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Smith steps into Gadsden City Clerk role

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

When Iva Nelson officially retired after 42 years with the City of Gadsden, she left behind some of the biggest shoes in City Hall to fill.

Jennifer Smith knows it. “This is like following Nick Saban,” Smith said with a laugh. “People keep saying I have big shoes to fill.”

Fortunately, Smith has spent nearly two decades preparing for the role.

Smith joined the City of Gadsden’s clerk’s office in 2007 after working for Alagasco following college. She said she had been praying about career opportunities when, on July 7, 2007, she received a call from Nelson.

“I have always felt like I’m where I need to be,” Smith said. “I feel blessed to be an employee of Gadsden.”

Over the past 18 years, Smith worked alongside Nelson, learning every aspect of the clerk’s office while quietly preparing for the possibility that one day she might become city clerk herself.

“I was preparing and learning as much as I could from her over the years,” Smith said. “I thought it could happen one day.”

She admits the transition has been an adjustment.



Photo courtesy of City of Gadsden.

Retiring city clerk Iva Nelson swears in her replacement, Jennifer Smith, at the May 26, 2026 Gadsden city council meeting.

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Miller named principal at Duck Springs

By Karla McArthur
Reporter

Veteran educator Frances Miller was appointed principal of Duck Springs Elementary School during the Etowah County Board of Education’s July 7th board meeting.

Miller, who begins her 31st year in education this fall, said she considers education a calling.

“I am incredibly excited and grateful for the opportunity,” Miller said. “I look forward to meeting the faculty, students, parents and community.”

She said building strong relationships has always been central to her work.

“Building strong relationships has always been at the heart of my work, and I’m eager to continue that at Duck Springs,” Miller said.

Miller said her goals are centered on student success.

“I want every child to feel valued, supported and capable of achieving their full potential,” she said. “There is nothing more rewarding than seeing students reach their goals and knowing you played a small part in their journey.”

She said one of her favorite aspects of education is working alongside teachers and students while building meaningful relationships.

“Those connections are what make schools strong and create a positive learning environment,” Miller said.

Miller acknowledged that education continues to present new challenges, particularly balancing evolving expectations with the individual needs of students.

“Education has changed in many ways over the years, but one thing remains the same — the importance of relationships and a shared commitment to student success,” she said.

She credited administrators, colleagues and mentors with helping shape her career.

“I am who I am today because of the incredible people I have had the privilege to work with — administrators, colleagues and mentors who have guided and supported me along the way,” Miller said.

She also expressed gratitude for her family’s unwavering encouragement through-



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out her career.

Reflecting on her three decades in education, Miller said she has learned to view mistakes as opportunities for growth.

“Each one teaches a lesson and helps shape you into a better educator and leader,”

she said.

Miller said one of her proudest accomplishments is having the opportunity to serve students for more than 30 years while building lasting relationships with colleagues and students.

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New South Pro Wrestling looks beyond the ring

By Lindsey Frazier
Features Editor

This year, the owners of New South Pro Wrestling made a deliberate decision to bet on themselves with higher investments, broader promotions and more shows than ever before. Those decisions have culminated in the company’s biggest anniversary show yet, set for Aug. 8 at The Venue.

For New South partner Justin Coleman, the event represents more than another wrestling card. It’s another milestone for a company that began with a small hometown show in Hartselle and has grown into a traveling promotion with regional ambitions.

Dump Sanders started New South in 2015 with a show that few people outside Hartselle knew about. Eleven years later, Sanders, Coleman and Joel Atkins have expanded the company by bringing in nationally recognized talent, hosting wrestlers from Japan and building what they hope will become a true regional promotion.

It all started when Sanders invited Coleman, better known in the wrestling world as Cabana Man Dan, to attend one of New South’s shows.

At the time, it had been five years since Coleman had stepped into a wrestling ring, but watching the event reminded him of what he had

left behind.

“You’re pretty much a trained stunt man; all of it’s real, and anything can kill you,” Coleman said. “Wrestling is like a live-action movie with one take, and you’re the actor and the stuntman at the same time.”

Months later, Sanders reached out after another wrestler was unable to make an event. Despite some hesitation, Coleman agreed to fill in. What began as a one-time appearance turned into a nine-year return to the ring before his second retirement from in-ring competition in December 2025.

“The best thing in the world is that energy from the crowd

and this organic feeling like you just did something so emotional people in the crowd are crying,” Coleman said. “Like they have just forgotten that it’s a show and they’re invested with you. There’s just nothing better than that.”

Although Coleman has retired from wrestling, he remains deeply involved with New South, taking on a new role behind the scenes.

“I wear the promoter’s hat mostly now,” Coleman said. “We have one partner that does the booking of talent and putting together cards, and the third partner goes after sponsorships and partnerships.”

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NEWS

Theater of Gadsden brings a revolution to the stage

Summer is a time of possibilities, which is why the Theatre of Gadsden is turning to Roald Dahl's Matilda, a popular musical about an optimistic girl.

The play, held at Wallace Hall at Gadsden State Community College July 25-26, features music and lyrics by Tim Minchin and a book by Dennis Kelly, which is based on the book by the popular children's author Dahl.

The story follows Matilda Wormwood, a gifted little girl with special gifts born into a family that just doesn't seem to get her. Stella Shealy, 11, from Jacksonville, is playing the title role. She's been performing since she was 4, she said, but she still gets a little nervous when performing.

"I don't want to mess up," Shealy said, laughing.

Shealy said she feels the show is perfectly cast, with each actor bringing their personality to season the role. And she's a big fan of the show's message.

"I like that it teaches us to find our inner strength, and find that we're stronger than we think we are," Shealy said.

Sarah Crow, 18, Ashville, is playing Miss Honey. Like Shealy, she's been on the stage a lot, performing since she was 7. She's particularly enthusiastic about the show's sets, which conjure up the feel of the late '70s and early '80s.

"I really like the story of Matilda because it shows you how strength can take you a lot of places, and kindness can change the world," Crow said.

The evil Miss Trunchbull is handled by Skylar Wheat of



Courtesy of Joel Price

Gadsden. He's looking forward to sinking his teeth into the role, which he's tackled before. To him, Trunchbull is the catalyst for Matilda's asserting herself in the show.

"Trunchbull doesn't have much of a motive. She just hates chil-

dren," Wheat said. "I don't bring actual hatred of children to the show, but it's fun to play mean. Anger is easier to portray, but I'm trying to find moments where I can bring layers to her. She's nuts. She's the polar opposite of Matilda."

The show is directed by Nica Hodge, who enjoys the whimsical quality of the action.

"As kids we think when we grow up, everything will be figured out, and as adults, we know that it's just not that way," Hodge said. "But the show is about find-

ing a way to create that optimism, and the sense that we can all create our own story."

Tickets are available at the website, www.theatreofgadsden.org.

Submitted by Theater of Gadsden.

Gold Tiger Club to hold 29th annual reunion Aug. 1

Graduates of Gadsden High School who have been out of school for 50 years or more are invited to attend the 29th Annual Gold Tiger Club Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 1, at The Venue.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. for a meet-and-greet with classmates. The reunion program will begin at noon, followed by lunch.

Seating is still available, and walk-ins are welcome. Admission is \$40 per person. While open seating will be available for walk-in guests, organizers cannot guarantee seating at designated class tables.

Membership in the Gold Tiger Club includes Gadsden High School graduates of 50 years or more, along with their spouses.



This year's reunion will welcome alumni from the Classes of 1944 through 1976. The Class of 1975 will serve as the host class, while the Class of 1976 will be recognized as the honored guest class as it celebrates its 50th reunion.

Since its founding in 1997,

the annual reunion has brought together generations of Gadsden High alumni to reconnect with classmates and celebrate their shared history. Titan Ambassadors from Gadsden City High School will again assist and welcome attendees throughout the

event. Alumni are also encouraged to join the "GHS Gold Tigers" Facebook page to stay connected.

The Gold Tiger Club Advisory Board is led by President Marie Garner Johnson, Vice President Vance Roberson and Secretary Beverly Mayes Godfrey. The board also includes representatives from the host class and the two preceding classes, with membership rotating annually as new host classes are added.

For more information, contact Marie Johnson at mgjohnson4750@gmail.com or Beverly Godfrey at bandrgodfrey@bellsouth.net. The reunion is held each year on the first Saturday in August.

JROTC Scholarships Awarded

The Gold Tiger Club also announced recipients of the Jerry Heard Scholarship, established in 2016 by the Gadsden High School Class of 1966 to benefit JROTC students at Gadsden City High School.

The scholarship honors the memory of retired Army Col. Jerry Heard, a former Gold Tiger Club president and longtime supporter of the JROTC program.

This year's scholarship recipients, selected by SFC John Hedgepeth, Senior Army Instructor LTC (Ret.) Wayne Davenport and the scholarship selection committee, are Angelica Jimenez, Riley Jarrells and Haliagh Bowers.

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NEWS

New hobbies, new skills: Gift to Gadsden returns

For more than 30 years, First United Methodist Church of Gadsden has welcomed the community to its annual Gift to Gadsden program, offering free classes that teach new skills, hobbies and practical life lessons.

“Community outreach is part of the philosophy of being a downtown church,” Ginger Ross, a member of the Methodist church, said. “It’s something we love to do, and everyone in the church gets excited about it.”

The classes, which are taught or sponsored by a church member, will be held during the week of July 27–30 in the evening, with two sessions: the first from 6 to 7 p.m. and the second from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., with times varying by class, according to the press release.

“Each year the class lineup varies a little bit, depending on which of our members are going to be instructors,” Sheila Freeman, director of connectional ministries for the church, said. “... A few of the classes have supply lists... but many are completely free.”

This year’s class lineup includes a few new classes, such as Building a Fairy Garden for kids, Fancy Desserts – with a dash of Pinterest, Intro to Line Dancing, and Bucket List: Travel, according to Freeman.

Returning favorites include beginner pickleball, chair yoga, acrylic painting, knitting, beginning sewing, crochet, cake decorating, dog training basics, olive oil health tips, jelly making and Mahjong.

Practical classes cover topics such as assertiveness training, recycling for income, cooking skills, wills and trusts, and Gift of Hope After Loss.

Children in grades first through fifth are invited to take part in STEM activities and building a Fairy garden.

Pre-registration is required. For a complete class schedule or to register, visit fumcgadsden.org/g2g2026 or call 256-543-8200.



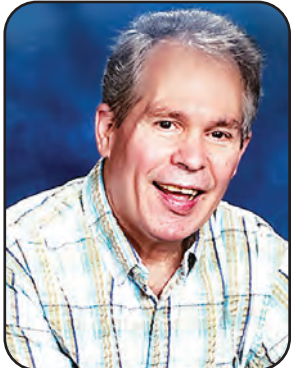
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Cooking Made Easy in 2025 with Hannah Murray Badgett (above).

Additional Classes

Acrylic Painting for Beginners
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STEM Activities (kids)
Dog Training Basics
Wills and Trusts
The Gift of Hope after Loss
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Cake Decorating for Beginners
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Beginning Pickleball
Intro to Fly Fising
Intro to Line Dancing
Knitting for Beginners

OBITUARY



Timothy “Tim” Joseph Burgess

Timothy “Tim” Joseph Burgess, 69, of Gadsden/Rainbow City was born August 7, 1956. He went to be with the Lord on June 16, 2026.

Tim graduated from Etowah High School in 1974 and attended Gadsden State Technical Institute where he received a degree in sheet metal and training in cabinetry and air conditioning. Tim opened Volume Sheet Metals, a very successful business, performing much work for Tyson and Gold Kist. Sadly, an automobile accident in 1988 left Tim disabled with a Traumatic Brain

Injury (TBI) and he was unable to resume his business. Tim’s still remaining work skills were evident through his participation in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Tim worked for AirCo in Attalla for three years and was chosen Employee of the Year for the local (Etowah, Cherokee, and St. Clair counties) and for the entire state of Alabama’s Employment of Persons with Disabilities. This was a tremendous accomplishment and honor.

Unfortunately, because of his TBI Tim was unable to continue work, but was able to live independently, with outside assistance, for many years. Tim found great pleasure in playing pool, having a pool table in his home. He also enjoyed his hobby of creating wire names from stainless steel welding filler rods. Tim has made hundreds/thousands, of names over the years for people and businesses locally and around the world. They are now true and lasting treasures. “Roll Tide” was his college slogan and he avidly watched the Alabama football games.

Tim was a faithful member of Hopkins Chapel and then of Twelfth Street Baptist Church for many years. Tim and his family were charter members of the Gadsden- later Etowah County - Alabama Head Injury Foundation (AHIF) Support Group and regularly attended the monthly meetings. He greatly benefited from the AHIF special programs Small Places, Camp AASCA, and Bright Ideas and participated in the AHIF Walk-a-thon fund-raising events. Because of Tim’s love of playing pool the support group sponsored an annual pool tournament for several years when meeting at the old Elliot Community Center of which Tim was the proud owner of two winners trophies.

Tim’s unique personality endeared him to all who knew him. He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents Claude M. Burgess and J. Madru Burgess.

Tim is survived by his sister Denise (Rick) Bearden, nieces Wendy

(Farley) Eddy-Gilbert and Lisa (David) Davis, his aunt Evelyn Foreman, and many great nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Pallbearers will be great nephews Logan Davis and Peyton Davis and cousins Ken Teele, Elton Bright, Michael Foreman, and David Foreman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alabama Head Injury Foundation, 500 Chase Park South, Suite 130, Hoover, AL 35244.

Special thanks to the nurses, CNA’s, and staff at Gadsden Health and Rehab Center for such wonderful care of Tim. Tremendous thanks to Dr. Deborah Reiland, Enhabit Hospice, Christy Alexander’s Compassionate Comforters, the AHIF, MANNA, Dr. Michael Shehi, and special friend Lynn Washburn.

Tim’s Celebration of Life will be at Crestwood on Sunday, June 28 with visitation at 12:00 noon and service at 1:00 PM.

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EDUCATION

Cardinal Foundation welcomes new members

The Gadsden State Cardinal Foundation has appointed five community leaders to its Board of Directors.

As the College’s charitable organization, the Cardinal Foundation provides scholarships, supports academic and workforce development programs, funds innovative initiatives and helps remove financial and other barriers that prevent students from achieving their educational and career goals. The foundation’s volunteers help connect the college with community partners and supporters.

“We are honored to welcome these outstanding leaders to the Cardinal Foundation Board of Directors,” said Hillary Folsom, director of advancement and alumni relations for Gadsden State. “Each has demonstrated a deep commitment to serving our community. Their professional expertise, leadership and passion for education will help us create even more opportunities for our students while strengthening the programs that make Gadsden State such an important resource for our region.”

The Foundation welcomes the following new board members:

Phillip Hall, president and CEO of the Etowah Chamber, brings experience in business leadership, public policy and community development, along with a commitment to workforce development and economic growth. A graduate of Westbrook Christian School, the University of Alabama and Birmingham School of Law, Hall has dedicated his career to strengthening Etowah County’s business community. His work fostering partnerships between education and industry closely aligns with Gadsden State’s mission to prepare students for successful careers.

Tena King, director of city services for the City of Gadsden and owner of King’s Olive Oil Company, has championed education, youth development and community service. Her leadership experience includes positions with The University of Alabama’s Gadsden Center, the Anniston Community Education Foundation, Project GRAD LA and several organizations focused on educational access and student success. Holding three degrees from Jacksonville State University, King brings ex-

perience in higher education, non-profit leadership and community engagement to the foundation.

Gil Isbell is a local business owner, former Alabama legislator and longtime civic leader with decades of experience in business management and public service. A graduate of Gadsden State, Auburn University and Jacksonville State University, Isbell has remained active in the community through organizations including the Kiwanis Club of Gadsden, The Salvation Army of Etowah County and his local church. His background in public service and economic development will provide valuable insight as the Foundation continues expanding opportunities for students.

Gail Minshew, broker with Keller Williams Gadsden, has served the local real estate community for nearly 30 years while maintaining an active role in numerous civic and nonprofit organizations. As a member of Gadsden State’s first graduating class, she represents the lasting impact of the College on its graduates and community. Minshew has served with Community Ac-

tion of Etowah County, United Way, Baptist Health Services, the Etowah Baptist Association and as a four-term councilwoman for the Town of Reece City. Her lifelong connection to Gadsden State and dedication to community service make her a valuable addition to the Board.

Tori Parris Stigile is an attorney, educator, author, and musician who brings a diverse background in law, higher education, ministry and the performing arts. She practices law with her family’s firm while serving as a professor at Jacksonville State University and director of the Jax State Show Choir. A graduate of the University of Mobile, Liberty University and Birmingham School of Law, where she graduated summa cum laude, Stigile has built a career centered on leadership, education and service. Her passion for mentoring students and developing future leaders complements the foundation’s mission.

Together, the five new directors represent a broad cross-section of business, education, government, law and nonprofit leadership across Northeast Alabama.

Their collective experience will help guide the foundation as it expands scholarship opportunities, strengthens strategic partnerships and provides resources that enhance the educational experience for thousands of Gadsden State students each year.

“The success of our students depends on dedicated community leaders who believe in the power of education,” said Tony Smith, president of the Cardinal Foundation Board of Directors. “We are grateful that Phillip, Tena, Gil, Gail and Tori have chosen to invest their time and talents in the Foundation’s mission. Their leadership will help ensure that Gadsden State continues transforming lives, strengthening families and building the workforce our communities need.”

The Cardinal Foundation encourages alumni, businesses and community members to support scholarships, academic programs, workforce initiatives and student emergency assistance. Every charitable gift helps remove barriers to higher education and creates opportunities for student success.

Millican prepares to serve third term on GCSB

Wm. Allen Millican is preparing to serve his third term representing District 7 on the Gadsden City Board of Education, where he has served for seven years, including five years as board president.

A 1968 graduate of Emma Sansom High School, Millican has spent most of his career serving the Gadsden community. He has practiced law since 1983 and served as an Etowah County circuit judge in 2017. In addition to his role on the school board, he serves on the boards of the Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama and Darden Rehabilitation Services.

Millican credited the board’s ability to work together despite differing viewpoints.

“Our motto is ‘No Drama, Just Hard Work,’” he said. “We don’t agree on everything, but we always find common ground and work toward a common goal.”

Millican said providing a quality education remains the board’s highest priority.

“Academic excellence is something we constantly strive for,” he said. “Through our dual enrollment program and workforce development partnership with Gadsden State Community College, we are preparing



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students for a brighter future, whether they choose college or a skilled trade.”

Millican said the school system continues to experience growth, noting that Gadsden City Schools is one of only 12 of Alabama’s 140 school systems to report increased enrollment.

He also highlighted several recent accomplishments, including the purchase of 21 fully paid, air-conditioned school buses and the district earning an overall grade of B on the state’s report card for two consecutive years. Several elementary schools have also received state recognition

for academic achievement and improvement.

“We have more than 25 athletic teams and a fine arts program that rivals any in the state,” Millican said.

He also pointed to the district’s 13 career and technical education programs, which recently expanded to include carpentry, auto body and computer-aided design. In addition, he noted the district has captured quiz bowl championships at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Looking ahead, Millican said the board’s long-term priority is the construction of a new consolidated middle school.

“We are all in agreement that we need a new, consolidated middle school,” he said.

Millican said the board has evaluated potential costs, long-term savings through attrition, possible locations, traffic flow and transportation as part of the planning process.

“We’re planning for the future,” he said. “Over the next four years, we want to lay the groundwork for this endeavor and ask for the community’s input, support, patience and, most importantly, prayers.”

Miller - From A1

“The friendships I’ve made and the students I’ve taught mean the world to me,” she said. “When I see former and current students reach their goals, I feel like a proud parent.”

Although educators spend only a portion of a student’s life with them, Miller said those relationships last well beyond the classroom.

“Seeing students reach their goals and become successful is the most rewarding part of my career,” she said.

Miller emphasized the importance of collaboration between schools and families.

“I truly believe students are most successful when schools and families work as a team,” she said. “I’m committed to fostering those partnerships and ensuring that every child has the support he or she needs to thrive.”

Miller said she is honored to continue her career in education at Duck Springs Elementary.

“I have loved every moment of my career in education,” she said. “It’s great to be the principal at Duck Springs Elementary School.”

ECBOE approves purchases, personnel at Cosby’s final meeting

The Etowah County Board of Education held a special-called meeting July 20, approving district purchases and new personnel actions.

Vice Chair Tim Womack called the meeting to order, and outgoing Superintendent Alan Cosby opened with prayer.

Board President Jay Freeman and board member Amanda Johnson were absent.

Cosby welcomed Glencoe City Council members Cody Rampey and Michael Sizemore.

Updates and revisions to the Etowah County Code of Student Conduct were recommended by Cosby and unanimously approved by the board.

A quote from Atlas Industrial Contractors regarding

powering shot clocks at the six county high schools also was approved.

Two previously rejected paving bids submitted by Vulcan Materials were reconsidered after consolidation and passed unanimously.

Other items approved unanimously included a lighting bid from A and S Electrical for Southside High School, a bid from Modern Heating and Cooling for Southside High’s press box and concessions, a bid from Cook’s Pest Control for Child Nutrition, a bid from Coosa Behavioral Services and five travel requests.

Several personnel actions also were recommended and approved without issue. Notable administrative hires and

transfers included Hollie Sewell as the new principal at Gaston Elementary School and Allison Stevens’ transfer to director of student support services, counseling and accountability from director of special education. Both Sewell and Stevens thanked Cosby and the board.

Carlisle Elementary School Principal Hope Harris thanked the board for approving the school’s new assistant principal, Chris Self, and for the parking lot paving project at the school.

Board members extended congratulations and thanks to all new hires and noted that the meeting marked Cosby’s final board meeting as superintendent before his Aug. 1 retirement.

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GOVERNMENT

Stewart outlines priorities for next term

Nancy Stewart, longtime member of the Gadsden City Board of Education, is expressing gratitude to voters and reaffirming a commitment to serving students, educators and families while continuing to strengthen the city's public schools.

Stewart, who has served on the Gadsden City Board of Education since 2010, said it has been an honor to represent the community and called the opportunity to continue serving "a privilege."

"Education has always been something I care deeply about because I know the impact our schools have on the lives of our children and the future of our community," Stewart said.

Looking ahead to the new term, Stewart said priorities include continuing to invest in students, supporting teachers and staff, maintaining and improving school facilities, and ensuring every child has the opportunity to succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

Stewart also highlighted the importance of collaboration among school board members, noting that while differing opinions may arise, members remain united in their commitment to making decisions that benefit students.

"We may not always agree on every issue, but we share a common purpose—to do what is best for our students," Stewart said,



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emphasizing that education is a shared responsibility involving parents, grandparents, educators, businesses, churches and community organizations. Stewart noted that continued partnerships with those groups will remain a priority during the upcoming term.

Serving on the school board has been "one of the greatest honors of my life," Stewart said, adding a com-

mitment to listening to constituents, earning their trust and working to provide every child with opportunities to reach their full potential.

Stewart concluded by thanking voters for their support and expressing optimism about the work ahead to continue improving educational opportunities for Gadsden students and families.

Worthy seeks return to city leadership

Thomas Worthy has announced his candidacy for mayor of Gadsden in the 2026 municipal election.

A native of Guntersville, Worthy was raised in Gadsden. He is a member of Abundant Life Church and is the father of two sons, Thomas Jr. (TJ) and Blake, and grandfather to four grandchildren: Emiya'rai, Harper, Tre' and True.

Worthy is a graduate of Emma Sansom High School. He earned an Associate of Science degree from Gadsden State Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management from Ashford University.

Worthy retired from the Gadsden Police Department after more than 25 years of service. He also retired from the Alabama National Guard after serving 22 years.

His public service includes two terms representing District 3 on the Gadsden City Council. During his tenure, Worthy served as co-chairman of the Public Safety Committee, chairman of the Community Development Committee and became the first African American appointed to serve on the Etowah County Democratic Executive Committee.

Worthy is the founder and executive director of Gadsden Empowerment Initiative Inc., a nonprofit



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organization that provides home repairs for senior citizens, veterans and disabled residents in Etowah County. According to Worthy, the organization has recently completed repairs on 39 homes throughout the county.

In addition to his elected and professional experience, Worthy has served in several civic and community organizations. He is a current board member for Habitat for Humanity and the Gadsden Head Start Program, a current member and former presi-

dent of the Fraternal Order of Police, and a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

His previous leadership roles include serving as president of the Police Labor Union Council, membership in the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials and the Alabama Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and service on the Gadsden Beautification Board.

Deadline for absentee voting approaching

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

Gadsden citizens wishing to participate in absentee voting in the upcoming municipal election have a little less than a month to apply for an absentee ballot.

Eligible voters must first submit an absentee ballot application to the Gadsden City Clerk's Office. Once the application is approved, an official absentee ballot will be issued, completed by the voter and returned by the applicable deadline.

Voters may cast an absentee ballot if they expect to be out of the county on Election Day; are ill or have a physical disability that prevents them from going to their polling place; are age 65 or older or have a qualifying disability that prevents them from accessing their assigned polling place; are registered Alabama voters living outside their home county, including members of the military, voters employed outside the United States, college students and their eligible spouses or children;

are serving as an election official or poll watcher at a polling place other than their regular polling place; are required to work a shift of 10 hours or more that coincides with polling hours; are caring for a family member within the second degree of kinship who is confined to the home; or are incarcerated in prison or jail but remain eligible to vote.

Applications for regular absentee ballots must be received by the Gadsden City Clerk's Office by Aug. 18 if submitted by mail or by Aug. 20 if delivered in person. A copy of a valid photo ID must accompany the application unless an exception provided under Alabama law applies.

Qualified emergency absentee ballot applications may be submitted after the regular application deadline through Aug. 24, the day before the election. Emergency absentee voting is available to voters who are unexpectedly required by their employer to be unavailable during polling hours on Election Day, who become caregivers

for a family member requiring emergency medical treatment within five days of the election, or who experience the death of a family member within the second degree of kinship within five days of the election.

Voters who experience a medical emergency requiring treatment by a licensed physician within five days of the election may apply for a medical emergency absentee ballot. Those applications require certification by the attending physician, and both the application and completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than noon on Election Day, Aug. 25. A designated representative may submit the application, pick up the ballot and return the completed ballot on the voter's behalf.

For more information or to request an absentee ballot application, contact the Gadsden City Clerk's Office at 256-549-4517 or visit Room 401 on the fourth floor of Gadsden City Hall, 90 Broad St.



Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services

NOTICE

The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden, Alabama (Gadsden Water), is now soliciting Statements of Qualifications from licensed engineering firms for professional services to be provided in connection with an Economic Development Administration (EDA) application and potential "Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Improvements" project. Statements of Qualifications must be submitted to Gadsden Water no later than 12 p.m. (noon) CDT, August 7, 2026. Direct questions and requests for a copy of the full RFQ can be made to Gillian Farmer, Regional Planner, East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission, (256) 237-6741 Ext. 101 or gillian.farmer@earpdc.org

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GOVERNMENT

Gadsden City Council Meeting

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

The Gadsden City Council met on Tuesday, July 21, for a regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall.

Councilman Steve Smith for District 2, Councilman Larry Avery for District 3 and Councilman Jason Wilson for District 5 were all absent. With Councilwoman Tonya Latham for District 1, Councilman Kent Back for District 4, Councilwoman Dixie Minatra for District 6 and Councilman Chris Robinson for District 7 in attendance, a quorum was barely met.

Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford was also absent.

In the 45-minute-long meeting, the council approved two items on the regular agenda:

- Resolution R-487-26 which awards bid No. 3646 for the 2026 Landfill Cover Dirt project to Bedwell Whorton Excavating, LLC.
- Resolution R-488-26 which authorizes an agreement with EE Group, Inc. for electrical and lighting for a parking lot expansion project at the Gadsden Sports Park for the amount of \$9,500.

The council also approved three items of new business brought to the council during the work session.

- Resolution R-489-26 which amends Resolution No. R-348-26 in relation to a tax abatement agreement with Inteva Products, LLC. for an expansion project at their Gadsden facility. The amendment removes the name “Renco Group, Inc.” from the party agreement.
- Resolution R-490-26 which authorizes an agreement with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. to provide sports lighting for three ballfields at the Gadsden Athletic Center for the amount of \$569,900.
- Resolution R-491-26 which authorizes an agreement with Urban Slide, LLC. for

the Slide the City event on July 25-26 for the amount of \$65,000. The city has raised \$48,000 from sponsors and the rest of the estimated \$17,000 will be made up in ticket sales.

During the council work session, councilmembers reviewed:

- A liquor license application for Cielo Bar.
- An ordinance regarding the sale of property to a private citizen.
- An economic development opportunity for a Dutch Brothers Coffee shop.
- An acquisition of property for easement regarding a drainage project impacting Tabor Rd.
- A resolution regarding construction plans with Chambliss King for the amount of \$129,000 for a sun deck add-on to the Gadsden Athletic Center. An agreement with the Etowah County Board of Education for purchase of dirt to cover an inert landfill for the amount of \$15.01 per cubic yard of dirt.

The council heard public comments from Ceandra James, the executive director of Saving our Sons, a gun violence awareness advocacy non-profit in Gadsden. James spoke on behalf of the organization and thanked the city for their recent support. She also advertised a current shoe drive the organization is leading.

During department and committee reports, City Clerk Jennifer Smith reminded Gadsden citizens wishing to vote by absentee ballot of upcoming deadlines and encouraged voters to visit www.cityofgadsden.com or call or visit the clerk’s office on the 4th floor of City Hall.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Gadsden City Council will be held Tuesday, July 28 at 10 a.m. in council chambers on the 1st floor of Gadsden City Hall.

Smith

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“It’s been very busy, even busier than I thought it would be,” she said.

The city clerk’s office serves as one of the central hubs of municipal government. The office maintains the city’s official records, prepares and preserves minutes from council meetings, oversees titles and registrations for city-owned vehicles, manages municipal elections, maintains agreements and contracts, facilitates city council meetings, processes public records requests and coordinates with departments across city government.

“We’re always swamped with records requests,” Smith said.

In addition to the office’s daily responsibilities, Smith and her staff are also preparing for the city’s move into the new City Hall while continuing to support the upcoming municipal election.

“It takes coordination with all of the departments,” she said. “We’re also trying to figure out how to keep everything organized during the move to the new City Hall.”

For Smith, however, the technical aspects of the job are only part of being city clerk.

“The No. 1 responsibility is being a servant,” she said. “I think the most important thing is to have a servant’s heart.”

That philosophy was reinforced by Nelson, whom Smith considers both a mentor and an example of public service.

“I’ve observed her and studied her for years,” Smith said. “Iva is a genuine person, and she can speak to anyone. Her demeanor never changes.”

Smith said Nelson intentionally shared her knowledge throughout the years,

preparing both the office and its employees for the future.

“I had a great mentor,” Smith said. “She has all that knowledge — and I have her phone number.”

Smith said she is grateful Nelson remained at City Hall after her retirement to help with the city’s municipal election and answer questions during the transition.

“I was happy for Iva to stay forever and never leave,” Smith said.

Service has long been a part of Smith’s family. Her grandfather served as city clerk for Rainbow City during the 1960s.

Today, she views her work as more than a career.

“My spiritual gift is service,” Smith said. “I’m glad to be in this role and to be a servant to the City of Gadsden.”

Smith was officially sworn in by Nelson on May 26, 2026.

Alabama state health officer receives 7% raise

By Anna Barrett
Alabama Reflector

The board overseeing the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) on Thursday voted unanimously to give State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris a 7% raise, effective Sept. 1.

According to state data, Harris currently makes about \$336,000. The raise, a 5% performance-based raise and a 2% cost-of-living adjustment, amounts to an increase of about \$16,800, for a total salary of \$352,800.

Harris is not a merit system employee, so the State Committee on Public Health must approve salary adjustments

manually. The resolution was not on the committee’s agenda, and was brought by Dr. David Thrasher, a Montgomery-based physician.

“He was appointed here, and before he could even find out where the bathroom was, COVID hit. Despite the criticism of all of us and so much for that, he did exemplary,” Thrasher said. “For y’all who don’t know, this guy had to wear a bulletproof vest for a long time.”

Harris, who has served as state health officer since 2018, often stood by Gov. Kay Ivey during the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, urging people to get vaccinated. He told the Montgomery Advertiser in

2021 that he received threats and had to have law enforcement posted outside his home for a time.

Harris last received a 2% cost-of-living adjustment in 2024. His last 5% merit raise was in 2023.

According to his biography on the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials website, he is a graduate of Harding University and the University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB) School of Medicine, and he completed a fellowship in adult infectious diseases and earned a Master of Public Health from UAB. He began his infectious diseases practice in Decatur, Alabama, in 1996.

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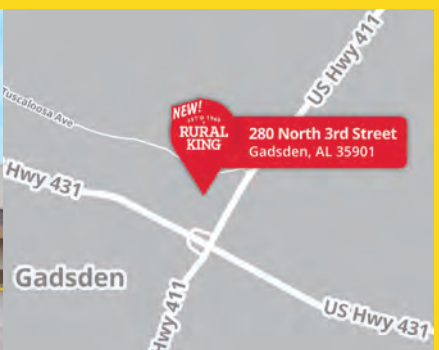
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Recurring Events

Gadsden Farmers Market

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

Glencoe Farmers Market

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

Hokes Bluff Farmers Market

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

Attalla Farmers Market

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

Rainbow City Community Market

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

Useless Trivia at Back Forty

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

Bingo Night at Pique Nique

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

Bingo Night AJs Neighborhood Bar and Grill

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

Open Mic Night at Blackstone Pub

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

Monthly

Music Trivia Night at Baja Rainbow City

- Name that Tune Trivia hosted by Jason Bozeman
- Where: Baja California
 - When: Second Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Taste of the Town Food Truck Festival

- Where: Southside City Hall | 2255 Alabama 77, Southside
- When: Second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Third Thirsty Thursday at the Stone Market

- Where: 120 Chestnut Street, Gadsden
- When: Third Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

August 4 Rick’s Discount Drug Ribbon Cutting

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

August 5 Coosa Riverkeeper Ribbon Cutting

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



July 24 Mark Trammell Quartet Homecoming

- Where: The Church at Wills Creek, 2730 Wills Creek Road, Gadsden, AL.
- 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.

July 30 Gadsden-Etowah Business Expo

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing | 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- When: 10 a.m. to 4 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 7 August First Friday in Downtown Gadsden

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

July 25 The Market on Lumley

- Where: 159 Lumley Rd, Rainbow City
- When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 25 Slide the City

- Where: Mort Glosser Amphitheater, 90 Walnut Street, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

July 25 Matilda Hosted by Theatre of Gadsden

- Where: Wallace Hall | 1001 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 7 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: Nocalula Falls Park | 1500 Nocalula Road, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m

August 7 New Exhibits Opening at GMA

- Where: Gadsden Museum of Art | 515 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 5 p.m. to 8 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 7 Gadsden Sports Park Tennis Courts Ground Breaking

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

August 18 Gadsden Landscape Supply Ribbon Cutting

- Where: 403 North 33rd Street, Gadsden
- When: 11:30 p.m.

July 28 McDonalds Rainbow Plaza Ground Breaking

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

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LIFESTYLE



Clifford Geertz, an American anthropologist and theorist, said “it is not necessary to know everything to understand something,” and that often “small facts speak to large issues.” I haven’t stopped thinking about this since I read this 1973 essay the other day. He went on to say that the whole point of anthropological research is not to answer all of the greatest problems and questions humanity faces, or to nail down specific, universally applicable rational solutions to every problem. Instead, he says that researchers should “plunge into the midst” of these existential questions, gathering up experiences and ideas others have stumbled upon during their lives and studies in order to expand our own toolboxes of understanding. Geertz believed that “the power of scientific imagination [lies in its

Plunge into the midst of the everyday

ability] to bring us into touch with the lives of strangers.” This has stayed with me because I think many of us grow up feeling that science is incredibly impersonal, as focused as it is on the microscopic or the enormous as most of us are just going about our days worried about the everyday. We pass each other, sometimes interacting, sometimes bumping into each other’s orbits, but not really engaging other than superficially. And, there is something to be said for even the superficial level of engagement, as Susan Pinker points out in her TEDTalk about longevity. In her presentation, she shares the results of her own study where the top indicator as to how long an individual lives is most strongly predicted by a type of superficial interaction she calls “social integration.” This is the kind of chatting or recognition we often give complete strangers, or those we only know because they hand us our fast food order, or take our money at the bank, or answer our call at the school office. Pinker’s study showed that individuals who are willing to make eye contact with strangers, and even smile in passing, gift their brains opportunities to flood their systems with

brain-protective chemicals that provide positive benefits long after the moment has passed. The little things in our social interactions add up to a much larger protective benefit than we would guess. There are days - I’d guess a lot of them are Mondays, but I haven’t actually studied that - where I am just not feeling up to social interaction. I am exhausted, or stressed, or down, and I just really do not want to engage with anyone if I don’t absolutely have to. But, then I run into someone I don’t really know well but recognize and we chat for a moment. Or, I walk into class and hear students interacting with one another, realizing they have commonalities. Or, I might notice and compliment a cool pair of earrings a woman is wearing as we wait in line together at the DMV. Suddenly, I realize that my mood has lifted, and I am no longer dreading the rest of my day. I don’t know all of the ins and outs of the biological, social, emotional reasons for all of this, but like Geertz reminds us, I don’t have to. And, I think the most important part of those moments is less about the self-serving side of “being nice to a stranger makes me feel better” than it is about the

way acknowledging another person’s humanity enlarges imagination and empathy. Every single interaction - good, bad, or in between - is an opportunity to gather information and understanding about those around us. What makes people smile? What makes someone want to cut you off in traffic? What makes you feel patient enough to hold a door? What makes you exchange knowing glances with a complete stranger? It is easy to stay in our own little bubbles as we go about our days, but like the researcher, it is often worthwhile to “plunge into the midst” of the everyday, monotonous routines we create for ourselves because you never know when you might stumble across a moment, or a smile, or an observation that not only brightens your day, but maybe even illuminates a bigger, more universal issue. As Henry Miller wrote, “The moment one gives close attention to any thing, even a blade of grass, it becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribably magnificent world in itself.”

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Emotional overwhelm: what’s happening in your brain

Most people have experienced moments when life feels like too much. Work responsibilities pile up, family needs demand attention, unexpected problems arise and suddenly it feels as though everything is happening at once. That feeling of emotional overwhelm is something nearly everyone encounters at some point. While it can be unsettling, understanding what is happening in the brain during these moments can help us respond more effectively. When people become overwhelmed, it often feels as though they are losing control. Thoughts race, concentration becomes difficult and even simple decisions can feel impossible. Many people describe feeling frozen, stuck or unable to figure out where to begin. In reality, this reaction is not a sign of weakness or failure. It is a normal response to a brain and body that are trying to manage more stress than they can comfortably process. The brain has different systems that serve different functions. Under normal circumstances, the areas responsible for reasoning, planning and problem-solving help us evaluate situations and make thoughtful

decisions. However, when stress levels become too high, the brain begins to shift priorities. Instead of focusing on logic and analysis, it becomes more concerned with survival and protection. This survival response can be helpful during genuine emergencies. If a person is faced with immediate danger, the brain’s ability to react quickly can protect them from harm. The problem is that the brain does not always distinguish between physical threats and emotional stress. A demanding workload, financial concerns, relationship conflict or multiple responsibilities can trigger many of the same reactions. As a result, people may notice physical symptoms accompanying their emotional distress. Their chest may feel tight. Their breathing may become shallow. Their heart rate may increase. They may feel restless, agitated or unable to relax. Others experience a sense of urgency that seems disproportionate to the actual situation. These physical reactions are signs that the nervous system is working hard to respond to perceived demands. Unfortunately, many people react to

overwhelm by trying to push harder. They tell themselves they need to work faster, think harder or figure everything out immediately. While understandable, this approach often backfires. When the brain is already overloaded, adding more pressure usually increases stress rather than reducing it. A more effective approach is to slow down. This does not mean ignoring responsibilities or avoiding problems. Instead, it means giving the brain an opportunity to regain a sense of balance. Taking a few steady breaths, stepping away briefly or focusing on one small task at a time can help reduce the sense of chaos. These simple actions signal to the nervous system that it is safe to settle down. One reason overwhelm feels so intense is that people often try to carry everything mentally at once. They think about every problem, every responsibility and every possible outcome simultaneously. Breaking large challenges into smaller, manageable pieces allows the brain to focus more effectively and reduces emotional overload.



The next time you feel overwhelmed, remember that you do not have to solve everything immediately. Your goal is not to fix every problem at once. The goal is simply to identify and take the next manageable step. Often, that small step is enough to help your brain regain a sense of control and move forward with greater clarity.

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Summer heat meets community spirit at the library’s summer social



With contributions from Summer Intern Madison Steinhagen. Last Thursday afternoon, the Gadsden Public Library was transformed into a bustling hub of community activity as we hosted our inaugural Summer Social. With an estimated attendance of more than 700 children, teens, and adults, the event was a resounding success, bringing together residents from throughout Etowah County for an afternoon filled with fun, food, music, and fellowship. The inspiration for the Summer Social grew out of a conversation regarding a major upcoming milestone: the 120th birthday of the Gadsden Public Library, which officially opened its doors on December 20, 1906. While Craig originally envisioned a grand birthday celebration this coming December, Kiana Corbin—the library’s newest Social Media and Marketing Specialist—suggested a different approach. Recognizing that late December is already filled with holiday activities and

competing events, Kiana proposed hosting a large community celebration during the summer months, giving families an opportunity to experience everything the library has to offer while also building excitement for the library’s historic anniversary. Her idea quickly became a reality thanks to the support of library staff, volunteers, City of Gadsden departments, Mayor Ford’s office, community organizations, vendors, and local businesses that worked together to make the afternoon memorable. The Summer Social showcased what today’s public library has become—not simply a place to borrow books, but a vibrant community gathering place where people can connect, learn, and enjoy one another’s company. Inside the library, visitors explored informational displays and exhibits while meeting representatives from numerous local nonprofit organizations and community agencies. Families discovered services they may not have realized were available, while children and teens explored the library’s collections and public areas. Throughout the afternoon, library staff welcomed first-time visitors as well as longtime patrons, answering questions and introducing guests to many of the library’s free programs and resources. Outside, the celebration continued with local food vendors serving a wide variety of delicious refreshments. The aroma of fresh food, combined with upbeat music

and the laughter of children, created a festive atmosphere that could be felt throughout the surrounding neighborhood. The event proved especially popular with our younger visitors. Underwood Park came alive as children participated in games, danced to music provided by a live DJ, and enjoyed one of the afternoon’s biggest attractions—a refreshing water spray provided by staff member, Caitlin, who also got drenched! On one of the hottest days of the summer, the opportunity to cool off while playing with friends quickly became a favorite memory for many families. Perhaps the greatest success of the Summer Social wasn’t measured simply by attendance, but by the smiles on the faces of those who attended. Throughout the afternoon, neighbors met neighbors, children made new friends, parents reconnected with familiar faces, and many visitors commented that they hadn’t realized how much the library offers beyond books. Events like the Summer Social remind us that libraries continue to evolve to meet the needs of their communities. While books and reading remain at the heart of our mission, today’s library also serves as a center for lifelong learning, creativity, technology, entertainment, and community engagement. Bringing people together is one of the most important things a public library can do. The overwhelming response to our first

Summer Social has already sparked conversations about making it an annual tradition. Judging by the enthusiasm of those who attended, it’s easy to see why and Kiana already has new and exciting ideas in mind! If you were unable to join us this year, don’t worry. The Gadsden Public Library offers programs and events throughout the year for children, teens, adults, and seniors. We invite you to stop by, explore our collections, discover our many free services, and experience firsthand why the library continues to be one of our community’s most welcoming gathering places. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered, partnered with us, and helped make the inaugural Summer Social such an incredible success. We are also indebted to our neighboring businesses who loaned their parking lots and parking spaces for the overload of cars and vehicles. We can’t wait to see you again at the library! Gadsden Public Library: 254 South College Street, downtown Gadsden (next to the U.S. Post Office). Phone: 256-549-4699. Genealogy Branch: 2700 West Meighan Boulevard, Alabama City (next to the Ritz Theater at the corner of West Meighan and Wall Street). Phone: 256-549-4688

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DEVOTIONALS



ROOTED IN THE WORD

Shawn Blackmon

Have you ever noticed that the closer you get to finishing what God called you to do, the harder the opposition becomes? You finally commit to praying consistently... and distractions multiply. You decide to repair your marriage... and the arguments increase. You step into your calling... and criticism suddenly comes from every direction. That isn't a coincidence.

The enemy rarely attacks people who are standing still. He attacks people who are making progress. That's exactly what happened to Nehemiah.

God called him to rebuild the broken walls of Jerusalem. The work was almost complete when the enemy changed his strategy. Instead of attacking the wall, they attacked the builder. They invited Nehemiah to meetings he never needed to attend. They spread

Staying focused on the assignment

lies about him. They questioned his motives. They tried to intimidate him with fear.

Why? Because they knew something many believers forget. If they could get Nehemiah off the wall, they could stop the work. Nehemiah's response still echoes through history: "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down." (Nehemiah 6:3) I love that response. He didn't argue. He didn't defend himself. He didn't chase every rumor. He didn't stop building just to prove someone wrong. He simply stayed focused on the assignment God had given him.

Can I encourage you with something? Not every invitation deserves your attention. Not every criticism deserves your response. Not every opportunity is from God. Sometimes the greatest act of faith is simply refusing to come down from what God has called you to build. The enemy knows he may not be able to destroy your calling, so he'll try to distract you from it.

He'll fill your schedule with good things until you no longer have time for the God thing. He'll convince you to spend more time explaining yourself than obeying God. He'll whisper fear into your heart, hoping you'll

quit just before your breakthrough. But Nehemiah teaches us something powerful.

When the pressure increased, he didn't panic. He prayed. One of the shortest prayers in Scripture says everything we need to hear: "Now strengthen my hands." (Nehemiah 6:9) Notice what he prayed. He didn't ask God to remove every obstacle. He asked God for the strength to finish. Sometimes we're asking God to make life easier, while God is trying to make us stronger.

The assignment God has given you is worth finishing. Maybe your wall is your marriage. Maybe it's raising your children. Maybe it's rebuilding your faith after disappointment. Maybe it's your ministry, your business, your health, or the dream God placed in your heart years ago. Whatever God has called you to build, don't abandon it because the opposition has increased.

In fact, your greatest resistance may be the greatest evidence that you're closer than you think. So this week, every time distraction comes...Every time criticism stings...Every time fear whispers...Declare these words over your life: "I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down."

Stay on the wall. Keep building. Finish what God called you to start. Because the God who gave you the assignment will also give you the strength to complete it.

Let's Pray:

Father, thank You for every assignment You have placed in my hands. Forgive me for allowing distractions, fear, or the opinions of others to pull my focus away from You. Strengthen my hands when I grow weary, steady my heart when opposition comes, and remind me that You are faithful to complete what You have started. Help me stay on the wall, finish my race, and bring glory to Your name. 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.

Summertime, Barney and my daddy

This article is from July 11, 2025.

Summertime for teachers is a rollercoaster of emotions. First, there's the "phew, we survived!" phase, where we recover from the end-of-the-year chaos and celebrate with no alarm clocks, pajamas til noon, and deep couch sitting. Then comes the "family bonding extravaganza" where we pack in all the summer fun and trips we can think of, sprinkled with a generous heap of "mandatory fun," also known as professional development (which seems to get longer as the summers get shorter, but I digress). Finally, the last little bit is a whirlwind of relaxation, family time, mild panic, and frantic planning for the new school year. We purposefully don't look at the calendar and pretend that every day is the first day of June. Until someone asks the dreaded question, and we're forced to face the reality that we are indeed not retired.

I accidentally looked at the calendar this week. I even counted the number of days I have before I report back to school on July 24, which is exactly 13 days from the time this article is published. It is officially my shortest summer ever, but it has been one of the most meaningful.

Since Momma passed away last October, I've had the joy of spending more time with my daddy. Growing up, Daddy worked and traveled a lot. He was always there for the

important moments, teaching moments, and crisis moments, and he always made sure we had at least one big family vacation each summer. But I don't remember just hanging out much (probably because I wasn't paying attention). As an adult, Daddy and I have been on mission trips together to Haiti, just the two of us. During those times, I was in "mission" mode, and I'm sure I didn't take notice of the nuances of his personality that make him uniquely and individually himself. The same is true of the multiple family vacations we have taken over the years with our children. However, recently my husband and I have shared lots of meals, day trips, and regular moments together with Daddy, and I am paying attention.

This week, I was able to take our daughter's babies to visit Popa, his chosen grandparent name. I watched him tear up as he remembered their mommy sitting on his couch, watching "Barney", and eating a snack, safe and content. It made me reflect, too.

Growing up, I can see that Daddy was a wonderful provider. He loved us by working hard and creating a good name for himself in our community that would be a blessing for our family. I can look back at pictures and videos now of him with our children, and I see his nurturing and playful side that I may have missed in the hustle of raising ba-

bies. I remember watching him create traditions with them like going on afternoon boat rides across Logan Martin Lake to get peanuts and eating "Popa-corn" on the couch with them, watching "Barney", all snuggled up under his arm, safe and content.

These memories are mingled with the most recent images of him caring for Momma. Being the main caregiver for someone with a terminal illness is exhausting and devastating, yet Daddy did it with perseverance and grace (though he will say he was frustrated sometimes, it was not the norm). Outwardly, he maintained the face of strength and stability, while quietly bearing the heavy weight of grief. He got up every day, laid out her medicine, helped with her personal needs, prayed and read God's Word with her, cleaned, cooked, and cared.

In thinking about both of these sets of memories and the present, the consistent threads are: dependability, nurture, humor (with a hint of sarcasm), and love. These threads, intertwined with the fibers of his burning heart for Jesus, the passion of his Italian heritage, the melody of his life song, and the thrill of his adventurous spirit, make up the rich tapestry that is my daddy.

I know I am blessed. Not only did I have a good daddy growing up, my children and theirs have a wonderful Popa. What's more, I still have him as an adult, with enough



Memoir Musings

Sandra Bost

perspective to truly appreciate him. I get to seize moments together and learn from him. I get to hang out with him in the summertime, have breakfast at the Waffle House, and watch him make core memories with his great-grandchildren.

Maybe your summer has been non-existent or too short. Maybe your dad has gone on to Gloryland or was never really present in your life. The encouragement for today is this: God's love for you is constant and unwavering. Just as the summer sun shines brightly, His love and grace are weaving a tapestry of beautiful moments just for you. May you embrace these moments, cherish the memories you create, and know that you are deeply loved by a Heavenly Father.

I love you, Daddy. Thank you for loving us like Jesus.

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Glencoe High School launches inaugural wrestling program

After years of community interest, Glencoe High School is launching its first wrestling program, with the inaugural season set to begin in November.

Coaches Ethan Stevenson and Baylor Osborn said wrestling has experienced significant growth across the country and throughout Alabama, creating strong demand for the sport in the Glencoe community.

Glencoe High School Principal Brian Alred, played a key role in making the program a priority and helping bring wrestling opportunities to students interested in the sport.

To lead the new program, Alred selected Ethan Stevenson as head coach. Stevenson has wrestled since childhood and has spent the past seven years coaching youth wrestling at Southside. Stevenson came highly recommended and was a natural choice to build the program from the ground up.

"I'm just grateful to have the opportunity to be the first head wrestling coach at Glencoe," Stevenson said.

Stevenson and his wife, Tatum, have a 4-year-old son, Kash.

Joining the coaching staff is Baylor Osborn, who previously served as an assistant wrestling coach at Springville High School during the program's most successful season in school history.

A Hokes Bluff High School graduate, Osborn earned a degree from Jacksonville State University. Before joining the Etowah County School System last month at Glencoe High School, Osborn spent the majority of his teaching career at Springville Middle and High schools. Osborn teaches social studies and also serves as an offensive line coach for the football team.

At Springville, Osborn coached under head coach Matthew Lee and assistants Tim Hetitch and Andy Olson.

"That was my first true experience in a wrestling program," Osborn said. "I learned so much from those men and gained a love and respect for the sport. Under Coach Lee's direction, we had the best season in program history. We finished second in the state in duals, losing to Scottsboro, as well as earning a number of individual and team accolades."

Osborn and his wife Abigail recently welcomed their daughter, Presley.



Submitted photo
Ethan Stevenson, Glencoe's new wrestling coach, with his wife, Tatum, and son, Kash.

The wrestling schedule is currently being finalized, with several competition dates already selected. Stevenson and Osborn said the complete schedule will be released at a later date. The season is expected to begin in mid-November and conclude in February.

Students interested in joining the team will be able to register through the Etowah County School System's ParentSquare platform or by contacting Stevenson at ethanstevenson.62@gmail.com or Osborn at baylor_osborn@ecboe.org. A parent meeting will be announced in



Submitted photo
Baylor Osborn, wrestling staff, his wife, Abigail,
and daughter, Presley.

the coming weeks.

The coaches said they are grateful for the support shown by Alred and the Glencoe community as the program gets underway.

"We are excited for this program to finally get started," the coaches said. "This is a great opportunity for these kids."

Because the wrestling program is in its inaugural season, sponsorships and donations are welcome as they establish the team and prepare for its first year of competition.

Robbins helps North to All-Star golf victory

Westbrook Christian's Jackson Robbins helped the North team claim a victory in the boys' competition during the AHSAA North-South All-Star Sports Week golf matches Monday at Arrowhead Country Club in Montgomery.

Robbins teamed with Jonah Turner of Hewitt-Trussville

to earn a 10.5-7.5 match-play victory, helping the North defeat the South, 48.5-41.5.

Adam Russell of Spain Park earned North MVP honors after winning his individual match 12-6 and helping the North capture three of the five boys' match-play contests.

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The company has continued to expand its reach since becoming a traveling promotion in 2021. Coleman said New South is the only traveling wrestling promotion in Alabama, hauling its own ring from city to city, setting it up before each event and breaking it down after the crowd leaves. That mobility has allowed the promotion to perform across the Southeast, with Coleman saying the company now hosts six to eight shows each month, making this its busiest and most successful year to date. Growth hasn't changed the partners' long-term vision. Coleman said they hope to eventually produce weekly episodic content that builds storylines leading into major events. "We don't have anything that builds up to when we come to Gadsden," Coleman said. "So, if we have something that's episodic, everybody can watch it and follow us wherever we go, instead of just showing up at a show and being excited. They'll actually know what's going on." That vision comes together at the anniversary show on Aug. 8, which Coleman compared to wrestling's "Royal Rumble."

It serves as the company's biggest event of the year, where major storylines conclude and championships can change hands. Another milestone for New South this year has been the establishment of its women's division. The anniversary show will feature three women's matches, including appearances by Stardom Joshi wrestlers from Japan. This year's card features former WWE star Matt Riddle teaming with WWE developmental wrestler Stallion Rodgers. Fans will also see a double bull rope tug match, where two teams are connected by bull ropes with a cowbell in the center, featuring Bama's Best against The Program. The night's main event will pit Wall Tyler Stevens against JAC inside a steel cage. "There's no limit to what wrestlers can be," Coleman said. "Wrestling is whatever you want it to be. You have people dressing up in costumes being superheroes or supervillains; they can be whatever." For Coleman and his partners, the anniversary show is more than the company's biggest event of the year. It's the latest step toward building the regional wrestling promotion they have envisioned since New South first opened its doors in Hartselle more than a decade ago.



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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE.

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jeremy B Davies, a married man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns, on May 12, 2023, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3557764; the undersigned PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on August 20, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot Number Fifteen (15) in Block Number Nine (9) of Rainbow Park, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Pages 18 and 19, Probate Office, of Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 600 Palace Ave., Rainbow City, AL 35906. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This the 22nd day of July, 2026.

G & M Homes, LLC, Mortgagee /s/ James C. Inzer, III Inzer, Haney, McWhorter & Haney, LLC Attorney for Mortgagee

July 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Kenton R. Hardy was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/26/2026 to the Estate of Henry Lewis Hardy, Sr., deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Elizabeth Elliott was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/18/2026 to the Estate of Kenneth Alton Lassester, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Elizabeth Elliott was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/18/2026 to the Estate of Barbara Juanise Lassester, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Elizabeth Elliott was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/18/2026 to the Estate of Barbara Juanise Lassester, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Ala-

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Blane Nix was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/20/2026 to the Estate of Andy Nix a/k/a Andy Floyd Nix, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Tabitha Lorraine Parris was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/17/2026 to the Estate of Stacey Lynn Alldredge, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Amy Kathleen McDill Walton was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/09/2026 to the Estate of Wanda Nell McDill, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Matthew Brian Waller was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 05/26/2026 to the Estate of Elizabeth Ann Radcliffe Waller, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Sarah Lynn Nation was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/11/2026 over the Estate of Perry Ellis Wain, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Matthew Mabrey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 12/12/2025 over the Estate of Barbara Laverne Pritchett, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Valerie W. Johnson and John Curtis Wright, II was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 06/04/2026 to the Estate of Helen Wright, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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Larissa Grannelle Rice was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/09/2026 over the Estate of Donna Roden Hicks, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Jose Marcos Cruz was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/10/2026 over the Estate of Marcos Cruz Alarcon, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Sylenia Belle Wilson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/10/2026 over the Estate of Bradley Scott Wilson, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

John C. McLean, Conservator was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/09/2026 over the Estate of Sally McLean, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Theodore Noah Henry was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/10/2026 to the Estate of Leilani Sue Myers, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Frank W. Bailey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/09/2026 over the Estate of Donald Wayne Wiggs, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Cyndi McElroy was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/12/2026 over the Estate of Robert McElroy, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Cerry Mike Greer was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/23/2026 to the Estate of Rayfyl IL Greer, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Stephanie Garrard and Jackie Garrard was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/07/2026 to the Estate of Deloris Faye Harrison, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Ala-



bama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

David Benton King, Esq. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/08/2026 to the Estate of Janice Collier, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Danny P. Brady was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/22/2026 to the Estate of Jeffery S. Hopper, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Patrick Keith Hill was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/22/2026 to the Estate of Mary Lou Hill, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Mary Lorlene Rodgers Harden was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/09/2026 to the Estate of Rosa Retencie Rodgers Holland, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Christian Prater was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/10/2026 over the Estate of Lawrence L. Prater, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF GLENN DAVID TURNER, Deceased.

CASE NO.: 2026-00454

Notice is hereby given that on July 29, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. a hearing is set to be heard in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama on the disposition of the remains of Glenn David Turner, date of birth: August 25, 1963, date of death June 18, 2026 and last known address being Northside Healthcare, 700 Hutchins Ave., Gadsden, AL 35901. Done this the 22nd day of July, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 24, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF: White, Justin DECEASED.

Case No.: 2026-00455

You will take notice that a Petition for Disposition of Remains filed by Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory, for the disposition of the remains of Justin White, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 12th day of July, 2026, is set to be heard on the 28th day of July, 2026, alleging that there are no known next of kin to take custody of the remains of the Decedent.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this matter or desire to take custody of the remains of the Decedent of the proper disposition,

you must file a written response within two (2) days of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Courthouse, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901. DONE THIS THE 22nd DAY OF JULY, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARGARET GALBREATH, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2026-422

TO: Gary Brown and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 17th day of AUGUST 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 2ND DAY OF JULY 2026

Scott Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: ALFRED GOSSETT, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2026-426

TO: Any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 18 day of AUGUST 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JULY 2026 Scott Hassell PROBATE JUDGE

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: GEORGE JOHNSTON, INCAPACITATED Case #: F15,188-92 TO: Any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 18th day of AUGUST 2026 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JULY 2026

Scott Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

July 10, 17, and 24, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MALCOLM WELLS, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2025-755

TO: Amanda Wells Rectenwald and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 19 day of AUGUST 2026 at 2:00 P.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Peti-

tion, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 13TH DAY OF JULY 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate
July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 2026-00306

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOYCE LORRAINE WOODS POSEY, DECEASED.

TO: KELVIN WOODS AND ULANDAUS WOODS; whereabouts unknown

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 1st day of September, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Joyce Lorraine Woods Posey, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent. DONE THIS THE 14th DAY OF July 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN WILLIS JOLLEY, DECEASED .

Case No.: 2026-00071

TO: LITA BRUCE; whereabouts unknown.

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 8th day of September, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Patricia Ann Willis Jolley, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent. DONE THIS THE 15th DAY OF July 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: YANG "KUMI" FLYNN, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2026-241

TO: Gavin Flynn and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 18th day of AUGUST 2026 at 2:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JULY 2026

Scott W. Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

July 17, 24, and 31, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: PHYLLIS JONES, INCAPACITATED Case #: 2025-409 TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 2ND day of SEPTEMBER, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 21ST DAY OF JULY 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: LOWELL JONES, INCAPACITATED Case #: 2025-410

TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 2ND day of SEPTEMBER, 202 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 21ST DAY OF JULY 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: CAMERON FLOWERS, A MINOR Case #: 2026-268

TO: Carlton Flowers and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP (MINOR) of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 2ND day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at 2:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 21ST DAY OF JULY 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

July 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA BOHANNON, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2023-00117

TO: CRYSTAL HASSE AND TIFFANY NUNN; whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court an instrument purporting to be in the Last Will and Testament of Patricia Bohannon, deceased, and a petition in writing and under oath praying for the admission to probate and record in this Court of said instrument as the true Last Will and Testament of the decedent. You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 8th day of September, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Patricia Bohannon, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent. Done this the 21st Day of July 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 24, 31, and August 7, 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

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CV-2026-900368

DWAYNE ROWE, Plaintiff,

vs.

EMMA LOU DAVIS, AGUSTA HALE, CORA HARRELL, JOE HARRELL, et al. Defendants.

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

The subject property is described as follows: Parcel #1:15-06-13-2-000-017.000 One (1) acre in the Northwest corner of the following described land; Six (6) acres in the Northwest corner of the Northeast-Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 of NW 1/4) Section (13) Township (12) Range (6) in East Gadsden Etowah County, Alabama, as shown of the Record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County Alabama. The above described acre being a square acre being the same property as described as Parcel #15-06-13-2-000-017.000.

Parcel #2:15-06-13-2-000-018.000 A lot or parcel of land 55 feet wide by 138 feet long and described as beginning at a point in the North line of the NE1/4 of the NW 1/4 which point is 10 feet Easterly measured along said North line from the Northwest corner of said forty; thence in a Southerly direction and parallel to the West line of said forty a distance of 138 feet to a point; thence in an Easterly direction and parallel to the North line of said forty a distance of 55 feet to a point; thence in a Northerly direction and parallel to said West line a distance of 138 feet to a point in the North line of the forty; thence in a westerly direction along the North line of said forty a distance of 55 feet to the point of beginning, and lying and being in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) in Section Thirteen (13) Township Twelve (12) South of Range Six (6) East, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel #3:15-06-13-2-000-054.000 Lot number 2 Block 1 in the Hale Subdivision G-323 East Gadsden, Section 13 Township 12S R 6E, Lying and Situated and being in Etowah County, Alabama, as recorded in Book 1792 page 101.

Done the 15th day of July, 2026.

/s/SONNY J. STEEN CIRCUIT JUDGE

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

July 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 2026

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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 % of the SE % 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 Plaintiff's 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
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

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**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

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

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

July 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2026

**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 infrastruc-

ture 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-HSIP-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-1059(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-CRQD-2815(256)
ETOWAH COUNTY,
ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Trans-

portation, 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, Planing, 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.

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JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director

July 10, 17, and 24, 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 I 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

INVITATION TO BID

**BID INFORMATION
A. Project:
Industrial Tank Recoating**

**B. Owner:
Attalla Water Works
Board**

**C.Engineer:
Canyon Engineering, LLC**

**1.2
ANNOUNCEMENT**

A. Your firm is invited to submit a sealed Bid for the project listed above. The Owner will receive Bids at the Attalla Water Works Board Office, located at 509 4th Street NW, Attalla, Alabama, 35954, until 11:00 AM local time on the 20th day of August 2026, at which time and place the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids not received by the indicated time will not be opened.

B. Project Description: Cleaning, blasting, minor repairs, recoating, and disinfecting of a 500,000 gallon welded steel elevated water tank known as the Industrial Tank.

C. Owner requires the Project to be completed in 60 calendar days.

D. Bidding Documents for a Unit Price contract may be obtained from the office of the Canyon Engineering, LLC, 1912 Gault Avenue N, Fort Payne, Alabama, 35967. Electronic copies will be available via a free download to all potential bidders. Paper sets are available upon receipt of a \$60.00 non-refundable amount per set.

E. Potential bidders may view the Bid Documents at the office of Canyon Engineering by appointment only.

F. Bidders will be required to provide Bid security according to the requirements in Document 002113 - Instructions to Bidders and Document 003100 - Available Project Information.

G. Refer to other Bidding requirements as described in Document 002113 - Instructions to Bidders and Document 003100 - Available Project Information.

H. Submit your Bid on the Bid Form provided. Bidders are required to submit the bid form, bid bond, and the E-Verify documents at the time of the bid. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder, the bidder's General Contractor's license number, the project name, and bid date. Bidders are asked not to submit the full contract documents and specifications book at the time of the bid.

I. Bidders must carry the Painting and Sandblasting construction classification as listed in the roster of the Alabama State Licensing Board for General Contractors to be considered for the award of the project.

J. Your Bid will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 calendar days after submission.

K. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to accept or reject any or all Bids.

**James G (Chuck) Chitwood, P.E.
President
Canyon Engineering
P.O. Box 680021
Fort Payne, AL 35968
(256) 558-0773
chuck@canyonengineer-ingllc.com**

July 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 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 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:
1GCDCC14Z6PZ122312

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-ZCZ63405S805382 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 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.

2017 Ford F-150 XLT
VIN: 1FTEW1CP1H-FB04542

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

July 24 and 31, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to WADE D. TYLER, P.O. BOX 141, FFFFE, ALABAMA 35971, 906 LAY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim

an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 906 LAY STREET (HOUSE) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Thirty One (31) in Block Thirty-one (31) in the Garden City Subdivision Number One (1) as recorded in Plat Book "C", Pages 408 and 409, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama. Tax Parcel ID: 15-01-11-2-000-232.000 PIN #: 30873. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

Brian Greer
BUILDING OFFICIAL
City of Gadsden
P.O. Box 267
Gadsden, AL 35902
(256) 549-4765

July 24, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to CORNELL D. GERMAN, JR. & PAULETTE R. CORDES, 1384 WHITE DRIVE, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29407, BESSIE HERRICK, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, 1324 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1324 STILLMAN AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot 7 Block 12, in the Goodyear Highlands Rearrangement in Plat Book C, Page 293, Section 11, Township 12 South, Range 6 East, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax Parcel No: 15-01-11-3-000-323.000 PIN: 31409. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to MIA BEATRICE ANDERSON, 1100 JACKSONVILLE COURT, APT D, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1344 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, F&L PROPERTIES LLC, 1824 APPALACHIAN HWY, GADSDEN, AL 35903, OCCUPANT - 1311 STROUD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, JUSTIN CHATTAM – 1100 JACKSONVILLE COURT, APT D, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1344 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 1311 STROUD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, CLIFTON JEROME SIMPSON – 1100 JACKSONVILLE COURT, APT D, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1344 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 1311 STROUD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION (WINSOUTH CREDIT UNION), 110 S. 26TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 513 HILLIER STREET (HOUSE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: A parcel in the SE 14 of Section 32, Township 11 South, Range 6 East more particularly described as: Commence at the intersection of the North right of way line of Tuscaloosa Avenue and the West right of way line of North 11th Street and run North along the West right of way line of North 11th Street a distance of 394.75 feet; thence deflect 87 degrees 36' left and run a distance of 91.25 feet; thence deflect 92 degrees 24' left and run a distance of 50 feet to the point of beginning; thence deflect 92 degrees 24' left and run a distance of 82.75 feet to a point on the East right of way line of Hillier Street; thence deflect 92 degrees 24' left and run South along the East right of way line of Hillier Street 43.74 feet to a point; thence deflect 87 degrees 36' left and go a distance of 82.75 feet to a fence; thence deflect 92 degrees 24' left and go North along fence 4.75 feet to the point of beginning all being situated in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Lot Number Thirty-one (31) in Block Thirty-one (31) in the Garden City Subdivision Number One (1) as recorded in Plat Book

in Plat Book "B", Page 84, Probate Office, Etowah County, lying and being in East Gadsden, Alabama. Tax Parcel ID: 15-01-11-3-000-490.000 PIN #: 31353. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to MICHAEL STALL-WORTH, 740 WOOD VALLEY RD SW, MABLETON, GA 30126, 1129 BRETWOOD DRIVE, GADSDEN, AL 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1129 BRETWOOD DRIVE (COMMERCIAL BUILDING) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Parcel One: Lot 12 and Lot 13, Block H in the Highland Park Addition according to the map thereof, recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 164, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, situated in City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Parcel Two: Lot 13, Block H in the Highland Park Addition according to the map thereof, recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 164, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, situated in City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Tax Parcel No: 10-09-32-4-000-084.000 PIN: 19786. Tax Parcel No: 10-09-32-4-000-083.000 PIN: 19785. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to LISA TINKER, 513 HILLERY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF NOBLE BANK & TRUST, 1509 QUINTARD AVE, ANNISTON, ALABAMA 36201, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF BILLY F. BILLINGSLEY AND WIFE SHEILA BILLINGSLEY, 931 HOLLY ST, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3923, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 513 HILLIER STREET (HOUSE) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: A parcel in the SE 14 of Section 32, Township 11 South, Range 6 East more particularly described as: Commence at the intersection of the North right of way line of Tuscaloosa Avenue and the West right of way line of North 11th Street and run North along the West right of way line of North 11th Street a distance of 394.75 feet; thence deflect 87 degrees 36' left and run a distance of 91.25 feet; thence deflect 92 degrees 24' left and run a distance of 50 feet to the point of beginning; thence deflect 92 degrees 24' left and run a distance of 82.75 feet to a point on the East right of way line of Hillier Street; thence deflect 92 degrees 24' left and run South along the East right of way line of Hillier Street 43.74 feet to a point; thence deflect 87 degrees 36' left and go a distance of 82.75 feet to a fence; thence deflect 92 degrees 24' left and go North along fence 4.75 feet to the point of beginning all being situated in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Lot Number Thirty-one (31) in Block Thirty-one (31) in the Garden City Subdivision Number One (1) as recorded in Plat Book

B-159 GADSDEN 1-12-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement. Brian Greer BUILDING OFFICIAL City of Gadsden P.O. Box 267 Gadsden, AL 35902 (256) 549-4529

July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JERRY W FRANKLIN, 2109 CANSLER AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2109 CANSLER AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-06-4-000-165.000 PIN# 38443

LT 14 BLK 12 OAK PARK ADD PLAT B-200 6-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JEFFREY C. BOWERS & ETALS AND WF TAEGAN A BOWERS AND WILLIAM G RICKS, 305 HOWELL CIRCLE, GADSDEN, AL 35904-2121, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 509 WILSON STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-383.000 PIN# 50605

LT 4 BLK 7 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1-12-5 1231-295 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MILTON C CHAPMAN, 803 SLACK STREET, GADSDEN, AL 35901-5015, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 601 RANDALL STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-02-09-2-000-290.000 PIN# 35034

LT 2 BLK 7 TURRENTINE PARK PLAT A-84 9-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JAMIL H ALHIJAZEEN, 154 AUDREY LANE,

GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3711 MADISON AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-257.000 PIN# 49989

LT 20 BLK 1 JAMES H PRUETT ADD PLAT D-135 GADSDEN 1-12-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to TONI WILSON COUSIN, 1411 CENTRE AVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-4665, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 928 HOLLY STREET (County records list property as 926 Holly St.) in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-08-1-000-056.000 PIN# 39887

LOT 11 BLK 8 WOODLAWN ADD PLAT A 15 GADSDEN 8-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to NICKY DEAN GREENHAW & WF JANICE L, 399 MACHEN ROAD, ASHVILLE, ALABAMA 35953, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1826 HALL STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-04-17-0-001-011.000 PIN# 40479

T 130' X 163.5' X 156' X 159' 165(S) BEING PT OF LT 20 BLK B GADSDEN REALTY CO SUB PLAT C-171 17-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to HERMAN G WALLACE & WF PAMELA, 1616 FILLMORE AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1616 FILLMORE AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-08-3-000-207.000 PIN# 39632

LOTS 2 & 3 BLK 38 SOUTH GADSDEN ADD PLAT B-314 8-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ZELBRA LYNN ROBERTS, 11502 SCOTTISCHE LANE, KILLEEN, TEX-AS 76542, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1123 CHRISTOPHER AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-318.000 PIN# 37422

LT 11 BLK 8 GADSDEN LAND & IMPROVEMENT CO PLAT A-23 GADSDEN 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to BETTY S MATTHEWS, 1018 CHESTNUT STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3918, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1018 CHESTNUT STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-101.000 PIN# 37110

LOT 9 & E 10' OF LOT 7 BLK 14 GADSDEN LAND AND INP CO'S KYLE ADD A-23 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ELIJAH BYNUM, 1016 CHESTNUT STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3918, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1016 CHESTNUT STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-102.000 PIN# 37111

LT 11 & W 25' LT 13 BLK 14 GAD LAND & IMP CO PLAT A-23 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to LYNN C RICHARDSON & SIDNEY RICHARDSON, 1011 SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1013 SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-08-1-000-274.000 PIN# 40129

PT LOT 4 BLK 1 E C JONES EST E OF HOLLY ST 8-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ELOY A MENDEZ & LEISA HERNANDEZ-MURILLO, 800 HOMAN STREET, LEESBURG, ALABAMA 35983, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1500 FOURTH AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-3-000-109.000 PIN# 36978

LT 1 BLK 13 HILL & CANSLER ADD PLAT A-74 GADSDEN 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ROSVEL LARA ZAZUETA AND ASHLEY CHARLENE BOZEMAN, 2329 NORRIS AVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2327 NORRIS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-06-1-000-270.000 PIN# 37841

LT 11 BLK 32 ALFORD'S 2ND ADD PLAT A-308 GADSDEN 6-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to BRITTANY MOORE, 1 PRIMROSE ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1539, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30

p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1 PRIMROSE STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-101.000 PIN# 10593

LT 129 PARCEL 2 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F-53 36-11-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to R A PARKER, 21 MARSTON AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 14 MARSTON AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-403.000 PIN# 18829

LT 73 PARCEL 3 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F-55 GADSDEN 31-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to ALISHA NAPIER, 4051 ROBINHOOD ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2805 WATERS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-003.000 PIN# 49133

LT 14 BLK 3 SMITHS 1ST ADD PLAT B 159 GADSDEN 1-12-5 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to PATRICA GAIL BOWEN, 519 WASHINGTON ST, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2451, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, August 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 516 WASHINGTON STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LTS 17-18 BLK 4 EWING GARNER ADD PLAT A 53 GADS 3-12-6 Tax ID#: 15-02-03-2-000-074.000 PIN# 32612

Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,785.12 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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Notice is hereby given to PAULINE ANITA WEISS, 1420 GOSS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3243 believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 1420 GOSS AVENUE in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 5 BLK 2 COLLEGE HEIGHTS 2ND ADD PLAT D-73 14-12-6 Tax ID#: 15-06-14-2-000-298.000 PIN# 44034

Should be assessed with a lien of \$3,101.32 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to USA RESCUE, INC, P O BOX 553, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 1408 ALABAMA AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 14 BLK 3 INTERURBAN LAND COM 1ST ADD PLAT B-206 3-12-6 Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-067.000 PIN# 36657

Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,800.12 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to LORI CARTER & HUSB KEVIN GOODNIGHT, 710 DODGE LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 710 DODGE LANE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: SE COR LOT 128 ARGYLE HILLS PLAT G-67 TH S 230 TO N ROW OF DODGE LN TH W 100 ALONG ROW TH N 230 THE 100 TO POB LYING IN NE1/4 NE1/4 29-11-6 Tax ID#: 10-09-29-1-000-008.001 PIN# 17440

Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,830.80 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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Notice is hereby given to LORI CARTER & HUSB KEVIN GOODNIGHT, 710 DODGE LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 710 DODGE LANE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: SE COR LOT 128 ARGYLE HILLS PLAT G-67 TH S 230 TO N ROW OF DODGE LN TH W 100 ALONG ROW TH N 230 THE 100 TO POB LYING IN NE1/4 NE1/4 29-11-6 Tax ID#: 10-09-29-1-000-008.001 PIN# 17440

Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,830.80 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to FRANKIE HUNTLEY, 1114 WELLS AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below,

that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 1623 HARLEM AVENUE (County records list property as 1625 Harlem Avenue) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 13 BLK 11 HARLEM CITY SUB PLAT C-367 GADSDEN LESS ROW 13-12-6 Tax ID#: 15-06-13-1-000-120.000 PIN# 42632

Should be assessed with a lien of \$3,252.32 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to J. K. SMITH PROPERTIES, LLC, 117 COLLEGE AVENUE, BOAZ, ALABAMA 35957, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 67 W. TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 32 PARCEL #2 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F-53 36-11-5 Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-040.000 PIN# 10529

Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,395.30 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MARC F. PAIGE, P.O. BOX 7113, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35906, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 52 W. TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 14 CONE MILLS PARCEL #2 PLAT F-53 GADSDEN 36-11-5 Tax ID#: 09-07-36-4-000-022.000 PIN# 10511

Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,311.10 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to CAMERON E. CLAYTON, 129 PENN DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 128 PENN DRIVE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-05-15-1-000-042.000

