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Ford announces bid for reelection

Mayor Craig Ford has announced his candidacy for re-election in 2026, pledging to continue the momentum that has fueled Gadsden's growth and revitalization over the past four years.

Since taking office, Ford has focused on strategic planning, economic development, infrastructure improvements, and enhancing quality of life for residents. A cornerstone of his administration has been the completion and implementation of the GROW Gadsden Plan, a long-term roadmap for economic growth, community development, and neighborhood investment.

"When I ran for mayor, I promised to get Gadsden moving—and we've done exactly that," Ford said. "The GROW Gadsden Plan is our blueprint for the future, and I'm running for re-election to continue the progress we've made and to finish what we started."

During his first term, Ford's administration secured more than \$25 million in grant funding and federal appropriations for critical infrastructure, public safety, recreation, and community development projects. His administration successfully

recruited Minth Group and Peneco, bringing new jobs and investment to the region, while also supporting the expansion of several existing industries and local employers. In addition, the city has welcomed more than twelve new retail businesses, restaurants, and service providers, creating new opportunities for residents and strengthening Gadsden's economy.

Ford has also prioritized investments in public safety, providing additional resources for police, fire, and emergency services that will continue preparing Gadsden for the future. All of these initiatives have enhanced the quality of life for residents of Gadsden, as well as those who visit our beautiful city.

"These accomplishments are the result of a community that believes in progress and a team that is willing to work every day to move Gadsden forward," Ford said. "We have built tremendous momentum, and I want to make sure we continue that progress."

"I've said from the beginning that there are no brakes on progress," Ford added. "We're moving Gadsden forward, and I want to continue building on the founda-



tion we've created together." If re-elected, Ford will focus on completing key GROW Gadsden initiatives that will help prepare Gadsden for the future. "Gadsden's best days are ahead of us," Ford said. "We have

accomplished a great deal, but there is still important work to do. I am committed to keeping our city moving forward and ensuring that every neighborhood benefits from the progress we are making."

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Upscale hotel planned for downtown

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor

Gadsden tourists will soon have a high-end option with the addition of a 4.5-star hotel, following approval from the city council on Tuesday.

The hotel, planned as either a boutique Marriott or Hilton brand, would replace the former police department building. Plans call for more than 100 rooms, a rooftop bar and an in-house restaurant.

City officials said construction is expected to follow a phased timeline.

The company plans to break ground within the next six months, with an estimated 18-month construction period, according to Moore.

Based on that timeline, completion could be around mid-2028.

Although the former police department will be demolished, Moore said renovations are planned for city hall to be converted into condominiums, with the hopes of connecting the developer and architects of the hotel to mimic the outer covering.

City officials said the project is part of a broader effort to strengthen downtown development and create a more walkable district, connecting key destinations including the Gadsden Athletic Center and a future pedestrian bridge leading to The Venue at Coosa Landing.

John Moore, director of

commercial development and community affairs, said acquiring an upscale hotel has been a priority for about 18 months as part of the city's downtown redevelopment strategy.

Over that period, Moore said he negotiated with four hotel companies. Three proposed tax abatements totaling about \$12 million over 15 years, which city officials said were not feasible.

Galactic Hospitality Group proposed a \$4.5 million tax abatement spread over three years, including \$1.5 million once hotel plans are finalized, \$1.5 million at groundbreaking and the final \$1.5 million when the hotel opens.

"A good question would

be where's the money coming from?" Mayor Craig Ford said.

Economic Development Fund 160, a special revenue fund, is used for incentives, land acquisition and other projects aimed at promoting commercial and industrial development, according to city officials. The fund is supported through city revenue sources and council-approved transfers.

Mayor Craig Ford said the incentive would be paid through the Economic Development Fund rather than the city's General Fund.

"The incentive is \$1.5 million per year," Ford said.

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Julie Talton named superintendent of Etowah County Schools BOE

By Karla McArthur
Reporter



The Etowah County Board of Education unanimously voted June 26 to appoint Julie Talton as the next superintendent of Etowah County Schools.

Talton, who has served in the district's central office leadership, said she is honored by the board's confidence and eager to continue serving the school system.

"Having served our district in central office leadership, I know firsthand the dedication of our employees, the potential of our students and the strong support of our communities," Talton said. "This is more than a position; it's an opportunity to continue serving a district that I care deeply about."

Talton said collaboration has been the foundation of her career and will continue to guide her leadership.

"My role is to support our principals, teachers and staff, listen to our families and community and keep students at the center of every decision we make," she said.

She acknowledged the legacy of outgoing Superintendent Dr. Alan Cosby, whom she credited with providing stability and student-centered leadership.

"Dr. Cosby has left a tremendous legacy of leadership, stability and doing what's best for students," Talton said. "While no one can replace Dr. Cosby, I hope to build on the strong foundation he has established and continue moving our district forward."

Talton said her initial focus will be on listening, learning and building upon the district's existing strengths rather than making changes for the sake of change.

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Little Caesars



NEWS

The Ruscar celebrates 75 years

By Karla McArthur
Correspondent

July 4, 2026, marks the 75th anniversary of the day Rusty Poole and his father, L.E. Poole began building what would become a recognizable automotive landmark — the Ruscar.

According to Poole, his father had spent several years considering the idea of building what he referred to as an “Indianapolis” car. As a teenager, Rusty was eager to help bring the vision to life.

On July 4, 1951, the father-and-son team borrowed a trailer and purchased front and rear axles, four leaf springs and a steering gear from a 1937 Studebaker, laying the foundation for what would become a one-of-a-kind, custom-built sports car.

Over the next four and a half years, the Pooles designed and built the vehicle entirely from scratch. The Ruscar made its public debut in May 1956 at the Cleveland Arena,

where it earned first place in the sports car class by popular vote. Poole received the award from actress Jayne Mansfield.

Throughout the decades, the Ruscar underwent numerous modifications and upgrades. What began as a father-and-son project has become a multigenerational endeavor, with Poole’s sons, Keith and Doug, helping preserve and improve the custom vehicle.

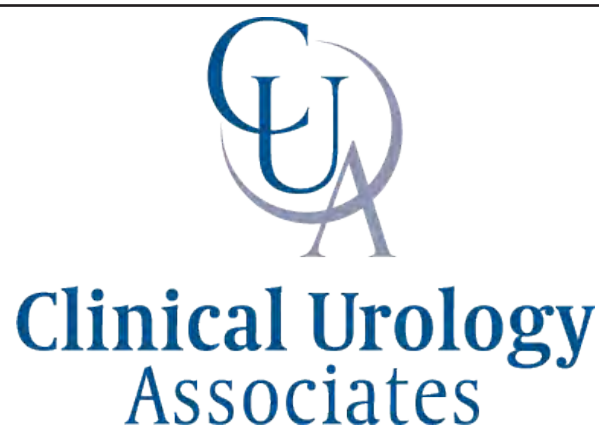
Although he occasionally questioned whether the project would ever be completed, Poole said the experience of building the Ruscar has been rewarding.

Community members will have the opportunity to view the historic automobile on Friday, July 3, during First Friday in downtown Gadsden. The Ruscar will be displayed in its customary location on the west side corner of Fourth and Broad streets.

For more information about The Ruscar and its origin, visit <http://ruscar.50webs.com/>



Clinical Urology Associates, Blue Ocean Interventional Radiology Launch Office-Based Prostate Artery Embolization Program in Albertville



Clinical Urology Associates and Blue Ocean Interventional Radiology have partnered with interventional radiologist David J. Kim, MD, of Radiology of Huntsville, to launch a new office-based prostate artery embolization program in Albertville, Alabama.

The program officially launched on June 26, 2026, with three patients successfully undergoing prostate artery embolization procedures at Clinical Urology Associates’ office-based laboratory in Albertville.

The collaboration brings together the clinical expertise and local patient relationships of Clinical Urology Associates, the interventional radiology experience of Dr. Kim and the program-development and operational resources of Blue Ocean Interventional Radiology, headquartered in Naples, Florida.

Clinical Urology Associates’ project leadership included Michael Jennings, MD; John F. Pirani, MD, FACS; Ashley Jennings; McKenzi Cox; and the practice’s clinical and administrative teams. Dr. Kim serves as the interventional radiologist performing the procedures.

Blue Ocean’s development and launch team included:

- Sean Conley, Chief Executive Officer
- Anthony Fernandez, Director of Development
- Jenna Brantley, Director of Operations
- Dakota Boyd, Project Manager

Together, the organizations developed the clinical, operational, regulatory, staffing, equipment and supply infrastructure necessary

to provide embolization procedures in an outpatient office-based laboratory, commonly referred to as an OBL.

What Is Prostate Artery Embolization?

Prostate artery embolization, or PAE, is a minimally invasive procedure used to treat urinary symptoms caused by benign prostatic hyperplasia, commonly known as BPH or an enlarged prostate.

During the procedure, an interventional radiologist guides a small catheter through the blood vessels supplying the prostate. Tiny particles are then delivered through the catheter to reduce blood flow to targeted areas of the prostate. Over time, this causes the prostate to shrink and can help improve symptoms such as frequent urination, urgency, difficulty starting urination, a weak urinary stream and incomplete bladder emptying.

PAE is performed through a small access point rather than a traditional surgical incision. At the Albertville OBL, the procedure is performed under conscious sedation, allowing appropriately selected patients to receive treatment in a comfortable outpatient setting without general anesthesia or an overnight hospital stay.

Expanding Access to Minimally Invasive Care
The launch represents an important expansion of minimally invasive treatment options for men with BPH in Albertville, Gadsden and surrounding communities throughout northeastern Alabama.

By offering PAE in an office-based setting, the partnership is designed to provide patients with a co-

ordinated experience that connects their established urology care with specialized interventional radiology treatment.

The successful completion of all three procedures on launch day established the foundation for continued growth of the Albertville program. The participating organizations also anticipate that the OBL’s capabilities may support additional medically appropriate embolization procedures in the future.

About Clinical Urology Associates

Clinical Urology Associates provides comprehensive urologic care to patients throughout northeastern Alabama. Its physicians and clinical teams diagnose and treat a wide range of conditions involving the urinary system and men’s health, including benign prostatic hyperplasia.

About Blue Ocean Interventional Radiology

Blue Ocean Interventional Radiology, based in Naples, Florida, partners with physician practices to develop and operate office-based interventional radiology programs. Its teams provide development, clinical, operational and administrative support to help practices expand access to minimally invasive outpatient procedures.

About Radiology of Huntsville

Radiology of Huntsville provides diagnostic and interventional radiology services to patients throughout northern Alabama. David J. Kim, MD, specializes in diagnostic and interventional radiology and performs minimally invasive, image-guided procedures.

For more information, visit clinicalurology.com or call 256-492-4040



Gadsden Museum of Art held an opening reception with artist from Ground Floor Contemporary’s for an All-Artist Show, “Yes, Absurd,” with contributions from 40 artists on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Ground Floor Contemporary is an artist-run and supported cooperative art gallery based in Birmingham that is committed to promoting and expanding the visual arts community, according to its website.

The exhibit features artworks from more than 40 artists from the GFC and 21st Street Studio Artists. Seven artist from GFC attended to discuss their featured images. The talks featuring Bethany Moody, Sarah West, Annio Klaus, Rebecca Fulmer, Misty Bennett, Meg Howton and Nancy Barnheart.

Stacey Holloway, the artist who created the exhibits “It Takes a Village” and “The Darkest Hour,” kicked off the artist talk at 2 p.m. before handing off the mic to the GFC artist.

Photo by Piper Smith

Hotel

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ownership of the property to the company once the project is finished.

Moore said the hotel anchors the city’s broader downtown tourism plan.

“The pieces of our whole entire economic impact tourism plan, the mayor’s plan, have now come together with this hotel being the anchor of all those things,” Moore said. “Without a hotel in the downtown area, that’s a high-end like that, everything else doesn’t work.”

“However, we’re not taking \$1.5 million away from the taxpayer’s general fund budget. It is designed for economic incentives, and this is what I think the specific purpose of this would be useful.”

In addition to the tax incentive, the city has agreed to convey the land to Galactic Hospitality Group upon completion of the project, meaning the city would transfer

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NEWS

Seven areas in Gadsden proposed for rezoning

Residents will have another opportunity Tuesday to weigh in on a proposal to rezone seven areas of Gadsden from traditional residential to neighborhood center before the City Council votes on the changes on July 14.

Rezoning the areas as neighborhood centers allows small-scale neighborhood businesses, such as corner stores, offices or service businesses, where appropriate under the city's new zoning code.

The proposed rezonings are part of the city's implementation of the Grow Gadsden plan. Last year, the city adopted its first comprehensive update to its zoning code since 1982, and officials have said they expected adjustments would be needed as the new regulations were put into practice.

"Any time you're trying to make massive large-scale brush strokes when you're

talking about changing the zoning of an entire city, in one stroke of the pen, so to speak, we all talked about knowing there would be individual instances that we would have to come back and revisit on the zoning basis," Jason Wilson, District 5 council member, said. "This is a prime example."

A previous public hearing was held on May 27 before the Planning Commission, during which residents expressed their opinions on the changes, according to Tracci Cordell, Gadsden's zoning administrator.

The seven proposed rezonings are concentrated along Forrest Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Walnut Street, College Street, Hokes Street and surrounding residential neighborhoods.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of each rezoning proposal following the May 27 public hearing,

during which residents voiced comments on the changes.

One resident from area 6 requested more police presence if traffic in the area increased.

In areas 5 and 7, some residents were concerned about property tax increases, future developments and their impact on residents, according to notes from the meeting.

The planning staff assured residents their property taxes would not increase in correlation to the zoning change and clarified that Neighborhood Center zones only allowed limited commercial uses.

The public hearing will be held during Tuesday's City Council meeting. If approved, the rezonings would take effect following the council's July 14 vote.

For a detailed map of the various zones, visit cityofgadsden.com/159/zoning.

Zone types and uses

- **SR – Suburban Residential** - Low-density residential areas, typically single-family homes. Designed for quiet neighborhoods with larger lots and limited non-residential uses.
- **OS – Open Space** - Land set aside for parks, green space, recreation, conservation, or natural areas. Development is usually very limited.
- **HC – Highway Commercial** - Commercial development oriented toward high-traffic roads and vehicle access, such as gas stations, chain restaurants, hotels, and retail centers.
- **IN – Industrial Zone** - Areas designated for manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, and other industrial uses, often separated from residential areas due to noise or traffic impacts.
- **TR – Traditional Residential** - Established residential neighborhoods, often closer to older parts of a city, with a mix of housing types but primarily homes and low-intensity uses.
- **DT – Downtown** - Central business district with a mix of commercial, office, residential, entertainment, and civic uses in a more walkable, dense environment.
- **NC – Neighborhood Center** - Small-scale, neighborhood-serving commercial areas embedded within residential communities. Typically allows limited retail, services, and offices intended to serve nearby residents.
- **MR – Mixed Residential** - Areas that allow a mix of residential housing types (such as single-family, duplexes, and sometimes small multifamily), often with limited compatible uses.
- **RH – Regional Hub** - Higher-intensity commercial or mixed-use areas intended to serve a wider region, not just nearby neighborhoods—often larger retail centers, major corridors, or commercial districts.

Etowah County Lions Club celebrates charter

The Etowah County Lions Club recently celebrated receiving its official charter while also marking one year of serving the residents of Etowah County. In just twelve months, the club has become a lifeline for families facing food insecurity by delivering groceries and essential resources directly to those with transportation or mobility challenges. The club operates through the Etowah County Lions Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, making donations tax deductible as permitted by law.

During the celebration, Charter President Mollie Smith and Charter member Christy Medlin were presented with the Extension Award, a recognition from Lions Clubs International presented by the District Governor. The award recognizes Lions who successfully establish and grow new clubs, expanding Lionism and increasing service to communities in need.

Marie Johnson, head of the Etowah Community Food Bank that provides for hundreds of families each month, praised the club's impact.

"The Etowah County Lions Club has filled a gap that existed in our community," Johnson said.

Jerry Ramsey, Vice President of the Etowah County Lions Club and Rainbow City councilman, said the club's mission

has been inspiring.

"I'm proud to be part of something our community truly needs," Ramsey said.

District Governor Craig Gadow said he recognized the need for the club from the very beginning.

"When I saw the poverty statistics for Etowah County and learned how many families were struggling with food insecurity and transportation barriers, I knew this was a community that desperately needed a Lions club with this mission," Gadow said. "Watching the Etowah County Lions Club turn that vision into action during its first year has been inspiring. I couldn't be prouder of what these Lions have accomplished in such a short time, and I have no doubt they will continue to grow their impact and serve even more people in their second year."

Reflecting on the club's first year, Smith credited the club's members for making the mission possible.

"This has been such a special year for me" Smith said. "Watching our Lions step up has been nothing short of incredible. I'm so proud of what we've built from scratch together, and I can't wait to see what we'll accomplish in our second year. The Lions are as much of a blessing to me as they are for the families we serve."

As the club begins its second year,



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Pictured above: Mike McElhane, Mollie Smith, Teresa Stewart, Ben Stewart, Debbie Medlin, Donna Ingram, Debbie Walker, Marsha Smith, Craig Gadow, Jerry Ramsey, Jennifer Evans, Christy Medlin, Anna White, and Elizabeth Fuller.

members remain committed to ensuring that no family is forgotten. The day after the celebration, the club began working on a school supply drive for the families they serve with school aged children. Community members are invited to support the mission by attending the Name That Tune Music Trivia fundraiser at Baja California Grill in Rainbow City at 6 p.m. on the sec-

ond Thursday of each month, by making a tax-deductible donation to the Etowah County Lions Foundation, or by becoming a Lion and serving alongside a growing team dedicated to improving lives throughout Etowah County.

For more information about the Etowah County Lions Club, visit the club's Facebook page.

Keep kids safe in sun, water this summer

By Ashlee Hall
Alabama Cooperative
Extension System

With summer in full swing, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System reminds parents and guardians of the important risks associated with sun exposure and water-related activities.

Silvia Vilches, a family and child development specialist with Alabama Extension at Auburn University, said considering risk factors is key to keeping families healthy and safe this summer.

Water Safety

Despite how fun being by a pool, lake or ocean can be, water-related activities carry significant

risk. According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the most common cause of death for children from 1 to 4 years old and the second most common cause of death for children from 5 to 14 years old. The rate in July is four times the winter rate. Vilches said safety surrounding water requires parents and guardians to pay close attention.

Risks change with age. Toddlers move quickly, so keeping more than one pair of eyes on them is recommended.

For children who are old enough, teaching them to float and swim is critical for water safety.

Along with swimming lessons,

the U.S. National Water Safety Plan recommends using properly fitted personal flotation devices, like life vests, at all times on boats or other vessels less than 26-feet long. This helps prevent accidents from turning into disasters. Vilches said knowing local water conditions is also important to understand the risks of a beach setting.

Sun Safety

Whether you are at the ballpark or in the backyard, protecting skin from the sun is necessary.

Vilches said protecting children from harmful ultraviolet radiation is crucial. The UV index ranges from low exposure rated as 1 to extreme exposure with a rating of 11 or above. This index provides

a reliable measure of risk levels. Parents are advised to limit outdoor activities when UV levels are high, particularly between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Skin Care

Sunburns during childhood can lead to long-term skin damage, premature aging and even skin cancer. There are three main ways to prevent sun damage. The first is staying in the shade, especially during the middle hours of the day. The other two are wearing clothing that protects the skin, and applying sunscreen.

Sunscreens vary in effectiveness and how long they stick to the skin. A sun protection factor or SPF of at least 15 is recom-

mended, but 30 is better. If sunscreen is old, it may be less effective. Check expiration dates and replenish as needed.

Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before sun exposure and reapply at least every two hours. Water-resistant sunscreen is essential when playing in the water.

Sunscreen is not recommended for infants under six months. When outdoors, shaded areas are ideal for infants.

It is a myth that children with darker skin tones are immune from sunburn. Although children with fair skin may burn more easily, using the three sun protection approaches will help keep all children safe now and into the future.

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APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY Friday, July 31, 2026

For application and instructions please visit website at www.cityofgadsden.com

City Services → Departments → Purchasing → Agency Funding Application
For questions email rmoffatt@cityofgadsden.com

EDUCATION

Public Service Announcement

Attalla City Schools announce policy for free and reduced-price meals

Attalla 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 Attalla City Schools will continue participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). No further action is required of you. This USDA provision allows your child(ren) to participate in the school meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

CEP is a key provision of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, which allows schools and school districts in low-income areas to eliminate school meal applications and serve breakfast and lunch at no charge to all enrolled students. CEP gives food service professionals more time to focus on preparing nutritious meals that their students will enjoy and gives students more time to eat those meals by cutting down on time spent in the lunch line. More importantly, by offering all students a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, CEP helps ensure more students come to class well-nourished and ready to learn.

Children need healthy meals to learn. Attalla City Schools offers

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

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

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Locals graduate, added to honors lists

Area students have been named to academic honors lists and graduation rolls for the Spring 2026 semester at several colleges and universities, including the University of Mississippi, Troy University, the University of Arkansas, Samford University and Snead State Community College. Recognitions include Chancellor's and Provost's lists, Dean's Lists and graduation honors for students achieving high academic standing across a range of degree programs.

University Of Mississippi

Gadsden
Allison Haller, Chancellor's Honor Roll. Evelyn Millican, Chancellor's Honor Roll. Lillian Powers, Chancellor's Honor Roll. Rebekah Taylor, Chancellor's Honor Roll.

Troy University

Attalla
Christopher Rains, Provost's List.
Altoona
Peyton Moore, Provost's List.
Gadsden
Taylor Gray, Chancellor's List; Spring/Term 4 Graduate. Cailey White, Spring/Term 4 Graduate.
Glencoe
Isabella Edmondson, Spring/Term 4 Graduate.
Hokes Bluff

Caleb Smith, Chancellor's List; Spring/Term 4 Graduate.

Rainbow City

Aislyn Godfrey, Chancellor's List.
Samford University (Cumberland School Of Law)

Gadsden

Austin Vice, Dean's List.
Snead State Community College

President's List

Altoona
Kari Christina Broom, President's List. Janna Marie Evans, President's List. Megan O. Slaton, President's List. Alonzo Vasquez, President's List.

Attalla

Kaitlyn Ellison, President's List. Tyler Reed Newsome, President's List.

Gadsden

Raymond L. Woodget, President's List.

Gallant

Brittany Davis, President's List.
Rainbow City
Jack Stephen Kilgo, President's List.

Sardis City

Alfred Thomson Grimm, President's List.
Dean's List
Altoona

Emma Grace Finch, Dean's List. Mary Ellen Ford, Dean's List. Chloe Gullion, Dean's List. Kirsten Lindsay Ingram, Dean's List. Isaac Kolby Pounds, Dean's List. Alyssa Kate Sisson, Dean's List. Savanna D. Stancil, Dean's List.

Attalla

Kimberly Ann Bledsoe, Dean's List. Kiera Lashay Hampton, Dean's List.

Gadsden

Aaliyah J. Davis, Dean's List. Allison Jade Eagly, Dean's List. Eli Benjamin Edge, Dean's List. Joann R. Hampton, Dean's List. Kaitlyn Grace Thacker, Dean's List.

Gallant

Matelyn Elaine Battles, Dean's List.

Rainbow City

Braden Kay, Dean's List.
Sardis City
Jalen Eason, Dean's List.
Southside
Brian Tyler Hughes, Dean's List.

University Of Arkansas

Gadsden
Alexandra Solomonik, Graduated with a Master of Science (Sam M. Walton College of Business).

"We have outstanding employees, supportive communities and a tradition of excellence, and I want to ensure we continue moving in a positive direction," she said.

Among her top priorities are recruiting, developing and retaining high-quality employees, maintaining safe learning environments and continuing to strengthen academic achievement.

"Great schools begin with great people," Talton said. "I want to continue investing in our teachers, support staff and administrators while creating a culture where people want to build their careers."

She said school safety and student well-being will remain critical priorities, while the district continues its emphasis on literacy, numeracy and preparing students for success after graduation.

"Whether students choose college, technical training, military service or the workforce, our responsibility is to ensure they graduate ready for their next step," Talton said. She added that she hopes to strengthen career technical education, expand workforce training opportunities and build stronger partnerships with local colleges, businesses and organizations such as the Challenger Learning Center.

"My vision is for every student to graduate with a plan, a purpose and the skills to succeed," she said.

Talton also emphasized communication and transparency.

"Whether it's our board, employees, parents or community partners, I believe the best decisions are made when people feel heard and informed," she said. "My goal is to lead with transparency, build trust and ensure every decision we make is centered on what's best for students."

Long term, Talton said she wants Etowah County Schools to become "the district of choice" for both families and educators by continuing to invest in employees and preparing graduates for college, technical training, military service or the workforce.

She said she hopes her legacy will be one of collaboration, integrity and continuous improvement.

"If, years from now, people can say that Etowah County

Schools is stronger because we worked together to create opportunities for every child, then I'll consider my time as superintendent a success," she said.

When asked if she realized the significance of being the first woman to be superintendent of Etowah County Schools, Talton said it is an exciting moment.

"I'm grateful to be a part of the district's history in that way," she said. "I have two daughters; I hope they see this as a reminder that if you're willing to work hard, continue learning, and stay true to your values, opportunities will come. I want them to know that they should never place limits on what they can accomplish, and if this helps reinforce that message for them—or for other young women—then that's something I'm very proud of."

She said she hopes to be remembered not for being the first woman to hold the position, but for serving the district well, treating people with respect, and helping create opportunities for students to be successful.

Talton thanked her husband, daughters, parents, mentors and former superintendents, including Cosby, for their support throughout her career.

"Collaboration is truly at the heart of education," she said. "Every step of this journey has been shaped by people who invested in me, challenged me and supported me along the way."



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GOVERNMENT

Seven incumbents secure new terms after running unopposed for board positions

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor

As candidates prepare for the Aug. 25 municipal election, seven unopposed candidates were officially declared elected during Tuesday's Gadsden City Council meeting.

City Council Members

District 2 Councilman Steve Smith and District 4 Councilman Kent Back will each serve another four-year term after their current terms expire Nov. 2.

Smith will begin his second term on the council. He chairs the General Administration Committee, serves as vice chair of the Education and Recreation Committee and is a member of the Public Safety Committee, according to the city's website.

Smith is also the Pastor-Servant Leader at Destiny Christian Church in Gadsden, according to the website. A 1985 graduate of Litchfield High School, Smith grew up

in public housing with his mother, Estella Hendricks, and four siblings. According to his city biography, he believes in empowering young people to build, maintain and distribute wealth.

Kent Back will serve his third term on city council, where he chairs the Inter-governmental Committee, is vice chair of the Finance Committee and is currently a member of the Community Development Committee and Community and Economic Development Committee, according to the city's webpage.

Back also serves on the Human Development Committee of the Alabama League of Municipalities. He graduated from the league's inaugural Economic Development Academy and has earned the Certified Municipal Official and Advanced Certified Municipal Official designations.

Graduating from Gadsden High School in 1977, Back went on to earn a B. A. in Mass Communications from Auburn Uni-

versity.

Gadsden City Council holds open-session meetings every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Gadsden City Hall.

School Board Members

Five Gadsden City Board of Education members were also declared elected after running unopposed.

Areatha Rita Smith, District 2, graduated from Litchfield High School before attending Tennessee State University, according to her bio on Gadsden City School's website. She serves as pastor of New Destiny Christian Church, with her husband, City Council member Smith.

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff, District 3, graduated from Gadsden High School before attending Gadsden State Community College, Shorter College and Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College. He currently serves as Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and works at Anniston Army Depot, according to his bio.

Mark Dayton, District 5, serves as vice president of the board. He was first elected in 2019 when Gadsden transitioned from an appointed to an elected school board.

Nancy Stewart, District 6, graduated from Emma Sansom High School, where she served as a majorette for three years. She worked as a dental hygienist for more than 20 years and serves on the Etowah County Democratic Executive Committee. She is also a member of the National Children's Oral Health Foundation, serving on its America's ToothFairy Committee, according to her board biography.

Honorable Allen Millican, District 7, graduated from Emma Sansom High School before attending Gadsden State Community College, the University of Alabama and Birmingham School of Law. First elected in 2019, he practiced law for more than 40 years before retiring as presiding circuit judge of Etowah County, according to his board biography.

Judge expects Alabama Supreme Court to get Tommy Tuberville residency case

By Anna Barrett
Alabama Reflector

Attorneys argued for nearly three hours in a Montgomery courtroom Monday about whether to allow a challenge to U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville's ability to run for governor to move forward.

Montgomery County Circuit Judge Brooke Reid did not rule on a motion from Tuberville's attorneys to dismiss a motion known as quo warranto, which challenges whether the Republican gubernatorial nominee has lived in the state long enough to meet constitutional requirements to run for governor.

"I understand the arguments on both sides, and certainly the argument that the court doesn't have jurisdiction, and I get that argument," she said. "It's more helpful or instructive if there is a case directly on point that's a bright line."

Reid said her decision will likely not be the final word, and the Alabama Supreme Court will have final say.

Attorneys for the U.S. Senator and two plaintiffs challenging his residency cited various cases dating back to at least the 1940s to support dismissing the case or moving forward. Neither Tuberville nor the plaintiffs were present at Monday's hearing. Reid said that there was not a single case that explicitly supported either side.

In previous cases, quo warranto has only been used against defendants who are already elected. Joe Espy, one of Tuberville's attorneys, said the case should be dismissed because his client has not been elected as governor yet.

"Your Honor, the plaintiffs have a mountain to climb, and they're barely at the base with nowhere to go," Espy said.



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Barry Ragsdale (left) and Joe Espy (right) speaking to the media after a hearing on a motion to dismiss a lawsuit against Alabama Republican gubernatorial nominee Tommy Tuberville on June 29, 2026, in the Montgomery County Courthouse in Montgomery, Alabama. Montgomery County Circuit Judge Brooke Reid did not rule on the motion after three hours of arguments Monday afternoon.

Barry Ragsdale, an attorney for the plaintiffs, acknowledged that there has not been a recorded quo warranto case against a party nominee, but that the Alabama Supreme Court has not said it is incorrect.

"Now, I personally believe that, because in our 200-some-year history, we've never had an out-of-stater try to run for governor," he said. "There's a reason why it doesn't come up."

The lawsuit alleges that Tuberville has not lived in the state for seven years and does not meet the residency requirements to be Alabama's governor. It is the fourth challenge of its kind, but the first brought from outside the Republican Party.

The Montgomery lawsuit does not challenge the results of the May primary, which Tuberville won with 85% of the votes. Ragsdale said the question of the suit is about the constitutionality of Tuberville's candidacy.

"It violates all those cases that we cited, your honor, in which we say it is the exclusive, solemn purview of the courts to interpret the Constitution. Their position, when it's boiled down to its essence, judge, is that only the Republican Party gets to say what the Constitution means," Ragsdale said.

Espy said it is the Alabama Republican Party's job to determine a candidate's eligibility. The party in mid-June heard a challenge to

Tuberville's win and his residency brought by his former opponent Ken McFeeters, but rejected it due to insufficient evidence.

McFeeters also sued Tuberville in Covington County, but the judge dismissed his case on a lack of standing the day before the primary election.

"It is not a court's decision, it's the party's decision, and that's what they said, that's what the law said," Espy said. "It's not my burden, it's their burden. Give me a case."

Tuberville has faced questions about his residency for years. He moved to Florida in 2017 but says he has maintained residency in Auburn since 2018. The suit alleges that Tuberville held a Flor-

ida driver's license until 2023, which Mobile-based newspaper Lagniappe reported in May. It also alleges that he and his wife voted in Florida in 2018, after he moved to Auburn.

Tuberville lived in the state while he was the head football coach at Auburn University from 1999 to 2008, and told Alabama Daily News last year that time should count towards the residency requirement.

Should Tuberville win the November election and his qualifications be challenged again, it would be up to the Legislature. Espy said that would still be "up to the people" because the Legislature is an elected body.

"You have to accept the people's voice. They don't want to accept the voice of the people. We do. We want to accept the voice of the people, and want to follow the Constitution of Alabama," Espy said after the hearing.

Republicans control the Legislature with a supermajority. In the 2026 elections, one-third of elections for the House of Representatives and fewer than half of the elections for the state Senate are contested.

Ragsdale said after the hearing that courts and not political parties decide how the Alabama Constitution is applied.

"In this instance, one of the requirements that's in that constitution is that you have lived here for seven years before the election, that should matter, because frankly, somebody who wants to be governor ought to have to live here, ought to have to be in a situation where they interact with Alabama voters and Alabama citizens on a daily basis," Ragsdale said. "He's not running into a lot of Alabamians down in his gated community on the Gulf of Mexico."

Reid said she would try to make a decision quickly.

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LIFESTYLE

Your Community CALENDAR

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.



July 3 July First Friday

- Where: Downtown Gadsden
- When: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

July 3 Big Wills Independence Day Celebration

- Where: 2075 Alabama 77, Attalla, AL. 35954,
- When: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

July 3 Celebrate Independence Day at Pique Nique Restaurant

- Where: River Rocks Landing Resort | 1 River Road, Gadsden, AL. 35901
- When: 4: p.m. to 10 p.m.

July 3 Gadsden Artisan and Farmers Market

- Where: Green Space, 127 North 7th Street, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.



July 4 Sensory Friendly at Imagination Place

- Where: 501 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL. 35901
- When: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

July 4 Fireworks at Beans and Greens

- Where: 338 Indian Hills Dr, Gadsden, AL. 35903
- When: 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

July 4 Winemakers Class at Wills Creek Vineyards and Winery

- Where: 10522 Duck Springs Road, Attalla, Alabama, 35954
- When: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

July 4 Downtown Attalla Summer Cash Grab

- Where: Downtown Attalla Summer Cash Grab at Downtown Attalla
- When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 4 Black Jacket Symphony

- Where: Mort Glosser Amphitheater, 90 Walnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901,
- When: 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

July 9 Summer Social at Gadsden Public Library

- Where: 254 South College Street, Gadsden, Alabama, 35901,
- When: 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 10 Disney's Frozen Hosted by Alabama Repertory Theatre

- Where: Gadsden City High School
- When: 7 p.m.

July 17 Matilda Hosted by Theatre of Gadsden

- Where: Wallace Hall | 1001 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, Alabama, 35903
- When: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

July 18 Smokeneck Farm & Garden's 5th Anniversary Pot Luck

- Where: Smokeneck Farm & Garden, 2191 Hwy 77, Southside, AL 35907
- When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ground Breakings, Ribbon Cuttings & Grand Openings

July 16 Three Notch Group Ribbon Cutting

- Where: 515 Locust Street Gadsden AL 35901
- When: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

July 28 McDonalds Rainbow Plaza Ground Breaking

- Where: Rainbow Plaza, Rainbow City, AL. 35906
- When: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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LIFESTYLE



Freedom from old wounds

When most people think about freedom, they think about independence, opportunity and the ability to make their own choices. Around the Fourth of July, we celebrate those freedoms and remember the sacrifices that made them possible. Yet there is another kind of freedom that often receives less attention: freedom from the wounds of the past.

Many people carry old hurts far longer than they realize.

A painful childhood experience, a betrayal, a broken relationship, a harsh criticism or a significant loss can leave a lasting mark. Even when years have passed, those experiences sometimes continue to influence how people think, feel and respond

to life. Old wounds have a way of following us into the present.

A person who was repeatedly criticized may struggle to believe in themselves decades later. Someone who experienced betrayal may find it difficult to trust others. A person who grew up feeling unimportant may spend years seeking approval from everyone around them. While the original event may be long over, the effects can remain surprisingly powerful.

One of the challenges is that emotional wounds rarely announce themselves. Instead, they often appear through patterns. We may notice ourselves reacting strongly to certain situations. We may repeatedly encounter the same relationship problems. We may find ourselves feeling anxious, angry or insecure without fully understanding why.

Many people assume that healing means forgetting what happened. In reality, healing is not about erasing the past. It is about reducing the power the past has over the

present. Freedom comes when we stop allowing old experiences to dictate current choices.

That does not mean pretending painful events never happened. It does not mean excusing harmful behavior or minimizing genuine hurt. Instead, it means acknowledging what occurred, learning from it and deciding that it will no longer define who we are.

This process takes time. Healing rarely happens all at once. More often, it occurs through small steps taken consistently over time. It may involve setting healthier boundaries, challenging old beliefs, seeking support or learning new ways to respond to difficult emotions.

One of the greatest obstacles to freedom is resentment. While understandable, resentment often keeps people tied to the very experiences they want to leave behind. The person who hurt us may move on, but the emotional burden remains with us. Letting go does not mean saying what happened was acceptable. It means refus-

ing to allow the injury to control the rest of our lives.

As we celebrate freedom this July, it may be worth asking ourselves an important question: What old wound am I still carrying?

For some, the answer may involve a relationship. For others, it may involve a disappointment, a regret or a painful memory. Whatever the source, freedom becomes possible when we begin addressing the hurt rather than avoiding it.

The goal is not to change the past. The goal is to create a future that is no longer controlled by it. That kind of freedom may be one of the most valuable freedoms we ever experience.

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Birthdays and books transport us through time

Happy birthday, Lakeland! Today is my oldest child's birthday — only, he is not a child anymore, he is 24 years old today. Nearly a quarter of a century old, with a precious little family that includes my now three-month-old granddaughter. Watching her make little faces and practice waggling her eyebrows reminds me so much of him as a baby, and it is a poignant experience, like living in two timelines at once. We have lived as a multigenerational family on and off for many years, and it often does feel like time travel: listening to older family members reminisce about the good old days, while younger members plan their futures, and all the while I'm trying to decide what to cook for dinner or decide which book to read next.

Reading is also a kind of time travel, and I know I've written about this before, but sometimes a book I read, or a quote I come across really reminds me of the wildly incredible way books transport us. Right now, for example, I am reading *The Midnight Train* by Matt Haig. I won't spoil it for anyone, but it is a wonderful book. It is comforting and intriguing and surprising and hopeful, and I just came across a conversation between two characters who dis-

cuss the nature of art. One character says they do not understand why people like art, and another basically points out that looking at art is its own kind of time travel. That when we stand and stare at a painting, for example in a museum, we are looking at something that was imagined and created in a different time and different place. Reading is the same way. Thinking about the way reading allows us to sit and look at words that were imagined then written down by someone at a different time, in a different place, and actually see the people and places in our mind is pretty incredible. In *The Midnight Train*, Matt Haig creates an opportunity for readers to time travel in the reading sense while a character is also actually time traveling. It's like a play within a play, but with alternating and converging timelines both in and out of the book. How cool is that?

One important part of the story involves a bookstore. I did not know this when I began the book, but it was apropos considering our 2026 Bozeman Family Summer plans. Each summer, we talk to the girls about what they'd like to do together. Last year, we visited all the area libraries, and even had a local scavenger hunt. This year,

the girls decided we have to visit our local Books-a-Million as many consecutive days as we can. We have been so many times in the last few weeks that the bookstore employees probably think we have lost our minds. It is fun to see how displays change, and the girls find new books, though.

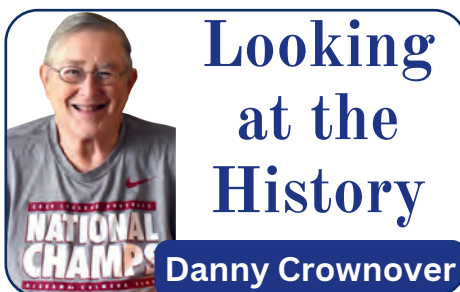
We have also been on the hunt for new-to-us bookstores within driving distance this summer. In Chattanooga, we visited Penington's Books in Chattanooga, open for about four months now, along with The Reading Room. Penington's has a cozy, midcentury modern vibe and a little cafe. The Reading Room has a speakeasy-esque bar in the middle of it, and the most gorgeous decorations. I highly recommend checking it out.

The next week, we took a family drive to Leeds and discovered a little bookstore called The Burrow. This hidden gem has been open for two years, and even has a reading space for children behind a wardrobe filled with fur coats, a la Narnia, and everyone is welcome in this safe reading space. This spot was an incredible surprise, and is close enough to visit again soon, with plenty of used books and beautifully curated gifts. Our most recent



family drive took us wandering through Trussville where we found Bookmarked. This space has decoupage ceilings, paper chains, colorful displays of new books and lovely gifts and stationery. The best part of these stops, though, is seeing the girls get excited about finding new books to read, knowing that this is something they will have forever: the joy of being transported out of time and space with characters who become friends.

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Veteran tire man made good here

Back in November 14, 1946, it was reported that A. F. (Pop) Linn, foreman of the curing department of the local plant of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, completed 30 years of service with that company, with 17 of them spent in Gads-

den. He came here in May, 1929, as foreman of the tire room. A year later he was transferred to the curing department.

He was an Ohio man who made good in Gadsden in addition to being one of the most popular Goodyear employees. He had taken an active part in all of the activities of the Dixie plant and helped to organize and build the Goodyear Golf Club, being president and club champion at one time.

His friends said he was a good player. "Pop" hired in with Goodyear at Akron in

1916 to rub down tires by hand, an operation that is today known as buffing tires. From that job he was promoted to supervision and worked as supervisor until the first World War.

He enlisted in the naval air force and served eight months in northern France, having charge of launching and beaching hydroplanes for the northern bombing squadron. After the war he returned to Goodyear and worked as labor trainer.

Later he was made shift foreman of final inspection. In 1924 he was transferred

to the division superintendent's office and worked on waste elimination until 1928 when he was made shift foreman of the tire room.

He was very popular with all classes of people and he had many warm friends and admirers with the same said of his family. The Linns, in fact, were indeed good neighbors, good friends and good people.

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DEVOTIONALS



ROOTED IN THE WORD

Shawn Blackmon

Have you ever stood a child against a wall and marked their height? Every year, another line. Another inch. Another reminder that they're growing.

No parent expects their child to stay the same size forever. In fact, if a child stopped growing, we wouldn't celebrate it—we'd become concerned. We'd schedule doctor's appointments. We'd ask questions. We'd look for the reason growth had stopped. Why? Because healthy things grow.

That raises an important question for all of us. If we expect growth physically, emotionally and mentally, why would we expect anything less spiritually? The Apostle Paul challenged believers with these words: "So then, just as you received

'Continue to live your lives in Him'

Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him." (Colossians 2:6-7)

Notice what Paul says. "Continue." In other words, don't stop where you started. Too many Christians treat salvation like the finish line when it's actually the starting line. God didn't save us just to get us into heaven someday.

He saved us to transform us today. The goal isn't simply to know about Jesus. The goal is to become more like Him. That kind of growth doesn't happen overnight. Trees don't become strong in a weekend. Buildings aren't constructed in a day.

Strong faith is developed the same way, one prayer at a time, one act of obedience at a time, one lesson at a time.

We live in a world that loves instant results. We want microwave miracles. But God often prefers slow-cooker transformation. He's less interested in making you comfortable than He is in making you mature.

Some of you are frustrated because you

don't feel like you've arrived yet. Don't overlook how far God has already brought you. Maybe you're more patient than you used to be. Maybe you're quicker to forgive. Maybe your prayers have become more sincere. Maybe your trust has grown deeper. Growth may be slow, but growth is still growth.

Paul closes by saying that rooted believers should be "overflowing with thankfulness." I love that picture. Healthy roots don't produce empty lives. They produce overflowing lives. When you're deeply rooted in Christ, gratitude replaces complaining. Peace replaces panic. Faith replaces fear. Love replaces bitterness.

The deeper your roots grow, the more God's character begins to overflow into every area of your life. So, this week, don't ask yourself if you've reached perfection. Ask yourself a better question: Am I growing? Am I more patient than I was a year ago? Am I trusting God more than I did before? Am I becoming more like Jesus?

Because healthy things grow. And you

weren't created just to survive. You were made for more.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me enough not to leave me where I am. Help me stay rooted in You and continue growing every day. When growth feels slow, remind me that You are still at work beneath the surface. Develop in me a faith that is strong, steady, and overflowing with gratitude. Shape my heart until my life reflects the character of Christ in everything I do. 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.

Finding faith in the passenger door

I lost my wallet a few weeks ago, and The Lord used the whole thing to grow my Faith.

Every Wednesday, I have the privilege of driving three of my grandbabies (ages 3, 5 and 6) and two neighborhood children (ages 8 and 9) to church. It's a 30-minute trek across the county, complete with a fast-food supper stop to appease five distinct, often difficult-to-please, always precious personalities. It is a stressful experience, even for a Type-B grandmother like me. But I am grateful for it.

This particular Wednesday was extra intense. It was the kickoff of our church's "Summer of Service," and I was in charge of taking the youth to pick berries on a hot, humid night, at a muddy, fire-ant-infested orchard, followed by ice cream at Sonic.

By the time I rallied the troops, picked the berries, changed muddy shoes, bandaged boo-boos and finished the ice cream, I was exhausted, overwhelmed, and distracted. My last nerve was practically dialing 911.

The next day, I headed out early to run errands, and that's when I realized how distracted I was -- my wallet was missing. Somewhere in the crazy of the ice-cream reward, I had lost my little blue wallet.

I tore apart my purse, searched my husband's car, sent a message to the other youth workers, and called Sonic. Nothing. Deep down, I knew I should pause my

credit cards like my husband suggested, but something was telling me to wait.

The following morning, a friend texted to ask if I'd found it. Instead of typing "no," an overwhelming sense of certainty washed over me. I replied, "Not yet." I prayed, "Lord, You see all things. You know right where it is. I trust You to show me."

I hopped into my Jeep, planning to drive to Sonic to look for it myself. But just as I was about to close the door, a thought flashed through my mind: "Go check the back passenger door of the car." It was the exact door I had opened first as I buckled in my littlest grandbaby.

I jumped out, flung open the back passenger door of my husband's car, and there, nestled in the door-pocket, was my little blue wallet. I burst into tears, did a quick "praise Jesus dance," and texted a photo to my group chat with a simple message: "Won't He do it?"

When the Holy Spirit spoke those four words to my heart, and I thought about it, I couldn't help but praise Him. Especially because He did it in spite of me. In spite of my frustrated overwhelm with the kids. In spite of my lack of Faith in His ability, His Promises, His sovereignty. In spite of everything.

As that thought began to resonate and take root, I started thinking about Romans 11:36. I love how the message paraphrases

it:

"Everything comes from Him; Everything happens through Him; Everything ends up in Him. Always glory! Always praise! Yes. Yes. Yes."

My own faith was tested over a temporary inconvenience, but just a week later, I was deeply humbled by people who chose praise in the midst of total devastation.

I was visiting friends on the West Bank of New Orleans the day that a tornado touched down about a mile from their home. The next day, we got to meet with two of the families who lost everything. That was when I realized how beautiful the face of Jesus is in Avondale, La., and how faith in Jesus can turn tragedy into praise.

Standing in the blazing sun, staring at the debris filled yard where a house used to stand -- if I heard, "God is good, baby," one time, I heard it a dozen times. Instead of crying and complaining about all that was lost, they couldn't stop praising Jesus for watching over their lives and bringing them through. It was a blessing to witness such great faith. One sweet lady said of God's faithfulness, "Didn't He do it?"

There it was. The same phrase God had put in my heart just days earlier, with a change in tense.

"Didn't He do it?" is simply the grateful, looking-back echo of a faithful looking-forward "Won't He do it?" It is the language



Memoir Musings

Sandra Bost

of a Romans 11:36 heart.

When Paul writes that everything comes from Him, happens through Him and ends up in Him, he is telling us that God is the author, the sustainer, and the finisher of every single moment. He is in the small, frantic prayers over a lost wallet, and He is in the miraculous protection in the middle of a devastating storm.

This week, look at your current circumstances. Are you sitting in a moment of frustrated overwhelm, or are you facing a storm that feels entirely unmanageable?

Lift your praise to the One who holds it all. Shift your perspective from the problem to His faithfulness.

Can we trust Him with our right now? Of course we can! Because when we choose a "Won't He do it?" faith today, we pave the way for a shouting, joyful "Didn't He do it!" tomorrow.

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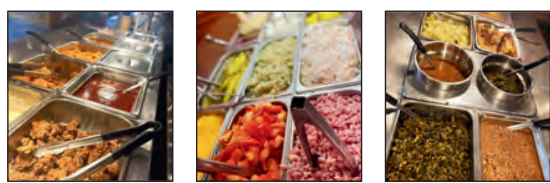
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America set to celebrate 250th birthday

Staff Report

The United States is reaching a historic milestone in 2026 as the nation celebrates its semiquincentennial, which marks the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

While "semiquincentennial" is the formal term for a 250th anniversary, many organizations, including the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, use the simpler branding "America250."

The commemoration recognizes July 4, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, announcing that the 13 American colonies would become free and independent states.

According to the National Archives, the Declaration of Independence was drafted

primarily by Thomas Jefferson with assistance from fellow members of the Committee of Five — John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston. The document asserted that governments derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed" and listed grievances against Great Britain's King George III that led the colonies to seek independence.

Although July 4 marks the nation's birthday and is referred to as Independence Day, the Revolutionary War, also known as the American War for Independence, continued for several more years. The conflict ended with the Treaty of Paris in 1783, when Great Britain officially recognized the independence of the United States, according to the U.S. Department of State's

Office of the Historian.

Congress created the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission in 2016 to coordinate the nationwide observance. According to the commission, the anniversary is intended to inspire Americans to reflect on the nation's past, celebrate its achievements and consider its future through educational programs, civic engagement and community events.

Communities across the country are hosting museum exhibits, historical reenactments, concerts, lectures, festivals, preservation projects and volunteer initiatives throughout the year. National institutions, including the Smithsonian Institution, the National Archives and the Library of Congress, are offering exhibitions and educational resources highlighting the na-

tion's founding and 250 years of history.

In Alabama, the Alabama America250 Commission is coordinating statewide activities that encourage communities to celebrate their local history as part of the broader American story. The commission supports events recognizing significant people, places and events that have shaped both Alabama and the nation.

The 250th anniversary follows the nation's bicentennial celebration in 1976, which commemorated 200 years of independence. Organizers say the semiquincentennial provides an opportunity not only to celebrate the nation's founding ideals but also to examine the events, people and movements that have influenced the United States over the past two and a half centuries.

Experts stress importance of best firework safety practices

By Emma Greene
Alabama Cooperative
Extension System

Fireworks are a festive addition to 4th of July celebrations, but they can cause several dangers. To avoid the risk of wildfire, be prepared this Independence Day. The Alabama Cooperative Extension System offers the following tips for safe firework use.

Safety Practices

The first safety factor to consider for firework use is choosing the launch site. Since sparks and embers can travel, selecting a large, open area with little to no vegetation and substantial separation from forests and structures is the safest approach. While there is no guaranteed safe distance for forests, woodlands, fields and grasslands, a good rule of thumb is to stay around 300 feet away when launching fireworks. For structures such as homes and buildings, fireworks should be set no closer than 150 feet.

Additionally, Andrea Robards, a forestry, wildlife and natural resources Extension agent at Auburn University, suggested using a leaf blower, rake or broom to clear the launch area of combustible materials. A non-combustible surface such as tile or concrete is ideal for the launch area.

"It is pretty amazing how quickly our ground fuels can dry out in the absence of rain," Robards said. "Even after a period of heavy rain like we've been experiencing, the summer sun can dry out grass, leaves and other ground cover quickly."

For national forests, fireworks and explosives, including explosive targets, are always prohibited as part of permanent fire safety regulations.

What to Do if a Fire Starts

If a fire starts, immediately call 911, even if it is a small fire. Robards said to provide accurate information about the fire with the exact location. Before emergency responders arrive, consider anything that may restrict access to the area by opening gates or removing barriers to the property.

"Wildfires in pine straw, grasses and brush can spread quickly and may reignite after appearing extinguished," said Robards. "Early notification gives firefighters the best chance to contain the fire before it threatens people, property or natural resources."

Using a garden hose, buckets of water, a fire extinguisher or even dirt can help extinguish a small fire. Make sure to continue monitoring the area even after the fire is out. If fire begins to spread, evacuate the area and warn others nearby. Never attempt to relight a malfunctioning firework, as this can cause unnecessary risk.

How Weather Affects Fireworks

Windspeeds, humidity, drought conditions and temperature can all have a significant impact on the safe firework experience.

High winds can be one of the most dangerous factors when using fireworks. They can carry sparks or burning debris and spread flames if a fire starts. Many municipal safety guidelines recommend avoiding fireworks when sustained winds exceed 15 mph or when strong wind gusts are expected.

Additionally, low humidity and drought conditions can leave vegetation extremely dry, allowing a small spark to quickly grow into a large flame. Robards said fire danger increases when relative humidity falls

below 30 percent. That danger increases even more when combined with wind.

"Many wildfires occur under drought conditions because fuels ignite more readily and burn more intensely," said Robards.

High temperatures can also accelerate the drying of vegetation and increase risk for fire. When all three conditions exist — high temperatures, low humidity and wind — the fire danger is the greatest.

The National Weather Service issues red flag warnings and fire weather watches. These alerts indicate current conditions that are favorable for rapid wildfire growth. If these warnings or watches are in place, fireworks should be avoided.

Protecting Ecosystems

After the celebration, it is important to clean up all fireworks. It is best to dispose of spent fireworks in a non-combustible container, such as a metal trash can. Allow fireworks to cool before handling and soak them in water prior to disposal. Inspect the surrounding area for smoldering debris.

"Proper disposal and post-event inspection can help prevent accidental fires," said Robards.

Without proper clean up, fireworks can leave behind paper, plastic and metal debris, which can damage soil and waterways. Wildlife can ingest or become entangled in debris, and contaminants can have a significant impact on aquatic systems and species. Cleaning up firework waste properly and promptly helps protect Alabama's wildlife and wilderness.

More Information

For more information about wildfires and safety practices, visit the forestry and wildlife section on aces.edu.

Freedom Fest set for July 3-4

This Independence Day, the City of Gadsden is holding Freedom Fest, a huge celebration with hot air balloon rides, glow balloons for photos, the biggest fireworks show in the Southeast, live music and more.

"This year is a celebration of our country's 250th anniversary, and we're doing our part to recognize it in style," said Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford.

Freedom Fest will be held across two days on July 3 and 4, 2026. The hot air balloon rides will be held at Moragne Park, while glow balloons for photos will take place along Highway 411. Riverside Park will feature a Kids' Zone.

Attendees can enjoy music on the banks of the Coosa River on July 3-4, culminating in the Winsouth Credit Union concert series presenting Black Jacket Symphony performing yacht rock on the stage, which will be located on Highway 411 near the Amp.

Highway 411 will be closed from the intersection at S. 3rd St. (at Chili's) to Walnut St. starting at 6 a.m. Friday, July 3. It will reopen at 6 a.m. Sunday, July 5.

Schedule of Events:

July 3

Hot Air Balloons: Hot air balloons will be featured from 5 to 9 p.m., with tethered balloon rides available throughout the event and glow rides offered from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tethered rides are \$20 per person, accommodate up to six people per basket and last approximately five minutes. Tethered ride passes must be purchased online in advance at www.cityofgadsden.com/tickets.

Music Lineup: Logan Bonds and Gage Cowart will perform from 4 to 5 p.m., followed by Savannah J from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., Mia Matthews and Jake Steed from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Holmes St. Sessions from 7:45 to 9 p.m.

First Friday: First Friday on Broad Street will continue as scheduled.

July 4

Hot Air Balloons: Hot air balloons will be featured from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Tethered rides are \$20 per person, accommodate up to six people per basket, last approximately five minutes and must be purchased online in advance at www.cityofgadsden.com/tickets.

Music Lineup: Jesselyn James will perform from 4:20 to 5:20 p.m., followed by Irby & Player from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Black Jacket Symphony from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Fireworks: The fireworks show begins at 9:30 p.m., with fireworks launching from Memorial Bridge on Broad Street.

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Big Willis Independence Day Celebration: Come spend the day tubing at Big Willis. Make sure to come hungry. Food trucks will set up about 11 a.m. Live music will start at 7 p.m. The firework show will start at dark.

July 3 | 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

1 River Road, Gadsden, Alabama, 35901

River Rocks Landing Resort: Celebrate Independence Day at Pique Nique Restaurant. Join us at Pique Nique Restaurant inside River Rocks Landing Campground for an unforgettable evening on the water! Delicious food, refreshing drinks, beautiful waterfront views, great music and a spectacular fireworks show at dusk. Bring your family and friends, grab a seat, and make memories that will last all summer long.

July 3 | 5 - 8 p.m.

Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama, 35901

Downtown Gadsden First Friday: Downtown Gadsden Inc. is kicking off Independence Day weekend with a patriotic First Friday celebration on July 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. This patriotic evening will honor our nation's rich history while showcasing the small-town spirit, local businesses, live entertainment, and community connections that make downtown Gadsden a place worth celebrating. This month's entertainment includes Connor Butler at 2nd & Broad, Vyntage at 3rd & Broad, Diedra the Blues Diva at 4th & Broad, and The Front Yard Chickens at 5th & Broad.

July 3 | 6 p.m.

Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama, 35901

Fireworks at Back Forty: Enjoy a locally brewed craft drink, good food, and fireworks show on the turf. Join us for our annual fireworks show at dark. Taproom and kitchen will open at 4 p.m. with beer and food specials. Music starts at 6 p.m.

July 3 | 9 p.m.

721 Pier, Alabama Highway 77, Southside, Alabama, 35907

Stars and Stripes Fireworks Show: The City of Southside invites everyone to join them for an unforgettable evening at the Stars & Stripes Spectacular Fireworks Show on Friday, July 3 at 9 p.m. at Southside Landing. Bring your family, friends, and lawn chairs as we celebrate summer, community, and Independence Day with a fireworks display over the water. This event is free and open to all ages.

July 3 & July 4 | Various Times

Various Locations

Freedom Fest - Gadsden's 250th Celebration: This Independence Day, the City of Gadsden is holding Freedom Fest, a huge celebration with hot air balloon rides, glow balloons for photos, the biggest fireworks show in the Southeast, live music and more. Fourth of July events: live music, food trucks, free fun for the whole family and a fantastic fireworks show from Memorial Bridge. Freedom Fest will be held across two days on July 3 and 4, 2026. The hot air balloon rides will be held at Moragne Park, while glow balloons for photos will take place along Highway 411. Riverside Park will feature a Kids' Zone. Attendees can enjoy music on the banks of the Coosa River throughout the event, culminating in the Winsouth Credit Union concert series presenting Black Jacket Symphony performing yacht rock. Gadsden's signature fireworks show from Memorial Bridge on Broad St. will take place at 9:30 p.m. on July 4.

July 4 | 6:30 p.m.

338 Indian Hill Road, Gadsden, Alabama, 35903

Fireworks at Beans and Greens: Join the Annual Beans & Greens 4th of July Fireworks Show. This is the 23rd Annual Fireworks Show, and it will be the biggest one yet. Bring the family, your friends, and a lawn chair! Come celebrate America's 250th birthday with an evening of fun, fellowship, food, and an amazing fireworks display.

July 4 | 7 p.m.

Tillison Bend Campground, 341 Riverview Drive, Gadsden, Alabama, 35903

Celebration at Tillison Bend: Come to Tillison Bend Campground for an unforgettable Independence Day celebration! Live Music by Brett Shields starting at 7 p.m. The fireworks show starts at 8:45 p.m. on the island. Pull up by boat and enjoy the best view of the fireworks over the water! Pool passes will be very limited as we are reserving space for our campers and their families.

July 4 | 9:30 p.m.

Various Viewing Locations in Gadsden

Gadsden-Etowah Patriots Fireworks Show: Fireworks will be launched from the Broad Street Bridge this year. Best viewing will be from the street of Alabama Highway 411, Etowah Chamber, on Broad Street, Moragne Park, the Coosa Landing docks, or the docks next to Buffalo Wild Wings.



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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Dustin McCay, a married man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC, its successors and assigns, on April 20, 2023, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3556836; the undersigned Guild Mortgage Company LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on September 2, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: For a Point of Beginning: Commence at the Northeast corner of Lot Number One (1), Block Five (5), Ewing Addition to Gadsden, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 396, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and thence run in a Westerly direction and along the North boundary line of said Lot Number One (1) a distance of 42.00 feet to a point marked in said line; thence run in a Southerly direction in a straight line a distance of 110.00 feet to a point marked in the South boundary line of said Lot Number One (1); thence run Southeasterly along the Southerly line of said Lot Number One (1) a distance of 42.00 feet to the Southeast Corner of said lot; thence run Northeasterly and along the East boundary line of said Lot Number One (1) a distance of 123.30 feet to the Point of Beginning and being portion of said Lot Number One (1), lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 302 Elmore St., Gadsden, AL 35901. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Guild Mortgage Company LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place

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June 26, July 3, and 10, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Charles C. Mickle and Tonya Mickle to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS) acting solely as nominee for Lender, MortgageAmerica, Inc. and successors and assigns dated October 1, 2008, and Recorded in Instrument Number 3302907 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama, which said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Arvest Central Mortgage Company by instrument recorded in Instrument No.: 3446867 in said Probate Court records; notice is hereby given that the undersigned as mortgagee will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on the July 27, 2026, at the front door entrance of the Courthouse of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forest Ave Gadsden, Alabama 35901, the following described real property in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage:

ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS LOCATED NORTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES WEST 667.5 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 1320.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES WEST 667.5 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 1320.0 FEET TO POINT; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES A DISTANCE OF 667.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND EXCEPT COMMENCING AT AN 1/2 INCH PIPE FOUND AT THE PURPORTED SE CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST (NORTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES WEST-DEED RECORD) 667.50 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH PIPE FOUND, THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE FROM THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG AN EXISTING FENCE LINE, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST 230.59 FEET TO A NAIL FOUND IN THE CENTERLINE OF SHADY GROVE ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID SHADY GROVE ROAD THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

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Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the mortgagee.

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July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2012, a certain Mortgage was executed by Terrence O. Jones and Patricia E. Jones, husband and wife, as mortgagor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for One Reverse Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns as mortgagee, and was recorded on October 30, 2012, as Instrument Number 3375809 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, State of AL; and WHEREAS, the Mort-

gage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated June 27, 2019 and recorded on December 2, 2019, as Instrument Number 3494181 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, State of AL; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the payment due upon the move out of the borrower(s), was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of June 1, 2026 is \$181,518.24 and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage Deed to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, notice is hereby given that on July 24, 2026 during the legal hours of sale, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

To describe a lot or parcel of land commence at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4-Southeast 1/4, Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 7 East, thence run East and along the North line of said Forty a distance of 660.05 feet to a point, thence deflect to the right so as to form an interior angle of 90 degrees 13 minutes 20 seconds and run a distance of 1306.33 feet to a point, thence deflect 0 degrees 01 minutes 40 seconds to the right and run a distance of 139.4 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning of the lands herein described, thence continue to run in a straight and direct line a distance of 260.0 feet to a point on the Northerly side of a public road, thence deflect to the right so as to form and interior angle of 116 degrees 34 minutes and run along a tangent to said right-of-way line a distance of 145.58 feet to a point; thence deflect 89 degrees 04 minutes to the right from said tangent and run along the Easterly right-of-way line of a 60.0 foot public street a distance of 367.84 feet to a point; thence deflect to the right so as to form an interior angle of 62 degrees 16 minutes 40 seconds and run a distance of 300.02 feet to the point of beginning. Lying in and being a portion of NE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 20, Township 10 South, Range 7 East, Etowah County, Alabama, and containing 1.5 acres, more or less, subject to any easements or restrictions of record Commonly known as: 40 Champion Dr., Gadsden, AL 35904

This sale will take place at the Etowah County Courthouse. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development estimated bid will be \$183,145.84. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$18,314.58 (10% of the Secretary's bid) in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$18,314.58 must be presented before the bidding is closed. THE DEPOSIT IS NONREFUNDABLE. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown,

time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. There-for, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based do not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is based upon the nature of the breach, this loan is not subject to reinstatement. A total payoff is required to cancel the foreclosure sale or the breach must be otherwise cured. A description of the default is as follows: FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE AND ANY OUTSTANDING FEES, COSTS, AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME ALL DUE AND PAYABLE BASED UPON THE MOVE OUT BY ALL MORTGAGORS.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below

Dated this 4th day of June, 2026.

Michael Lindsey
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
Foreclosure Commissioner
244 Inverness Center Drive
Birmingham, AL 35242
Phone: (801) 355-2886
Fax: (801) 328-9714
HWM File: AL24156

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH Default having been

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

The undersigned, BMO BANK N.A. s/b/m with First Indiana Bank, N.A., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on June 10, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: LOT NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT (28) OF CEDAR HILLS FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON PLAT BOOK "H" PAGE 17, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are en-

couraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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

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

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

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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 July 15, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

July 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Misty Silvey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/01/2026 to the Estate of Joan B. Daugherty a/k/a Joan Charlene Daugherty, 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 19, 26, and July 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

William Scott Dixon was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/07/2026 over the Estate of Annie Marie Dixon, 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 19, 26, and July 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Michael Lavell Barrett was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/08/2026 over the Estate of Sammy Wayne Barrett, 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 19, 26, and July 3, 2026

FILECLAIMS

Jessica Bandy was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/12/2026 to the Estate of Roselyn F. Robinson, 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 19, 26, and July 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jerry Max Hood, Jr. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/13/2026 to the Estate of Charlotte A. Hood, 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 19, 26, and July 3, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Christopher Sean Nelson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/05/2026 to the Estate of Mary Helen 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Amy Gilley was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/21/2026 to the Estate of Lloyd Ronald Kennedy, 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Larry Clifford Simmons was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/26/2026 to the Estate of Robert Clifford Simmons, 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

Matthew Brian Waller was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/26/2026 to the Estate of Elizabeth Ann Radcliffe Waller, 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Chianti Cleggett was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/26/2026 over the Estate of Morris Williams, Jr., 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Johnny Leon Phillips was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/26/2026 over the Estate of Leon L. Phillips, 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Gary Kyle Smith was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/03/2026 over the Estate of Ruth Elizabeth Trimble, 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Alyssa W. Ross was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/09/2026 to the Estate of Nina Jo Wardrup, 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

Amy Kathleen McDill Walton was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/09/2026 to the Estate of Wanda Nell McDill, 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Danny Kenneth Crowner was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/11/2026 to the Estate of Mildred Louise Harris Crowner, 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

W. Alan Duke, Jr., Esquire was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/24/2026 over the Estate of Larry Lee Clay, 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

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: SANDRA MANN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026380

TO: Glenda Barton 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 4TH day of AUGUST 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 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

June 19, 26, and July 3, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: ANGELA CHASTAIN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-354

TO: Matt Posey 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 5th day of AUGUST 2026 at 2:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Scott Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARTHA UPTON, INCAPACITATED

Case #: S-10208

TO: Sara Alexander 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 12th day of AUGUST 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 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Scott Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH

COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: THOMAS EARL FLOYD, INCAPACITATED

Case #: S-7636

TO: Debbie Howard, Melinda Wilemon, Bo Floyd, Doris Posey, Judy Thapa and unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown any

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 11th day of AUGUST 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 1ST DAY OF JULY 2026

Scott Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JEFFERY TODD PHILLIPS, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2025-00719

TO: ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JEFFERY TODD PHILLIPS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court a Petition for to Sell Property in the Estate of Jeffery Todd Phillips, deceased.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 2nd day of September, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the said Petition to Sell Property in the Estate of Jeffery Todd Phillips, deceased, should not be granted.

DONE THIS THE 1st DAY OF July 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP

Notice to: Unknown family members, whose whereabouts are unknown

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Michael R. Strickland and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Michael R. Strickland was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 24th day of JUNE 2026.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 4th day of AUGUST 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

June 26, July 3 and 10, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP

Notice to: Unknown family members, whose whereabouts are unknown

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Thomas Easter, Jr., and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Thomas Easter, Jr., was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 1ST day of JULY 2026. A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 12th day of AUGUST 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 3, 10, and 17, 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.: 31CV2026900266

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 abovedescribed 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
2565469300

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

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERILYN JUNKINS CREED, DECEASED.

CASE NO: 2026-00373

TO: JESSE LARUE DANIELS

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be and appear before this Court on the 1st day of September, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Jerilyn Junkins Creed, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent. This the 24th day of use June 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO: 2026-00232

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

V. PAUL HAUKE for the Estate of Mary Helen Hauk; TERRY WILKES, DONALD WILKES, MICHAEL WILKES, RANDI WILKES HOLT, BECKY NORDGREN, as ETOWAH COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR; CITY OF GADSDEN, Defendants.

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

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION A part of NW 14 of the SE 14 of Section 11, Township 12-S, Range 6-E, identified as Tract No. 100 on Project No. RACR-028-759-002 in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described in Deed Book 415, Page 9 as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Etowah County, Alabama: Lot Number Twenty-Two (22), in Block Number Ten (10) in Goodyear Highlands, according to the map thereof as recorded in Plat Book "C", Pages

82 and 83, Probate Office, and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

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

You are further notified that the hearing of said complaint has been set by this court for August 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at which time you may appear and answer said complaint or file objections thereto if you so desire. If the application to condemn is granted by the Court, a Commissioners' hearing will be scheduled within 30 days thereafter to determine damages which may be due to the defendants. For information on the date and time of such hearing, please contact the Probate Court during regular business hours at 256-549-5333. This the 24th day of June 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

June 26, July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

CASE NO.: 2026-2015

(LARRY MICHEAL MITCHELL, OR ANY UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED PARENT)

In the Probate Court of Dekalb County, Alabama.

Notice to: Larry Michael Mitchell, Putative Father, or Any Unknown or Undisclosed Parent of J.D.W.

Please take notice that a Petition to adopt J.D.W., a minor child born to Tabitha Jean Weese on April 28, 2026, in Floyd County, Georgia, was filed the Probate Court of DeKalb County, Alabama. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the Petition for Adoption. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the last date this Notice of Adoption Proceedings is published with the attorney for said Petitioner(s), whose name and address is shown below, and with the Chief Clerk of the Probate Court of DeKalb County, at 300 Grand Avenue SW Ste 100, Fort Payne, Alabama 35967. If you fail to respond within said thirty (30) days, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and as a 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.

Done this the 21st day of June, 2026.

Attorney: Amy M. Osborne, Esq., Osborne Law Firm, LLC, 4770 Eastern Valley Road, Suite 111 The Shoppes at Letson Farms, PBM 106 McCalla, Alabama 35111 205-515-9271 Amy@Osbornadoptions.com

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NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Alan Knighten, Plaintiff,

v. CV - 2026 - 900027 Gwendolyn Cofield and Heather Hilton, Defendants

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

The subject property is described as follows:

The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Township 10

South, Range 7 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Alabama.

The address of the subject property is 7166 Lay Springs Road, Gadsden, AL 35904.

Done the 22nd day of June, 2026.

Jason Knowles, Attorney for Plaintiff Knowles & Sullivan, LLC 413 Broad Street Gadsden, AL 35901

June 26, July 3, 10, and 17, 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 Twentytwo (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: 1509320001.069.000, 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) 4131217 or at 3700 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama.

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

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

ARAFAT MUNEER AL-LAHAM whereabouts unknown, must answer ANGEL DAWN CROFT, petition for divorce and other relief by July 31, 2026, or thereafter, a judgement by default may be rendered against him in Case Number DR 2025170GCD, Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama. Done this the 9th day of June, 2026.

Luther D. Abel
Attorney for Plaintiff
408 South 4th Street
Gadsden, AL. 35901

June 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 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: CV26900168SJS

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

FNX40 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 abovedescribed 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

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL: ETOWAH COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: CV-26-900213-BTC

612 4TH STREET NW, ATTALLA, ALABAMA. THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES WILL BE DISCUSSED.

610 MORGAN DRIVE, ATTALLA, AL 35954

920 CLEVELAND AVENUE, ATTALLA, AL 35954

1326 5TH STREET, NW, ATTALLA, AL 35954

913 1ST STREET, ATTALLA, AL 35954

131 MULBERRY LANE, ATTALLA, AL 35954

629 HAMMOND AVENUE, ATTALLA, AL 35954

612 & 612 1/2 HIGHLAND AVENUE, ATTALLA, AL 35954

206 HUGHES AVENUE, ATTALLA, AL 35954

612 MOULTON STREET, ATTALLA, AL 35954

111 HUGES AVENUE, ATTALLA, AL 35954

Mandy Cash, City Clerk

June 26, July 3 and 10, 2026

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The assessed valuations of all property listed for taxation have been FIXED as provided by law, and the tax return lists showing thereon such assessed values are in the Office of the Revenue Commissioner and open for public inspection. Under the provisions of Title 40 Section 3, Paragraph 20, Code of Alabama 1975, any taxpayer who is not satisfied with the valuation of his property as fixed and entered on return lists as required herein, must file objections IN WRITING TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM FINAL PUBLICATION OF SAID NOTICE to such assessed valuations with the Secretary of the Board of Equalization DESCRIBING EACH ITEM OF PROPERTY AND REASONS FOR MAKING OBJECTIONS TO THE ASSESSED VALUATION THEREON. The Board of Equalization will sit at the County Court House at a later date to consider such protest as herein provided and until all hearings are held. Notification will be mailed for date and time of each protest.

LAST DAY TO FILE IS JULY 24, 2026

Revenue Commissioner Etowah County, Alabama

June 26, July 3 and 10, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama (1901) (Section 94.01 of the Re-compiled Constitution of Alabama and hereinafter referred to as "Amendment 772") that the regular public meeting of the City Council of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama, scheduled to be held at 5:00 p.m. CST on Monday, July 13, 2026 in the Council Chambers of the Rainbow City Municipal Building located at 3700 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, Alabama, will consider a resolution concerning the proposed authorization, execution, and delivery on behalf of the City, of a project agreement with Thrasher Investment Group, LLC for the proposed Cobblestone Square development located on Highway 77 (PIN 47649). The city will provide a onetime donation of chert, not to exceed 400 triaxle loads with an estimated value of \$28,000.00. The Company proposes a capital investment of approximately \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000.00 and is expected to create 30 to 40 jobs during the initial phase with additional employment opportunities as future phases are completed. The public benefit to be achieved by the proposed authorization, execution, and delivery of this project agreement will be (i) promoting local economic and industrial development and stimulating the local economy, (ii) increasing employment opportunities in the city, and (iii) increasing the City's tax base, resulting in additional tax revenues for the city. The city represents and warrants to the Company that it has the power under the constitution and laws, and Amendment 772, of the State of Alabama to grant this incentive. You are invited to be present at the Public Hearing and express your opinion on the proposed agreement and whether it serves a

valid and sufficient public purpose. The City of Rainbow is committed to making meetings accessible to all. If you need accommodation, please contact Beth Lee at least 24 hours before the meeting. Joe Taylor, Mayor
Beth Lee, City Clerk

July 3, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice is hereby given that Robinson & Sons Construction Services, Inc., 80 5th Ave, Haleyville, AL 35565, has completed the Mountain View Tank Reconditioning for The City of Gadsden. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above-named Contractor, and Krebs Engineering, Inc, 2100 River Haven Drive, Suite 100, Birmingham, AL 35244 205-987-7411.

June 26, July 3 and 10, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Dominguez and Persons, LLC, has completed the Contract for Construction of Rainbow City Recreation Center located in Rainbow City, Alabama for The City of Rainbow City and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify:

GOODWYN, MILLS AND CAWOOD, INC.
2701 1st Avenue South, Suite 100
Birmingham, Alabama 35233
(205) 879-4493

July 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that GKL Companies, Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Re-roofing of Southside Athletic Building located at 2764 School Drive, Southside, AL 35907 for the State of Alabama and County of Etowah, Owners, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify B. Craig Lipscomb - Architect, LLC, 436 Chestnut Street, Gadsden AL 35906

GKL Companies, Inc.
2323 East Greenview Avenue
Rainbow City, AL 35906

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 10:00am CST, Tuesday, July 14, 2026 for Resurfacing of Paving at Carlisle Elementary School: at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Etowah County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the 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. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. A prebid conference shall be held at the architect's office on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 9am CST. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or

her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

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

June 26, July 3 and 10, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 11:00am CST, Tuesday, July 14, 2026 for Parking Lot Lighting at Southside Athletics: 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. A prebid conference shall be held on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 11am CST at the architect's office. 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

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June 26, July 3, and 10, 2026

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Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 10:00am CST, Tuesday, July 23, 2026 for Bi-directional Amplifiers at West End Elementary, Hokes Bluff High School and Highland Elementary: 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. A prebid conference shall be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 10am CST at the architect's office. 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

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B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect,
Phone: 256-390-5657
Email: craig@bclarch.com

July 3, 10, and 17, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. TAPSU-TA24(907) CITY OF SOUTHSIDE ETOWAH, ALABAMA

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF SOUTHSIDE AT 2255 HIGHWAY 77 SOUTHSIDE, AL 35907 UNTIL 11:00 A.M., TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026, AND AT THAT TIME PUBLICLY OPENED FOR CONSTRUCTING THE FOLLOWING: SIDEWALKS, CURB RAMPS, AND CROSSWALKS ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SCHOOL DRIVE FROM POWELL STREET TO SR-77 AND ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SR-77 FROM SCHOOL DRIVE TO GLENN DRIVE.

THE BRACKET ESTIMATE ON THIS PROJECT IS FROM \$500,000.00 - \$600,000.00. 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:

THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF: SIDEWALKS, CURB RAMPS, AND CROSSWALKS ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SCHOOL DRIVE FROM POWELL STREET TO SR-77 AND ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SR-77 FROM SCHOOL DRIVE TO GLENN DRIVE.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT SHALL BE COMPLETED IN 45 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 THE OFFICE OF GOODWYN MILLS CAWOOD, LLC, LOCATED AT 117 JEFFERSON ST N, HUNTSVILLE AL 35801. UPON PAYMENT OF A ONETIME ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF \$20.00 FOR DIGITAL ACCESS/FILE SHARING ACCESS AND/OR PAYMENT OF \$100.00 FOR EACH SET. SAID COST REPRESENTS THE COST OF PRINTING, REPRODUCTION, HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTION; THEREFORE, NO REFUND WILL BE GRANTED. CHECKS SHALL BE MADE PAYABLE TO GMC. CONTACT BROOKE.GIBSON@GMCNETWORK.COM TO OBTAIN A SET. 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 SOUTHSIDE MUST ACCOMPANY EACH BID AS EVIDENCE OF GOOD FAITH.

IT IS NOT REQUIRED THAT A CONTRACTOR BE LICENSED IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A BID; HOWEVER, PRIOR TO AWARD OF A CONTRACT, PROPER PROOF OF ALL APPLICABLE LICENSURES MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR. 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 SUBCON-

TRACTORS, 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.

CONTRACTOR PRE-QUALIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO BID ON THIS PROJECT. HOWEVER, THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT WILL NOT BE MADE TO ANY BIDDER WHO, AT THE TIME OF THE AWARD, IS CONSIDERED BY THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ALDOT) TO BE DISQUALIFIED FROM BIDDING, NOR TO ANY BIDDER WHO 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 22-LPA-001.

THIS IS A FEDERAL-LY FUNDED PROJECT THROUGH ALDOT. THE PROPOSED WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ACT AND OTHER ACTS AMENDATORY, SUPPLEMENTARY, OR RELATIVE THERETO. THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO THE CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS. MBE/DBE PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED; HOWEVER, NO SPECIFIC MBE/DBE GOALS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THIS PROJECT.

MINIMUM WAGE RATES FOR THIS PROJECT HAVE BEEN PRE-DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND ARE SET FORTH IN THE ADVERTISED SPECIFICATIONS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, 78 STAT. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 AND TITLE 49, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SUBTITLE A, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, PART 21, NONDISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY-ASSISTED PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUCH ACT, ALL BIDDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT IT WILL BE AFFIRMATIVELY ENSURED THAT IN ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS ADVERTISEMENT, MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WILL BE AFFORDED FULL OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT BIDS IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION AND WILL NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN IN CONSIDERATION FOR AN AWARD.

THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS IS RESERVED. HONORABLE JOEY STAMUM, MAYOR
2255 HIGHWAY 77 SOUTHSIDE, AL 35907
256-442-9775

July 3, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT: Attalla City Park and Attalla Sports Complex Recreational Improvements

Project No. M-052
FY 2024 LWCF Grant #: 24-LW-1095

OWNER: The City of Attalla, Alabama

Separate sealed bids for the construction of the Attalla City Park and Attalla Sports Complex Recreational Improvements will be received by The City of Attalla at the City Hall of Attalla at 612 4th Street NW, Attalla, AL, 35954 until 10:00 A.M. CDST on Thursday July 30, 2026 in the Council Chambers and then at said place publicly opened and read aloud. The project will consist of excavation and grading, pouring concrete, constructing tennis and pickleball courts and installing lighting for the courts.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the

Attalla City Hall or copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from The City of Attalla Engineering Department. Upon request, documents will be shipped after all shipping and handling charges are collected.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the best and most responsible bidder. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instruction to Bidders.

All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered.

Buy America Preference: The Grantee must comply with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, 41 USC 8301 note, and all applicable rules and notices, as may be amended, if applicable to the Grantee's infrastructure project. Pursuant to HUD's Notice, "Public Interest Phased Implementation Waiver for FY 2022 and 2023 of Build America, Buy America Provisions as Applied to Recipients of HUD Federal Financial Assistance" (88 FR 17001), any funds obligated by HUD on or after the applicable listed effective dates, are subject to BABA requirements, unless excepted by a waiver.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

THE CITY OF ATTALLA
BY:
Larry Means, Mayor

July 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units will be auctioned off on July 13, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the premises of Dixie Mini Storage Auction, located at 429 4TH ST SW, Attalla, AL 35954

Mary Garmany #24

Kenya Sigh #37C

Taylor Medley #45

Ariel Wyatt #58 & #480

Wendy Burke #107

Latasha Word #176, #376, & #387

Regena Harris #295

Tony Fordham #334

Kristin Love #359

Lily E Cole #43

Dixie Mini Storage
429 4th Street S.W.
Attalla, AL 35954
Phone (256)538-2203

July 3 and July 10, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units will be auctioned on July 8, 2026 beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the business premises of Southtowne Mini Warehouses. Southtowne is located at 199 Wood-land Drive, off of Steele Station Road in Rainbow City, AL 356906.

Tammi Powell – Unit 144

Sonya Atchison
Unit 361

Dezira Blount – Unit 411

Myra Anderson – Unit 476

Fredrick Miller – Unit 523

Jennifer Drummond
Unit 538

Phillip McGuire – Unit 660

Steve Powell – Unit 788

Courtney Lumpkin
Unit 797

Susan Black – Unit 48-6

John Parris – Unit 13-28

Janice Cornutt
Unit 49-20

Ashleigh Allen

Unit 52-14

Joseph Hooks – Unit K-8

Jacqueline Looney
Unit 326

Gabrielle Estes – Unit 398

Marlana Pruitt – Unit 427

Fatima Bibb – Unit 512

Tracy Shaw – Unit 536

Joe Gierlarowski
Unit 577

Ranesha Candis
Unit 685

Frankie Pollard – Unit 792

Bryan Charton – Unit 827 & 830

Angela Nelson
Unit 13-11

Annette Barge
Unit 13-23

Heidi Rajcecki – Unit 52-18

Lanalda Woods
Unit 83-14

Southtowne Mini Warehouses
199 Woodland Drive
Rainbow City, AL 35906

July 3, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on 07/31/2026 at 9:00 am.

2006 BMW 3 Series
VIN:
WBABV17566NK32943

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

July 3 and 10, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 0-18-26

Amending City Code Section 6-45 Review of application; hearing BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 6-45 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gadsden is hereby amended to exclude the Police Department from having to review applications for alcohol licenses and to alter the time for which public notice of the hearing is required to be published.

The amended version shall read as follows: Sec. 6-45. Review of application; hearing.

(a) Every person applying for an alcoholic beverage license shall file in the city revenue department a copy of the application to the state alcoholic beverage control board including the criminal background report provided by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to the state alcoholic beverage control board. Said Report shall not be older than six months.

(b) The revenue department shall notify the building official, the planning department and the fire department

(c) The planning department shall review the application to determine if the proposed business location is properly zoned for such a use and if there are any land use or other prohibitions on the sale of alcoholic beverages at that location, and shall recommend to the city clerk whether or not the application should be approved, and, if not, the reason why it is not recommended.

(d) Other departments may make comments and recommendations to the city clerk on whether the license should be issued.

(e) Departments should make their reports within 30 days of the filing of the application with the revenue department. The hearing must be held no later than 20 days after the planning department has submitted its recommendations. When the city clerk has received the recommendation from the planning department, the city clerk shall set the application for a public hearing before the city council. (f) Notice of the hearing will be sent by first class mail to the applicant at the business address listed on the application (and to the owner of the property if different from the applicant), published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the city at least four days prior to the hearing, and sent to any person who has a written request on file with the city clerk to be notified in writing of any request for an alcoholic beverage license within 300 feet of his property. In addition, the owner of the property

where the applicant proposes to operate shall prominently post notice on the property. The applicant shall pay all costs of providing notice, but in no case less than \$50.00.

(g) At the hearing, the council will hear any person who wishes to address the issue of whether the application for that particular site by that particular person should be approved.

(h) Among the factors that the city council may consider in making its decision on the application are:

- (1) Zoning.
- (2) The character and reputation of the applicant.
- (3) The applicant's criminal record according to the reports submitted to the state alcoholic beverage control board.
- (4) Location of place of business, including proximity to residences, schools, churches, etc.
- (5) The applicant's compliance with alcoholic beverage laws of the city, state and other jurisdictions.
- (6) The applicant's general attitude towards the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- (7) Recommendations of the administrative staff of the city departments.
- (8) Any other fact that would be relevant to the decision.

(i) After the hearing has concluded, the council must by majority vote approve the application, state its reasons for denying the application or continue the application until it obtains information reasonably necessary to make its decision.

(j) The approval by the council is conditional on compliance with all building and life safety codes of the city. If the application is approved, a certificate of occupancy must be issued by the building department before the applicant is permitted to open for business at the approved location.

(k) No hearing shall be required for the renewal of an existing license by the same licensee, for the change of the name of a licensee, for the transfer of a license to a person, firm or corporation affiliated in business with the existing licensee, or for a special events license where the event occurs on only one day. No hearing shall be

required if the city council has previously approved the issuance of one type or category of alcoholic beverage license for the premises to the same applicant and the business has continued to operate pursuant to that approval, unless the change is from off-premise sales to on-premise sales. If the state alcoholic beverage control board requires a new license because the licensee failed to renew the state license in a timely manner, no hearing shall be required if there is otherwise no change in the applicant, location or type of alcoholic beverage license.

(l) If an applicant fails to appear at the hearing after being properly notified and has not made a request for a continuance, the council may proceed with the hearing and make a decision in the absence of the applicant. Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 30, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
July 3, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. O-19-26

Amending City Code Section 118-191 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1. Section 118-191 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gadsden is amended to read as paragraph (a) and will read as follows: Sec. 118-191. - Restricted parking generally.

(a) No person shall park a vehicle in the parking area located on First Street and in the parking lot to the east and south of the police building between Broad Street and Locust Street. These restricted spaces shall be reserved for Gadsden Police Department employees.

(b) Violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of \$15.00.

Section 2. The section, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a valid judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction,

such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance. The city council declares that it is its intent that it would have enacted this ordinance without such invalid or unconstitutional provisions. Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance repeal any prior ordinance or provision of the Gadsden City Code to the extent of any conflict.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication. Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on June 30, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
July 3, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. O-20-26

Amending Chapter 74, Article X, Sections 74-291(b) and 74-293 and Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 2-334 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gadsden, Alabama

WHEREAS, in 1999 (0-61-99) the City of Gadsden last amended the lodging tax rate; and WHEREAS, the City of Gadsden desires to impose an additional five (5) percent privilege or license surcharge on lodging charges; and

WHEREAS, the additional lodging tax imposed by this ordinance shall be used primarily for the construction and operations of the Gadsden Athletic Center; and

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

Section 1. Chapter 74, Article X, Section 74-291 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gadsden is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 74-291-Levy of tax.

(a) For the privilege of engaging or continuing within the city in the business activities referred to in this section, there is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind imposed by law, and shall be collected as provided in this article, a privilege or license tax against the person on account of the business activities and in

the amounts to be determined by the application of rates against gross receipts as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) There is hereby levied and imposed, in addition to all other taxes of every kind imposed by law, a privilege or license tax upon every person engaging in the business of renting or furnishing any rooms, lodgings or accommodations to transients for a consideration, in an amount to be determined by the application of the rate of ten (10) percent of the charge for such rooms, lodgings, or accommodations, including the charge for use or rental of personal property and services furnished in such room. The tax shall not apply to rooms, lodgings or accommodations supplied for a period of 180 continuous days or more in any place.

(c) There is hereby levied and imposed, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, a privilege or license surcharge upon every person engaging or continuing in this city in the business of renting or furnishing any tourist camp, tourist cabin, place or space for tent camping, place or space provided for a motor home, travel trailer, self-propelled camper or house car, truck camper, or similar recreational vehicle commonly known as a R.V. regularly furnished to transients for a consideration, in an amount of \$5.00 per night per accommodations. There is exempted from the surcharge levied under this section any rentals or services taxed under division 1, commencing with Code of Ala. § 40-23-1, of article 1, chapter 23, title 4. The surcharge shall not apply to rooms, lodgings, or accommodations supplied for a period of 30 continuous days or more in any place.

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Sec. 2-344.- Lodgings tax fund.

The lodgings tax fund is to be restricted and used primarily for the construction and/or operations of the Gadsden Athletic Center, the Venue and for promotion of events in the city. No money in this fund shall be expended or paid as an incentive or abatement of lodging taxes.

Section 4. The section, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a valid judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance. The city council declares that it is its intent that it would have enacted this ordinance without such invalid or unconstitutional provisions.

Section 5. The provisions of this ordinance repeal any prior ordinance or provision of the Gadsden City Code to the extent of any conflict.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective on 10/1/2026.

I certify that this ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, at an open public meeting held on June 30, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
APPROVED on June 30, 2026.
Craig Ford, Mayor

July 3, 2026

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Gadsden CDBG Program Office 90 Broad Street Gadsden, AL 35901 256-549-4537

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Gads-

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On Monday, July 20th, the City of Gadsden will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds, for the disposition of vacant property owned by the Great Gadsden Housing Authority and pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4321, et seq., to undertake. The proposed project includes the disposition of 3.56 acres by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) from the Starnes Park Housing Development property. No construction or ground disturbance will occur during the disposition; however, ALDOT proposes to construct a portion of the East Gadsden Connector on the acres disposed of from the Greater Gadsden Housing Authority. This project will utilize State of Alabama DOT funding only and will not utilize any HUD funding.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Gadsden has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Gadsden CDBG Program Office located at 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. The file will be made available electronically, upon request, by contacting Angie Reaves at areaves@cityofgadsden.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Gadsden CDBG Program Office located at 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. All comments received by Monday, July 20, 2026 will be considered by the City of Gadsden prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL

CERTIFICATION

The City of Gadsden certifies to HUD/Alabama that its Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's Alabama approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Gadsden to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Gadsden's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Gadsden; (b) the City of Gadsden has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or findings required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD/State of Alabama Office of Public & Indian Housing The Plaza, 417 20th Street, North, Suite 700, Birmingham, AL 35203. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Craig Ford
City of Gadsden Mayor/
Certifying Officer
90 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901
256-549-4646
dosullivan@cityofgadsden.com

July 3, 2026

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IT TO PATRIOTIC HEARTS. Fast free pick up. Patriotic Hearts' programs help veterans find work or start their own business. Call 24/7: 1-833-426-0193

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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.

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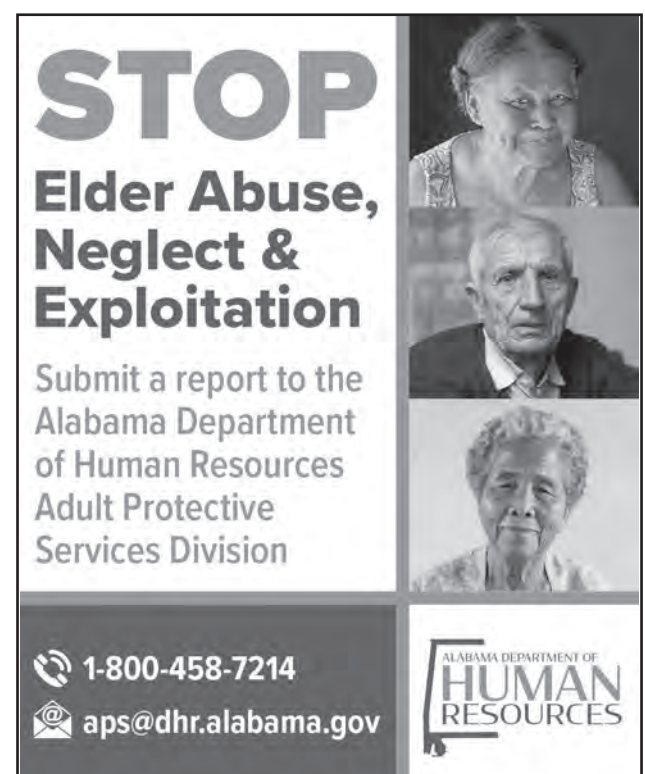
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2.99 With Card

Selected Varieties, Jimmy Dean Bacon (12 Oz.), Johnsonville Brats or **Nathan's Franks** 11-14 Oz.
3.99 With Card

Thomas Farms Grass Fed Ground Beef Patties 10 Ct.
14.99 With Card

LIMIT 4
Selected Varieties Food Club Sliced Cheese 7-8 Oz.
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2.99 With Card

IN THE Bakery
Bakery Fresh Strawberry Shortcake Each
6.99 With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH
Frozen, Selected Varieties, Stouffer's Meals (9-20 Oz.), Yellowstone Meals (12-15 Oz.) or **Gorton's Fish** 6-24.5 Oz.
4.99 With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH
Selected Varieties, Family Size Bugles, Chex Mix or Gardetto's (9-15 Oz.), Fat Boy Novelties (4-9 Ct.), Ritz Crackers (8.8-13.7 Oz.) or **Ore-Ida Potatoes** 19-32 Oz.
2.99 With Card

LIMIT 4 **DIETITIAN'S PICK**
Fresh Blackberries 6 Oz.
99¢ With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH
Selected Varieties, Tyson Chicken (20-32 Oz.) or **Blue Bell Ice Cream** 64 Oz. or 12 Ct.
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Buy 3 SAVE MORE **LIMIT 6 TOTAL ITEMS**
Selected Varieties Celsius Energy 12 Oz.
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LIMIT 4 EACH
Frozen, Selected Varieties, Texas Roadhouse Mini Rolls (14 Oz.) or **Farm Rich Appetizers** 12-22 Oz.
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Selected Varieties, Café Bustelo (10 Oz.) or **Folgers Coffee** 10 Ct. or 9.6-10.3 Oz.
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Selected Varieties, General Mills Treat Bars (6.8-8.48 Oz.), Mott's Soft Baked Bars (5.76-6.55 Oz.) or **Hostess Snack Cakes** 10 Ct.
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Selected Varieties, Frozen Pillsbury Toaster Strudel or Toaster Scrambles (4-6 Ct.), Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks (6-10 Ct.), Keebler Waffle Cones (3-7 Oz.) or **Nature Valley Granola Bars** 5-6 Ct.
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Vanilla Wafers (11 Oz.) or **Selected Varieties Crav'n Flavor Graham Crackers** 14.4 Oz.
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Selected Varieties, Drumstick or Oreo Novelties (7-20 Ct.), Frozen, DiGiorno Pizza (14.6-29.3 Oz.), Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing (36 Oz.) or **Misty Mountain Spring Water** 24 Pk., 16.9 Oz. Btls.
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Selected Varieties, Food Club Pasta (12-16 Oz.), Food Club Chunk Light Tuna (5 Oz.) or **Food Club White Chunk Chicken** 5 Oz.
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