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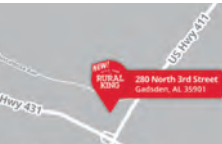
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Amy Sims named principal of St. James

**By Karla McArthur
Reporter**

Amy Sims is beginning the 2026-27 school year as the new principal of St. James Catholic School, stepping into the role after serving as assistant principal during the 2025-26 school year under former Principal John Parker. Sims previously taught fifth grade at St. James, making the transition to principal a natural one.

Although she now leads a school, Sims said education was not originally part of her career plans. Coming from a family of educators, she intentionally pursued a different path, earning a bachelor's degree in history and political science.

Her path changed when a fifth-grade teaching position unexpectedly became available at St. James. A friend interviewing for the position recommended Sims, who met with then-Principal Michele Adams. Adams saw potential in Sims and offered her the teaching position.

Sims taught fifth grade at St. James for four years

before accepting a position with the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

When Parker announced his retirement, members of the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word encouraged Sims to consider returning as principal. Sims said Adams, Parker and the sisters believed her experience working with nonprofit organizations would benefit the school, which operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Although she never envisioned a career in education, Sims said she believes her journey reflects God's guidance.

"I figured out pretty quickly that St. James was home," Sims said. "It's an instance of God putting the right people in the right place."

Sims credited the school's faculty, staff and families for creating a strong learning environment.

"The ministry of the school is strong because the teachers are strong, because Christ is here," she said. "We're blessed with great parents who work alongside our teachers and staff."



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While academic excellence remains a priority, Sims said St. James is equally committed to educating the whole child by emphasizing character, kindness, respect and love for others.

Looking ahead, Sims said she hopes to expand the school's community presence by drawing on her fundraising experience. She plans to highlight the school's mission through outreach efforts and events such as its annual 10K giveaway and Spring fundraiser.

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Local WWII vet honored with medal

**By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor**

Billy Crawford was presented with a duplicate Congressional Gold Medal by Tisa Moore from the office of Rep. Mike Rogers on Wednesday at his home in Whorton Bend.

"It is an honor and a privilege to bestow this upon you from our congressman Mike Rogers," Moore said as she knelt beside Crawford. "It's such a pleasure and he wishes he could be here today."

"Oh, I wish he could, but he can't," Crawford said. "I appreciate you taking over and bringing me this."

In May, the Messenger featured Crawford, who turned 103 on May 8. A day later, Sheila M. Sovan, former national vice president of the American Merchant Marine Veterans Association (AMMV), emailed the Messenger requesting to be connected with the Crawford family.

Sovan, daughter of a WWII



Photo by Lindsey Frazier | Messenger

Billy Crawford, middle, with his son Roy, right, and Constituent Services Rep. Tisa Moore, left, receiving the duplicate Congressional Gold Medal from the office of Rep. Mike Rogers.

Merchant Marine, has helped more than 40 veterans and their families obtain duplicates of the medal awarded to the group in 2022 at a ceremony held by Congressional leaders at the Capitol, which Sovan said she was honored to attend.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives presented the medal to the merchants, which is now displayed at the American Merchant Marine Museum in New York, according to the Maritime Administration website.

The medal is the highest honor awarded by the United States Congress to World War II Merchant Marine service members for their critical role in the war, according to the website.

Once Sovan was able to contact the Crawfords, the process of obtaining his medal began, which meant a lot of paperwork for Crawford's son Roy.

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The spring lantern festival returns to Gadsden.

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American Legion seeks help with Honor Wall

**By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor**

American Legion Post 71 is asking Etowah County families to help ensure the sacrifices of the county's fallen service members are remembered for generations to come.

The post is accepting submissions for its Veterans Honor Wall, a permanent tribute dedicated to Etowah County service members who were killed in action. Veterans from any conflict are eligible to be included, provided they were from Etowah County.

There is no cost for families to have their loved one's name added to the Honor Wall. The project is being funded by American Legion Post 71, although donations to help support the effort are welcomed.

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Ken Davis, pictured above, is the historian for American Legion Post 71. He has created plaques for the group's Veterans Honor Wall.

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NEWS

Noccalula Falls brings back Lantern Festival



Courtesy of City of Gadsden

Following a successful debut event, the City of Gadsden has announced that the Spring Lantern Festival will return to Noccalula Falls Park.

“We knew this event was going to be popular, but it exceeded our expectations,” said Mayor Craig Ford. “The Spring Lantern Festival was popular with our residents, but we also heard from a lot of people who traveled several hours from Tennessee and Georgia to see the lanterns.

“That’s what we aim to do: have fun events that give local folks something to enjoy while also bringing people to Gadsden, which helps our local economy,” Ford added.

More than 50,000 people attended this year’s Spring Lantern Festival, and next year’s event is scheduled to run from Feb. 15, 2027, to April 5, 2027.

The City has again partnered with Kaleido Entertainment and signed a 5-year agreement to make the festival a recurring event. Proceeds from the event go back into the improvement of Noccalula Falls Park.

At the Spring Lantern Festival, visitors can stroll through hand-crafted lanterns illuminated with vibrant LED lights.

The lanterns are traditionally crafted by artisans from small pieces of Chinese silk cloth and steel wire.

Hundreds of lanterns are spread throughout Noccalula Falls Park, depicting animals, dinosaurs, nature, Chinese legends and lore, and more.

The Spring Lantern Festival also includes a live show of world-class acrobatic performances along with train rides around the park, and food and drink vendors.

Crawford

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“Roy has been working on getting these awards for several months,” Vickie Crawford, Crawford’s daughter-in-law, said. “It took a long time to get all the paperwork. It was just amazing.”

Proving service took some doing, since the standard paperwork veterans use today didn’t exist for Crawford’s generation.

“In 1945, the Department of Defense didn’t exist, so there wasn’t a DD form,” Roy said. “... I had to send discharge papers, a copy of his ID that he had in the Merchant Marines and a couple of statements from the ship that he was on.”

A wooden-framed glass case holds five World War II medals Crawford received during his time in the service, where he delivered supplies to military forces.

Crawford’s life is much more peaceful now, living on a cul-de-sac with a river out back and a pond of catfish the family feeds daily at 5 p.m.

As everyone made their way toward the door, Crawford thanked Moore again for taking the time to deliver the medal and extended an open invitation to his house for the Messenger.

Sims

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Another priority will be strengthening students’ prayer lives through the school’s partnership with Hallow, a Catholic prayer app. Sims said every student will have access to guided meditations and Scripture through the platform.

“Students are already on devices,” Sims said. “It makes sense to teach them to use them in a more constructive way.”

“The most important thing to us is to give them the tools they need to grow closer to Christ,” she added.

Sims said faith remains the foundation of the school’s mission.

“We’re giving them a great education, too,” she said. “But Paul says if I have all those things — if I speak with great language or know great things but don’t have love — then it’s all for nothing.”

The school also plans several campus improvements, including updates to the chapel, new mulch for the playground,

upgraded classroom technology and improvements to gates and fencing. Sims credited the school’s advisory board for supporting those initiatives.

“Having something that reflects the beauty of what we’re doing here, outwardly as much as inwardly, is an important teaching tool,” she said.

Sims said she is especially

proud of the welcoming culture at St. James.

“We are here to love God and neighbors,” she said, referencing the Baltimore Catechism’s teaching that people are on Earth “to know, love and serve God and others.”

“That’s what we’re here to do,” she said.

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NEWS

Former City Clerk Iva Nelson embraces retirement by continuing to work for the city

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

After more than four decades at Gadsden City Hall, longtime City Clerk Iva Nelson has officially retired from the position she held for nearly 23 years. Even so, retirement hasn't quite felt like retirement.

"I haven't had time to enjoy my retirement yet," Nelson said with a laugh.

Although she officially stepped down as city clerk, Nelson has remained at City Hall on a part-time basis to assist with preparations for the upcoming municipal election in August. She will stay on through the end of September, in case of a runoff election.

"At some point I will feel retired, but that time hasn't come yet," she said.

Nelson's career with the City of Gadsden began in March 1984 when she was hired as a typist in the city clerk's office. She worked in a variety of positions before being appointed city clerk on Oct. 8, 2002, succeeding her mentor, Martha Elrod, upon Elrod's retirement.

Looking back over 42 years with the city, Nelson said she feels grateful above all else.

"I've been blessed to have the privilege of working for the city for so many years," she said. "Each council that appointed me as city clerk since 2002, having their confidence meant a lot to me. Having the health and ability to work the last 42 years for the City of Gadsden is a blessing."

As she prepares to fully step away from City Hall, Nelson has found herself thinking often about Elrod, whom she still credits for much of her success.

"I've been thinking about Martha a lot these days," Nelson said. "I'm sharing that Martha mindset of paying it forward, like Martha did. She was an amazing woman, like a second mother to me. She taught me how to mentor, and her legacy continues."

Nelson said one of the biggest adjustments has been no longer seeing the people who



Courtesy of City of Gadsden

Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford, left, speaks at a retirement party for City Clerk Iva Nelson, right.

became part of her daily life over the years.

"It is strange not being at City Hall every day, seeing all the people you're used to seeing," she said. "I miss working with everyone, the council, different staff members from various departments, the public, the mayor."

Despite missing her co-workers, Nelson is beginning to enjoy one of retirement's greatest perks: flexibility.

"My favorite part is having a flexible schedule," she said. "I can get up and decide what time I want to go to City Hall instead of being tied to the clock."

Once her work assisting with the election concludes, Nelson plans to spend more time with her family. She looks forward to helping her mother care for her older brother, who has an intellectual disability, and spending more time with her 14-year-old granddaughter, including hosting sleepovers with the teenager.

She's also eager to spend more time on the golf course.

"My friends say now I have time for day golfing," Nelson said. "I'm excited to try it when summer is over and the temperature is cooler and more pleasant."

Retirement will also pro-

vide her more time for music. Nelson plans to continue playing piano and singing at her church, something that has long been an important part of her life.

Mayor Craig Ford said Nelson's impact on City Hall and the community will be felt for years to come.

"We will miss having Iva at City Hall every day," Ford said. "But we will stay in touch. She is a treasure to the city, not just City Hall, but the whole city. We are blessed to have had her for so many years. She put up with all of us for so long, and she always did it with a smile."

Ford also expressed appreciation that Nelson has remained to help with this year's municipal election.

"She's even helping us through this next election, which is a difficult job to ask anyone to do," he said. "We're so thankful for the time and heart she's poured into her role as City Clerk over the years. Iva has always shown up with a commitment to serving both the city and its people, and that kind of dedication doesn't go unnoticed."

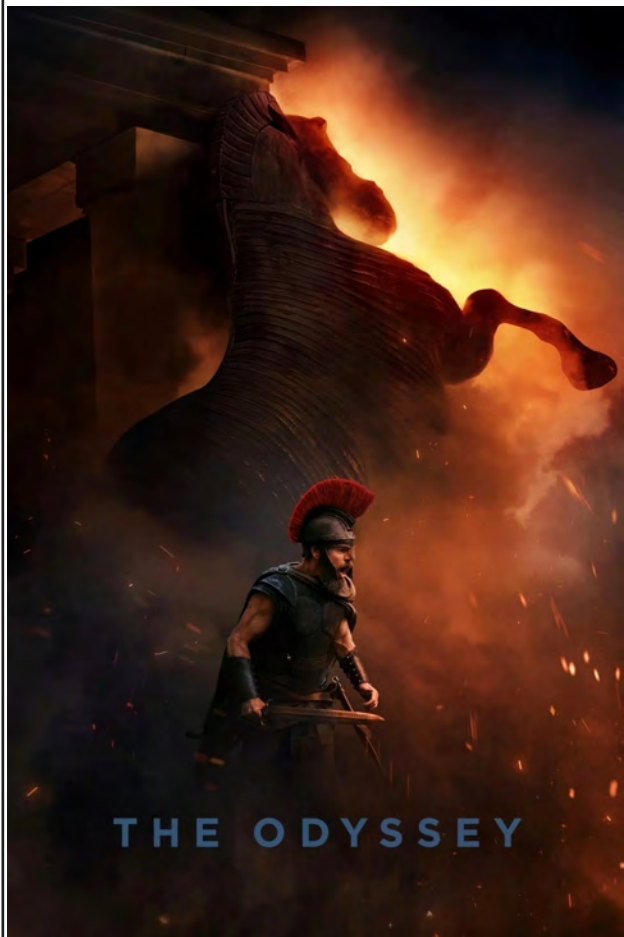
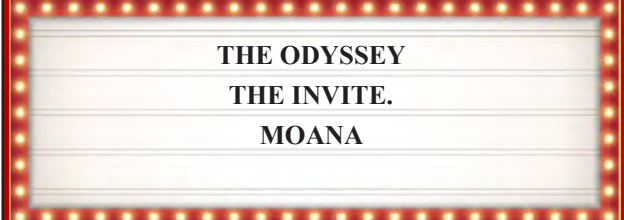
Ford said he is confident the city is in good hands under Nelson's successor, Jennifer Smith.

"While Iva is enjoying her golfing, Jennifer will be running the machine of city government," Ford said. "We are confident that Jennifer will continue to be an excellent replacement. She has big shoes to fill, but she's done an amazing job so far. There was no doubt when Iva retired that Jennifer would be the right person to pick up the torch. We are glad she agreed to step in."

Smith said Nelson's preparation and mentorship made the transition far easier than it otherwise could have been.

"Iva taught me well," Smith said. "She left everything in a great place, so stepping into this role was not as difficult as it could have been. Everyone has told me that I have big shoes to fill, and they are right. But I know that Iva has prepared us well and that she is just a phone call away if we need her."

Nelson was named Alabama Municipal Clerk of the Year by the Alabama Association of Municipal Clerks and Administrators in 2019. In 2024, the City of Gadsden proclaimed March 23 as "Iva Nelson Day" in recognition of her 40 years of service to the city.



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American Legion - From 1A

To submit a veteran for inclusion, families are asked to provide the service member's name, branch of military service, birth date and date of death. There is no deadline for submissions, and the post plans to continue accepting names indefinitely as new information becomes available.

Once completed, families will be invited to visit the post and view the plaques honoring their loved ones.

In addition to the Honor Wall, Post 71 Historian Ken Davis has assembled an extensive historical archive documenting every Etowah County service member known to have been killed in the line of duty. Davis has spent countless hours researching and organizing the information into a series of binders, each dedicated to a specific war or military conflict.

Within each binder, veterans are arranged alphabetically, with every page preserved in protective document sleeves. The files contain detailed information about each service member, including where they were killed in action, where they are buried, military service history, medals and honors received, and other available historical information. Davis continues to research and add new names and records as additional information is discovered, making the collection an ongoing labor of remembrance and historical preservation.

"I want generations to come to be able to learn about these veterans and know the sacrifice they made," Davis said. "Younger generations don't know a lot, if anything, about these wars and why these people died."

Davis has created the wooden plaques for the project by hand. The plaques are made of high-quality, cabinet-grade plywood. The Vietnam veteran and carpenter has created items like this for the post before. He previously made plaques to display former Post 71 leaders.

The Honor Wall and accompanying historical records reflect the post's commitment to ensuring the stories of Etowah County's fallen service members are not forgotten and remain accessible to future generations.

Hunter Phillips, the post's sergeant-at-arms, said Post 71 is also looking to welcome new members. Any local military veteran is eligible to join the American Legion and participate in the organization's efforts to support veterans, preserve military history and serve the community.

American Legion Post 71 meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Etowah County Fairgrounds. Veterans interested in joining, families wishing to submit a fallen service member for the Honor Wall, or those interested in supporting the project through donations are encouraged to attend a meeting and learn more.



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EDUCATION

Alabama students show significant gains in science proficiency; reading, math show mixed results

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

Alabama students made significant improvements in science proficiency on this year's Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) standardized test, while the picture was somewhat more mixed on reading and math scores.

According to data released by the Alabama State Department of Education on Tuesday, science proficiency went up for fourth, sixth and eighth graders tested this year. The percentage of fourth graders deemed proficient increased from 43% in 2025 to 51% this spring. For sixth graders, the percentages increased from 35% to 41%. Eighth graders saw proficiency go from 41% to 54%.

In order to be considered proficient, students must be in level 3 or level 4 by reaching a specific cut score on the ACAP. According to the State Department of Education, last year's science cut score for fourth grade ranged from 519 to 574 for level 3 and 575 to 850 for level 4; the cut in sixth grade score ranged from 536 to 590 for level 3 and 591 to 910 for level 4 and the cut score in eighth grade ranged from 513 to 587 for level 3 and 588 to 800 for level 4.

Alabama State School Superintendent Eric Mackey said after a meeting of the Alabama State Board of Education on Tuesday that the increase in scores can be attributed to the new science standards passed by the board in 2023 and new textbooks adopted in 2024.

"I think that what it shows is our

investment in science (and) STEM courses, we keep talking about these things, but what we're seeing is our students are doing better and better in science," he said. "When you look at the science test, it's not just science facts, it's about science reasoning and our students seem to be doing better and better at science reasoning."

This year marks the first year that all schools were required to use the new science course of study. Prior to 2024, the state's science textbooks were last updated in 2016.

On English Language Arts (ELA) and math testing, which covered students in grades 2 through 8, the picture was more mixed.

Grades 2 and 8 saw the biggest increase in ELA proficiency. Among second-graders, the percentage of students considered

proficient increased from 60% to nearly 64%. The number of eighth grade students showing proficiency also increased, from about 55% to 59%.

Proficiency was effectively unchanged for third graders, while fourth and seventh graders saw slight declines in proficiency.

In fourth grade, proficient students went from 61% last year to 60% this year while seventh grade dropped from 57% of students being proficient to 56%.

Math results were also mixed. In second grade, the percentage of proficient students increased from 46% in 2025 to 49% this spring. Sixth-grade proficiency went up by about a point (from 34 to 35%) while eighth-grade proficiency went up about two percentage points (25% to 27%). Other grades were effec-

tively unchanged from 2025.

Mackey said during the meeting the increases made by the proficient students can be attributed to the RAISE Act, a program that aims to get more money to particular education populations, including children in poverty, rural students, English language learners and special education students.

In April, the Legislature approved a \$10.5 billion Education Trust Fund budget that increased funding for gifted students from \$1.67 million to \$2.45 million.

"I think that just the focus of saying we're going to really focus on our accelerated students to make sure they, you know, that they are being pushed is probably a good thing for those students and for schools overall," he said.

Jax State Partners with APOSTC to Launch Innovative Law Enforcement Workforce Pipeline

Jacksonville State University has received approval from the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC) to establish an innovative partnership that creates a direct pathway for students to graduate with both a bachelor's degree and Alabama law enforcement certification.

The partnership makes Jax State the first institution in Alabama to offer the model, allowing qualified Criminal Justice students pursuing the University's Law Enforcement Academy Minor to complete the academic requirements for a bachelor's degree while simultaneously meeting the state's training and certification standards needed for employment as a law enforcement officer. Unlike traditional training pathways, students graduate with both a four-year degree and Alabama law enforcement certification, preparing them for immediate employment and long-term career advancement.

"This partnership reflects Jacksonville State University's commitment to meeting the needs of our state through innovative academic programs and strong partnerships," said Jax State President Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr. "As the first institution in Alabama to

offer this model, we are creating a pathway that allows students to graduate with both a bachelor's degree and professional certification, prepared to serve their communities while helping law enforcement agencies across Alabama recruit highly qualified, workforce-ready officers."

The partnership addresses one of Alabama's most pressing workforce needs by preparing students to enter the profession immediately upon graduation. Students accepted into the program will meet the same admissions requirements as all Alabama law enforcement recruits, including interviews, physical and psychological evaluations, physical agility testing, and other state requirements, before attending an APOST-certified law enforcement training academy.

After successfully completing the academy during their junior year, students will gain practical law enforcement experience by working with the Jacksonville State University Police Department while completing their senior year. Upon graduation, they will hold both a bachelor's degree and the credentials necessary to begin careers with law enforcement agencies across Alabama.

"The Commission's partnership

with Jacksonville State University represents an innovative investment in the future of Alabama law enforcement," said Chief R. Alan Benefield, Executive Secretary, APOST Commission. "By establishing a structured pathway to certification, we are creating a pipeline of highly qualified, well-educated law enforcement officers who have already demonstrated a commitment to public service. This program not only expands opportunities for criminal justice students it also provides law enforcement agencies across Alabama with access to certified, career-ready officers at no cost to the hiring agency, for their education or academy training, resulting in cost savings of over \$10,000 to the employing agency."

"This path to certification is a forward-thinking approach that strengthens our profession, supports the recruitment and retention of exceptional officers, and helps ensure Alabama communities continue to be served by highly trained law enforcement professionals."

The partnership also provides students with practical experience while helping meet the workforce needs identified by law enforcement agencies across the state.

"This partnership changes the

way we prepare future law enforcement officers," said Michael Barton, Associate Vice President of Health and Public Safety and Chief of Police at Jacksonville State University. "Students will graduate with the education, training, certification, and real-world experience they need to begin serving immediately, while agencies gain access to qualified candidates who are ready to step into the profession. This partnership benefits our students, our law enforcement partners, and the communities they serve."

The Law Enforcement Academy Minor consists of 21 credit hours and is integrated into students' degree plans, allowing them to complete the academy as part of their academic program rather than after graduation. The partnership also removes financial barriers for participating agencies by eliminating the need to reimburse academy training costs for participating students, allowing them to complete academy training while enrolled at Jax State.

The initiative builds on Jacksonville State University's longstanding commitment to comprehensive law enforcement education and training through its Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation, University Police

Department, Center for Applied Forensics, Center for Best Practices in Law Enforcement, Alabama Investigators Academy, Southeastern Law Enforcement Command College, and APOST-certified law enforcement training programs, further strengthening the University's role as a leader in preparing Alabama's public safety workforce.

"This partnership demonstrates how higher education can respond to workforce needs while creating meaningful opportunities for students," said Dr. Christie Shelton, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Jax State. "By integrating APOSTC certification into a student's academic experience, we are reducing barriers to employment and providing graduates with a distinct advantage as they enter their careers in law enforcement."

Students interested in the Law Enforcement Academy Minor must meet all University admission requirements and the standards established by APOSTC for entry into an APOST-certified law enforcement training academy. Additional information about the program is available through the Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation.



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GOVERNMENT

Dr. Toles announces candidacy for school board

Retired educator and former Gadsden City Council member Cynthia W. Toles has announced her candidacy for the Gadsden City Board of Education, seeking to represent District 1.

A lifelong Gadsden resident and graduate of Gadsden City Schools, Toles said her decades of experience in education, public service and community leadership have prepared her to advocate for students, families and educators.

"I know and believe that every student should receive a high-quality education in a safe environment," Toles said. "Every child is a genius. Once you identify the talent of children and put them in the environment that will nurture that talent, the sky is the limit."

Toles retired after a career

in education that included serving as an elementary school principal. She also served on the Gadsden City Council, where she gained experience in policymaking, community advocacy and educational initiatives.

Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in History, a Master of Science in Elementary Education, an Associate of Arts in Paralegal Studies, a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education and a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Curriculum.

Throughout her career, Toles has remained active in educational and civic organizations. She served on the national board of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and on the National League of Cities' national policy

committee. She also earned certified municipal official and advanced certified municipal official designations.

Toles continues to support local students through educational outreach. She currently hosts a summer camp for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, provides private tutoring during the school year and regularly visits classrooms to read to students.

Her commitment to education spans more than six decades. This weekend, she and her classmates will celebrate the 60th anniversary of their high school graduation at the Carver Complex.

Toles said she is seeking a seat on the school board because she wants to help strengthen the partnership among students, parents, educators and the commu-

nity.

"It is my intention to join an organization that advocates education, students and parents," she said. "The school board is a governance body that prioritizes students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators and the community. I want to be part of that entity."

If elected, Toles said she will lead with integrity, accountability and a commitment to student success.

"My leadership is grounded in integrity, accountability and a commitment to student success," she said. "I am prepared to listen, collaborate and make thoughtful decisions that strengthen our schools and serve the families of District 1. Together, we can build a bright future for every student."



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Huff seeks another term on city Board of Education



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The Rev. Z. Andre' Huff is seeking another term representing District 3 on the Gadsden City Board of Education, citing his commitment to educational excellence, servant leadership and community advocacy.

Huff, an educator, pastor, author and community leader, was appointed to the school board in 2017 by then-Gadsden City Councilman Thomas Worthy. Later that year, when the school board transitioned from an appointed body to an elected one, Huff won election to continue serving District 3.

As a member of the first elected Gadsden City Board of Education, Huff was selected by fellow board members to serve as chairman during the board's first two years under the new governance

structure.

During his tenure, Huff said he has focused on expanding educational opportunities, promoting accountability, supporting teachers and staff, and ensuring students have the resources needed to succeed. He said he remains committed to advocating for District 3 while supporting policies that prepare students for success both academically and beyond the classroom.

In addition to his work in education, Huff has served in ministry for more than 30 years. He was senior pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church from 1997 to 2013 and has served as senior pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church since 2013. His ministry emphasizes biblical teaching, discipleship, family development

and community service.

Huff is the son of Mrs. Kattie Huff and the late Rev. F.L. Huff and is the fourth of six sons.

He is also the author of the devotional book *Suit Up!*, which offers practical biblical principles for daily living, and co-hosts the community podcast *Real Talk* with Pastor Z. & Bishop T., where discussions focus on faith, education, leadership and issues affecting the Gadsden community.

Huff said his approach to public service is rooted in the belief that leadership is demonstrated through service, integrity and a commitment to improving the lives of others through education, ministry and community engagement.

Curtis Fail announces bid for Gadsden City Council District 5

Curtis Fail has announced his candidacy for the Gadsden City Council District 5 seat, saying he wants to see continued improvements throughout the district, particularly in the Flatwoods community.

Fail said he believes District 5 is divided into two distinct sections: what he described as the "richer part" and the "poorer part," known as the Flatwoods, where he resides.

Fail referenced comments he said current District 5 Councilman Jason Wilson made during the most recent City Council meeting about wanting District 5 to remain the way it is. Fail said he disagrees with that position.

"I strongly disagree with this," Fail said. "When Mayor Ford was elected, he said he was shocked with the condi-

tion of the Flatwoods area."

According to Fail, the Flatwoods community has declined since Republic Steel and Goodyear ceased operating at full capacity. He said the loss of those employers led many residents to move to other parts of the city or out of town.

"When Republic Steel and Goodyear were working full force, there were employees paying taxes and more people could keep their properties in good condition," Fail said. "Now they're gone. A lot of them moved to other parts of the city or out of town."

Fail praised Mayor Craig Ford's efforts to improve District 5, pointing to the recent paving of Broadway and Marshall streets as examples.

"I personally think they did a great job on these roads,"

Fail said. "I see these improvements as change in the right direction."

Fail said residents of the Flatwoods community need continued investment and improvements.

"We need these changes to improve our area," he said. "I will help the mayor and the council achieve these changes."

Fail also said the area surrounding Gadsden City High School lacks restaurants where teams and their supporters can gather before and after games. He added that attracting new industry to the former Republic Steel property should be a priority for the district.

"Until this happens, we need to upgrade roads, housing and businesses in this area," Fail said.



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Joey Nichols announces bid for Council District 5



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Longtime Gadsden resident Joey Nichols has announced his candidacy for the Gadsden City Council District 5 seat.

Nichols is the son of the late Joseph E. “Bill” Nichols Sr. and Mamie Holbrook Nichols. He and his five sisters grew up at the corner of Pierce and Adams streets in South Gadsden. Continuing that tradition, Nichols raised his own family in the Gadsden community.

A longtime crane operator, Nichols worked on projects throughout the country. He also served as chairman of the Jimmie Van Zant Cancer Charity, helping further the organization’s mission by assisting cancer patients with essential needs, including groceries, utility bills and other expenses. Through relationships in the music industry, including members of the Van Zant family, Nichols said

he was able to connect with and assist numerous cancer patients.

In addition to his work with the cancer charity, Nichols has organized fundraising benefits for several Gadsden-area organizations, including Rainbow of Hope, Sandy’s Place, Danny Moon and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8600.

“I’ve tried to help people my whole life,” Nichols said. “My father always told me, ‘If your word is no good, you’re no good.’”

Nichols said he would appreciate the community’s support and has several priorities in mind for District 5, including addressing the needs of residents by responding quickly to community concerns and maintaining regular communication through monthly community meetings.

Among the proposed initiatives are establishing a neighborhood watch

program, completing road paving projects, repairing the Hickory Street bridge and organizing volunteers to assist elderly and disabled residents with tasks such as lawn care, painting and other home maintenance. Nichols also called for increased maintenance of city streets and rights-of-way.

Nichols said other priorities include opposing the construction of rendering plants or data processing centers in District 5 and elsewhere in Gadsden, revitalizing Banks Park and economic development are key focuses of his campaign.

“We have a lot that needs to be taken care of, but it takes a community to build a community,” Nichols said. “I believe I can make a difference in our community that I love so very much,” he said. “I’m no politician, but we need a lot in our district, and I intend to provide it,” Nichols said.

Ballou seeks seat on Gadsden City Board of Education

Retired educator K. Tiffany Ballou has announced her candidacy for the Gadsden City Board of Education, seeking to represent District 4 with a focus on student success, educational excellence and community engagement.

With more than 27 years of service in the Gadsden City School System, Ballou has devoted her career to empowering students, supporting families, and strengthening educational opportunities throughout the community.

A graduate of Alabama State University and a proud graduate of Gadsden High School, Ballou believes education is the foundation for achievement, growth, and opportunity. Her years in

the classroom provided firsthand insight into the challenges and successes facing students, teachers, and schools, inspiring her continued commitment to educational excellence.

Throughout her career, Ballou served students and families at Floyd Elementary School, Walnut Park Elementary School, Litchfield Middle School, the Gadsden City Parent Center, and the Alternative School and has been selected as Teacher of the Year more than four times in her career. Her extensive experience across multiple educational settings has given her a broad understanding of the needs of students at every stage of their academic journey.

Beyond the classroom, Ballou has remained ac-

tively involved in supporting Gadsden City Schools and youth programs. She has served for several years as the bookkeeper for the Gadsden City High School Titans basketball program and works with the Gadsden City Recreation Department on Saturdays, keeping the scoreboard and operating the scoreboard for youth basketball leagues throughout the community.

Ballou is the proud mother of Haleigh Glover, a graduate of Gadsden City High School and Jacksonville State University. She values faith, family, and service and enjoys traveling, arts and crafts, and celebrating life’s special moments through creativity and meaningful connections.

Known for her warm personality, sense of humor, and determination, Glover strives to be a positive influence wherever she serves. With a heart for service and a lifelong commitment to education, she continues to dedicate herself to the success of students, families, and the Gadsden community.

As a candidate for the Gadsden City Board of Education, District 4, Ballou is committed to ensuring every student has access to the opportunities and support needed to succeed. “My commitment has always been to our children, our schools, and our community,” Ballou stated. “I look forward to continuing that service and working together to help every student thrive.”



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Game/Dance Night at the Rainbow City Community Center

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- When: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

July 17

Matilda Hosted by Theatre of Gadsden

- Where: Wallace Hall | 1001 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 7 p.m.

July 18

Knights of Columbus Christmas in July Market

- Where: St. James Catholic Church, 622 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Recurring Events

Gadsden Farmers Market

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

Glencoe Farmers Market

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

Hokes Bluff Farmers Market

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

Attalla Farmers Market

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

Rainbow City Community Market

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

Useless Trivia at Back Forty

- Where: Back Forty
- When: Thursday at 7 p.m.

Bingo Night at Pique Nique

- Where: 1 River Road, Gadsden
- When: Friday at 7 p.m.

Bingo Night AJs Neighborhood Bar and Grill

- Where: 1582 Highway 77, Southside
- When: Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night at Blackstone Pub

- Where: 525 Broad Street, Gadsden
- When: Wednesday 7 to 10 p.m.

Monthly

Music Trivia Night at Baja Rainbow City

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- 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

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- When: 7 p.m.

July 25

Drifters HDRC Wheels for Meals Ride

- Where: Drifters HDRC, 536 Perman Lake Road, Rainbow City, AL.
- When: 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 1

Slide Card Show: Pokemon, TCG and Sports

- Where: 210 At the Tracks | 210 Locust St, Gadsden, AL
- When: 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 1

Bluff Blast

- Where: The Bluff Amphitheatre 820 US-278, Hokes Bluff, AL.
- When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

August 1

The Tyn Tymes Annual Party 2026

- Where: Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts 501 Broad St, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 6 p.m.

August 6

World's Longest Yard Sale

- Where: Noccalula Falls Park | 1500 Noccalula Road, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

August 7

August First Friday in Downtown Gadsden

- Where: Downtown Gadsden, Broad St, Gadsden, AL
- When: 5 p.m.

Ground Breakings, Ribbon Cuttings & Grand Openings

July 31

Rural King Ribbon Cutting

- Where: 280 N. 3rd Street, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 10 a.m.

August 4

Rick's Discount Drug Ribbon Cutting

- Where: 433 3rd Street SW, Attalla, AL
- When: 11 a.m.

August 7

Coosa Riverkeeper Ribbon Cutting

- Where: 3426 Rainbow Parkway, Rainbow City, AL.
- When: 12 p.m.

July 23

Redfield Group Auctions Ground Breaking

- Where: 605 West Main Street, Glencoe, AL
- When: 4 p.m.

July 28

McDonalds Rainbow Plaza Ground Breaking

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

August 7

Gadsden Sports Park Tennis Courts Ground Breaking

- Where: Gadsden Sports Park (behind Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 9 a.m.

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Mindful Moment

Carrie Halladay

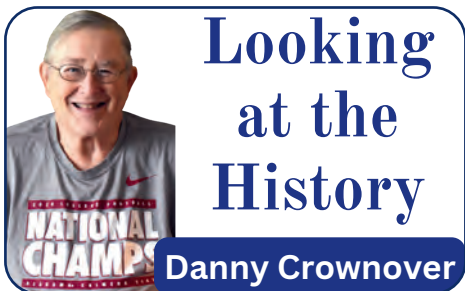
“Be strong.”
Most of us have heard those words throughout our lives. They are often offered with the best of intentions. When someone is facing a challenge, going through a loss or dealing with a difficult situation, being strong is usually seen as a positive quality. Strength is often associated with perseverance, resilience and the ability to keep moving forward despite obstacles.
On the surface, that sounds like a good thing. There are certainly times when strength helps us endure difficult circumstances and continue functioning when life becomes overwhelming. The ability to keep going during hard seasons can be an important part of emotional health.

‘Being strong’ keeps people stuck

However, problems can arise when we define strength too narrowly.
For many people, being strong means never asking for help. It means keeping emotions hidden, handling problems alone and avoiding anything that might make them appear vulnerable. They believe that if they can just push through one more day, one more week or one more challenge, everything will eventually get better.
Unfortunately, that approach often comes with a cost.
When people continually ignore their feelings and needs, they begin carrying emotional burdens that grow heavier over time. They tell themselves things like, “I’ll deal with it later,” “I should be able to handle this,” or “Other people have it worse than I do.” While these thoughts may seem reasonable at first, they often prevent people from addressing problems before they become overwhelming.
The stress does not simply disappear because it is ignored. Instead, it tends

to accumulate beneath the surface. Over time, unaddressed emotions can show up in unexpected ways. Some people become increasingly irritable. Others experience anxiety, exhaustion or a sense of emotional numbness. Some find themselves reacting strongly to situations that normally would not bother them and wonder why they feel so overwhelmed.
What they are experiencing is often the result of carrying too much for too long.
Real strength is not simply about enduring hardship. It is also about recognizing when something needs attention. It involves being honest with yourself about what you are feeling rather than pretending everything is fine. It means acknowledging stress, sadness, disappointment or fear without judging yourself for having those emotions.
True strength also includes knowing when to reach out for support. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness. In many cases, it requires far more courage than suffering in silence. Whether that sup-

port comes from a trusted friend, family member, faith community or therapist, allowing others to walk alongside us can be an important part of healing and growth.
The people who seem to have it all together are often not the people who never struggle. More often, they are people who have learned to pay attention to what is happening beneath the surface. They recognize their limits, address problems early and seek support when needed.
Strength does not mean you never struggle. It means you are willing to face reality honestly and respond to it with courage. Sometimes the strongest thing you can do is admit that something is not working and take the first step toward change.
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Looking at the History

Danny Crownover

Back in the fall of 1883 the small boys of Gadsden were enjoying such things as: Jeter’s world, “preachin’ Jim Abbott’s mauling machine, a flying jenny motored by a pony, slingshot hunting of pigeons that almost smothered the old county jail on Chestnut Street, the activity around Elder Bob Barton’s “Horace Greely House” on Third Street, Ambrose White’s Ice Cream Stand at Broad and Court Streets and the “Hot Cat” Restaurant on Third Street.
Jeter’s world was a toy community, complete with farm horses, wagons, cows, plows, and the like, all in motion through a mechanical contrivance that was amazingly clever.
The activity included milking, churning, drawing water out of a well, horse-shoeing, blacksmithing, washing with tubs and battling sticks, house building, store-keeping and the like, all animated.
J.T. Jeter, an elderly inventor, built the “world” and exhibited it all over the

Boys enjoyed fun in the fall of 1883

country. He built a flying machine in his home on North Sixth Street that was pretty much like the airplane of today.
There are some left who will recall that the tall end, or rudder, stuck outside the house through a window. Mr. Jeter was one of the greatest mechanics this section ever produced.
“Preachin Jim” arrived in town in October with what most people called a “mauling machine,” today carnival companies call it a “skyhiker,” an attraction which offers prizes to the person who can hit a lever and send a ball the highest in a tube or through that is marked by numbers indicating the strength of the mauler.
But “Preachin’ Jim” was operating a very crude machine which he built of logs that still had the bark on them. He called the thing “Miss Kitty Liza.”
He was his own spieler and a good one, for he never failed to draw customers with his call to “hit Miss Kitty Liza: hit her hard.”
During this particular visit to town, he planted his machine in front of the courthouse and his antics were amusing to the small boys of the town.
The flying jenny was planted in the rear of vacant lot where the Kress store once stood near 4th and Broad Streets. The owner had two ponies and they were

kept busy, one at a time, going around in a small ring.
The wooden horses were about the same as those found on electrically operated carnivals of today. The children got free rides for catching brass rings from posts planted on the outer rim of the circle traveled by the horses.
Ambrose White was an institution of Gadsden in the good old days. He was smart in many ways and he had many friends among the white people. His mannerisms and his deep bass voice that advertised his business were as much a part of Broad Street around the court house as the court house itself. He was a pioneer ice cream dealer of the city, especially as a street vendor. Most ice cream sold in those days was served indoors. Ambrose always wore white cotton gloves, a tall chef’s cap and a white apron. Being well over six feet and a giant of a man with it he was a conspicuous figure and a most colorful one.
While Ambrose yelled his wares another big, black African American on North Third Street, just off Broad, did some advertising, too. He called out: “Hot Cat” every few minutes. He had a little restaurant in a row of small business houses and that section later become known as “Buzzard Roost.” he sold Coosa River catfish. He gave his

customers a large hunk of fried cat and two pieces of bread for a nickel.
Most of the pigeons lived in the cornices and on the roof of the old jail. Out they flew all over town for food. Their worst enemy was a small boy with a slingshot until the air rifle, and later the .22 caliber regular rifle came along.
Later, the pigeons came from several sections to settle down on Broad Street where they feed in front of restaurants and popcorn stands without being molested. They are very gentle, but out in the residential sections they were in constant danger from small rifle fire.
During October, 1883, elder Bob Barton had his blind tiger going full blast at the abandoned Whorton Mansion on North Third Street. He had a high board fence around the backyard with small peepholes or doors at intervals for the delivery of whiskey. The big shots went inside for their refreshments, ostensibly to buy cakes, watermelons, and the like as advertised by the proprietor.
The kids had a lot of fun watching this bold defiance of the law right in the heart of the business section.

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Viewing success in ways that are handed down

Can reading actually change who we are as people? Are we bound to the people and places that produce us, fated to turn out one specific way because of them? Each of us carry the people, places, ideas, and beliefs of those before us whether we realize it or not. We can see this in the old wives tales and superstitions we seem to unconsciously know. We see it in how we view ourselves and our ideas about who we should be as individuals. We see it in the goals we set for ourselves, the dreams we have for our children, and the way our individual definitions of “success” differ from another’s.
Often, we view success and relationships in ways that are handed down to us, absorbed by us without even realizing it. But, as Toni Morrison reminds readers, “Definitions belong to the definers, not the defined.”
There are many elements of our daily lives we subconsciously define: careers, education, success, faith, love, friendship. It is useful to sometimes take a moment to consider where our definitions for these things originated, see if they are still serving us well, and develop newer, more complete definitions to carry with us as we continue on our journeys. For example, as a child, I often

heard the bible verse that “a friend loves at all time,” and that was something I took very seriously. If I considered you a friend, that was that--“all times” meant no matter what was said or done. As I grew, read more books, and experienced more friendships, though, I began to realize that my definition was not fully developed. I was considering my own response and participation in a friendship, but not paying enough attention to a more elemental part of the exchange: defining “friend.” Reading voraciously as a young person helped me see more examples of friendships: good friends, devoted friends, and even false friends. Reading provided tools to use in relationships as I navigated challenges. For example, I began to define more fully what it meant for me to be a good friend, but I also realized I needed to define what friendship looked like in general.
Something similar has happened to my definition and understanding of “success.” Long before social media, there were still magazines, interviews with celebrities, and observing those around me. All of this influenced my concept of success. Most of us are not as immune as we’d like to think we are to a materialistic definition of success that includes accomplishing as many goals and obtaining

as many things as we can. Money, cars, degrees, houses, clothes, accolades--can we even consider ourselves a success if we aren’t at least trying to rack up all of these? My knee-jerk response to that question is that of course we can, because success looks different for each person. But, even though that is my cognitive response, I often still feel the tug of the objectified and quantified definition and examples of success because that is what our world shows us day in and day out.
As Toni Morrison said, though, these are definitions we inherit, and they do not have to belong to us. At least, not in their underdeveloped, counterproductive forms. Did reading all those books as I was growing up show me that worldly goods or all friendships should look and function the same ways? That success is an end goal we should all strive for? Not at all. Do I think material success is worthless? No. What reading did was provide multiple perspectives and definitions of many things in our human experience, and that has allowed me to not only be kinder to myself when goals or friendships do not turn out the way I’d like, but also to have more empathy and grace for those around me.
After all, if I am not bound by previous definitions created by others, then those



Arranging the Pieces

Tabitha Bozeman

around me are not bound by my definitions, either. This is freeing as we all can continue to redefine these things for ourselves, putting down what no longer serves us and picking up what we need to continue on. We may not be able to choose the places and people and ideas that surround us as children, but we absolutely have the choice to re-examine them as adults, free ourselves from harmful ideas and places and people, and make adjustments along our way. After all, as Morrison continued on to say, “Freeing yourself [is] one thing, claiming ownership of that freed self [is] another.”
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Shawn Blackmon

Have you ever found yourself comparing your life to someone else's? You scroll through social media and see someone else's promotion, someone else's family vacation, someone else's ministry, someone else's business, someone else's blessing. Before long, what began as gratitude quietly turns into frustration.

You start asking questions like, "Why not me?" or "Why am I so far behind?" Comparison has a subtle way of stealing our joy.

The writer of Hebrews gives us one of the greatest reminders in Scripture: "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus..." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Notice what he doesn't say. He doesn't tell us to run a race. He tells us to run the race marked out for us.

That means God has already designed your path. Your calling. Your gifts. Your season. Your assignment. You don't have to chase someone else's purpose because God has already prepared one specifically for you.

One of Satan's favorite weapons is comparison. If he can't convince you to turn back, he'll try to get you to look sideways. Because the moment you become more focused on someone else's race than your own, you've become distracted from what God called you to do.

David understood this. When he faced Goliath, King Saul offered him his armor. It was good armor. Proven armor. But it wasn't David's. David refused it because someone else's armor would only become a burden. God had already equipped him with exactly what he needed, a sling, five smooth stones, and unwavering faith.

The victory wasn't found in Saul's armor. The victory was found in David staying in his lane. The same is true for us.

God never called you to become someone else. He didn't create you to imitate another believer, another church, another leader, or

another family. He created you to faithfully become the person He designed you to be.

The greatest place you'll ever live is in the center of God's will for your life.

Comparison will always convince you that the grass is greener somewhere else. But God's blessing isn't in someone else's lane. It's in yours. So stop measuring your progress against everyone around you.

Instead, ask yourself one question: Am I being faithful with what God has entrusted to me today?

Keep serving. Keep praying. Keep loving. Keep obeying. Keep running. Your race may not look like anyone else's, but neither will your reward.

One day, every believer hopes to hear these words: "Well done, good and faithful servant." Notice Jesus won't ask how well you ran someone else's race. He'll ask whether you finished yours.

So this week, keep your eyes where they belong, not on people, possessions, popularity, or positions. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Stay in your lane. That's where your purpose is. That's where your peace is. That's where

your anointing is. And that's where God will meet you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for designing a purpose that is uniquely mine. Forgive me for the times I have compared my life to others instead of trusting Your plan. Help me lay aside every distraction and every weight that pulls my eyes away from You. Give me the strength to run with endurance, the wisdom to stay in my lane, and the faith to trust that Your timing is perfect. May my focus remain on Jesus, and may my life bring glory to You every step of the journey. 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.

Familiarity and awe

My husband and I were given a trip to North Conway, New Hampshire for our honeymoon almost 33 years ago. Neither of us had been to the New England states, so we just opened our brother's RCI catalog and chose a charming, historical hotel in the heart of the Mount Washington Valley.

We didn't know anything about the area, it just looked sweet. While we were there, we decided to explore the scenery a little, so we drove our rental car about an hour and a half southeast to the coast of Maine. We didn't have an agenda, we just wanted to eat some lobster and see the ocean. Entering Portland, we began to see signs of a lighthouse nearby and decided to add to our adventure.

It was picturesque. In the foggy, snowy cold-around dusk-we scaled the craggy rocks around the lighthouse keeper's quarters with its glorious gabled, rust-red roof. We took pictures of each other posing in front of the lovely lighthouse with its white tower beneath the glass-enclosed lantern room capped by its black dome. The lightning rod on the very top added an extra layer of allure. Standing there, awestruck, we couldn't help but feel familiar with this scene.

It wasn't until a year or two later that we began to see "our lighthouse" in picture books, postcards, paintings, and jigsaw puzzles. That's when we finally realized that we had happened upon the iconic Portland Head Light-commissioned by George Washington

in 1787. We had no idea we were playing at the base of the first lighthouse completed under the newly formed United States government in 1791. (Tell me you didn't take time to read the historical markers without telling me.) We walked around this famous, historic landmark with a measure of awe but with the cluelessness of a golden retriever wandering onto the stage of a live opera. And that got me thinking: isn't that how we approach God on any given day?

We feel a casual familiarity with Him. We know the Sunday school answers, we recognize the "scenery" of faith, and we comfortably walk around His Holiness with a sense of easy belonging.

But-in our familiarity-we can easily lose our awe. We play in the shadow of the Almighty without looking up to see the towering, brilliant beacon of His grace, forgetting that the love sheltering us is a historical-living-earth-shaking force. Yet, the scriptures remind us that the One who shelters and guides us is not a passive landmark we can take for granted. He is the active, sovereign Creator who spoke the very foundations of earth into existence. The psalmist calls us back to this necessary posture of wonder:

"Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him! For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm" (ESV).

When we step out of our casual familiarity

and truly seek to know Him, we realize that our God doesn't just offer a comforting, scenic presence. He commands the storms, establishes the shores, and stands as an immovable, eternal stronghold. And that changes everything.

When we live from a place of awe, the shift from casual familiarity-which costs nothing and does not lead to a heart that trusts God-to holy wonder transforms both our inner peace and our outer purpose. It changes the way we step out into a chaotic world each morning, and it completely reframes how we walk alongside others.

When we are anchored in awe of the Creator who spoke the world into motion, we no longer have to face the day trembling at the size of our storms. We can realize that the God who commands the wind and waves is the very one holding our lives securely-lovingly. Reminding ourselves of His immense majesty helps us surrender to His will before our feet ever hit the floor in the morning.

Living in awe also frees us from the exhausting pressure of trying to save everyone in our own strength. It changes how we mentor, parent, and disciple, because we realize the greatness and power of our God.

I heard a metaphor the other day about a lighthouse and a rescue boat. It made me pause and completely re-evaluate how I show up for the people I love. It's the idea that illustrates the difference between enabling, self-



Memoir Musings

Sandra Bost

sacrificing behavior and providing steady, sustainable guidance.

When we live in awe of our Lighthouse, we stop living like frantic rescue boats, exhausting ourselves trying to pull people out of every self-inflicted storm. Instead, we offer them a steady reflection of Christ's character. We show them what it looks like let God anchor their souls, and point them to the Great Light that can guide them through any darkness.

Walking with God was never meant to be happenstance. It is an invitation to stand in the presence of a glorious, unsearchable, and sovereign King.

As you step into your week, ask Jesus to help you stand in awe of Him. Let the sheer majesty of the Creator capture your heart all over again. Stand firm, let His light shine through you, and watch how living in awe changes absolutely everything.

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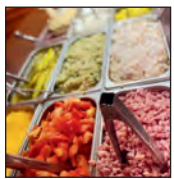
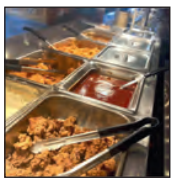
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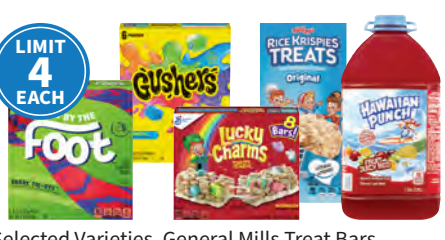
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SPORTS

Hill named Glencoe new head baseball coach

Glencoe High School has hired John Hill as its new head baseball coach for the 2026-27 school year, Principal Brian Alred and Etowah County Schools announced.

Hill joins the Yellow Jackets after spending the past five years coaching at Etowah High School. A former collegiate baseball player at Shelton State Community College, Hill is also familiar with the Etowah County School System, having previously coached at Southside High School in 2020.

Hill said Alred's leadership played a significant role in his decision to accept the position.

"I'd heard a lot of great things about Mr. Alred," Hill said. "Getting to know him and talking to him, I felt like Glencoe was the right fit."

Hill said he sees the opportunity as a chance to build on the Jackets' baseball program by establishing a strong foundation and fostering a competitive culture.

"We're going to compete in everything we do and expect to win," Hill said.

One of his primary goals, he said, is to instill confidence in his players.

"I want the players to know that no matter who we play, we have a chance to win,"

Hill said. "Let's expect to win and not just wait for it to happen."

Hill credited several mentors with influencing both his coaching philosophy and career path. He said growing up watching his father coach and teach inspired him to pursue a career in education and athletics.

He also expressed gratitude to former Attalla City Schools Superintendent Jeff Colegrove, his former coach at Gadsden City High School, as well as longtime coach Blake Bone, current Attalla City Schools Superintendent Matt Miller and Attalla Mayor Larry Means.

"I would not be where I am or have this opportunity without these guys," Hill said.

Hill also thanked his wife of 10 years, Kelsey, for her unwavering support and encouragement throughout his coaching career, saying her belief in him helped make his pursuit of a head coaching position possible. The Hills have three children: Kyler, 9, Baker, 6, and Emrie, 4 months.

Hill said he is eager to get to work with his players and begin building a program centered on accountability, confidence and a winning mindset as the Yellow Jackets prepare for the 2026-27 season.



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This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the judge of the probate where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold 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. In accordance with regulations promulgated by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding certain non-financed transfers of residential real property to legal entities and trusts, the purchaser at the foreclosure sale may be required to provide identifying and beneficial ownership information necessary to permit compliance with applicable federal reporting requirements. No deed shall be prepared, delivered, or recorded until all required purchaser information, including beneficial ownership information (if applicable), has been timely provided in form and substance satisfactory to the foreclosing mortgagee (or its designee) and any required federal real estate report has been submitted and accepted through FinCEN's electronic filing system. The failure of any high bidder to timely provide required information, or pay the purchase price and close this sale, shall, at the option of the Mortgagee, be cause for rejection of the bid, and if the bid is rejected, Mortgagee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is able, capable and willing to comply with the terms thereof.

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 (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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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 Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National

Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated June 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 feet 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

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or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

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

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is based upon the nature of the breach, this loan is not subject to reinstatement. A total payoff is required to cancel the foreclosure sale or the breach must be otherwise cured. A description of the default is as follows: FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE AND ANY OUTSTANDING FEES, COSTS, AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME ALL DUE AND PAYABLE BASED UPON THE 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
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by April J Pruitt, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Reg-

istration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Southern Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, on September 8, 2017, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on September 8, 2017, as Document Number 3456279, and said mortgage being re-recorded on September 20, 2017, as Document Number 3456732. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder, 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 Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on August 20, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Commence at a point that is North 29 degrees 27 minutes 24 seconds West 60.27 feet from the Southeast corner (RRSF) of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 13, said point being located on the approximate North right of way of John L. Gap Road and the approximate west right of way of Leeth Gap Cutoff Road; thence run North 84 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds West along and with said approximate North right of way of John L. Gap Road 337.61 feet to a point (IPR angle iron); thence North 01 degree 11 minutes 52 seconds West leaving said right of way 352.40 feet to a point (IPS) and the point of beginning; thence from said point of beginning run South 76 degrees 16 minutes 34 seconds East 353.33 feet to a point (IPS), said point being located on the approximate West right of way of Leeth Gap Cutoff Road; thence run North and along the West right-of-way line of Leeth Gap Cutoff Road a distance of 520.00 feet, more or less, to a point being the Southeast corner of the parcel conveyed to Julie Lankford by deed recorded in as Document #D-2003-486, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama; thence run North 82 degrees 38 minutes 19 seconds West and along the Southerly line of said Lankford tract 353.89 feet, more or less, to the Southwest corner thereof; thence run South in a direct line 455.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

More commonly known as: 1395 Leeth Gap Cutoff Road, Boaz, AL 35956
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 part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchaser for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. 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 indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject

to postponement or cancellation. Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation ("Transferee")
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
3000 Riverchase Galleria, Suite 705
Birmingham, AL 35244
Phone: (801) 355-2886

July 10, 17, and 24, 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 Aaron Lloyd Johnson, Zelda C Johnson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Synovus Bank, its successors and assigns dated September 8, 2020; said mortgage being recorded on September 10, 2020 as Instrument No. 3508244 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Seneca Mortgage Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3610811 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Seneca Mortgage Servicing LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on August 5, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL ONE: To find the point of beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land commence at the NW corner of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 5 East Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama; thence run South 87° 04' 57" East and along the North line of said section a distance of 1072 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning. From said point of beginning continue S 87° 04' 57" East and along the North line of said section a distance of 250.32 feet to a point, said point being the N corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 said section, township and range; thence run S 00° 13' 03" East and along the East line of said forty a distance of 301.14 feet to a point on the Northwesterly right of way of Etowah County Road #1227; thence run S 58° 20' 24" West and along the said right of way a distance of 141.76 feet to a point; thence run N 18° 34' 26" West a distance of 409.62 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel of land embracing a portion of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 5 East, Huntsville Meridian, lying and being in Etowah County Alabama.

PARCEL TWO: To find the point of beginning hereinafter described parcel of land commence at the NW corner of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 5 East, Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama; thence run S 87° 04' 57" East and along the North line of said section a distance of 822 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning. From said point of beginning continue S 87° 04' 57" East and along the North line of said section a distance of 250 feet to a point; thence

run S 18° 34' 26" East a distance of 409.62 feet to a point on the Northwesterly right of way of Etowah County Road #1227; thence run Southwesterly along the NW right of way line of said road along a curve to the left with a radius of 1063.37 feet and an arc distance of 150.08 feet; thence leaving said right of way run N 27° 49' 59" West a distance of 549.49 feet to a point of said north line of said section and to the point of beginning. Said parcel of land embracing a portion of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 10, Township 11 South Range 5 East, Huntsville Meridian, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 931 Mountain View Dr, Attalla, AL 35954.

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

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "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 encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confir-

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ship 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 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 Richard Butterworth, and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Richard Butterworth, was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 9TH day of JULY 2026.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 18th 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

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

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 INTERESTED 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

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO: 2026-00128

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

V.

THE ESTATE OF LARETHA BOGGS; BECKY NORDGREN, as the ETOWAH COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR, Defendants.

NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR INTERESTED 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 the SE 1/4 of the SE 14 of Section 11, Township 12-S, Range 6-E, identified as Tract No. 121 on Project No. RACR-028-759-002 in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

Begin at the Southernmost corner of Lot 1 (One) Block 1 (One) Manos' Subdivision and run Northerly along the East line of said Lot 1 (One) for a distance of 72.1 feet to a point; thence run Northerly along the East line of said Lot 1 (One) for a distance of 22 feet more or less, to a point in the centerline of a ditch; thence run Northwesterly and along said centerline of said ditch to a point in the Northerly line of said Lot 1 (One); thence run Southerly and Southeasterly along the Westerly and Southwesterly lines of said Lot 1 (One) to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of Lot 1 (One) Block 1 (One) Manos' Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 249, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Lot Number Seven (7) in Block Number one (1) in Manos' Subdivision, according to map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "D", Page 249, Office of the Judge of Probate, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon. 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 September 1, 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 7th day of July 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO: 2026-00226

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

V.

ESTATE OF DAVID PHILIP TARVIN; BECKY NORDGREN, as the ETOWAH COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR, Defendants.

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

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
A part of NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 12-S, Range 6-E, identified as Tract No. 130 on Project No. RACR-028-759-002 in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows:

Parcel 1 of 1
Commencing at the intersection of the present East R/W line of Griffin Ave. and the present South R/W line of S 9th Street; thence Southeast and along the said present R/W line a distance of 183 feet, more or less, to a point on the acquired R/W line (said line offset 100' LT and parallel with centerline of project), which is the point of BEGINNING; thence N 71°23'21" E and along the acquired R/W line a distance of 20.22 feet to a point on the grantor's S property line; thence S 68°30' 48" W and along the grantor's said property line a distance of 20.19 feet to a point on the present East R/W line of Griffin Avenue; thence N 21° 29' 48" W and along the said present R/W line a distance of 1.01 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, containing 0.01 acre, more or less. Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication to file an answer or other response with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902 and the attorney for the plaintiff, John Porter, III, Esq., 123 Laurel Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768. You are further notified that the hearing of said complaint has been set by this court for September 1, 2026 at 10:30 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 2nd day of July 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO: 2026-00227

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

V.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH WILKES; TERRY WILKES; DONALD WILKES; MICHAEL WILKES; RANDI WILKES HOLT; BECKY NORDGREN, as ETOWAH COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; CITY OF GADSDEN, Defendants.

NOTICE TO: TERRY WILKES, DONALD WILKES, MICHAEL WILKES, RANDI WILKES HOLT AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR INTERESTED 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 SW 14 of the SE 14 of Section 11, Township 12-S, Range 6-E, identified as Tract No. 103 on Project No. RACR-028-759-002 in Etowah County, Alabama and being more fully described in INSTR# 3300336 as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Etowah County, Alabama: Lot Five (5), in Block Sixteen (16) 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 September 1, 2026 at 10:15 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 2nd day of July 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. 31-CV-2025-900343.00

THE SOUTHERN BANK COMPANY, PLAINTIFF VS. ARRIVA BEST SECURITY, INC. & AMOIFO KOFFI, DEFENDANT

TO: ARRIVA BEST SECURITY, INC. AMOIFO KOFFI, REG AGENT 5482 WILSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 219 LOS ANGELES, CA 90036

AMOIFO KOFFI 9955 DURANT DR, UNIT 304 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action, seeking judgment against the Defendants, ARRIVA BEST SECURITY, INC. & AMOIFO KOFFI, was filed against you in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, and that by reason of an Order for service of summons by publication hereinbefore entered by the Court on June 16, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court, and to serve upon the Plaintiffs' attorney, Burt W. Newsome, whose address is 194 Narrows Drive, Suite 103, Birmingham, AL 35242, an answer to the Complaint within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, or default judgment will be entered against you to-wit, by the 30th day of August, 2026.

Dated this the 16th day of June, 2026.

Cassandra Johnson
Circuit Clerk

Newsome Law, LLC 194 Narrows Dr, Suite 103 Birmingham, AL 35242 Ph. (205) 747-1970 Fax (205) 747-1971 Email: burt@newsome-lawllc.com

July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. 31-CV-2026-900327.00

Lucriferous Holdings LLC, Plaintiff,

v. Mary Lynn S. Klinefelter; Lydia S. Loftin, her heirs or assigns if deceased; Sarah S. Marler, her heirs or assigns if deceased; Betty Sue Hicks, her heirs or assigns if deceased; Becky Nordgren, Etowah County Revenue Commissioner; A parcel of real property located at 1830 Mount Zion Ave, Gadsden, Alabama 35904; and all unknown persons who may claim any title, interest, lien, or encumbrance in the subject property, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that a verified complaint has been filed by Lucriferous Holdings LLC seeking foreclosure of ad valorem tax liens pursuant to Ala. Code § 40-10-197, to quiet title in rem pursuant to Ala. Code § 6-6-560 et seq., and ejectment following foreclosure. This action concerns the following real property located in Etowah County, Alabama: Lot Number Thirty-Five (35), in Block Number Two (2), in Edgewood Subdivision according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Book of Town Plats "D", page 247, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, and lying and being in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel No.: 15-03-07-4-000-145.000 Common address: 1830 Mount Zion Ave, Gadsden, Alabama 35904

This notice is directed to all defendants named above, including all unknown persons, heirs, or entities who may claim any right, title, interest, lien, or encumbrance in the property.

All persons claiming any title, interest, lien, encumbrance, or right of redemption in the property must appear and respond within thirty (30) days after the final publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred from asserting any claim to the property. All responses must be filed on or before the 8th day of September 2026, being thirty (30) days after the last date of publication. This notice is issued for the purpose of perfecting service upon all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the complaint.

Pursuant to Ala. Code § 40-10-197(c)(3), any person with a right to redeem the property may do so at any time prior to the entry of final judgment in this action by filing a timely answer or motion in this court. A judgment quieting title may cause a person with an interest in or claim on the property to lose that interest or claim. Any person claiming an interest in the property may appear in this action. Any person who is entitled to redeem may request that the property be sold at public auction. In summary, if you do not want to lose any interest or equity you may have in the property, you must take all required measures to appear in and respond to this tax lien foreclosure action.

Dated this 29th day of June 2026.

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Court Clerk Etowah County,

STANLEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC 201 20th Street South Irondale, Alabama 35210 Telephone: (205) 451-4196

July 17, 24, 31, and August 7, 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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF: K.W., MINOR CHILD CASE NO. JU-2025-56.02

To: Selena Grace Woody and Unknown father

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by Etowah County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to K.W. born 01/13/2024 to Selena Grace Woody. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama and with the Petitioner's Attorney, Sheri W. Stallings, Assistant Attorney General, STATE OF ALABAMA DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES 220 West Main Street, Centre, AL 35960 within fourteen (14) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgment can be entered against you. A parent had the right to representation of an attorney in dependency or a termination of parental rights trial, and, if indigent the Court may appoint an attorney if requested. Should the parent desire a court appointed attorney, application should be made immediately upon receipt of notice of the action, by contacting the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama on or before the July 31, 2026.

Cassandra Johnson Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

Sheri W. Stallings Assistant Attorney General Etowah County Department of Human Resources 204 South River Street Centre, AL 35960 Phone 256-266-1270 Fax 256-266-1272

July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: W.B.M., a minor child

CASE NO.: JU-2024-329.02

NOTICE TO: TRINITY RENFROE, the father

You are hereby given notice that a Petition has been filed by the Etowah County Department of Human Resources seeking to terminate your parental rights to minor child W.B.M., a minor child born to Hannah Morgan on November 27, 2024. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the Clerk of the Etowah County Juvenile Court within fourteen (14) days from the date of last publication of this notice. If you fail to file an Answer within the allowed time, a judgment by default may be entered against you. You are further notified that you have the right to have an attorney represent you in this matter, and if you cannot afford to

hire an attorney, one can be appointed by the Court to represent you. The Petition is presently set for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on August 31, 2026, at the Etowah County Judicial Building, 801 Forrest Ave., Gadsden, Alabama 35901. You may appear at the hearing and contest the Petition.

Dated this 15th day of July 2026

Cassandra Johnson, CLERK OF COURT

Laura T. Lloyd Attorney for Etowah County DHR P.O. Box 81 / 819 West Main St., Suite C Centre, AL 35960

July 17, 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: J.J.D.T., a minor child

CASE NO.: JU-2024-271.02

NOTICE TO: BRITTANY GOSS, the mother

You are hereby given notice that a Petition has been filed by the Etowah County Department of Human Resources seeking to terminate your parental rights to minor child J.J.D.T., a minor born to Brittany Goss on August 11, 2022. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the Clerk of the Etowah County Juvenile Court within fourteen (14) days from the date of last publication of this notice. If you fail to file an Answer within the allowed time, a judgment by default may be entered against you. You are further notified that you have the right to have an attorney represent you in this matter, and if you cannot afford to hire an attorney, one can be appointed by the Court to represent you. The Petition is presently set for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on August 26, 2026, at the Etowah County Judicial Building, 801 Forrest Ave., Gadsden, Alabama 35901. You may appear at the hearing and contest the Petition.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2026.

Cassandra Johnson, CLERK OF COURT

Laura T. Lloyd Attorney for Etowah County DHR P.O. Box 81 / 819 West Main St., Suite C Centre, AL 35960

July 17, 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: A.F.G. CASE NO.: JU-2016-292.04

IN RE: A.H.G. CASE NO.: JU-2016-293.04

NOTICE TO: DEREK CRANFORD, the father

You are hereby given notice that a Petition has been filed by the Etowah County Department of Human Resources seeking to terminate your parental rights to minor child A.F.G., a minor child born to Shaina Guyton on November 2, 2014, and A.H.G., a minor child born to Shaina Guyton on November 2, 2014. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the Clerk of the Etowah County Juvenile Court within fourteen (14) days from the date of last publication of this notice. If you fail to file an Answer within the allowed time, a judgment by default may be entered against you. You are further notified that you have the right to have an attorney represent you in this matter, and if you cannot afford to hire an attorney, one can be appointed by the Court to represent you. The Petition is presently set for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on August 27, 2026, at the Etowah County Judicial Building, 801 Forrest Ave., Gadsden, Alabama 35901. You may appear at the hearing and contest the Petition.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2026.

Cassandra Johnson, CLERK OF COURT

Laura T. Lloyd Attorney for Etowah County DHR P.O. Box 81 / 819 West Main St., Suite C

Centre, AL 35960

July 17, 24, 31, and August 7, 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

PLAINTIFF VS. \$1,295.00 U.S. Currency Glock 23 40 Cal. Pistol Serial # BXDL255 Glock 17 9mm Pistol Serial # BKPE410

DEFENDANTS In Re: Andrea Maliq Jones,

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency and firearms. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 17th day of April 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 18th day of June, 2026.

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

June 26, July 3, 10, and 17, 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-26-18-SJS

PLAINTIFF VS. \$3,512.00 U.S. Currency

DEFENDANTS In Re: Justin Wilson

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 17th day of April 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 23rd day of June, 2026.

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

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

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Hudak Construction Co., Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Renovation of Wallace Hall Classroom and Theater Entrance Improvements at 1001 George Wallace Drive Gadsden, AL 35903 for the Alabama Community College System and Gadsden State Community College (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 Lathan and Associates Architects, P.C., 300 Chase Park South, Suite 200, Hoover, AL 35244

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

July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

In accordance with Chap-

ter 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. Criag 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 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 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, BArchitect, Phone: 256-390-5657 Email: craig@bclarch.com

July 3, 10, and 17, 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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by Gadsden State Community College at 312 College Drive, Gadsden AL until 2PM CST, Thursday August 13, 2026, for Digital Signs For Athletics for Gadsden State Community College at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Gadsden State Community College in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00, 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.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of The EE Group, Inc, 108 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901; Phone (256) 413-7717, 256-312-4307.

Printed Bid Documents may be obtained from the Engineer upon deposit of \$200.00 per set, which will be refunded in full on the first 2 sets issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bona fide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution. Electronic Copies may be obtained by email Casey@eegrpinc.com

There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting for this project on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the project site.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer or copies thereof. 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 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 judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

Non-resident bidders must accompany any written bid documents with a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in such non-resident bidder's state of domicile, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that state in the letting of any or all public contracts.

Notice of Sales & Use Tax Exemption: Materials incorporated into the Work are exempt from sales and use tax pursuant to Alabama Act No. 2013-205 (effective October 1, 2013). The Contractor and its subcontractors shall be responsible for complying with rules and regulations of the Sales, Use, and Business Tax Division of the Alabama Department of Revenue regarding certificates and other qualifications necessary to claim such exemption when making qualifying purchases from vendors. The Owner shall not consider claims for additional costs resultant of the contractor's, or its subcontractors', failure to comply with such rules and regulations.

Gadsden State Community College (Awarding Authority) EE Group, Inc. (Engineer)

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. NH-HSP-0001(656) ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on July 31, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Safety Widening, Micro-Milling, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-1 (US-431) from the Calhoun County Line to the intersection of Banks Street in Gadsden. Length 5.000 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In One Hundred Twenty (120) Working Days. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$13.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The 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 this contract. The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$4,395,483 To \$5,372,257. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, 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, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure 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. JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.PR-I059(465) DEKALB AND ETOWAH COUNTIES, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on July 31, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Roadway Safety Improvements (Pipe Rehabilitation and Drainage Structure Corrections) on I-59 from 0.950 mile north of the SR-1 (US-431) Interchange (Exit 183) to 0.400 mile south of the SR-117 Interchange (Exit 231).

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Thirty-five (35) Working Days. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$6.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The 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 this contract. The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$849,317 To \$1,038,055. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications

are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation. The Alabama Department of Transportation, 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, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure 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. JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.STP-SU-CRGD-2815(256) ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on July 31, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Roadway Improvements (Partial Realignment) and Resurfacing (Widening, Planning, Resurfacing, Grading, Drainage, Pavement, Sidewalk Installation, and Traffic Stripe) on South 11th Street from a point near the Black Creek Bridge to the intersection of Randall Street in Gadsden. Length 0.358 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In One Hundred Forty (140) Working Days. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$23.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The 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 this contract. The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$1,995,102 To \$2,438,458. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department

of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, 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, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure 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. JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk, City of Gadsden, Alabama, at the City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Room 411, Gadsden, Alabama until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, AUGUST 11, 2026, for the TWIN BRIDGES GOLF CLUB FAIRWAY SAND BUNKER RENOVATIONS, Bid Re-quest No.3647, located in the City of Gadsden, Alabama.

Bids submitted prior to the bid opening by mail shall be directed to "City Clerk, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, Alabama until 10:00 AM on July 31, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Roadway Improvements (Partial Realignment) and Resurfacing (Widening, Planning, Resurfacing, Grading, Drainage, Pavement, Sidewalk Installation, and Traffic Stripe) on South 11th Street from a point near the Black Creek Bridge to the intersection of Randall Street in Gadsden. Length 0.358 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In One Hundred Forty (140) Working Days. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$23.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

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

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

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

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

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

This is a tax-exempt contract.

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

Bidders must certify that they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must also certify they will make facilities handicap accessible to the extent required by law.

THE CITY GADSDEN, ALABAMA
Craig Ford, Mayor
JENNIFER SMITH, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk, City of Gadsden, Alabama, at the City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Room 411, Gadsden, Alabama until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, AUGUST 11, 2026, for the 2026 CITY OF GADSDEN TRAFFIC STRIP-ING CONTRACT, Bid Request No.3648, located in the City of Gadsden, Alabama.

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

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the above time and place. Specifications and contract documents are open to the public for inspection at the City Hall. To register and request Electronic (pdf) specifications and contract documents at no cost, send an email request to the Engineering Department at: ecokaley@cityofgadsden.com. All bidders must be registered with the City of Gadsden Engineering Department in order to submit a bid. Bids received from unregistered bidders will be rejected.

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

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

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

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

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

for all damages resulting therefrom.

Bidders must certify that they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must also certify they will make facilities handicap accessible to the extent required by law.

THE CITY GADSDEN, ALABAMA
Craig Ford, Mayor
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Owner: Fords Valley and Highway 278 Water Cooperative
Locality: Piedmont, Alabama 36272
Engineer: Three Notch Group, Inc.

Fords Valley and Highway 278 Water Cooperative (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Contract No. 2 – Water Main Improvements
D W S R F / A R P A
FS010332-01

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received in person from properly licensed contractors at the offices located at 9529 U.S. Highway 278 E., Piedmont, Alabama 36272 until Tuesday, August 4th at 10:00 AM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

The base bid installation includes approximately 10,500 L.F. of 8" PC 200 PVC and 2,500 L.F. of 8" PC 250 PVC water main and associated appurtenances. Additional additive alternate work is as follows;

Additive Alternate No. 1 – 2,800 L.F. of 6" PC 200 PVC water main and associated appurtenances.

The Owner requires the Project to be Substantially Completed within 120 Calendar Days after the date when the Contract Time commences to run, and completed and ready for final payment within 150 Calendar Days after the date when the Contract Time commences to run.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Agent, Three Notch Group, Inc (Michelle Wilson - michelle.wilson@3notch.com). Printed copies are available for a non-refundable fee in the amount of \$200.00 per set. Copies in .pdf format are available via email at no cost to the bidder.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be issued. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Agent.

The attention of bidders is called to the provisions of State Law Governing General Contractors, as set forth in Title 34, Chapter 8, Article 1, Code of Alabama of 1975, as amended; and the provisions of said law shall govern bidders insofar as applicable. The above-mentioned provisions of the Code make it illegal for the Owner to consider a bid from anyone who is not properly licensed under such code provisions. In addition, bidders must carry the MU classification as listed in the latest edition of the Roster of the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama. The Owner will not consider any bid unless the bidder produces evidence that they are so licensed. All nonresident contractors preparing bids shall submit with their bid evidence of proper registration with the Alabama Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing as a Foreign Corporation from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue.

The attention of nonresident bidders is called to the provisions of Alabama Law, Title 39, Chapter 3, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, whereby In the letting of public contracts in which any state, county, or municipal funds are utilized, except those contracts funded in whole or in part with funds received from a federal

agency, preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a nonresident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Alabama public contracts only on the same basis as the nonresident bidder's state awards contracts to Alabama contractors bidding under similar circumstances; resident contractors in Alabama, are to be granted preference over nonresidents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the nonresident.

Issued by:
Owner: Fords Valley and Highway 278 Water Cooperative
By: Felix Firestone
Title:
President

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is here by given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on Friday July 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903

Dexter Harrell
Unit 53 & 71

LaYonda Bradford
Unit 58

Celeste Hope
Unit 106

Christoher Hodge
Unit 121

Francesca Rodgers
Unit 119

Antwon Powell
Unit 70

Off Campus Storage
474 George Wallace Drive
Gadsden, AL. 35903

July 17 and 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2015 Chevy Trax vin# KL7CJKS7FB11224 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am 8/21/2026

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

July 10 and 17, 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 August 22, 2026.

2003 GMC ENVOY
VIN:
1GKDS13S732307919

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

July 17 and 24, 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 9/05/2026 at 8:00 am.

1998 Ford Ranger
VIN:
1FTYR14C8WTA31250

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

July 17 and 24, 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 9/05/2026 at 8:00 am.

1993 Chevy GMT-400
VIN:
1GCDC14Z6PZ122312

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

July 17 and 24, 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 08/22/2026.

2005 Honda CBR600 Motorcycle
VIN:
JH2PC37115M202732

A&J Towing, LLC.
4975 Hopper Road
Altoona, AL. 35957

July 17 and 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2005 Saturn Vue vin#5G-ZC263405S805382 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am 8/29/2026

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

July 17 and 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 1996 Lincoln Town Car vin# 1LNLM83W5TY651397 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am 8/31/2026

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

July 17 and 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The City Council of the City of Gadsden will hold a public meeting on July 28, 2026, at 10 a.m., during the regular weekly council meeting, to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing an economic development agreement with Gad City Partners, LLC, which is authorized to do business in Alabama, and proposes to locate a Dutch Bros Coffee on property located at 300 N Hood Avenue in Gadsden. Gad City Partners, LLC proposes to spend approximately \$2,960,000 in total development costs, and Gad City Partners, LLC proposes to employ the equivalent of approximately 31 employees (5 full-time, 25 part time, 1 manager). Gad City Partners, LLC expects the Dutch Bros Coffee to generate annual sales of more than \$2,000,000. Gad City Partners, LLC has requested financial assistance from the City of Gadsden to make this project feasible. The City of Gadsden proposes to pay to Gad City Partners, LLC a sum equal to 2.5% of the City's 5% sales tax revenue generated from sales at Dutch Bros Coffee for a period of five (5) years, commencing with the Opening Date, or until the total abatement amount paid by the City equals \$500,000.00, whichever occurs first. The City of Gadsden seeks to provide citizens a wider and more diverse selection of restaurants available, to increase employment, and to increase the tax and revenue base of the City. All interested persons may examine and review the Agreement and Resolution in the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours, before and after the meeting referenced herein.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
July 17, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-444-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1127 GARDNER STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: A lot or parcel of land described as being Lot 23 and a portion of Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 12 and 13, Block 1, R. M. Fowlers Addition as recorded in Plat Book C, Page 165,

and more particularly described as follows: Being at the North East corner of Lot 27 of said R. M. Fowler's addition and run in a Southerly direction and along the east line of Lot 27 for a distance of 107.29 feet to a point, thence deflect to the right so as to form an interior angle of 85°08' and run 86.1 feet more or less to a point; thence deflect 81°37' to the left and run 14 feet to a point; thence deflect 91°45' to the right and run 36.5 feet to a point in the West line of Lot 13; thence run in a Northerly direction and along the West line of Lots 13 and 23 for a distance of 88.9 feet to the North West corner of Lot 23; thence deflect 83°02' to the right and run along the North line of Lots 23, 34, 25, 26 and 27 for a distance of 125 feet to the point of beginning.

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-1-000-083.000
PIN# 36344

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to ZENG CHANG, 1125 GARDNER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1127 GARDNER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF FAYE MACKEY AND ELIZABETH LAW, 171 AUDREY LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
July 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-445-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 105 TUSKEGEE CIRCLE (County records list property address as 505 TUSKEGEE CIRCLE) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lots 3 and 4 in Block 1 of Moton Heights, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book E, Page 247, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama (Pro. 30520, 30521).

Tax ID#: 15-06-13-3-000-168.000
PIN# 43195

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to 'ESTATE' OF CURTIS MCELDERRY and potential heirs, LINDA CAROL WILLIAMS, PATRICIA POE, CURTIS WADE MCELDERRY, JR., GLEN MCELDERRY, DARRELL MCELDERRY, STEPHANIE LOVE AND STEVEN MCELDERRY, 2686 JAMESTOWN WAY, DECATUR, GEORGIA 30034-1330, 505 TUSKEGEE CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, STEPHANIE LOVE, 3938 BUTTON GATE CT, LITHONIA, GEORGIA 30038. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
July 17, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-446-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 314 WEBSTER STREET

in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot 17, Block 23, Walnut Park Addition to Gadsden, as recorded by map or plat in Plat Book "B", Page 117, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-143.000
PIN# 49868

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to WILLIAM SOWERS and wife, ETHEL ANN SOWERS, 314 WEBSTER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902.

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
July 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-447-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 318 E. BROAD STREET (County records lists address at 324 E. Broad St.) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BEG SE COR LT 49 EASTVIEW LAND CO PLAT 58-59 TH SE 150 ALONG N ROW OF BROAD ST TH NE 90.5 TO S ROW OF L&N ROW TH NW 175.6 ALONG ROW TH SW 128.6 TO POB LYING IN NW1/4 NE1/4 10-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-10-1-000-076.000
PIN# 35488

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ANTHONY WILLIAMS, 506 RICHARDSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
July 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-448-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1555 LITCHFIELD AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 12 BLK 4 BROOKWOOD ADD PLAT D-89 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-4-000-325.000
PIN# 31819

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to MARIA MIGUEL MATEO, 402 SOUTH 7TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-2310 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-449-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1336 ALABAMA STREET (BURNED HOUSE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Eighteen (18) and the East 15 feet of Lot Number 19, Block Three (3) in Tallman Addition according to map or plat thereof as appears of record in Plat Book "A", Page 258, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-05-1-000-251.000
PIN #: 36576

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to REGINAL/ERIC DOWDY, 5130 SEWELL FERRY ROAD, CEDAR BLUFF, ALABAMA 35959, Wanda DeLeon 1336 Alabama Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

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

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
July 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-450-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1013 FAIRVIEW ALLEY (HOUSE) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Twelve (12), Fowler 3 acre Tract, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and being the same property acquired by grantors by tax deed dated August 14, 1951, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Deed Record 477, page 345.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-07-2-000-053.000
PIN #: 38630

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to NESINVESTMENTS, LLC, 915 OLD PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906, 1013 FAIRVIEW ALLEY, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, KENNETH ELKINS, 939 WIND SONG TRL, GLENCOE, AL 35905-7502.

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

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
July 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-451-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1429 FORREST AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Nine (9) in Block Number One (1), Section Five (5), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) East, in W.A. Crocheron Second Addition as recorded in Plat Book A, Page 101, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.



Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-05-2-000-210
PPIN: 36814

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to KAREN IRENE HUFF and CAROL LYNN MANIAN, 1429 FOREST AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-452-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 919 HOLLY STREET (HOUSE) in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Seven (7) in Block Number seven (7) of Woodlawn Addition to Gadsden, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book "A", page 15, in the Probate Office, Etowah County, Gadsden, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-08-1-000-067.000
PIN #: 39898

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to HILDA ALEJANDRA FLORES ALVARADO, 919 HOLLY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, REGIONS MORTGAGE, INC., S/B/M FIRST COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, 2050 PARKWAY OFFICE CIRCLE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35244, FIVE STAR INVESTMENTS, LLC, 8 MAJOR ST, ATTLEBORO, MA 02703-4080.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-453-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 114 MITCHELL BLVD. (MOBILE HOME) in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Eight (8) and a lot or parcel of land described as beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot Number Seven (7); and from thence run in a Northerly, or Northwest-erly, direction along the westerly line of said Lot 7 a distance of 25 feet to a point; thence run in an easterly direction in a direct line to a point in the easterly line of said lot, which said point is equidistant between the Northeast corner and the Southeast corner of said lot; thence run in a Southerly direction and along the easterly line of said lot a distance of 32.77 feet to the Southeast corner thereof; thence run in a Westerly direction and along the South line of said lot a distance of 140 feet to the point of beginning; said description embracing what is commonly known as the South Half (½) of Lot Number Seven (7); all in Block Twenty-Four (24) in First Addition of Bellevue Highlands, as surveyed and platted by Totten & Woodruff, Civil Engineers, as shown by map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", beginning on page 286, Probate Office, Etowah County, and lying

and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, subject to restrictions as shown in Book 7-N, Page 395, said Probate Office, and subject to reservation of all minerals, mineral and mining rights.

Tax Parcel ID: 10-09-32-1-000-054.000
PPIN: 19167

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to JOHN MICHAEL WASHINGTON, 112 MITCHELL BLVD., GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 114 MITCHELL BLVD. GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-454-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1217 NOCCALULA ROAD (COMMERCIAL) in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lots Numbers Thirty-two (32), Thirty-three (33), Thirty-four (34), Thirty-five (35) and Thirty-six (36) in Block Number Twenty-Nine (29) of the Bellevue Highlands Addition to the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, less and except that portion of Lot 32 conveyed by Instrument #324918.

Tax Parcel ID: 10-09-32-2-000-065.000
PIN #: 19421

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to DONALD RAY WALKER and wife KAY FRANCES WALKER, 99 JACKSON PLACE, GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA 35976, 1217 NOCCALULA ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-455-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 2216 RAILROAD AVENUE (DUPLEX) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

PARCEL ONE: Lot Number Eighteen (18) in Block Number Twenty-Three (23) in the Alford Second Addition to Alabama City, Alabama, according to the Plat there-of recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 310, the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama and lying and being one and the same property described in that certain deed recorded in Book 6-W, Page 73, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-06-1-000-063.000
PPIN: 37603

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has

been given to TAMYA MOSTELLA, 430 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 2216 RAILROAD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-456-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1135 STILLMAN AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 18 BLK 37 GARDEN CITY SUB NO 2 PLAT C-410-411 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax Parcel ID: 15-01-11-3-000-235.000
PPIN: 31181

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to a life estate to SONYA HIGGINS BURTON, with revision to the survivors of AUDREY MARIE RAGAN, RAYMOND HIGGINS, HAROLD HIGGINS, DAVID HIGGINS, JO HIGGINS, 1135 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-457-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1132 WAINWRIGHT AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

1 (One) Lot or parcel of land, more clearly described as beginning at the N.E. corner of Lot No. 6 (Six) of the Frank Adams Estate Subdivision, the map or plat of which appears of record in Plat Book "C", Pages 342 and 343 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and from thence run Southerly along the East line of Lot No. 6 (Six), a distance of 118.35 feet to a point, thence run Westerly and parallel to the Northline of Lot No. 6 (Six), a distance of 66.9 feet to a point, thence run Northerly and parallel to the East line of Lot No. 6 (Six), a distance of 118.35 feet to a point in the North line of said Lot No. 6 (Six), and from thence run Easterly along the North line of said Lot No. 6 (Six) a distance of 66.9 feet to the point of beginning; being the North east 1/6 (One sixth) of Lot No. 6 (Six) and situate in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel ID: 15-06-13-2-000-066.000
PPIN: 42874

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to ANNIE MAE HUNTER, 1132 WAINWRIGHT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of
2. The Building Official is

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-458-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 202 NORTH 8TH STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

BEG AT PT IN NE ROW GRANT AVE 59S NW OF INTERSECT NW ROW 8TH ST & NEW ROW GRANT AVE TH NW 140S ALG ROW TH NE 228S TH SE 140S TH SW 225S TO POB 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-2-000-052.000
PIN# 30721

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to FRANCES WIGGINS, 550 COUNTY ROAD 707, CEDAR BLUFF, ALABAMA 35959 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-459-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1325 ALABAMA AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 8 BLK 11 INTERURBAN LAND COMPANYS 1ST ADD PLAT B-206 GADSDEN 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-037.000
PIN# 36625

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND AS TRUSTEE OF AMERICAN HOMEOWNER AND PERSERVATION TRUST SERIES 2015A, 323 5TH STREET, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95501-0305. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on July 7, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-460-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 921 AVENUE E in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 22 BLK 28 THORNTON ADD PLAT B-334 GADSDEN 33-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-176.000
PIN# 16789

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to BESSIE SWAIN STRICKLAND 'LF EST', 921 AVENUE E, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 921

AVENUE EAST, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-461-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1906 EWING AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 1-16 BLK A MCCLAIN HEIGHTS RE-AR PLAT D-155 26-11-6

Tax ID#:10-07-26-4-000-055.000
PIN# 14788

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given EWING 1900 PROPERTY LLC, 220 LAKE WOOD DRIVE, GADSDEN, AL 35901.

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

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-462-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located 1612 FILLMORE AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 4 & 5 BLK 38 GADSDEN REALTY CO SUB PLAT B-314 GADSDEN 8-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-208.000
PIN# 39633

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given DIAMOND CRYSTAL RHODES, 1612 FILLMORE AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-4821

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

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-463-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 614 GREENWOOD AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 1-5 BLK 7 GREENWOOD PARK PLAT G-269 GADSDEN 14-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-14-3-000-158.000
PIN# 44340

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances,

notice of a public hearing has been given to BROOKLYN HOLLAND, 614 GREENWOOD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-464-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located 513 HENDERSON STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 2 BLK 21 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5 831-547

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-160.000
PIN# 49888

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given TAMMIE MANCIL, 513 HENDERSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABMA 35904-2311.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-465-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1005 HOOKS LAKE ROAD in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

W 280 S1/2 N1/2 LT 9 WARDEWING SUB PLAT B-238 GADSDEN 36-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-36-2-000-028.001
PIN# 15636

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to SHAWN CLAYBORN, 1005 HOOKS LAKE ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2721 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-466-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 511 JOSEPH T. ROBINSON STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

N 40 LT 16 & S 30 LT 17 BLK 6 NORTHSIDE SUB PLAT G-199 4-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-1-000-037.000
PIN# 33121

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to HOWELL L HOGG, 511 JOSEPH T ROBINSON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2403. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-467-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 559 LINE STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

S 43.1 LT 16 J S CHESTER ADD PLAT B-139 GADSDEN 32-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-242.000
PIN# 19960

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to FAUSTINA GENEVA POWELL, 1408 KYLE AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2926. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-468-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 935 LITCHFIELD AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 17 BLK 31 GARDEN CITY SUBD NO 1 PLAT C-408 409 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-2-000-218.000
PIN# 30859

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ALBERT MILTON HARROLD JR. & ETALS AND ELLIS HISPERNO-LA, 935 LITCHFIELD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-1728 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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OF LTS 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40 BLK I PLANT CITY ADD GADSDEN B-300-301 12-12-5 1207-35, 1255-407,WILL(F-1 8 , 0 9 5 -98),D-2024-3571868

Tax ID#: 16-01-12-0-001-007.000
PIN# 51508

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given ARITA MAYRON EDGARDO LANDAVERDE, 201 SECOND AVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35905-1705.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-470-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located 409 MILLER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly de-scribed as:

LTS 16-17 BLK 7 WEST POINT ADD PLAT B 140-141 GADSDEN 1-12-5

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances,

notice of a public hearing has been given RICKY DALE BARNARD, 1850 PINE RIDGE ROAD, WELLINGTON, ALABAMA 36279.

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

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-471-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 259 PADEN ROAD in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:
BEG NW COR LOT 42 TH SE ON PADEN RD 300' TH SW ON LOT LINE 370'(S) TO 510' CON- TOUR LINE TH NW ON SAID LINE 305'(S) TH NE 360'(S) TO POB BEING PART LOT 42 BLK 3 ROLLING GREEN FARM TRACT 2 PLAT E-37 GADSDEN 23-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-23-2-000-013.000
PIN# 44839

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to PAUL & WF GENEVA BARKLEY, 259 PADEN ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3666
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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**RESOLUTION
NO. R-472-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 109 PENN DRIVE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 5 BLK 5 THE HIGHLANDS C-263 GADSDEN 15-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-05-15-1-000-056.000
PIN# 41436

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to WILLIAM L. BOLEY SR., 109 PENN DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3149
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-473-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 133 PENN DRIVE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LOT 18 & PT LOT 17 BLK 5 BEG AT NE CORNER LOT 18 TH NW 70.67 TH SW 150' TO SW LINE LOT 17 TH SE 92.83 TO SW CORNER LOT 18 TH NE 150' TO POB THE HIGHLANDS C-263 15-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-05-15-1-000-048.000
PIN# 41426

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ALLSHA MICHAEL COX, P.O. BOX 2766, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-474-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1825 PIEDMONT AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gads-

den, more particularly described as:

LT 8 & N 25 LT 7 BLK 2 EDGEWOOD ADD PLAT D-247 7-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-4-000-141.000
PIN# 38909

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given ELMER LEE BROWN, 1825 PIEDMONT AVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-4540.

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

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-475-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 827 ROSEWOOD LANE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 14 BLK C OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55B 25-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-3-000-124.000
PIN# 14408

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to PATRICK DUPREE, 827

ROSEWOOD LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-476-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 614 SPRING STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

N1/2 OF S1/2 LTS 1-3 BLK 10 WARDS ADD PLAT B-53 GADSDEN 32-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-338.000
PIN# 20082

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to PETER COWINGS, P.O. BOX 13751, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30324, 614 SPRING STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing

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

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

July 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-477-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 500 VALLEY STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 35 BLK 6 NORTHSIDE SUB PLAT G-199 GADSDEN 4-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-1-000-052.000
PIN# 33136

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ALFONZA & MARION WILLIAMS, 500 VALLEY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2438.
Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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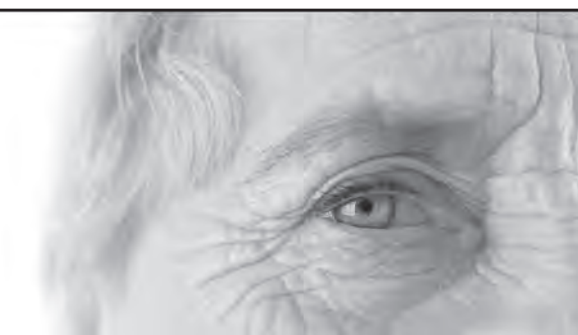
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