Shanna McGathy, Jude Miller, Kaiden Osborne, and Alfonso Zuniga; Additional FAME industry partners: Bridgewater, Koller Craft and Legacy Cabinets.

For more information about the FAME program, visit www.gadsdenstate.edu/fame.



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GOVERNMENT

Public Service Commission orders hearing on natural gas company's rates

By Ralph Chapoco
Alabama Reflector

The Alabama Public Service Commission will hold a rate case for a St. Louis-based natural gas company, the first time the PSC has held one for the company in more than four decades.

PSC Executive Director Luke Bentley IV said at a commission meeting on Thursday that representatives from Spire Alabama Inc., Spire Gulf Inc. and the Alabama Attorney General's Office could not reach an agreement on customer rates after negotiations that began in January.

"I am excited, honestly, to go through that process for the first time since I have been here, which has been almost a year now," said Cynthia Almond, president of the PSC, in an interview following the meeting. "I think it is good to do on a regular basis, not all the time, but on a regular basis. And it will be good to get all the information and put it out there for the public."

Reynolds Anderson, vice president of external affairs of Spire Energy, a subsidiary of Spire Inc., the parent company, said in an interview on Thursday the rate case was "more of a procedural matter" to decide the appropriate rate that the company should charge customers.

"Every couple of years we go through a renewal process," Anderson said in an interview on Thursday. "Most of the time, we can come to terms on that, but from time to time, that is not the case. You have to begin the process of setting up a procedural schedule and issuing orders. This was not really a surprise to us."

Anderson declined to state a specific rate the company was seeking approval from the PSC.

"We are very much working through many variables," he said. "Our ultimate intent is to maintain what we have had in the past and operate under the same umbrella."



Ralph Chapoco /Alabama Reflector

Members of the Alabama Public Service Commission prepare for the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2026. The PSC announces that it will convene a rate case for Spire Inc., a company based in St. Louis with subsidiaries in Alabama, to decide the rate of return it should receive.

Rate Stabilization and Equalization

The PSC regulates investor-owned utilities and typically uses a process known as Rate Stabilization Equalization, which effectively guarantees utilities a certain rate of profit, affecting whether utilities can raise or lower prices. In a rate case hearing, a utility must justify proposed rate increases in public, citing evidence and using testimony.

"It is going to be like a little trial, with testimony," Almond said.

She added that "there can be intervenors just like in regular, other formal hear-

ings that we have here, but they have to be a party to the case. I don't think it is just general submissions from the public. I don't think that is part of the process."

Bentley said Spire had been subject to RSE since 1983. It "has been renewed and extended by commission order on nine occasions, most recently in 2022."

Spire Inc. is expected to receive a return of about 9.84 percent by September, the end of the fiscal year, according to the PSC, which authorized the company to earn a rate of return between 9.50 percent to 9.90 percent.

Spire Gulf Inc. expects to earn a rate of return of about 9.45 percent by the end of the fiscal year in September,

less than the 9.70 percent to 10.30 percent return that the PSC allowed for the company.

The company has operated within RSE since 1983, according to Anderson. The PSC ordered Rate Stabilization Equalization for Spire Gulf, a subsidiary of Spire Inc., in 2002 and has been extended and renewed by the PSC three times, most recently in 2021.

New structures

Commissioners approved a rate case weeks after lawmakers passed a bill that dramatically altered the structure of the Public Service Commission. HB 475, sponsored by Mack Butler, R-Rainbow City but heavily altered by legislators, initially required rate hearings every three years for

investor-owned electricity companies like Alabama Power.

In the Senate, a committee altered the bill to include the provisions from SB 360, sponsored by Sen. Clyde Chambliss, R-Prattville, which extended a freeze on electricity rates that the PSC, in collaboration with Alabama Power, until 2029. The bill also created a new secretary of energy, to be appointed by the next governor; expanded the PSC from three members to seven, with four appointed by Gov. Kay Ivey this summer and subject to subsequent elections; and banned rate case hearings on electricity providers like Alabama Power until 2029. The ban does not apply to natural gas companies like

Spire.

Alabama has some of the highest residential power rates in the South. According to the U.S. Energy Information Agency, a federal agency, Alabama's average residential electricity price in March was 17.15 cents per kilowatt hour, higher than Mississippi (16.30 cents), Tennessee (15.08), Georgia (15.01) and Florida (14.86).

In the Republican primaries last month, voters chose Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry over PSC Commissioner Jeremy Oden and sent PSC Commissioner Chip Beeker to a June 16 runoff with former Alabama State Auditor Jim Zeigler.

Projected Social Security benefits cliff creeps up to 2032

By Jennifer Shutt
Alabama Reflector

Congress must act to shore up Social Security during the next six years to avoid an automatic drop-off in benefits in 2032, according to a report released Tuesday.

The annual update on the Old Age and Survivors Insurance trust fund shows that it will "become depleted" in the fourth quarter of that year, a few months earlier than projected in last year's report.

That would lead to recipients receiving 78 percent of their benefits — the projected yearly income to the trust fund — unless Congress acts before then. By 2100, benefits would be only 62 percent, according to the report.

That decrease would have a significant

impact on the tens of millions of Americans who rely on the program to stay out of poverty, especially retirees.

Social Security Commissioner Frank J. Bisignano wrote in a statement that in order to "protect the promise of Social Security, it is important for lawmakers and the Social Security Administration to work together to ensure the trust funds continue to provide financial stability now and for future generations."

Bisignano is scheduled to testify before the House Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday, where he will likely face several questions about the new report and whether the administration has policy suggestions for Congress.

More than 68 million Americans received Social Security payments in April,

according to data from the administration. More than 56 million of the beneficiaries were 65 or older.

Michael A. Peterson, CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, wrote in a statement November's midterm elections will have an impact on who is in the Senate, where lawmakers have six-year terms, in the lead-up to the deadline.

"It's important to recognize that the Senators we elect this year will be in office when Social Security becomes unable to pay out full benefits, so this must be a central campaign issue," he wrote.

Peterson added that "there are many well-known solutions available" and that it's "time for responsible, bipartisan leadership to strengthen Social Security and Medicare, ensuring the stability of these

programs for generations of Americans to come."

Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, wrote in a statement that "Washington is sleepwalking into a retirement crisis, allowing our nation's most important trust funds to go insolvent at the expense of over 70 million beneficiaries who count on these programs."

MacGuineas added that there is "no shortage of options out there to avoid this."

"It's time for our leaders to start telling the truth on Social Security and Medicare, and working on real plans to save these programs," she wrote. "Time is running out."

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LIFESTYLE

CLUB NEWS Mah Jongg in the cities — it's gaining popularity

Mah Jongg is growing nationwide, especially in Gadsden.

I am a collector for the National Mah Jongg League. I order Mah Jongg cards every year for players in Attalla, Gadsden, Centre, Ohatchee, Rainbow City, Springville and Southside. Also in Georgia, Tennessee, Michigan and Wisconsin.

In 2014 we received a Proclamation from the City of Gadsden.

We have given checks to the following charities: Gadsden Human Society, Gadsden Breast Cancer Association, Sleep In Heavenly Peace, Gadsden Kidney Foundation and Men, Women and Children Shelter.

You can find a Mah Jongg game six days a week. I have played with different groups at The Bowling Alley, cabins, churches, M.J. Cruise, community centers, civic centers, wellness centers, country clubs, golf courses, hotels, homes, hospitals, libraries, restaurants, retirement centers and synagogues, located in Attalla, Birmingham, Gadsden, Glencoe, Ohatchee, Rainbow City, Southside and Atlanta, GA.

Players celebrated National Mah Jongg Day on April 30.

I asked various players the following questions in honor of National Mah Jongg Day.

1. How long have you been playing Mah Jongg? 2. Who taught you how to play Mah Jongg? 3. What do you think about Mah Jongg?

Charlotte Cohn, longest player in Gadsden

"I've been playing since 1953 (72 years). My Mother and her friends taught me how to play Mah Jongg in Bessemer. I love Mah Jongg because it is good for your brain."

Anne Komoroski (98 years old), Retired Nurse

"I have been playing since 2005 (21 years). Greg Dial taught me. I like Mah Jongg because it keeps you thinking and the people who play it are very nice people. I love it. I live in Wisconsin."

Zera Mullerdore (99 years old), Retired Bookkeeper

"I have been playing 21 years. Greg Dial taught me. I enjoy playing Mah Jongg. Deborah Ragsdale is my niece and we play weekly."

Sandy and David Coffey (Husband and Wife)

Sandy is a Retired Nurse

"I have been playing 20 years. I learned how to play at First Methodist Church. It is good brain work. David has been playing eight years. He learned at the Thursday Mah Jongg group. He likes that jokers need to make a pair."

Patty and Anthony Lee (husband and wife)

Patty is a Retired Banker.

"I have been playing since 2016. Gift of Gadsden taught me how to play. Mah Jongg is not just a game of chance, but involved skill. Anthony likes playing games with family and friends. Anthony has been playing since 2018. I taught him." Patty's mother and mother-in-law plays Mah Jongg too.

Leslie and Clay Hix (husband and wife)

Leslie is a Retired National Account Executive for a Financial Securities Company.

"I have been playing nine years. Gwen Bonner taught me. I play at the yarn shop and downtown civic center. I love Mah Jongg most of all for the friendships I've made. It's a wonderful way to meet a variety of people. We have an open group on Mondays and Wednesdays, and if someone wants to learn the game, we'll teach them, too. I've always believed in including people, not excluding anyone, and these Mah Jongg groups have been a way to practice that. Clay, my husband, played regularly for three or four years. Now he plays very occasionally and usually beats me."

Deborah Ragsdale, Kayla and Milean Prater (mother, daughter and granddaughter)

Deborah is a Retired Nurse.

"I have been playing since 2022. I learned from Gwen Bonner. I have found new friendships and an entertaining game. Every time I play it is a new experience and mentally challenging that I call my mental workout. I have passed this game along to my daughter and granddaughter and it is a great family time game we all enjoy together. In fact my daughter said, 'Mom we need to get a pool Mah Jongg set to play at home and take to family beach trips.' It is a new tradition for us."

Judy Gatgen and Mary Gatgen (mother and daughter)

"I, Judy, have been playing for five years. Gift of Gadsden taught me. I like meeting the people and happy to make a Mah Jongg."

Angela Reid and Helen Kerley (sisters)

Angela is a retired teacher and has been playing for 10 years. She learned to play from Gwen Bonner. She said Mah Jongg is "challenging; it's like organizing chaos, so it requires strategy and patience."

Susan Davidson, Retired Teacher

"I have been playing 10 years. Charlotte Cohn and Frances Doug-

las taught me. I love playing Mah Jongg because it keeps your brain active. I have made so many wonderful friends through Mah Jongg. I enjoy teaching others to play as much as I enjoy playing. I have been the rules and scholarship director for the Delta Kappa Gamma Red Rose Mah Jongg Tournament for nine years."

Sherry Hunt, Retired Manager of a Local Retail Store and Product Quality Specialist

"I have been playing two years. Susan Davidson (my sister) taught me. Mah Jongg is challenging, frustrating, and so much fun. The ladies that I have met are very nice and supportive."

Greg Dial - Retired Senior Coordinator

"I have been playing 21 years. Sally Hallmark taught me how to play. Mah Jongg is my outlet for having a hobby that I can enjoy weekly. I enjoy playing Mah Jongg because the game is fun and challenging and playing Mah Jongg brings friends together for many hours each week."

Minnie Williams - Retired Data Processor

"I have been playing since 2017. Gwen Bonner taught me. Mah Jongg keeps the mind sharp."

Genni Arledge, Retired Sergeant First Class

"I played Chinese Mah Jongg once a year for four years while visiting my sister who originally taught me how to play. I have been playing American Mah Jongg for five years. I enjoy the anticipation of possibilities and the friendship of the group."

Dr. Cynthia Toles, Retired Principal & Former City Council Woman

"I have been playing 4 years. Eva Timmons taught me. I have not played much, but I like the competitive atmosphere."

Margaret McCool, Retired Principal

"I have been playing two years. Gail Spotnitz, First Methodist Church, Gift of Gadsden and Susan Davidson at the Ollie Program taught me. "I think Mah Jongg has really helped my thinking process, keeping me focused and exercising my brain and memory. The added benefit is meeting so many nice people who have supported me and not judge me. Mostly Mah Jongg is a lot of fun and I look forward to learning the new card."

Deborah Beverly, Retired Associate Dean of Student Services

"I started playing in 2018. Gwen Bonner taught me. I like Mah Jongg

because it keeps your mind alert and it's a great way to socialize and meet new people."

Becky Campbell, Retired from Emergency Management Agency

"I have been playing 17 years. Rose Weathington taught me. I have so many sweet friends that I have met playing Mah Jongg. I have been in the same group since 2014."

Marie Akin, Retired Bank Sr. Vice President

"I have been playing for 10 years. Charlotte Cohn, First Methodist Church and Gift of Gadsden taught me. I love it!"

Connie Coley, Retired Vice President, Bank Branch Manager and Loan Officer for 45 years

"I have been playing 11 years. Becky Clayton taught me. I have met so many wonderful women, not only my Mah Jongg friends from Center, but also many friends from Gadsden."

Gwen Bonner, Retired Driver's License Examiner

"I have been playing for 21 years. Greg Dial taught me. I Love Mah Jongg. I use to play five days a week, but now I play two to three days a week. I have taught several classes and co-chaired The Gadsden Symphony Orchestra tournament for six years. I have been on a cruise with friends from New York and New Jersey. I have been in the same group since 2012 and I have won 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place in Mah Jongg Tournaments in Gadsden, Birmingham and Atlanta. I won't tell you how many sets I own, but I love it!"

Melba Jamison, Program Manager

"I have been playing for 11 months. My Jack and Jill Sister, Christa Owens taught me. I like the constant brain challenges and fellowship with my friends."

Susan Little, Retired Teacher

"I have been playing for 50 years. Lynn Rutenberg taught me. I love the challenge and my Mah Jongg group."

Lucy Turnbach, Retired Teacher

"I have been playing for 38 years. Cheryl Midgley and Hope Saxon taught me. Mah Jongg allows me to spend quality time with my friends and to keep my brain active."

Donna Spraggins, Retired Teacher

"I have been playing 19 years. Norma McMahan, a fellow teacher, taught five of us to play. I have met the nicest people playing Mah Jongg! It also keeps me out of trouble! I have been in the same group since 2012. I have been the tourna-

ment director for the Delta Kappa Gamma Red Rose Mah Jongg Tournament for nine years."

Barbara Russell, Retired Teacher

"I have been playing 15 years. Helen Wright taught me. Mah Jongg has provided opportunities to meet new friends and stay connected to longtime ones. It is a great way to stimulate the mind and sharpen focus and memory. Mostly — it is fun! I have been in the same group since 2014. I have been the Scorekeeper for the Delta Kappa Gamma Red Rose Mah Jongg Tournament for four years."

Cheryl McElwee, Retired Teacher

"I have been playing eight years. Barbara Russell taught me. It's fun while being very challenging. Plus the friendships, support and laughter are the best anywhere."

Eva Timmons, Retired Teacher

"I have been playing 15 years. Norma Pruitt McMahan taught me. I really love Mah Jongg because it challenges me and make me use skills that I wouldn't normally use. I have been in the same group since 2012."

Melinda Gardner, Retired Teacher

"I have been playing since 2023. Gwen Bonner taught me. I love Mah Jongg. I am so glad I learned how to play. It keeps my brain active."

Jimmie Bain, Retired Teacher

"I have been playing since 2011. There was a group of ladies who played in Southside formerly the Methodist Church. They invited me to come and taught me how to play. I enjoy Mah Jongg because it is relaxing to play, yet it challenges you. It helps keep your mind sharp as you strive to become a better player. My husband, Robert plays Mah Jongg too."

Pam Rains, Retired Teacher

"I have been playing since 2008. Norma McMahan taught me. The main reason I like to play Mah Jongg is for the special friendships that this game provides. It's also fun and challenging."

Learn how to play, join a group, exercise your brain and come have fun. Mah Jongg is addicting.

Wishing you lots of Flowers and Jokers.

Submitted by Gwen Bonner.

Editor's Note: Zera Mullerdore, featured in this article, died May 10, 2026, before this article was published.



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Your Community CALENDAR

June 13 World Wide Knit in Public Day at Taming of the Ewe
 • Where: Taming of the Ewe, 541 Broad Street, Gadsden
 • When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 14 Father Daughter Princess Day at Mars Shaved Ice
 • Where: 346 Albert Rains Blvd., Gadsden
 • When: 1 to 2 p.m.

Recurring Events

Gadsden Farmers Market
 • Where: Mort Glosser Amphitheater, 90 Walnut Street, Gadsden
 • When: Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Glencoe Farmers Market
 • Where: Glencoe Police Department | 201 Chastain Boulevard West, Glencoe
 • When: Thursdays through September from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hokes Bluff Farmers Market
 • Where: Hokes Bluff City Hall | 3301 Alford Bend Road, Hokes Bluff
 • When: Monday from 7 to 11 a.m.

Attalla Farmers Market
 • Where: 3rd Street Northwest & 5th Ave. Northwest, Attalla
 • When: Thursday through Aug. 13 from 7 to 11 a.m.

Rainbow City Community Market
 • Where: Rainbow City Hall | 3700 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden
 • When: Monday and Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Useless Trivia at Back Forty
 • Where: Back Forty
 • When: Thursday at 7 p.m.

Bingo Night at Pique Nique
 • Where: 1 River Road, Gadsden
 • When: Friday at 7 p.m.

Bingo Night AJs Neighborhood Bar and Grill
 • Where: 1582 Highway 77, Southside
 • When: Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night at Blackstone Pub
 • Where: 525 Broad Street, Gadsden
 • When: Wednesday 7 to 10 p.m.

Monthly

Music Trivia Night at Baja Rainbow City
 Name that Tune Trivia hosted by Jason Bozeman
 • Where: Baja California
 • When: Second Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Taste of the Town Food Truck Festival
 • Where: Southside City Hall | 2255 Alabama 77, Southside
 • When: Second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Third Thirsty Thursday at the Stone Market
 • Where: 120 Chestnut Street, Gadsden
 • When: Third Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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June 18 Opening reception of "Karmic Circles" by Nanda Patel at Gadsden State Community College
 • Where: 1001 George Wallace Drive
 • When: 5 to 7 p.m.

June 19 Barbarian Challenge Friday Night Rope Climb at Nocalula Falls Park
 • Where: 1500 Nocalula Road, Gadsden
 • When: 5 to 9 p.m.

June 20 Greater Gadsden Barbarian Challenge and Kids' Barbarian Challenge

Registration is open for June 20th. Sign up at <https://barbarianchallenge.com/> tickets range from \$25 to \$75.
 • Where: 1500 Nocalula Road, Gadsden
 • When: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ground Breakings, Ribbon Cuttings & Grand Openings

June 16 Alabama One Credit Union Ribbon Cutting
 • Where: 2020 Alabama 77, Gadsden
 • When: from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

June 17 Harker's Ribbon Cutting
 • Where: 315 South 2nd Street, Gadsden
 • When: from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

June 18 Cobblestone Square Groundbreaking
 • Where: 409 West Grand Ave., Rainbow City
 • When: 2 p.m.

June 12 Save Our Sons Benefit Gala

Saving Our Sons: The Jaden D. James Foundation for Gun Violence Prevention is proud to announce our upcoming Lasting Legacy Gala, an evening dedicated to honoring lives lost, uplifting families, and building stronger, safer communities. We invite you to be our esteemed guest for this meaningful event, which will take place on June 12, 2026 in Gadsden, Alabama. The evening will bring together community leaders, advocates, families, and supporters who are committed to standing together against gun violence. Save the date and secure your seats. RSVP with Ceandra at 256-224-2566.
 • Where: Downtown Civic Center, 623 Broad Street, Gadsden
 • When: 6 to 9 p.m.

June 16 King of Swing Free Concert
 • Where: Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts
 • When: 6 p.m.

June 18 Flamingle at Downtown Gadsden
 • Where: Downtown Gadsden
 • When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

June 19-20 Gadsden Rainbow City Coin Show
 • Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing
 • When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 19-20 Etowah County Swap Meet and Car Show
 • Where: American Legion 71, 201 Griffin St. SE, Attalla
 • When: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 20 Date Night at Tigers for Tomorrow

Date Night Includes:
 • Tiger Feed Experience • Capybara Encounter
 • Guided Preserve Tour • Iced Tea or Lemonade for Each Couple • Fruit Cup or Charcuterie Cup for Each Couple • Special Souvenir • Exclusive Photo Opportunities. \$200 per couple. Space is limited
 • Where: 708 County Road 345, Attalla
 • When: 4 p.m.

LIFESTYLE



Mindful Moment

Carrie Halladay

Most people don't wake up one day and decide to become a people pleaser. It usually develops slowly over time. For many, it begins with good intentions: wanting to help, wanting to avoid conflict or wanting to be liked. But somewhere along the way, being considerate turns into constantly sacrificing yourself to keep everyone else comfortable.

That's where the pitfalls begin. People pleasing can look harmless from the outside. The people pleaser is often dependable, agreeable and generous. They are the person everyone can count on. But internally, many people pleasers are exhausted.

One of the biggest pitfalls of people pleasing is resentment.

At first, saying yes all the time may feel easier than disappointing someone. But over time, constantly putting your

own needs aside creates emotional fatigue. The person who volunteers for everything, solves everyone's problems and keeps the peace at all costs often begins to feel unseen and unappreciated.

The dangerous part is that resentment rarely shows up all at once. It builds quietly. It leaks out through irritability, burnout, anxiety and emotional withdrawal.

Another major pitfall is the loss of identity.

People pleasers become so focused on what everyone else wants that they often stop asking themselves an important question: What do I want?

Over time, it becomes difficult to separate genuine desire from obligation. Some people realize they have spent years making decisions based on avoiding guilt rather than pursuing fulfillment. They may struggle to identify their preferences, opinions or even personal goals because so much energy has gone into managing the expectations of others.

People pleasing also creates unhealthy relationship patterns.

Relationships work best when there is

honesty, balance and mutual respect. But people pleasing often creates one-sided dynamics where one person overfunctions while the other becomes accustomed to receiving. Ironically, the more someone avoids conflict to keep relationships stable, the more disconnected and emotionally drained they often become.

There is also a hidden anxiety that comes with people pleasing. Many people pleasers live in a constant state of emotional hypervigilance. They monitor other people's moods, reactions and body language trying to prevent disappointment or conflict before it happens. That level of emotional responsibility is exhausting.

Many people pleasers were never taught that their needs mattered too. Some grew up in homes where keeping the peace felt emotionally necessary. Others learned early that approval and acceptance were tied to being helpful, agreeable or "easy." What begins as a survival skill in childhood can become a painful pattern in adulthood.

The good news is that people pleasing can be unlearned.

It starts with small changes. Pausing before automatically saying yes. Allowing yourself to disagree without apologizing. Recognizing that someone else's disappointment does not automatically mean you did something wrong or are a bad person. Before agreeing to something, pause and ask yourself:

- Do I really want to do this?
- Am I agreeing out of kindness or out of worry or fear?

Healthy boundaries are not selfish. They are necessary.

Being kind is a strength. Caring about others is a strength. But constantly abandoning yourself to make other people comfortable is not sustainable.

One of the healthiest things a person can learn is this: you can be compassionate without carrying responsibility for everyone else's happiness.

That's not selfishness. That's emotional health.

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.

People pleasing pitfalls

Some library myths vs. the reality

After writing this column every other week for many months now, I've come to realize something—there are still quite a few misconceptions about today's public library. So, I thought it might be fun (and helpful) to set the record straight. Let's take a look at a few common myths about your Gadsden Public Library (GPL)—and the reality behind them.

Myth #1: Libraries are just about books

Reality: Yes, my staff and I love books—and always will. But today's library is so much more than that. We are a community hub where people come to learn and connect. From public computers and Wi-Fi access to job search assistance, programs for children and teens, and even partnerships with social work interns from the School of Social Work at Jax State, our services go far beyond the printed page. And as we look toward the future, initiatives like our planned "Genesis" makerspace will expand those opportunities even further.

Myth #2: Everything is online, so libraries aren't needed

Reality: If everything were truly accessible online, we wouldn't see the steady stream of people coming through our doors every day. Many people still need reliable internet access, help navigating online resources, or guidance applying for jobs and

services. Libraries help bridge that gap. We don't just provide access—we provide assistance, which can make all the difference.

Myth #3: Libraries are quiet places where you can't talk

Reality: There was a time when that was true. Today, not so much. While we still respect those who come to study, our library is also filled with conversation, collaboration, and activity. Whether it's a Kid's program in the Children's wing, a teen event on the 4th floor, or someone getting help at the front desk, the library is very much alive.

Myth #4: Libraries are only for certain groups of people

Reality: This might be the biggest misconception of all. Our doors are open to everyone in our community—as long as they behave appropriately. We serve children, families, seniors, job seekers, students, and yes, even those who may be going through difficult times in their lives. The library is one of the few places left where anyone can walk in, be welcomed, and find help without cost.

Myth #5: Libraries are becoming outdated

Reality: In many ways, the opposite is true. Libraries have evolved right alongside the communities they serve. We continue to adapt right here in Gadsden—whether

that's through new technology, expanded services, or reimagined spaces designed for learning and creativity. Far from being outdated, today's public library is one of the most forward-thinking institutions in any community.

Myth #6: If I don't read a lot, the library isn't for me

Reality: You don't have to be an avid reader to benefit from the library. Every day, GPL helps people research family history, learn new skills, attend educational programs, use technology, find community resources, and connect with others who share their interests. Some visitors come for books, while others come for Wi-Fi, genealogy research, children's activities, book clubs, the GPL chess club, sewing and crocheting groups, meeting spaces, or simply a welcoming place to spend part of their day. The library belongs to all of us, whether you check out a hundred books a year or none at all.

Perhaps the biggest reality of all is that public libraries continue to reflect the communities they serve. Today, Gadsden is a city on the move—Gotta Get to Gadsden, as the Mayor says—embracing new opportunities while honoring our rich history. The Gadsden Public Library shares that same spirit. We continue to grow, adapt, and in-



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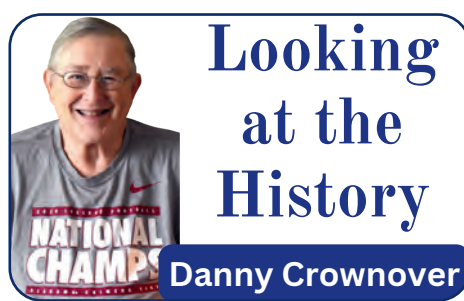
Craig Scott

novate so we can serve our citizens not only today, but for many years to come. That's why libraries have remained relevant for generations—and why I believe they will continue to be relevant for generations to come.

The next time you think about the Gadsden Public Library, I encourage you to stop by and see for yourself what's happening. You might just find that the biggest myth of all... is that you already know what we do!

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

Craig Scott is the director for the GPL.



Looking at the History

Danny Crowover

May 10, 1881, the walls of Kyle's Opera House had just been completed and the roofing was going on. Much credit was being given Col. R. B. Kyle for putting up this place of entertainment. It was for citizens of Gadsden to enjoy some of the greatest actors and artists on the American stage.

They were not disappointed, for the old opera house was the scene of many dramatic triumphs before it was abandoned as a theater.

The building fronted 50 feet on Broad Street and had a depth of 125. It was three

stories high.

The first gas plant of any kind to be installed in Gadsden was put in to light the stage and the auditorium.

At this time the local newspaper had made frequent mention of the proposal to build a Catholic church here. It said: "we learn that sufficient money has been appropriated for this purpose, and under the supervision of col. R. B. Kyle and Pat Walsh the work will commence next week. The building will be erected on the corner of Sixth and Chestnut Streets and will be a small frame building.

There were very few Catholics in Gadsden, but these few wished a place of worship, and as soon as they made their wish known, Gadsden's citizens gave them all the help they needed. This spoke very encouragingly of the kindness and benevolence of the citizens.

When a community is based on such love

A look at news from 1881

for one another as this, there is no knowing to what point of excellency it may ascend. May the god of heaven reward those who have so bountifully given their time, attention and money to this glorious work."

Deputy Marshal John D. Culley, who was one of the most interesting characters in Gadsden was forced to kill a man, John Liddell, to save his own life. Culley went out to arrest the person and the latter flourished a dangerous looking knife. Culley knocked the knife out of Liddell's hands but the latter picked the officer up and tossed him across a fence.

He climbed over and choked the officer. Culley pulled his gun and called to a man named Green for help. Liddell threw both men around as if they were straws.

When Culley hit him with a club he knocked the club out of the officer's hands. Finally, the man seized an axe, knocked the officer down, straddled him and was about

to chop his head off when Culley fired his pistol. The man died that night. This is said to have been one of the most terrifying battles any police officer ever had in this city.

R. H. Casey announced he would open a photograph gallery in Gadsden. He was one of the most interesting characters this city ever knew. He was an alderman when the whiskey interests ruled. He was the only anti-ring candidate to be elected and to be sure that he was always against the ring he voted "no" on every question it presented, good or bad.

He wanted to be sure, he said, that he was not lined up with "that gang." He belonged to a very strong political group, however, and was with the goldbug faction in the three Bryan campaigns for free silver.

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Coin Show

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ROOTED IN THE WORD

Shawn Blackmon

Have you ever noticed that some people look like they're doing great on the outside, but they're falling apart on the inside? They smile. They show up. They know all the right church words. "I'm blessed and highly favored." "God is good and all the time God is good." "Praise the Lord Saints, Praise the Lord." But beneath the surface, they're exhausted. Spiritually dry. Running on empty. Trying to survive today on a connection they had with God six months ago.

The truth is, one of the most dangerous things in the world is a tree that looks healthy while its roots are dying. The leaves may still be green. The branches may still appear strong. Everything may look fine from a distance. But eventually what is happening underground will reveal itself above ground. The same is true for us.

Jesus understood this, which is why one of

Have you drifted from the source?

His final lessons before going to the cross was not about success, influence, or even ministry. Instead, He talked about a vine and its branches.

In John 15:4, Jesus said: "Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine." Notice what Jesus did not say. He didn't say, "Try harder." He didn't say, "Work harder." He didn't say, "Produce more." He simply said, "Remain." Stay connected.

A branch has only one job. It doesn't manufacture fruit. It doesn't force growth. It simply stays connected to the source. The life comes from the vine. The nourishment comes from the vine. The strength comes from the vine. The fruit comes from the vine.

Too many people are exhausted because they are trying to produce fruit without maintaining the connection. They're trying to find peace without prayer. Strength without Scripture. Purpose without worship. Growth without God. It doesn't work.

Jesus makes it crystal clear: "Apart from Me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5) Not a little bit. Not some things. Nothing. Because spiritual life cannot exist apart from the Source of life.

I heard a story about a mother who got tired of reminding her son to do his chores. Instead of taking away his phone, tablet, and gaming system, she took away every charging cord in the house. At first, he wasn't worried. Everything still worked. The phone was still on. The tablet still had power. The gaming system still functioned. But as the day went on, the batteries started dropping. 95%. 72%. 48%. 23%. 10%. Suddenly his panic set in. The problem wasn't the device. The problem was the connection.

Some people today are living on last year's spiritual battery power. They're running on an old sermon. An old prayer. An old encounter with God. An old season. And they're wondering why they feel weak, discouraged, and disconnected.

The problem isn't your potential. The problem isn't your gifting. The problem may simply be that you've drifted away from the Source. Jesus didn't call us to occasionally connect. He called us to remain. To stay rooted. To stay close. To stay connected. Because deep roots produce lasting fruit. Storms will come. Disappointments will come. Dry seasons will come. But when your roots are connected to Jesus, you'll discover something

powerful: You can survive what should have destroyed you. You can stand when others fall. You can keep growing when everything around you says you shouldn't.

This week, don't just ask yourself if you're producing fruit. Ask yourself this: Am I still connected? Because everything God wants to do through your life begins with your connection to Him.

Let's Pray: Father, thank You for being the source of my strength, peace, wisdom, and purpose. Forgive me for the times I've tried to live on yesterday's connection instead of seeking You daily. Help me stay rooted in Your Word, grounded in Your presence, and connected to You through every season of life. Let my life produce fruit that brings glory to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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.

Muddy water, stinking thinking, forts of praise

This has been a fun couple of weeks. Summer officially started last Monday, giving me more time with our grandbabies in Alabama. We were outside when the kids spotted a great egret wading in the overflow from the nearby pond, thanks to all the recent rain. We rushed inside to change into our mud shoes, but by the time we got back out, the bird had flown away. We decided to adventure in the marsh anyway. Marching around up to our ankles in the warm, grassy water, we looked for treasures and splashed in the deep spots. "Little" even grabbed a long blade of grass and cast it into a hole to try and catch a fish (no luck!).

It was beautiful to watch the three of them frolic in God's splash pad, proclaiming it "The Best Day EVER!" No toys, no money—just grass, mud, and pure joy. It was good for the soul, and it wasn't long before I was sitting right there in the muddy water with them, being splashed by three of my favorite humans.

This Tuesday was another magical day with them. We were prepping some land in a pine forest for a project we are working on, and our daughter came to help. Upon arrival, the happy favorites ran toward us with all the excitement they could muster. However, their joy was short-lived in the humid forest with itchy things all around.

I grew up with woods like these in my backyard, so I was disappointed that the babies did not immediately feel the magic. In fact, it

had the opposite effect as they morphed into whiney minions instead of a gang of wilderness explorers. I could tell their mommy was minutes from loading back up and taking it to the house. She gave them a choice, and they were all ready to go home.

Determined to make them fall in love with the forest, I scanned the ground for a long log that I could set as the first wall of a fort. We were only three walls in when the magic kicked in. With their imaginations unlocked, it wasn't long before we had a proper wilderness fort with a door, a roof, and a fireplace! Their attitudes shifted within minutes. They went from begging to go home—whiney, hot, and thirsty—to working together to create a home and asking if they could live in it forever!

"Big" even made the comment that the time had gone by so fast once they started building something. It was a great lesson in how quickly our environment can change when we shift our focus.

One minute, the forest was a hot, miserable prison of bugs and boredom. Next, it was a kingdom of adventure. Nothing about the actual physical circumstances changed. The temperature didn't drop, the mosquitoes didn't magically vanish, and their cups were not suddenly filled with ice-cold lemonade. The only thing that changed was what they were choosing to look at. They taught their

minds to stop looking at what was making them uncomfortable and start looking for the next log to build their fort.

We do the exact same thing as adults, don't we? It's so easy to let the "heat and thirst" of daily life turn us into whiney minions. We get stuck in traffic, face unexpected bills, or get overwhelmed by a never-ending to-do list, and suddenly our internal narrative becomes a laundry list of complaints. We look for escape, and sometimes we want to throw in the towel. We become blind to the beauty all around us because we get caught up in our own stinking thinking.

Neuroscience actually backs this up. Human brains cannot effectively process deep anxiety and deep gratitude at the exact same time because they rely on mutually exclusive neural pathways. Studies show that practicing gratitude helps our brains physically switch from a stress response to a state of calm, safety, and emotional regulation (Gemini).

The apostle Paul understood this human tendency perfectly. Writing from a literal prison cell—a place far more restrictive and uncomfortable than our hot forest—he didn't spend his letters complaining about the chains or the guard shifts. Instead, he gave the early church a masterclass in shifting their perspective.

In Philippians 4:8, he writes: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, what-



Memoir Musings

Sandra Bost

ever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, lovely, or admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things (NIV)." Paul wasn't suggesting a fake form of toxic positivity or ignoring reality. He knew the world had hardships, but he understood a fundamental spiritual truth: what we choose to dwell on determines our posture toward life.

When we shift our focus from what we lack to what we have been given, the magic kicks in. The wilderness stops looking like a miserable prison and starts looking like a place where God is actively building something beautiful.

This week, I pray we can see the beautiful. When we are tempted to complain about what we lack, may we find something noble, pure, or lovely, and build a fort of praise. He is so worthy.

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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 ½" rebar thence N00°06'35"W 199.73' to a ½" 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 ½" rebar, thence N89°36'06"W 170.25' to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence N19°54'56"E 114.58' to a ½" 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 ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence S87°17'36"E 218.50' to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence N19°54'56"E 114.58' to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence S89°09'47"E 481.65' to a ½" 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 ½" rebar, thence N00°06'35"W 199.73' to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence leaving said East line of said Fraction "D" N89°42'14"W 566.88' to a ½" rebar, thence N89°36'06"W 170.25' to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence N00°05'24"W 15.06' to a ½" 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 ½" 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 ½" 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 ½" rebar,

thence S88°04'37"W 169.88 to a ½" 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 ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence N87°57'47"E 220.00" to a ½" 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 cancellation.

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain real estate mortgage executed by ASHLEY GOSS, an unmarried woman, to ALAN DICKY and KRYSTAL DICKY dated April 9, 2024 and recorded in Instrument No.: 3572859 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama, and the Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and said default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the Mortgagee will sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest and best bidder in front of the Courthouse door of the Etowah County Courthouse, during the legal hours of sale on the 26th day of June, 2026, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama: Lot Twenty-four (24) in Block One (1) of R. L. McClain Rearrangement of portions of Tract "AA" of Stowers Rearrangement of portions of Attalla Iron & Steel Co.'s Addition to Attalla, according to the map of said R. L. McClain Rearrangement recorded in Plat Book "D," Page 239, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the records of the Probate Court. The property will be sold without warrant, or recourse, express or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the property and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the property. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in the 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.

s/David C. Livingston By: David C. Livingston Attorney for Mortgagee P.O. Box 1621 Gadsden, AL 35902 (256) 546-9300

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jonathon K Dawson, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC, its successors and assigns dated March 14, 2022; said mortgage being recorded on

March 16, 2022 as Instrument No. 3537195 as having been modified by an agreement recorded as Instrument No. 3580434 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC D/B/A Mortgage Solutions Financial by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3556790 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC D/B/A Mortgage Solutions Financial, 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 8, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING 2" PIPE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) IN SECTION TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE SIX (6) EAST OF HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA AND RUN DUE EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF 300.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID FORTY, 299.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID FORTY, 202.89 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 63 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 31.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) IN SECTION TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE SIX (6) EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 135 Smith Drive, Gadsden, AL 35904.

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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CORNER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) IN SECTION TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE SIX (6) EAST OF HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA AND RUN DUE EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF 300.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID FORTY, 299.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 8 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID FORTY, 202.89 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 63 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 34.73 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH DRIVE (60' R/W); THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 31.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) IN SECTION TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE SIX (6) EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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

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

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MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC D/B/A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 26-08444AL www.foreclosure hotline.net

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

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

The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on March 18, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

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

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

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

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

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

applicable.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as holder of said mortgage
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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 May 27, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.
The Messenger, May 1, 2026
AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until July 8, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.
22-02543AL

June 12, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Mark B Bedwell and Kristy A Bedwell, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Bank, A FSB, its successors and assigns dated June 30, 2022; said mortgage being recorded on July 5, 2022 as Instrument No. 3543048 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Trust Bank by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3572012 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Trust 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 July 22, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number One (1) of Timberline Subdivision, Phase 1, as recorded in Plat Book "L", Page 34, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 5998 Slasham Rd., Southside, AL 35907.

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

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

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ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, 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.

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

TRUIST BANK as holder of said mortgage
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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 Earnest L Underwood, and spouse and Joann Underwood to Compass Bank dated October 3, 2008; said mortgage being recorded on October 20, 2008 as Instrument No. 3303184 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass 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 July 15, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County,

Alabama, to-wit:

LOT NUMBER SEVENTY-ONE (71) IN MCCLAIN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK "C", PAGE 393, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, SAVE AND EXCEPT THOSE PORTIONS THEREOF DESCRIBED IN RECORD BOOK "932", PAGE 697; BOOK "1090", PAGE 258; AND BOOK "1358", PAGE 215, SAID PROBATE OFFICE, THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN BEING THE SAME TRACT OTHERWISE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TO DESCRIBE A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER 71 OF MCCLAIN HEIGHTS AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "C", PAGE 393, ETOWAH COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE, THENCE RUN NORTH AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 71 A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE DEFLECT 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES TO THE RIGHT AND RUN A DISTANCE OF 220.27 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE DEFLECT 90 DEGREES 36 MINUTES TO THE RIGHT AND RUN A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE FOREMENTIONED LOT NUMBER 71; THENCE DEFLECT 89 DEGREES 24 MINUTES TO THE RIGHT AND RUN A DISTANCE OF 219.3 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LYING IN AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT NUMBER 71 OF MCCLAIN HEIGHTS AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "C", PAGE 393, ETOWAH COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE, AND CONTAINING 1.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 20 FOOT EASEMENT ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SAID PROPERTY. ALL OF SAID PROPERTY LYING AND BEING IN ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 2030 Mccoy St. Gadsden, AL 35901.

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

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

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

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

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BBVA USA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS COMPASS BANK as holder of said mortgage
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by John Brackett Moore, a married man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Zillow Home Loans, LLC, on January 12, 2024, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3568818; the undersigned PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on September 10, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the center of the Public Road leading to Formans Lake and on the North line of Fractional Section Four (4) Township Twelve (12) Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian. Said beginning point is 176 feet measured along said North line Westerly from the North East corner of the Northeast Quarter of the above described Fractional Section, and thence run along the said North line run in a Southerly direction a distance of Three Hundred Ninety Two feet more or less to a point in the center of the Public Road leading from the Old Walnut Grove road to Formans Lake and from the center or from this point run in an Easterly Direction and meandering said road to the beginning point which

is the center of the said road and on the said North line of the Fractional Section 4, and embracing a portion of the North East Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Fractional Section 4, Township (12) South of Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County, Alabama and being and lying west of Big Wills Creek containing two and 55/100 acres more or less, save and except however, that certain one half acres heretofore conveyed by W. B. Horton and wife, Ola Horton to Jackie Mims and wife, Lola Mims, by deed dated 27th February, 1951, and recorded in books 460, Page 279, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, said land being conveyed subject to the rights of the public to us the South 15 feet for road purposes, minerals in the above described property is reserved. Together with all improvements located thereon. Property street address for informational purposes: 3125 Miller Hollow Road, Attala, AL 35954. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale.

The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from September 10, 2025 until November 19, 2025, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on September 10, 2025, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from November 19, 2025 until January 21, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from January 21, 2026 until April 1, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from April 1, 2026 until June 10, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from June

10, 2026 until August 19, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-06342-PM-AL

PUBLICATION DATES: August 22, 2025, August 29, 2025, September 5, 2025, September 26, 2025, December 5, 2025, March 13, 2026, April 24, 2026, June 12, 2026.

June 12, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Ronald Shane Cornutt was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/01/2026 over the Estate of Marnie Jeanette Morgan, 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

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Vanessa Elaine Roberts was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/02/2026 over the Estate of Janice Elaine Coker, 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

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Karen Wood was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 03/30/2026 to the Estate of Hershel Glendon Nelson, 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

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Walter Joe James, III, was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/12/2026 to the Estate of Glenda Gail Tingle, 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

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Gilbert A. Lane, Jr. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/30/2026 to the Estate of Dorothy Marie Watts Lane, 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

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Tina Delopez was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/15/2026 to the Estate of Guadalupe Cruz Guzman, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Patsy Eugenia Bishop was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/21/2026 to the Estate of Julia Dorthene Story, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Billy Garrett was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/16/2026 to the Estate of Lisa G. Garrett, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Fred McKinley Martin was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/17/2026 to the Estate of Evelyn B. Martin, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Patrick L. Cash was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/10/2026 to the Estate of Regina L. Baird, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Frances Sarguis was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/15/2026 to the Estate of Flora Michelle Jacobs, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Rod Weems was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/21/2026 over the Estate of Geraldine Evalyn Weems, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Kimberly Marie MacPherson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/22/2026 to the Estate of Jean Dudley MacPherson, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Edward Joseph Griffin was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/24/2026 to the Estate of Carolyn Sue Griffin Wilder, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

George Larry Couch, II and Lisa Couch Lowman were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 04/28/2026 to the Estate of George Larry Couch, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jane Denise Andrew was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/28/2026 over the Estate of Mary Tom Hale, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Misty Bellew Ramsey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 04/29/2026 over the Estate of Deborah Carol Bellew, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Amy Gramling was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/01/2026 over the Estate of Jewell Lee Calhoun, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Debra Graham was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/01/2026 to the Estate of Ernestine H. Sheffield, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Elizabeth Jeanette Horton was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/06/2026 over the Estate of Anthony Lance Horton, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Janet Lou Smith was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/06/2026 to the Estate of Martha Beacham Odell, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Andrew David Bailey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/08/2026 over the Estate of Elizabeth Richter Wilkes, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Andrew David Bailey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/08/2026 over the Estate of Mary H. Hauk, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jason William Brown was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/29/2026 to the Estate of John William Brown, III., 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Scott Alan Browning was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/29/2026 over the Estate of Olivia Gail Smith Browning, 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

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 2024-00719

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER DWAYNE DAY, DECEASED.

TO: All Creditors, heirs or distributees, and all other persons interested in the Estate of Christopher Dwayne Day, deceased

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Brianna Day, as Personal Representative of the Estate

of Christopher Dwayne Day, filed a Report of Insolvency on the 28th day of April, 2026.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 29th day of June, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., when said report will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the Report of Insolvency should be denied.

DONE THIS THE 2nd DAY OF June 2026

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: TED WARD, INCAPACITATED Case #: I-353

TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 29TH day of JUNE 2026 at 1:30p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 27TH DAY OF MAY 2026

Scott W. Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: CLIFFORD EISENMAN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2026-312

TO: Kelly Mason, Tim Schoenfeld, Brent Whitman and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LET-

TERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 6th day of JULY 2026 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

Scott Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARK HICKS, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-250

TO: Marissa Fowler-Hicks, Frances Fowler, Nicholas Hicks, John Hicks and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 27TH day of JULY 2026 at 1:00 m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 28TH DAY OF MAY 2026

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

June 5, 12, and 19, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EVA JANICE JENKINS, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2026-00165

TO: JOHN ROBIN SMITH; 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 Eva Janice Jenkins, 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 29th 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 instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Eva Janice Jenkins, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

DONE THIS THE 2nd DAY OF June 2026

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: BEATH NORTON, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2026-355

TO: Any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT AND/OR SERVICES of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 20th day of JULY 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you

so choose. DONE THIS THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Scott Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: RONALD HANSEN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-360

TO: Any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 21 day of JULY 2026 at 1:00 P.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Scott Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARTHA UPTON, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: S-10208

TO: Michelle Butler and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 28TH day of JULY 2026 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Scott W. Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

June 12, 19, and 26, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: RANDALL LOUIS PANKEY, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2026-224

TO: Joshua Brother, Newlyn Pankey, David Pankey, Marilyn Bass, Richard Pankey, Debbie Parker and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT AND/OR SERVICES of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 28 day of JULY 2024 at 1:00 pm. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Scott W. Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

June 12, 16, and 26, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: GEORGE HENRY, INCAPACITATED Case #: I-190

TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL PERSONAL PROP-

ERTY was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 28TH day of JULY 2026 at 2:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Scott Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

June 12, 19, and 26, 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 BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

AVIARY PARTNERS, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. JONES, BARBARA AND ALL OTHER OCCUPANTS, DEFENDANT.

Case No.: 31-CV-2026-9000266

Defendant, Barbara Jones, and all other Occupants who are alleged to be unlawfully holding possession of 3426 Madison Avenue, Alabama 35904, must answer the Complaint filed by Aviary Partners, LLC to eject them from the above-described property and for other relief within 30 days of the last date of publication of this Notice or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against them. This the 10th day of June, 2026.

Cassandra Johnson Circuit Court Clerk

David C. Livingston Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1621 Gadsden, AL 35902 256-546-9300

June 12, 19, 26, And July 3, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

LUIS ERAZO and YURY SUAREZ, Plaintiffs, vs. CV-2022-900179

TIMOTHY GOODE, BELINDA BEECH,

EMMA HAZLEWOOD, RICHARD MARCUS GOODE, III, et al. Defendants.

The Defendants, whose whereabouts are unknown, and any other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the lands described below, must answer Plaintiffs' Complaint filed in the above referenced court and case number within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the above-styled case.

The subject property is described as follows: Lot Number Four (4), Lot Number Five (5) and part of Lot Number Three (3) described as beginning at a point where the dividing line between Lot Numbers Three (3) and Four (4) intersects the Northeast line of Reynolds Circle, and from thence run in a Northwesterly direction and along the Southwest line of Lot Number Three (3) a distance of 7 feet; thence in a Northeasterly direction and in a direct line to the Northeast line of Lot Number Three (3) at a point where the Southeast line of Lot Number Three (3) intersects the same; thence in a Southwesterly direction an along the Southeast line of Lot Number Three (3) to the point of beginning; all in Reynolds Street Addition, according to the map thereof as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 305, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

The address of the subject property is 800 Reynolds Circle, Gadsden, AL 35901. The PIN for the subject property is 35176. Done the 3rd day of June, 2026.

/s/GEORGE C. DAY, JR CIRCUIT JUDGE

Joshua B. Sullivan Knowles & Sullivan, LLC 413 Broad Street Gadsden, AL 35901 Phone: 256-547-7200

June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 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; GLENDFORD JACKSON, deceased; ELFIDO OVALLE, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. JONES, BARBARA AND ALL OTHER OCCUPANTS, DEFENDANT.

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Cassandra Johnson Circuit Court Clerk

David C. Livingston Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1621 Gadsden, AL 35902 256-546-9300

June 12, 19, 26, And July 3, 2026

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 COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

LUIS ERAZO and YURY SUAREZ, Plaintiffs, vs. CV-2022-900179

TIMOTHY GOODE, BELINDA BEECH,

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, 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. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and known as Parcel ID No. 15-02-04-2-000-150.000 PPIN: 33311; 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 BUDDY C. JACKSON, ELZATER JACKSON, W. CHARLES JACKSON, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BUDDIE C. JACKSON; ELFIDO OVALLE; EULALIA TOMAS; GLENDFORD 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, 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 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 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-2026-00033

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, if deceased, 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,

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: 515 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.

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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, 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, Defendants.

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.

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.

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.

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Property Address: 1613 Cooper Street, Gadsden, AL 35904

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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; BRENDAN 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 Sutherland 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 Sutherland 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 AC-STPAA-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, thence North 60 degrees 8 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of 362.07 feet to a point that is 110 feet Southerly of and at right angles to the centerline of said project at Station 141+15.47; thence following the curvature thereof an arc distance of 184.69 feet (said arc having a chord bearing of North 87 degrees 21 minutes 26 seconds East, a counter clockwise direction, a chord distance of 184.64 feet and a radius of 2402.00 feet), to the grantor's West property line, which is the point of beginning; thence following the curvature thereof an arc distance of 61.10 feet (said arc having a chord bearing of North 84 degrees 09 minutes 28 seconds East, a counter clockwise direction, a chord distance 0161.04 feet and a radius of 2402.00 feet) to a point that is 110 feet Southerly of and at right angles to said centerline at Station 143+50; thence South 54 degrees 30 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 62.19 feet to a point that is 50 feet Westerly 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 Westerly 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 Westerly 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 of 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.

TO C.E. LOFTIS, JR.; EDDIE LOFTIS; BRENDAN WEST; JOANNA 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,

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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

LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Rainbow City, Alabama's Appropriate Municipal Official, pursuant to Ordinance No. 565, has made a finding that a building located on the following described property is a dangerous building because it is unsafe to the extent that it is a public nuisance and is subject to demolition:

STREET ADDRESS: 108 Yorkshire Place, Rainbow City, AL 35906

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot Twenty-two (22) in Block "B" in Sherwood Knolls, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G", page 17, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Rainbow City, Etowah County, Alabama.

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1 5 - 0 9 - 3 2 - 0 - 001.069.000, PPIN 48832

INTERESTED PARTIES: Lynn H. Page Janet M. Page Any and all other unknown heirs, claimants or interested parties claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein.

All persons interested in said property are hereby notified that if the unsafe or dangerous condition is not remedied by demolition of said building on said property within 45 days of June 8, 2026, the demolition will be accomplished by the City and the cost thereof assessed against said property. In the meantime, it is ordered that said building and said property be and remain vacated.

A public hearing as provided for by Section 8(a) set forth in Ordinance No. 565 will be held on this matter in the Council Chambers at the Rainbow City Hall, 3700 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama, on August 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in

the status of these proceedings should inquire with the Rainbow City Clerk at (256) 413-1217 or at 3700 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama.

June 12, 19, 26, and July 3, 2026

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL: ALEA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION REGION F TASK FORCE,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO: CV-26-900168-SJS

PLAINTIFF VS. \$32,077.00 U.S. Currency

FNX-40 SN# FZ2U041398

DEFENDANTS In Re: Corey Lamar Avery

TO ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY CLAIMING AN OWNER'S BONA FIDE INTEREST IN THE HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described property. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 11th day of August 2026. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said property. DONE this the 8th day of June, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

June 12, 19, 26, and July 3, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. O-13-26

An Ordinance Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Gadsden, AL, Authorizing The Adoption And Approval Of The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan Under The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

WHEREAS, the City of Gadsden has been designated as an "Entitlement Community" and therefore receives direct annual funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant Program; and WHEREAS, HUD requires Entitlement Communities to prepare and approve an Annual Action Plan for each of the five years under the Consolidated Plan in order to establish activities associated with priorities designated under the Consolidated Plan; and WHEREAS, the Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Action Plan has been published for the HUD-required 30-day citizen participation review and comment period commencing on April 24, 2026 and ending on May 25, 2026 and the City of Gadsden was allocated \$919,424.00 in CDBG funding for FY2026. Proposed funding allocations for the City's 2026 CDBG Program is listed below and on the City's website at https://www.cityofgadsden.com/160/Community-Development;

Table with 2 columns: # Project Name, Amount. Includes items like CDBG - Public Services, CDBG - Public Services - Family Success Center, CDBG - Section 108 Loan Repayment, CDBG - Street Improvements, CDBG - Public Facility Improvements - Fire Station Renovations, Total Grant Allocation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gadsden, Alabama that the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan be adopted and forwarded to HUD and that approval of the Draft Plan includes responses to citizen comments and any HUD required directives; and that this Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Walnut Grove is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the April 2025 - June 2025 monitoring period, we did not monitor for synthetic organic chemicals (SOC), and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This was an administrative oversight and didn't affect compliance. When we became aware of it, we sampled our water and monitored for SOC contaminants as required. Should you have any questions concerning this noncompliance or monitoring requirements, please contact Randall Green at the Water Board office at 205-589-2553.

June 12 and 19, 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 decision 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

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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Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures, attended the mandatory prebid 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.

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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 9:00am CST, Thursday, June 25, 2026 for Re-roofing Gaston 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.

Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures, attended the mandatory prebid 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 9:00am 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, ALABAMA WT SCRUGGS PARK SPORTS LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Walnut Grove, Alabama, for the WT Scruggs Park Sports Lighting Improvements Project 06/12/26 until 10:00 a.m. on 06/30/26, at Walnut Grove Town Hall, located at 4012 Gadsden Blountsville Road, Walnut Grove, Alabama 35990, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, ALABAMA WT SCRUGGS PARK SPORTS LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

The project generally consists of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, supervi-

sion, permits, and incidentals necessary for improvements to the athletic field lighting system at WT Scruggs Park, including but not limited to:

Furnishing and installation of approximately thirty-six (36) high-efficiency LED sports lighting fixtures;

Associated electrical upgrades including disconnects, controls, contactors, and electrical components;

Pole replacement and/or installation, mounting hardware, underground conduit, wiring, and related electrical improvements as necessary for proper system operation; and

Testing and startup of complete lighting system.

Bid specifications and project information may be obtained from: Town of Walnut Grove Attn: Noah Grady, Town Clerk 4012 Gadsden Blountsville Road Walnut Grove, Alabama 35990 Phone: (205) 589-2553 Open 8am - 12:30pm Monday through Friday

All bidders must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations and must be properly licensed to perform work in the State of Alabama.

The Town of Walnut Grove reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive technicalities and informalities, and award the bid in the best interest of the Town.

TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE, ALABAMA

Randall Green, Mayor

June 12 and 19, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage unit will be disposed of on June 19, 2026 beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the business premises of B&J Thrift Store and Mini Storage at 1101 Hwy 77, Attalla, AL. 35954.

Scott Williams Unit 36

B&J Thrift and Mini Storage 1101 Hwy 77 Attalla, AL. 35954 256-485-8656

June 12 and 19, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

2005 BUICK RAINIER VIN: 5GADS13S252207484

2006 HONDA ACCORD VIN: 1HGCM72736A006562

The public auction will be held at Kelton Wrecker LLC located at 1625 Forrest Ave Gadsden AL 35901 at 8:00 AM on 06/30/2026. The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low and may postpone the public auction until another time and place. In addition, the seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

June 5 and 12, 2026

VEHICLE NOTICE

In accordance with the Alabama Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, Alabama Code Sections 32-13-1 through 32-13-8 notice is hereby given to the owners, lienholders, and other interested parties. The following motor vehicle will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at 9:00 am, July 17, 2026 at Team One Toyota, Rainbow City, Alabama. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid and the right to bid.

2012 Toyota Scion VIN# JTKKU4B40C1017974

Stephanie Gillilan Attorney at Law 834 Chestnut Street Gadsden, AL 35901 (256) 458-6515

June 5 and 12, 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 07/9/2026 at 9:00 am.

2008 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FAH-
P35N58W137387

1992 Suzuki G5-550
Motorcycle
Vin: JS1KZ1AK-
8PU085219

2023 Toyota Camry
X5E
VIN: 4Y1KZ1AK-
8PU085219

A&J Towing LLC
4975 Hopper Road
Altoona, AL. 35952

June 12 and 19, 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 July 14, 2026.

2008 Chevrolet 1500
Black
VIN: 1GCE-
C14X68Z308548

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

June 12 and 19, 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 July 17, 2026.

2012 Nissan Sentra
White
VIN: 3N1AB6AP-
0CL638532

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

June 12 and 19, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2006 Ford Mustang vin#1Z-VHT82HX65236319 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am on 7/31/2026

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

June 12 and 19, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-390-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 312 CROMWELL AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Numbers Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20), in Block Number One (1), in the Mayflower Addition to Gadsden, according to map there-of recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 37, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-06-24-2-000-026.000
PIN# 45229

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to LINDA HALES, 312 CROMWELL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, SUB-JECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICES, LLC., 8742 LUCENT BOULEVARD, STE 300, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80129, DIETCH FINANCIAL, LLC. FKA GREEN-TREE SERVICES, LLC. 2100 EAST ELIOT ROAD, TEMPE, ARIZONA, 85284, .

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADS-

DEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-391-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 409 MILLER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lots Number Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17) in Block Number Seven (7) in West Point Addition, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 140 and 141, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 16-01-01-4-000-227.000
PIN #: 50433

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to RICKY DALE BARNARD, 409 MILLER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-392-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at

1554 TERRACE DRIVE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Nineteen (19) in Block Number Four (4) in Brookwood Addition to Gadsden, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book "D", Pages 88 and 89, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-4-000-304.000
PIN# 31822

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to MICHEL PIERCE A/K/A MICHAEL PIERCE, 1554 TERRACE DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903.

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-393-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 2208 E. BROAD STREET (HOUSE) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18) in Block One (1) of Councilton Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B" Page 195, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-06-14-1-000-072.000
PIN #: 43404

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to DAVID KYNARD, JR., 2208 E. BROAD STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, ADOLPH & WF BOBBIE JENKINS, 1326 STILLMAN AVE, GADSDEN, AL 35903-2554.

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-394-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1700 EMANUEL AVENUE (MOBILE HOME) (County records list property as 1705 EMANUEL AVENUE) in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

PARCEL ONE: Lot Numbers Twenty-Nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-One (31), and Thirty-Two (32) in Block "C" in Edgewood Addition No. 2 to Gadsden according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "E", Page 79, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama together with all improvements located thereupon, and subject to any easements, restrictions, reservations, conditions, easements and rights, if any, appearing of record.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-07-4-000-231.000
PPIN: 39071

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to RANDALL D. EL-ROD and DANA EL-ROD, 4054 S. VALLEY ROAD, SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA 35907, 1700 EMANUEL AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION

NO. R-395-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 410 VAN COURTLAND (HOUSE) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot 9 in Block 7, in West Point Addition, according to the map or plat thereof in Plat Book "B", pages 140 and 141, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 16-01-01-4-000-232.000
PIN #: 50438

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to MAGDALENE MATEO JUAN, 2401 CANSLER AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 410 VAN COURTLAND, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, TOBIE SR & ELIZABETH DENNIS SORRELLS, 2401 CANSLER AVE, GADSDEN, AL 35904-2508.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-396-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 208 WALL STREET (COMMERCIAL BUILDING) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number 43 in Shahan and Walshe's Central Avenue City Addition, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 184-185, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-06-2-000-265.000
PIN #: 38149

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to AUBREY R. BRADLEY, 224 WALL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 208 WALL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-397-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 403 S. 6TH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LOTS 24-25-26-27-28 BLK 5 METROPOLITAN SUB UNIT 2 PLAT G-249 9-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-09-2-000-001.000
PIN# 34724

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a

public hearing has been given to EMERALD CITY ASSOCIATES ECA CHATEAU, LLC, P.O. BOX 600250, DALLAS, TEXAS 75360, 7108 FALL OF THE NEUSE ROAD, 210, RA-LEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27615, 403 S. 6TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

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

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-398-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 185 BROOKWOOD DRIVE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 5 BLK 5 BROOKWOOD ADD D-89 GADSDEN 14-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-1-000-016.000
PIN# 43345

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to MIGUEL F. FRANCISCO & MARGARITA T. LOPEZ, 185 BROOKWOOD DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-399-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 509 CLARK STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 4 BLK 12 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-373.000
PIN# 50594

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to BOBBY J DRISKELL, 509 CLARK STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

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

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-400-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 808 DEKALB STREET (County records list property address as 808 DEKALB AVENUE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 4-5 BLK G GLENN IRIS ADD TO HIGHLAND PARK ADD PLAT B-217 GADSDEN 32-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-135.000
PIN# 19843

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and
Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to TERESA CANNON, 625 A SILVER PASS, OCALA FLORIDA 34472.

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

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-401-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 3229 FORREST AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 17 FORREST HOMES ADD PLAT C-233 GADSDEN 1-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-362.000
PIN# 49518

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to JOSEPH L. & KELLY L SMITH, 117 COLLEGE AVENUE, BOAZ, ALABAMA 35957.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-402-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1601 GADSDEN AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 1 & E 25 LT 2 BLK 4 J M PATRICK PLAT A-11 GADSDEN 32-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-3-000-137.000
PIN# 19639

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to SONYA N BIGELOW, 512 N. 16TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

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

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and

to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-403-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1612 GADSDEN AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 3 BLK 2 J M PATRICK PLAT A-11 GADSDEN 32-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-3-000-156.000
PIN# 19661

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to SONYA N BIGELOW, 512 N. 16TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

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

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-404-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 16 HOKE STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BLACKBURN, 1516 ROOSEVELT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-406-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 731 RUBY STREET (County records list property address as 0) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BEG INT OF E ROW OF RUBY ST & N ROW OF TIDMORE BEND RD TH N 429.3 ALONG RUBY ST TH E 225S TH SE 351.49 TH W 127 TH SW 134.87 TO N ROW OF TIDMORE BEND RD TH W 113.71 ALONG ROW TO POB LYING IN SE1/4 SE1/4 35-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-35-4-000-014.001
PIN# 86302

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to LINDSEY HAYS BURNS, 804 RUBY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-407-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 512 VALLEY STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 29 BLK 6 NORTHSIDE SUB PLAT G-197 3-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-03-2-000-126.000
PIN# 32669

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to LORETTA MARRIE, 512 VALLEY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-408-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 516 VALLEY STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 28 BLK 6 NORTHSIDE SUB PLAT G 197-199 3-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-03-2-000-127.000
PIN# 32670

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to KESIA R MARRIE, 516 VALLEY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-409-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 517 WASHINGTON STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 2 BLK 5 & PT LT 1 BLK 5 BEG NW COR LT 1 TH S 60'STH SE 78.5 TH NE 85.5' 90'(S)

TH NW 78.5' TO POB EWING GARNER ADD PLAT A-53 3-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-03-2-000-072.000
PIN# 32610

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to JOHN CLYDE & wf PATRICIA L BOWEN, 519 WASHINGTON ST, GADSDEN, AL 35901, 517 WASHINGTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2451. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 2, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

June 12, 2026

LEGAL ZONING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on June 24, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the City of Gadsden will hold a regularly scheduled public hearing in the Council Chamber at City Hall, First Floor, 90 Broad Street to give all persons who desire an opportunity to be heard, in opposition to or in favor of, the following requests:

Final Plat for a proposed Re-Division of property described below: (Property Address being 207 Elmwood Ave and lots in and around).

Lots Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine(9), Ten (10), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Forty-Eight (48), Forty-Nine (49), Fifty-Two (52), Fifty-Three (53), Fifty Four (54), Fifty-Five (55), Fifty-Six (56) and Fifty-Seven (57) of the resurvey of Block number two of North Division of Elmwood Addition According to the map or Plat thereof as the same appears of record in Plat Book "B" at page 362, in the office of the judge of probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and being and lying in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Lost Number Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Fifty (50), Fifty-One (51), in Block B, in the amended map of Elmwood North Division to East Gadsden, According to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B" pages 362, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and being and lying in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County Alabama.

Final Plat for a proposed Re-Division of property described below: (Property address being 1401 Cloverdale Road and the corner of Paden Road). Begin at an existing capped rebar at the Southwest corner of Lot #1, in Block "1", of Second Addition of Paden Farm Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 275, Etowah County Probate Office, being on the East R/W of Paden Road (50' R/W) and run N 02 degrees 03'23"W (M) N 02 degrees 02'00"W (R), along <aid RAY, 123.47 feet (M) 123.58 feet (R) to an existing capped rebar; thence run S 83 degrees 33'09"E (M) S83 degrees 31'42"E (R), leaving said R/W, 159.87 fee: (M) 160.00 feet (R) to an existing capped rebar; thence run N 03 degrees 09'06" E (M) N 03 degrees 04'40"E (R), 137.17 feet (M) 137.22 feet (R) to an existing 1/2" rebar; thence run N 73 degrees 13'24" W (M) N 73 degrees 12'08" W (R), 179.90 feet (M) 180.00 feet (R) to an existing 1/2" rebar on said R/W; thence run N 02 degrees 00'00"W, along said R/W, 145.67 feet to a point on a R/W flare; thence run N 79 degrees 43'38"E, along said flare, 29.85 feet to a point on the Southwesterly R/W of Cloverdale Road (60' R/W); thence run S 65 degrees 17'18"E, along said R/W, 269.29 feet to an existing 3/8" rebar; thence run S 01 degrees 58'00"E, leaving said R/W, 324.01 feet to an existing 1/2" pipe on the South line of Lot #1; thence run N 87 degrees 38'29"E, along said South line, 200.09 feet to an existing 1/4" roc. at the Southeast corner of Lot #1; thence run S 01 degrees 59'34"E, along the East line of Lot #2, 176.00 feet to an existing pinch-pipe; thence run S 87 degrees 55'07" W, 469.96 feet to a point on said East R/W; thence run N 02 degrees 00'00"W, a long-said R/W, 176.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a porno: i of Lots #1 and 2, Block "1", Second Addition of Paden Farm Subdivision, Etowah County, Alabama, said point also being the Northwest corner of Lot # 28 of "The Cove" at Waterford Place Subdivision as recorded to Plat Book "Mv, Page 10 in the Judge of Probate Of Sce, Etowah. County, . Alabama, said point being the point of Intersection of the Easterly right-of-way of Eastside Drive and the Northerly right-of-way of Owens Drive. Prom said point of commencement ran N 6° 36' 21" E along the Westerly line of said lot # 12 and along the Easterly right-of-way of Eastside Drive a distance of 35.17 feet to an iron pin found

(PLS #20141) being the Northwest corner of said Lot #12 and also being the point of beginning of the lands hereto described. From said point of beginning run N 09@ 27° 16" E along the Easterly right-of-way of said Eastside Drive a distance of 79.73 feet to an iron pin found (PLS #20141); thence run on N 9° 39' 24" E along said Easterly right-of-way a distance of 144.86 feet to a concrete monument found; thence deflect right and run N 74° 35' 39" E along said Easterly right-of-way a distance of 6538 feet to a concrete monument found; thence deflect left and run N 33° 24' 39" E along said Easterly right-of-way a distance of 67.18 feet to a concrete monument found; thence deflect left and ran N 1° 25' 46" E along said Easterly right-of-way a distance of 50.06 feet to a concrete monument ; Branco deflect left and run. N 37° 44' 31u W along said Easterly right-of-way d distance of 881.0 feet to concrete monument found being the Southwest corner of the Henry O. and wife Laurel J. Littlejohn property as recorded to Deed Book 1439, Page 377, Judge of Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence deflect right, depart from said right-of-way and run N 88° 01' 39" E along the South lines of sold Littlejohn property a distance of 1114.39 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar found being the point of intersection with the 511 contour of the H-Neely Henry Reservoir, said point being the Southeast corner of said Littlejohn property; thence deflect right end run S 50° 20' 48" E along said 511 contour a distance of 16292 feet to an iron pin found (PLS.#20141) being the point of intersection with the Eastern boundary of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 (otherwise known as fraction or Government Lot # 8) Section 17, T-12-S, R-6-E of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama, said point also being the Northwest corner of Lot # 28 of "The Cove" at Waterford Place Subdivision as recorded to Plat Book # 12, Page 74, to the Judge of Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence deflect right odd run S 07° 00' 00" W along the Eastern line of said forty and along the Western line of said Lot # 28 a distance of 194.85 feet to an iron point found (PLS #20141) being the Southwest corner of said Lot # 28; thence continue 5 07° 00' Q0'1 W along the Eastern Eno of said forty and along the Western line of Lot # 1 of sold "The Cove" at Waterford place Subdivision a distance of 47.83 feet to an iron pin found, (PLS #20141) being the Northeasterly corner of (afore mentioned Ramsgate Subdivision; thence deflect right, depart from said forty line and run N 61'46' 21"-W a distance of 106.71 feet along the Northerly line of said Loft#1 to an iron pin found (PLS #20141) being the Northernmost corner thereof; thence deflect left and run S 88° 15' 15" W along the North lines of Lots " 2 through Lot 10 of said Ramsgate Subdivision a distance of 828.48 feet to an iron pin found (PLS #21)141) being the Northwest corner of Lot # 10 of said Ramsgate Subdivision; thence deflect right and run Northwesterly along the Northerly lines of Lots # 11 & #12 of said Ramsgate Subdivision and along the curve to the right having curve date of arc = 1256.67 feet, radius a 125.00 feet, delta => 56'03'35", tangent < 69.37 feet and having a chord bearing and distance of N 52'42'57" W and 12132 feet respectively, to an pin found (PLS #20141) being the Northernmost corner of said Lot #12; thence deflect left and run. S 51° 34' 51" W along the Northwesterly line of said Lot # 12 a distance of 185.30 feet to the point of beginning. Sold parcel being subject to a 10-foot utility easement located in the South easterly portion of said property being granted to Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board as recorded in Deed Book 900, Page 242, in the Judge of Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Said parcel being a portion South 1/2 half of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 (otherwise described as the south 1/2 of fraction or Government Block #8 Section 17, T-12-S, R-6-E, of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama and containing 10.130 acres, more or less. Lots 1-12 of Ramsgate as recorded in map or plat thereof in Plat book "M" Page 10, Probate Office Etowah County, Alabama. Final Plat for Subdividing a large parcel of land to develop Mixed Residential Homes (MR) in Waterford Landing Phase II (Formally Ramsgate) on property described below. (Property Address being in and around 1342 Owens Street,

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water side). Begin at the Northeast corner of Government Lot " 9", Section 17, T-12-S, R-6-East of Huntsville Meridian, on the South R/W of an unnamed street and run S88°16'41" W, along the North line of said fractional 1/4 and said South R/W, 1335.82 feet to an existing 112" rod on the West line of said fractional 1/4; thence run S07°00'03"W along said West line, 405.62 feet to an existing pinch-pipe on the 5 l 1.00 feet contour of Lake Neely Henry; thence leaving said West line run the following chord bearings and distances along said contour, S79°16'33"E 317.69 feet; N64°03'48"E, 70.14 feet; N06°25'54"E, 71.17 feet; (PLS #20141) being the Southeast corner of Lot 2 of said Ramsgate Subdivision; thence deflect right and run N 1 42 05 " W along the Easterly line of-said Lot # 2 a distance of 88.05 feet " to an iron pin found (PLS#20141) being the Northeast corner thereof; thence deflect left and run 8 88° 15' 15" W along the North lines of Lots " 2 through Lot 10 of said Ramsgate Subdivision a distance of 828.48 feet to an iron pin found (PLS #21)141) being the Northwest corner of Lot # 10 of said Ramsgate Subdivision; thence deflect right and run Northwesterly along the Northerly lines of Lots # 11 & #12 of said Ramsgate Subdivision and along the curve to the right having curve date of arc = 1256.67 feet, radius a 125.00 feet, delta => 56'03'35", tangent < 69.37 feet and having a chord bearing and distance of N 52'42'57" W and 12132 feet respectively, to an pin found (PLS #20141) being the Northernmost corner of said Lot #12; thence deflect left and run. S 51° 34' 51" W along the Northwesterly line of said Lot # 12 a distance of 185.30 feet to the point of beginning. Sold parcel being subject to a 10-foot utility easement located in the South easterly portion of said property being granted to Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board as recorded in Deed Book 900, Page 242, in the Judge of Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Said parcel being a portion South 1/2 half of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 (otherwise described as the south 1/2 of fraction or Government Block #8 Section 17, T-12-S, R-6-E, of the Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama and containing 10.130 acres, more or less. Lots 1-12 of Ramsgate as recorded in map or plat thereof in Plat book "M" Page 10, Probate Office Etowah County, Alabama. Final Plat for Subdividing a large parcel of land to develop Mixed Residential Homes (MR) in Waterford Landing Phase II (Formally Ramsgate) on property described below. (Property Address being in and around 1342 Owens Street,

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SURPLUS ITEMS
Gadsden State Community College will now be selling all Surplus items on Govdeals.com. Anyone interested in purchasing can go to Govdeals.com, register as a bidder, type in Gadsden State Community College in the search engine and view all the items we have for sale. All items are sold As is.

2025 Annual Water Quality Report (Testing Performed January through December 2025)

Hokes Bluff Water Board
5720 Gilland Road
Hokes Bluff, Alabama 35903
PWS # AL0000581

We are pleased to provide you, our customer, our annual Water Quality Report. This report presents our water quality data and other information about drinking water. We are committed to providing our customers with the highest quality drinking water possible.

Hokes Bluff Water Board is proud to be a sponsor and active participant in the Etowah County Water Festival. Held at Gadsden State Community College. This was a great success, and we hope it continues for many years.

Water Sources	1 Spring with a capacity of 3,000 gpm (Tawana Springs)	
Storage Capacity	1-75,000-gallon elevated storage tank 1-300,000-gallon ground storage tank 1-500,000-gallon ground storage tank 1-24,000-gallon-clearwell	
Booster Pump Stations	1-Tawana Spring, 1,000 gpm.	
Number of Customer	Approximately 1845 customers	
Distribution Piping	Approximately 48 Miles of water main. 10 miles of cast/ductile, 38 miles of pvc.	
Interconnections	Sell water to Ford's Valley	
Board Members	General Manager	
Kenneth Means Ricky Shields Dr. Joseph R. Ford Terry Snow Tim Franklin	Kevin Jenkins	

Water Source Protection

In compliance with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Hokes Bluff developed a source water Assessment plan that assists in protecting our water sources. It includes a susceptibility analysis, which classifies potential contaminants as high, moderate, or non-susceptible to contaminating the water source. The susceptibility analysis identified and marked on a map, and we are working to reduce potential contaminating sites. To help address these concerns, the Hokes Bluff Water Board developed a source water committee with representatives from the area on the committee. The source water assessment is in or office at 5720 Gilliland Road, Hokes Bluff, Alabama 35903.

Please help us make these efforts worthwhile by protecting our source of water. Carefully follow instructions on pesticides and herbicides you use for your lawn and garden, and properly dispose of household chemicals, paints, and waste oil. We ask that all our customers help us protect our valuable water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's futures.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the information in this report or concerning your water utility, please contact
Kevin Jenkins at 256-492-2298.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. Hokes Bluff holds regular public meeting on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at our office at 572 Gilliland Road, Hokes Bluff, Alabama, 35903. All are welcome to attend.

More information about contaminants to drinking water and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

General Information about Drinking Water

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. MCL's, defined in a List of Definitions in this report, are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

Your source water is also tested for pathogens, such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia. These pathogens can enter the water from animal or human waste. For people who may be immuno-compromised, a guidance document developed jointly by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control is available online at www.epa.gov/safewater/crypto.html or from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791. This language does not indicate the presence of cryptosporidium in our drinking water.

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

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

Some people who drink water contaminated with trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and haloacetic acids (HAA5's) in **excess of the MCL** over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Since most surface water treatment plants use chlorine for disinfection, TTHMs and HAA5s has become a national problem. As you can see from the report, we did not exceed the contaminate levels for TTHMS and HAA5s for 2024. We are constantly working at the Hokes Bluff to control the amount of TTHMS and HAA5s in our drinking water.

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

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. More information about contaminants to drinking water and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

The Hokes Bluff Water Board strives to provide a dependable and safe supply of water to all consumers. We ask that you be considerate when accidents or Mother Nature hinder our efforts to supply your water. Regardless of the time, or weather, waterworks personnel are on call and working to keep water flowing. Please help us protect our water sources, which are a vital part of our lives and our children's future.

Information about Lead

Lead in drinking water is rarely found in source water but is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Use only water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is more likely to cause leaching of lead from plumbing materials. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. These recommended actions are very important to the health of your family. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems.

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

Tap vs. Bottled

Thanks in part to aggressive marketing, the bottled water industry has successfully convinced us all that water purchased in bottles is a healthier alternative to tap water. However, according to a four-year study conducted by the Natural Resources Defense Council, bottled water is not necessarily cleaner or safer than most tap water. In fact, about 25 percent of bottled water is actually just bottled tap water (40 percent according to government estimates).

The Food and Drug Administration is responsible for regulating bottled water, but these rules allow for less rigorous testing and purity standards than those required by the U.S. EPA for community tap water. For instance, the high mineral content of some bottled waters makes them unsuitable for babies and young children. Further, the FDA completely exempts bottled water that's packaged and sold within the same state, which accounts for about 70 percent of all bottled water sold in the United States.

People spend 10,000 times more money per gallon for bottled water than they typically do for tap water. If you get your recommended eight glasses a day from bottled water, you could spend up to \$1,400 annually. The same amount of tap water would cost about 49 cents. Even if you installed a filter device on your tap, your annual expenditure would be far less than what you'd pay for bottled water.

Water Main Flushing

Distribution mains (pipes) convey water to homes, businesses, and hydrants in your neighborhood. At times, we may need to flush the distribution mains. Water main flushing is the process of cleaning the interior of water distribution mains by sending a rapid flow of water through the mains. Flushing maintains water quality in several ways. For example, flushing removes sediments like iron and manganese. Although iron and manganese do not themselves pose health concerns, they can affect the taste, clarity, and color of the water. Flushing helps ensure the presence of fresh water with sufficient dissolved oxygen and disinfectant levels and an acceptable taste and smell. During flushing operations in your neighborhood, some short-term changes are possible. For instance, the water may run darker for a while due to the flushed sediment from the distribution pipes. Avoid tap water for drinking and washing white clothes at such times. If you do use the tap, allow your cold water to run for a few minutes at full velocity before use, and avoid using hot water, to prevent sediment accumulation in your hot water tank. Please contact us if you have any questions or if you would like more information on our water main flushing schedule.

Cause of Pink or Gray Stains on Fixtures

Gray or pink stains are sometimes noticed on moist surfaces of water fixtures. This condition is typically caused by an air borne bacteria that thrives in moist and otherwise favorable locations. These bacteria are generally "serratia marcescens" bacteria, although many other airborne bacteria can exist under these moist conditions. These bacteria are generally not hazardous to a healthy person. This discoloration easily wipes from the fixture surface and typically leaves no staining once cleaning is completed. The origin of these bacteria is airborne and NOT from the water in the water pumping system.

Definitions

- Action Level-** the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.
- Coliform Absent (ca)-** laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present
- Disinfection byproducts (DBPs)-** formed when disinfectants react with bromide and/or natural organic matter (i.e., decaying vegetation) present in the source water. Disinfection byproducts for which regulations have been established include trihalomethanes (TTHM), haloacetic acids (HAAS), bromate, and chlorite.
- Distribution System Evaluation (DSE)-** a four-quarter study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of THMs and HAAs.
- Level 1 Assessment-** a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- Level 2 Assessment-** a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)-** highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal-** the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)-** highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Micrograms per liter (ug/L)** - equivalent to parts per billion (ppb) since one liter of water is equal in weight to one billion micrograms.
- Millirems per year (mrem/L)**- equivalent to parts per million.
- Nper year (mrem/yr)**- a measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
- Nephetometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)-** a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- Not Detected (ND)-** laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present above detection limits of lab equipment.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l)**- corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)**- corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)**- corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)**- corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)**- a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- Running Annual Average (RAA)-** yearly average of all the DPB results at each specific sampling site in the distribution system. The RAA, along with a range, is reported in the Table of Detected Contaminants.
- Standard Units (S.U.)-** pH of water measures the water's balances of acids and bases and is affected by temperature and carbon dioxide gas. Water with less than 6.5 could be acidic, soft, and corrosive. A pH greater than 6.5 could indicate that the water is hard.
- Treatment Technique (TT)-** a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Variations & Exemptions (V&E)-** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Monitoring Schedule and Results

Hokes Bluff Water Board routinely monitor for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The EPA or ADEM requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. This report contains results from the most recent monitoring which was performed in accordance with the regulatory schedule.

TABLE OF DETECTED DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS						
Hokes Bluff Water Table						
Contaminants	Violation Yes/No	Level Detected	Unit Msmt	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contaminants
Alpha emitters	NO	ND	Pci/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta/Photon emitters	NO	ND	Mrem/yr	0	4	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	NO	ND	Pci/l	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Alkalinity	NO	108	ppm	n/a	n/a	Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine	NO	2.03	ppm	MRDLG=4	MRDLG=4	Water additive used to control microbes
Coliform	NO	<5%	Present Absent	0	<5%	Naturally present in the environment
Copper (Consumer's tap)	NO	0.056	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Household plumbing corrosion; erosion; preservation leaching
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	0.18	ppm	10	10	Fertilizer runoff; septic tank leaching, sewage; erosion
Lead (Consumer's tap)	NO	1.0	ppb	15	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite	NO	ND	ppm	10	10	Fertilizer runoff; septic tank leaching, sewage; erosion
Trichlorethene	NO	2.1	ppb	5	n/a	Solvent used to remove grease or paint
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	NO	Low-15 High-3.2	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 [Total haloacetic acids]	NO	ND	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Turbidity	NO	0.10	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff

Unregulated Contaminants						
Chlorofom	NO	ND	ppm	none	none	Naturally occurring in the environment or from runoff
Bromodichloromethane	NO	ND	ppm	none	none	Naturally occurring in the environment or from runoff
Dibromochloromethane	NO	ND	ppm	none	none	Naturally occurring in the environment or from runoff

Secondary Contaminants						
Aluminum	NO	ND	ppm	n/a	0.2	Naturally occurring in the environment or from treatment
Barium	NO	0.11	ppm	2	2	Drilling waste; refinery discharge; erosion of natural deposits
Calcium	NO	27.5	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment
Chloride	NO	ND	ppm	none	250	Naturally occurring in the environment or from runoff
Copper	NO	0.0039	ppm	n/a	1	Erosion of natural deposits leaching from pipes
Fluride	NO	ND	ppm	4	4	Erosion; water additive for tooth health; factory discharge
Hardness	NO	111	ppm	none	none	Naturally occurring or from water additives
Iron	NO	ND	ppm	none	0.3	Erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium	NO	10.2	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment
Manganese	NO	ND	su	none	0.5	Erosion of natural deposits
pH	NO	7.6	S.U.	none	none	Naturally occurring or from water additives
Sodium	NO	ND	ppm	none	none	Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate	NO	ND	ppm	none	250	Naturally occurring in the environment; erosion
Total Alkalinity	NO	108	ppm	none	none	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	86	ppm	none	500	Naturally occurring in the environment or from runoff
Zinc	NO	ND	ppm	none	5	Erosion; factory & refinery discharge; runoff from landfills

* Figure shown is 90th percentile and # of sites above the Action Level (AL) = 0

Standard List of Drinking Water Contaminants

Following is a list of *Primary Drinking Water Contaminants* and a list of *Unregulated Contaminants* for which our water system routinely monitors according to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. These contaminants were not detected In your drinking water unless they are listed in the *Table of Drinking Water Contaminants*.

STANDARD LIST OF DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS					
Contaminants	MCL	Unit of Msmt	Contaminants	MCL	Unit of Msmt
Bacteriological Contaminants			trans-1,2-Dichloroethiene	100	ppb
Total Coliform Bacteria	<5%	present/absent	Dichloromethane	5	ppb
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	0	present/absent	1,2-Dichloropropane	5	ppb
Fecal Indicators	0	present/absent	Di (2-ethylhexyl)adipate	400	ppb
Turbidity	TT	NTU	Di (2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	6	ppb
Cryptosporidium	TT	Calc.organisms/l	Dinoseb	7	ppb
Radiological Contaminants			Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	ppq
Beta/Photon emitters	4	mrem/yr	Diquat	20	ppb
Alpha emitters	15	pCi/l	Endothali	100	ppb
Combined radium	5	pCi/l	Endrin	2	ppb
Uranium	30	pCi/l	Epichlorohydrin	TT	TT
Inorganic Chemicals			Ethylbenzene	700	ppb
Antimony	6	ppb	Ethylene dibromide	50	ppt
Arsenic	10	ppb	Glyphosate	700	ppb
Asbestos	7	MFL	Heptachlor	400	ppt
Barium	2	ppm	Heptachlor epoxide	200	ppt
Beryllium	4	ppb	Hexachlorobenzene	1	ppb
Cadmium	5	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	50	ppb
Chromium	100	ppb	Lidane	200	ppt
Copper	AL=1.3	ppm	Methoxychlor	50	ppb
Cyanide	200	ppb	Oxamyl [Vydate]	200	ppb
Fluoride	4	ppm	Polychlorinated biphenyls	0.5	ppb
Lead	AL=15	ppb	Pentachlorophenol	1	ppb
Mercury	2	ppb	Picloram	500	ppb
Nitrate	10	ppm	Simazine	4	ppb
Nitrite	1	ppm	Styrene	100	ppb
Selenium	.05	ppm	Tetrachloroethylene	5	ppb
Thallium	.002	ppm	Toluene	1	ppb
Organic Contaminants			Toxaphene	3	ppb
2,4-D	70	ppb	2,4,5-TP(Silvex)	50	ppm
Acrylamide	TT	TT	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	.07	ppb
Alachlor	2	ppb	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	ppb
Benzene	5	ppb	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5	ppb
Benzo(a)pyrene [PAHs]	200	ppt	Trichloroethylene	5	ppb
Carbofuran	40	ppb	Vinyl Chloride	2	ppm
Carbon tetrachloride	5	ppb	Xylenes	10	
Chlordane	2	ppb	Disinfectants & Disinfection Byproducts		
Chlorobenzene	100	ppb	Chlorine	4	ppm
Dalapon	200	ppb	Chlorine Dioxide	800	ppb
Dibromochloropropane	200	ppt	Chloramines	4	ppm
o-Dichlorobenzene	600	ppb	Bromate	10	ppb
p-Dichlorobenzene	75	ppb	Chlorite	1	ppm
1,2-Dichloroethane	5	ppb	HAA5 [Total haloacetic acids]	60	ppb
1, 1-Dichloroethylene	7	ppb	TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	80	ppb
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylena	70	ppb			
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS					
1,1-Dichloropropene	Aldicarb		Chloroform		Metolachlor
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	Aldicarb Sulfone		Chloromethane		Trichlorethene
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	Aldicarb Sulfoxide		Dibromochloromethane		N- Butylbenzene
1,1-Dichloroethane	Aldrin		Dibromomethane		Naphthalene
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	Bromobenzene		Dicamba		N-Propyltoluene
1,2,3 Trichloropropane	Bromochloromethane		Dichlorodifluoromethane		O-Chlorotoluene
1,2,4- Trimethylbenzene	Bromodichloromethane		Dieldrin		P-Chlorotoluene
1,3-Dichloropropane	Bromoform		Hexachlorobutadiene		P-Isopropyltoluene
1,3 Dichloropropene	Bromomethane		Isoprpylbenzene		Propachlor
1,3,5- Trimethylbenzene	Butachlor		M-Dichlorobenzene		Sec-Butylbenzene
2,2- Dichloropropane	Carbaryl		Methomyl		Tert-Butylbenzene
3-Hydroxycarbofuran	Chloroethane		MTBE		Trichlorfluoromethane

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