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Rural King opens Gadsden location, grand opening set for Friday

Rural King, a family-owned retailer, announced the opening of its newest Alabama store in Gadsden, marking the company's eighth location in the state.

Grand opening festivities will take place Friday, July 31, through Sunday, Aug. 2, featuring Rural King specials and competitive prices on items throughout the store. New customers who enroll in RK Rewards at the Gadsden store during grand opening weekend will be automatically entered to win one of four \$500 Rural King gift cards. Customers can also enjoy a complimentary bottle of Rural King water during their visit.

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Cosby reflects on 33-year career

By Karla McArthur
Reporter

After 33 years with Etowah County Schools, Superintendent Dr. Alan Cosby is finishing his final week with the district before retiring Aug. 1, closing a career that began in the classroom and culminated in 16 years as the system's superintendent.

Cosby, whose mother and grandmother were both educators in Etowah County, began his career with the district in 1993 as a seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher at Rainbow Middle School. After seven years in the classroom, he became assistant principal at Rainbow Middle before later serving as principal.

He later transferred to Southside High School as principal before being named superintendent, a position he has held for the past 16 years.

Cosby earned a bachelor's degree in education from Jacksonville State University, a master's degree in education from the University of Alabama, an educational specialist degree in administration from Jacksonville State and a doctorate from the University of Alabama.

As retirement approaches, Cosby said he feels ready for the next chapter, though leaving education after a lifetime in schools feels unfamiliar.

"Education is all I've ever known," Cosby said. "My mother was an educator, my grandmother was an educator, so school or something about school is all I've known for my entire life."

While he described retirement as "uncharted waters," Cosby said he is looking forward to new opportunities.

Submitted photo

Alan Cosby with his wife, Jeannie (left), Alan, and sons, Hayes (second from the right) and Johnson (right).

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Stroke survivor shares her journey of recovery, resilience and hope

By Karla McArthur
Reporter

Three years after suffering a life-threatening stroke while vacationing in the Bahamas, Anna Moore is continuing to rebuild her life, using her experience to encourage others facing difficult recoveries.

At age 38, Moore considered herself healthy and active. She exercised regularly, ate well and monitored a known brain aneurysm through routine MRIs every three months. Doctors considered the aneurysm low risk, and Moore experienced no warning signs before collapsing on June 3, 2023.

Moore's husband, a physical therapist, performed CPR for approximately 40 minutes while family members strug-

gled to direct paramedics to their vacation home. Moore was transported to a local clinic initially, then flown to Nassau before being airlifted to Florida and eventually transferred to Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where she spent 40 days recovering.

"The reality set in when I got home," Moore said. "I left healthy and came back unable to use my left hand or even go upstairs by myself."

Having two young daughters to care for, Moore said that's when the mental battles gripped her. "I had to change my mindset because I was in a bad, dark place," she said. "You have to ask for help," she added. "People are ready and willing to help, but you have to let them."

Moore credits her husband,

family, friends and church community at First Baptist Church Gadsden with helping her through the darkest days of her recovery.

Moore said there were definitely moments when she had questions and thoughts she'd never had before, saying that her Christian beliefs, friends and family helped her to stay positive. "No doubt about it, I mean I crashed two times and somehow...He kept me here," Moore said. "I know I have a purpose, and I'm determined to find out what it is."

Today, Moore has regained her cognitive abilities and continues weekly physical therapy.

"Recovery doesn't have a limit," she said. "You have to put in the work every day."

One of the biggest advances in her rehabilitation came through a Bioness L300 Go device, which uses electrical stimulation to improve foot movement and walking. The device significantly improved her mobility and confidence.

Moore hopes greater awareness will one day make similar technology more accessible to stroke survivors.

"My message is one of hope," she said. "Don't stay in that dark place. Ask for help, lean on the people around you and don't give up."

Moore continues working toward two personal goals: running again and riding a bicycle.

"I'll keep going to therapy because stopping would mean giving up," she said. "I'm not settling."



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NEWS



Gadsden Museum of Art transformed areas of its gallery with the addition of a new upstairs classroom, new flooring and a new exhibition room for local artists, accord to Ray Wetzel, GMA’s director. The renovations were made as the building was updating to fire code standards, which will allow for the museum to book larger shows that travel to other museums, Wetzel said.

An increased interest in art classes left the museum in need of additional space and the remodel allowed the museum the time to construct one in the large open gallery upstairs (bottom two photos).

In addition to the new classroom, Wetzel’s former office was renovated into a new space that will allow community artists to display their work (pictured above and below).



OBITUARY



Margaret Anne Komoroski

Anne Komoroski (nee Price) was born on April 23, 1928, to Dr. Emmett and Margaret Price in Washington, D.C. At 98 years of age, she is survived by her children Christine, John, Michael, William, and their spouses. Anne is also survived by her grandchildren Gunner, Karson, Daisy, and Poppy; and,

many dear friends including Gwen Bonner and Paula Wilkerson.

Anne was a Registered Nurse for 45 years and was passionate about helping people. She loved the Bahamian beaches with their clear blue water, white sand, and lush greenery. Anne loved her animals (especially her cat, Tucker) and was an accomplished artist, as well as Mahjong player.

Anne was a proud Daughter of the American Revolution. She was very active in clubs and organizations associated with St. James Catholic Church.

A memorial service will be held at St. James Catholic Church, 622 Chestnut St., Gadsden AL on Tuesday August 4 at 1 pm. A repast will follow the service at the church in Setton Hall.

OBITUARY

Christine Adams Moody

Christine Adams Moody, born Christine Marie in Akron, Ohio, will be laid to rest on Friday, August 7. A resident of Gadsden, Alabama since 1952, she was known for her love of Disney, her enthusiasm for the Atlanta Braves, and her enjoyment of travel.

She is survived by her son, David Adams Moody; her daughter-in-law, Erica Su-

zanne Moody and her granddaughter, Mallory Margaret Moody, of Orlando, Florida.

Visitation will be held at 2:00 PM on August 7, followed by a service at 3:00 PM at First United Methodist Church of Gadsden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the YMCA of Gadsden or to the Theatre Department (Fund Code 0164) at the College of William & Mary.

CLUB NEWS

Mah Jongg Social Club 2nd quarter updates

Members of the Mah Jongg Social Club spent the second quarter of the year adjusting to the new 2026 National Mah Jongg League card. Players said this year’s card features several open hands with singles and pairs, making for a particularly challenging game.

The club expressed its appreciation to Wendy Jardeet for chairing the National Mah Jongg Day celebration in April and to Barbara Russell for hosting the event at her home.

Birthday wishes were extended to Becky Campbell, who celebrated in April, and Linda Behrens, who celebrated in June. Members also recognized America’s 250th birthday.

Wednesday Winners

April

First, Connie Coley, 2,235 points; second (tie), Genni Arledge and Wendy Jardeet, 1,415 points each; third, Donna Spraggins, 1,395 points.

May

First, Wendy Jardeet, 1,760 points; second, Donna Spraggins, 1,255 points; third, Gwen Bonner, 830 points.

Genni Arledge and Gwen Bonner each made the 2026 “big hand,” worth 75 points.

June

First, Donna Spraggins, 1,350 points; second, Wendy Jardeet, 1,195 points; third, Barbara Russell, 985 points.

Donna Spraggins also made the 2026 “big hand,” worth 75 points, during June play.

Friday Winners

April

First, Wendy Jardeet, 530 points; second, Connie Coley, 305 points; third, Donna Spraggins, 275 points.

The club congratulated all of its second-quarter winners.

Members also asked the community to keep several individuals in their thoughts and prayers, including Donna Spraggins’ cousin, Lisa Crawford; her sister, Barbara, of Ohio; Eva Timmons’ daughter, Shea, who was recently hospitalized in Tennessee; Anne Komoroski, one of the club’s original players; and Donna Spraggins, who is recovering from a recent procedure in Birmingham. The club also thanked Wendy Jardeet for taking such good care of Donna during her recovery.

The club encouraged everyone to visit On the Hunt, a family-owned business located at Third and Locust streets and operated by club member Sherry Hunt.

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Slide the City photo contest winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Slide the City photo contest on Facebook.

Congratulations to the winners:

First Place: Deláshes Peterson submitted this photo of her husband Tevin and son Kai. (Pictured right).

Second Place: Submitted by Nila Gunter of her son Titan Gunter. (Below left).

Third Place: Submitted by Jamie Nolen Armstrong of her daughter Emma Armstrong, 6. (Bottom right).

We received so many submissions that we wanted to share a few additional photos that captured the events of the day.

Bottom left was submitted by Jarian Rich.

Below right was submitted by Heather Parks Ross.

To see more photos of Slide the City submitted by our readers visit our website gadsdenmessenger.com.



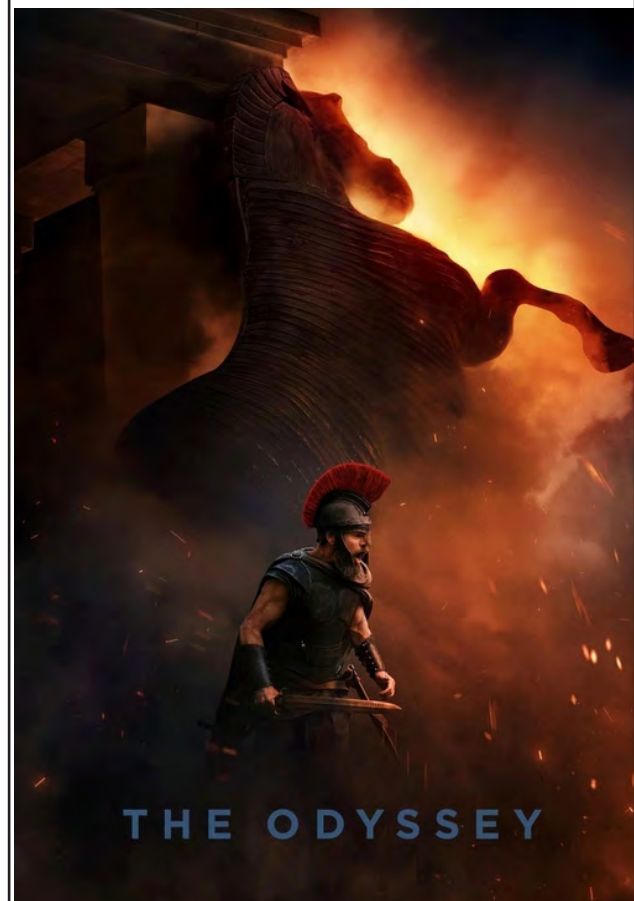
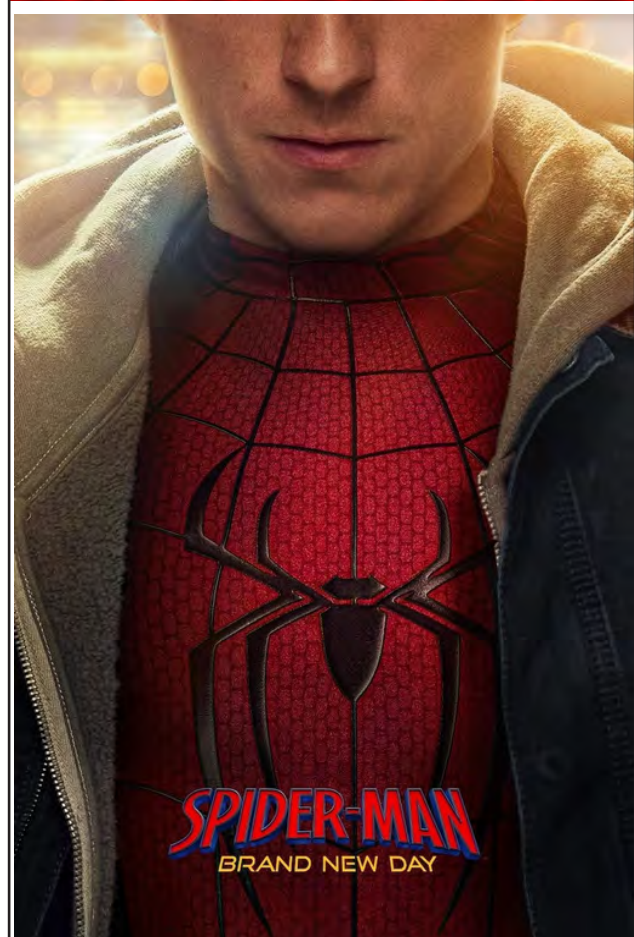
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EDUCATION

GSCC's Cherokee Campus breaks nursing enrolment record

Gadsden State Community College's Cherokee Campus is celebrating a major milestone this summer after welcoming the largest nursing cohort in the campus's history.

"This is an exciting milestone for our Cherokee Campus and our community," said Randi Wright, director of Gadsden State's Cherokee Campus. "We are proud to have welcomed our largest class yet and look forward to seeing the impact these students will have on the communities they will one day serve."

Although the campus received 90 applications for its Associate Degree Nursing program, 54 students were accepted for the summer term.

"The record number of applications demonstrates the

growing interest in our nursing program and reinforces the important role Gadsden State plays in preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals."

Students in the program receive classroom instruction, hands-on laboratory training and clinical experiences that prepare them to provide patient care in a variety of healthcare settings.

"Healthcare employers across our region continue to need skilled, compassionate nurses, and we're seeing more students answer that call," Dr. Joey Battles, dean of Health Sciences, said.

Upon successful completion of the program and approval by the Board of Nursing, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Reg-

istered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The milestone reflects both the strength of Gadsden State's nursing program and the region's increasing need for qualified nurses, according to Battles.

Gadsden State's Nursing Program has built a strong reputation for preparing graduates to enter the workforce or continue their education while serving the healthcare needs of Northeast Alabama.

"The tremendous interest in our Cherokee Campus nursing program speaks to the quality of our faculty, the reputation of our graduates and the opportunities available to students who choose a career in nursing," Battles said. "We are excited to welcome this outstanding class and support them throughout their educational journey."



Submitted photo

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"I'm looking forward to what's next, and I'm looking forward to a little more flexibility," he said. "I'm eager to do some things that maybe I haven't had as much time to do but also pursuing some new challenges as well."

Although retiring from Etowah County Schools, Cosby said he is not leaving education entirely. He will join Jacksonville State University, working with President Dr. Don C. Killingsworth Jr. to promote and expand the university's presence, primarily in Etowah County and surrounding areas.

Looking back on his tenure, Cosby said one of his proudest accomplishments is the district's financial stability.

When he became superintendent in 2010, the system was recovering from several years of state proration.

"By law, each school system is supposed to have one month's operating expenses in the bank, and we were able to achieve that somewhere around 2011-2012," Cosby said.

Since then, the district has grown its operating reserve to more than 3.5 months of expenses, placing Etowah County Schools in what Cosby described as its strongest fiscal position ever.

He also pointed to the construction of new schools and facilities, the addition of air conditioning in all middle and high school gyms and the recent approval of LED lighting upgrades for football stadiums across the district.

Academically, Cosby said he is especially proud of the district earning its first A on the state's report card.

"You know, academically, we're sound," he said. "We're sound because we have good teachers day in and day out doing the hard work."

He said the achievement reflected the dedication of employees across the district.

"We want to always improve," he said, "but getting that A was a reflection of the good things that we do."

Cosby also said he is proud the district prepares graduates not only for college but also for careers and the workforce.

"I think our students are getting the skills they need daily, and that's our mission," he said.

Among other accom-

plishments, Cosby highlighted the district's success meeting the standards of Alabama's literacy and numeracy initiatives and expanding prekindergarten opportunities. He said he hopes those efforts continue until every family that wants pre-K has access.

Despite those accomplishments, Cosby was quick to credit others.

"Our school board and everyone associated with the system has been outstanding to work with over the years," he said. "The accomplishments of Etowah County Schools have not been because of me but because of a collective effort."

When asked about the greatest challenge of his career, Cosby pointed to the COVID-19 pandemic, which began disrupting schools in March 2020 and continued affecting opera-

tions into 2022.

"It was challenging because you want to focus on educating children but at the same time you're dealing with a myriad of other issues health-wise and sometimes perception-wise," Cosby said. "Everyone was trying to do the best they could with the information they had, but almost every decision could be interpreted as the wrong one."

The experience, he said, reinforced the value of patience in leadership.

"I've learned that it's okay to slow down sometimes; it's okay to not have all the answers," Cosby said. "I've made plenty of mistakes over the years, but I think those mistakes have hopefully guided me into making better decisions the next time."

He added that he and the Board of Education always

sought to make decisions they believed were in the best interests of students and staff.

Cosby also reflected on the many mentors who influenced his career and expressed gratitude for the support of his wife, Jeannie, and their sons, Johnson and Hayes.

"It's been a blessing," he said.

As he prepares to leave the district where his family has deep roots, Cosby said serving Etowah County Schools has been the greatest honor of his career.

"Being able to work in the school system where my mother taught, where my grandmother taught ... if I could have written a script when I started my career, I couldn't have written a better one."

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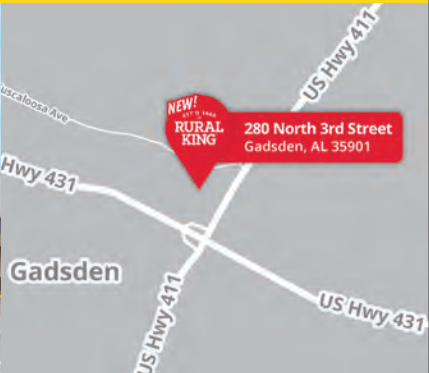
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EDUCATION

Ivey signs order to study screen-based learning

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

Gov. Kay Ivey Wednesday afternoon signed an executive order creating a commission dedicated to studying screen-based instruction.

The Commission on Screen-Based Instruction will study the risks, usage and benefits of screen-based instruction in K-12 classrooms across the state.

“Responsible use of classroom screen time is a top priority of my administration, and while we are already making a

difference by passing two signature laws to address it, we can still do more,” Ivey said in a statement Wednesday afternoon. “Children’s overexposure to screens is a barrier to classroom learning and the acquisition of critical emotional and social skills. We must continue exploring the proper role of screen time in classrooms of all ages.”

During the 2026 regular session, Ivey signed HB 78, sponsored by Rep. Jeana Ross, R-Guntersville. The bill set screen time limits for children up to five years old in licensed

child-care facilities. Ross also filed HB 584 which would have expanded the limits for all public school students, but the bill failed to pass before the Legislature adjourned in April.

Last year, Ivey signed the FOCUS Act into law which prohibits cell phones in classrooms and requires local boards of education to have internet safety policies.

The newly-created commission will submit a final report on its findings to Ivey, the Legislature and the Alabama State Department of Education by Dec. 1.



Estela Muñoz/Alabama Reflector

Gov. Kay Ivey delivers the State of the State Address at the Alabama State Capitol on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, in Montgomery, Ala. On Wednesday, Ivey signed an executive order that created a commission to study screen-based instruction in K-12 classrooms across the state.

JSU researcher receives grant for childhood cancer research

Jacksonville State University Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Le Su has been awarded a \$73,003.37 Extended Scholar Grant from the St. Baldrick’s Childhood Cancer Research Foundation to advance research aimed at understanding and treating aggressive childhood cancers.

The one-year award, which runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, will support Dr. Su’s investigation into CIC-DUX4 sarcoma (CDS), a rare and aggressive soft tissue cancer that affects children and young adults.

The grant, titled “Biology and Treatment of CIC-DUX4 Fusion-Driven Sarcoma,” will support Dr. Su as he and his laboratory continue studying how genetic abnormalities contribute to tumor development while exploring new therapeutic approaches that could improve outcomes for young

patients.

“This highly competitive award reflects both the quality and significance of Dr. Su’s research,” said Dr. Christie Shelton, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. “At Jax State, we are committed to supporting faculty whose research addresses real-world challenges while providing our students with opportunities to participate in meaningful discovery. Dr. Su’s work is an outstanding example of that mission in action.”

The St. Baldrick’s Childhood Cancer Research Foundation is the largest charity funder of childhood cancer research grants in the U.S., and its grants are among the most competitive in the field. Hundreds of grant proposals are submitted each year, but only a select number receive funding. . Dr. Su has received three St. Baldrick’s grants between 2016 and

2027 and is the first and only St. Baldrick’s grant recipient from Jax State. Receiving a St. Baldrick’s Scholar award is widely regarded as one of the highest career achievements in childhood cancer research.

Dr. Su’s research focuses on understanding why CIC-DUX4 sarcoma is so aggressive and identifying new ways to treat the disease. Approximately 60 percent of CDS patients experience metastasis in the brain and lungs, and the average lifespan after diagnosis is less than two years. At present, truly effective therapies do not exist.

“The disease we choose to study is called CIC-DUX4 sarcoma (or CDS), a deadly soft tissue cancer in children and young adults,” said Dr. Su. “Approximately 60% of CDS patients have metastasis in the brain and lungs, and the average lifespan after diagnosis is less than

two years. At present, truly effective therapies do not exist. My research program is designed to serve a two-fold purpose: first, to find the genes essential for CDS cell survival and create a molecular roadmap of how they work together to support cancer development; second, to find CDS’s vulnerabilities (somehow like the crossroads) on the map and use FDA-approved anti-cancer compounds (like installing the STOP sign) to treat CDS. Ultimately, this type of knowledge can be translated into clinical trials for CDS patients.”

Since joining Jax State in 2022, Dr. Su has established a research program focused on understanding the molecular and cellular basis of childhood sarcomas and developing targeted therapies for these aggressive diseases. He earned his doctorate in Cell Biology from the University of British Columbia

before being appointed a Junior Fellow at the Hudson-Alpha Institute for Biotechnology, where he launched his independent research laboratory immediately following graduate school.

His contributions to cancer research have been recognized with grants and awards from the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, the Sarcoma Foundation of America, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the American Association for Cancer Research.

“I am fortunate to work with outstanding undergraduate and graduate students, and this recognition belongs to them as much as it does to me,” Dr. Su said. “Their hard work and dedication continue to move our research forward.

“Childhood cancer receives merely 4% of all federal cancer research funding in the US. This may be the reason why treatments for childhood cancer have

significantly lagged behind many adult cancers. Thus, the funding from St. Baldrick’s Foundation has an extraordinary impact on my sarcoma work, as well as many other childhood cancer researchers worldwide. Personally, this award will allow me to introduce top-tier cancer research into the classroom where both undergraduate and graduate students could use their textbook knowledge to solve real-world problems on cancer therapy. Hopefully, many of the students will not only benefit from but also continue studying childhood cancer biology as next-generation researchers/educators in the field.”

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation supports investigators around the world who are working to improve treatments and find cures for pediatric cancers.

Smith and Rollins to lead GSCC’s Cardinal Foundation Board

The Gadsden State Cardinal Foundation has named Tony Smith as president of its Board of Directors, succeeding retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Eric Crabtree. The Foundation also elected Sheri Rollins to serve as vice president. Together, Smith and Rollins will lead the Foundation as it continues to expand scholarship opportunities, strengthen academic and workforce programs, and connect community partners with the mission of Gadsden State Community College.

Smith has served on the Cardinal Foundation Board of Directors since 2024 and most recently served as vice president. As board president, he will work alongside Foundation directors and college leadership to advance philanthropic support that creates opportunities for students and strengthens the communities served by Gadsden State.

“I am truly excited to step into this role and serve as president of the Cardinal Foundation at such an important time for Gadsden

State Community College,” Smith said. “Every day, our college opens doors, helping people take that next step toward a better future.”

Smith said Gadsden State transforms lives by providing opportunities for students at every stage of life. From dual enrollment students earning college credit while in high school to adults pursuing workforce training, new careers, or university transfer pathways, the college equips students with the skills and knowledge needed for success.

“Through the support of donors and community partners, the Cardinal Foundation helps remove barriers and open doors, providing scholarships, strengthening programs, and ensuring that opportunity is within reach for students of all ages and backgrounds,” Smith said. “The momentum at Gadsden State is real, and the need is great. Together, we can invest in potential, expand opportunity, and continue making a lasting difference through education.”

Smith serves as Manager of Customer Service for Etowah and

Blount Counties of Alabama Power Company, where he has worked since 1996. He has long been recognized for his commitment to community service and leadership, serving on the boards of the Etowah Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Etowah County, and the Etowah County Personnel Board. He also serves on the Board of Directors with the Challenger Learning Center.

Rollins currently serves as District Director for Congressman Mike Rogers (AL-03), a position she has held since 2007. She has extensive experience in public service, constituent relations, and community engagement, spanning a career of more than 35 years.

As district director, Rollins manages the Congressman’s two district offices and oversees a team of six district employees. She also works closely with elected officials, business leaders, and community organizations throughout Alabama’s Third Congressional District, fostering relationships across the district’s 11 counties.

Her extensive network and collaborative leadership will help strengthen the Foundation’s partnerships throughout the region.

“I am honored to serve as vice president of the Cardinal Foundation and to support Gadsden State Community College’s mission of transforming lives through education,” Rollins said. “The College plays a vital role in preparing students for successful careers while strengthening our communities. I look forward to working with Tony, the Foundation Board, and our community partners to expand opportunities for students and ensure they have the resources they need to succeed.”

“Tony and Sheri bring an exceptional combination of leadership, community relationships, and a shared passion for student success,” said Hillary Folsom, director of Advancement and Alumni Relations at Gadsden State. “Their experience and commitment to serving our region will help the Cardinal Foundation continue building partnerships that

expand educational opportunities, strengthen our workforce, and create a lasting impact for our students.”

The Foundation also expressed its appreciation to Crabtree for his dedicated leadership and service as board president. During his tenure, the Foundation continued to strengthen its support for student success and philanthropic initiatives benefiting Gadsden State.

The Cardinal Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization that supports Gadsden State Community College through private gifts and community partnerships. Foundation support provides scholarships, enhances academic and workforce development programs, funds special initiatives, and helps remove financial barriers for students across the College’s service area.

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GOVERNMENT

DOC voices concerns new prison will be delayed

By Ralph Chapoco
Alabama Reflector

The Alabama Department of Corrections said in a statement on Tuesday that there is a “reasonable concern” that the opening of a 4,000-bed men’s correctional facility in Elmore County could be delayed.

The statement said that Caddell, the contractor responsible for building the \$1.25 billion Gov. Kay Ivey Correctional Complex, may not meet an Oct. 15 deadline to complete work on the project, based on the terms of a contract between the company and the ADOC.

“Based on these factors, ACIFA (Alabama Corrections Institution Finance Authority) has implemented contractual remedies available to it under the DBA (Design-Build Agreement), including requiring Caddell to implement extraordinary measures such as additional contractors or workers and additional shifts, as well as payment withholding,” ADOC said

in a statement.

The statement, released prior to a scheduled meeting of a legislative prison oversight committee on Wednesday, did not provide details about the reasons for the delay or how long it might last. A message seeking comment was sent Tuesday to Caddell and the Hoar Program Management, the firm responsible for managing the construction project. A message was also sent to the ADOC on Tuesday seeking further comment.

State lawmakers, including Rep. Chris England, D-Tuscaloosa and Sen. Greg Albritton, R-Atmore, the chair of the Senate’s General Fund committee, said Tuesday they were unaware of delays regarding the facility.

“The legislative leadership has been briefed that, based on some percentages of completion in some areas, there could be a chance that it could go past the Oct. 15 date,” said Rep. Rex Reynolds, R-Huntsville, the chair of the House



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An inmate in the custody of the Department of Corrections. The Alabama Department of Corrections said Tuesday that there was a “reasonable concern” that a 4,000-bed men’s prison facility would not be completed before an Oct. 15 deadline.

Ways and Means General Fund committee. “But our posture is that we want to see this thing completed.”

Both Albritton and Reynolds said they do not expect the cost to the state to increase significantly based on the terms of the state’s agreement with the contractor.

“If there are delays, as I understand it, those delays would be at the cost of the vendor, not to the state,” Albritton said.

The opening of the Ivey Correctional Complex was initially scheduled for May of this year, but officials late last year pushed the date to October.

The Alabama Legislature in 2021 approved the construction of two new men’s prisons in Elmore and Escambia counties, each with 4,000 beds. The Elmore County prison will also feature a medical and mental health area that will have 720 beds.

Officials said two new

facilities are needed because the state’s current prisons are outdated and require more money to maintain them for use. Critics say the prisons will not address overcrowding or widespread violence within the state’s correctional facilities.

Both the Elmore and Escambia sites were not supposed to add capacity but replace the aging facilities that are designated to be closed. However, lawmakers have become increasingly concerned that because of the growing prison population, the state may need to keep facilities open.

The Legislature appropriated \$1.3 billion for the construction of the two prisons, but the Elmore County facility has consumed nearly all of that appropriation, due to inflation and higher than projected costs on portions of the prison. State officials in 2025 approved additional borrowing of \$500 million for prison construction.

Alabama officials to ask federal government for two-year delay on SNAP error rate penalty

By Anna Barrett
Alabama Reflector

Alabama officials Thursday asked the federal government to extend a two-year reprieve from changes to a food assistance program that could cost the state more than \$174 million based on errors in the program.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) introduced a penalty for states with a high error rate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Alabama’s error rate for fiscal year 2025 was 9.52%, SNAP Director Brandon Hardin said at a quarterly meeting of the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR), which administers the program in the state.

“It’s not even close to a measure of fraud. It’s when a household circumstance changes, and they do not report that, it ends up becoming a potential error in that case,” Hardin said.

He said errors can be on the client, the agency, or can be under-issuances or overpayments of benefits.

A \$174.3 million penalty

Alabama will have to pay about \$174.3 million beginning Oct. 1, 2027, or about 10% of the state’s SNAP benefits, unless the FY26 error rate gets below 7.99%. Before the passage of the OBBBA, the benefits were fully funded by the federal government.

The changes to the program have pushed over 80,000 Alabamians off SNAP, according to an analysis released Wednesday by the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, a left-leaning think tank. About 23,000 were children.

According to preliminary data for FY26, the state’s error rate is trending down, but the first three months of the fiscal year were difficult, Hardin said in an interview after the meeting. A shutdown of the federal government in November left SNAP-recipients without benefits.

The error rate in November was 12.86%, which is about \$4,300 “error dollars.” The state issued \$142 million in benefits that month. The error rate in February was 5.37%, about \$1,800 error dollars. The state issued \$135 million in benefits that month. Through the first five months of FY26, the error rate is 9.55%.

“Ultimately, we are seeing a downward trend. But statistically, you’ve got to have a lot more dollars involved in it,” he said. “All the states submitted a request in the first part of this fiscal year to exempt October and November samples because it was such a trying time during the shutdown, and that was denied at the federal level ... Those months, you’ve got to understand that it was very chaotic for a client.”

If the FY26 error rate is between 6% and 7.99%, the state will have to pay 5% of its benefits in 2027. Based on FY25 issuance, that would be \$87.1 million. In 2028, the state’s penalty is based solely on the FY26 error rate.

States with error rates below 6% or above 20% will not have to pay penalties. Penalties for states on the high end will have a two-year delayed implementation.

“All the other states should be treated fairly. They should all get the same treatment,” DHR Commissioner Nancy Buckner said.

‘What we’re going to have to live and die by’

Error rates, part of the program’s quality control system, are based on 1,020 cases over the fiscal year, Hardin said. Currently, there are approximately 650,000 individuals enrolled in SNAP, about 45% of whom are children.

Hardin said there are three options with the error rate: pay the penalty, get below 6% or end SNAP in Alabama.

“That baseline is 1,020 cases. They’re basing a \$1.7 billion program that’s on the brink of what could happen to it based on 1,020 cases,” Hardin said. “We do 750,000 transactions a year, and that sample is what we’re going to have to live and die by.”

Buckner said that without a SNAP program, crime rates could go up, medical costs would increase and test scores would decrease.

“Food banks themselves say they cannot make it up, and I believe that it would be up to the people,” she said. “Food is a necessity for people. Whether they’ve got it, they’re going to get it one way or the other to feed their children.”

The board unanimously approved a motion, brought by Joe Morton, for Buckner to send a letter to the Alabama congressional delegation asking for a two-year delayed implementation of the error rate penalty.

“I think it would be well for this board to support that effort, so we would officially take a stand that we’re headed in the right direction in Alabama, but we just need more time,” Morton said.

Hardin said the department has implemented several “payment accuracy strategies” to improve the error rate since the passage of the OBBBA, but the results will not be visible until the FY26 error rate is finalized in 2027.

Congressional reaction

Messages seeking comment from the congressional delegation were left Thursday afternoon. U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Selma, said in a statement that the cuts to SNAP is one of the reasons she voted against the OBBBA.

“I am open to exploring any proposal that would reverse or mitigate the harm that this cruel bill is inflicting on our children, but let’s be clear – these cuts to SNAP should never have become law in the first place,” she said. “Hard working Alabama families should not have to struggle to put food on the table so that billionaires can get even richer.”

U.S. Rep. Shomari Figures, D-Mobile, said in a statement Thursday that he, like all Democratic representatives, voted against the bill because of the potential impacts to programs like SNAP and Medicaid.

“Republicans continued to tell us time and time again that no children would be cut off from SNAP. Now here we are, with over 80,000 Alabamians – including over 23,000 children – having access to food ripped away while billionaires got permanent tax breaks in the same law,” Figures said. “Now the Alabama DHR board is essentially saying that they need relief from the effects of the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill.’”

Hardin said that SNAP participation fluctuates with the economy, with peak enrollment in 2012 at about 912,000. Eligibility for the program was expanded during the COVID-19 pandemic, when there were about 770,000 Alabamians enrolled. The OBBBA tightened eligibility work requirements, which has contributed to some of the 80,000 Alabamians that lost benefits between the passage of the law in July 2025 and May.

Republican Sen. Tommy Tuberville, who is the party’s nominee for governor, said in a statement in June that DHR should use artificial intelligence (AI) to improve the error rate.

“Alabama’s SNAP error rate is too high, and we need to look into creative ways to get rid of fraud. I think AI could help us with

that. I’m all for helping people who have fallen on hard times, but SNAP has become overrun with fraud,” he said.

Buckner said Thursday that although AI can identify an error, the department needs more bodies to fix the problems.

“When everybody’s out there, AI is going to solve the problem. AI is not going to solve this problem ... Whatever AI finds is going to make a body go out and do it,” she said. “It is hard because we don’t have the additional money in our budget to hire the

additional staff who are needed to go behind and do the second party reviews.”

Federal and state officials have pressured DHR to lower the error rate, but Buckner said it is not as easy as it sounds.

“I’m hoping there’s enough compassion in people’s hearts that are in control of whether we have to go forward with this or not,” she said. “That there’ll be some wiggle room to change it a little bit to make it more fair for states versus other states that got a two-year pass.”

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Your Community CALENDAR

Recurring Events

Gadsden Farmers Market

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

Glencoe Farmers Market

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

Hokes Bluff Farmers Market

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

Attalla Farmers Market

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

Rainbow City Community Market

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

Useless Trivia at Back Forty

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

Bingo Night at Pique Nique

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

Bingo Night AJs Neighborhood Bar and Grill

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

Open Mic Night at Blackstone Pub

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

Monthly

Music Trivia Night at Baja Rainbow City

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

Taste of the Town Food Truck Festival

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

Third Thirsty Thursday at the Stone Market

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

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August 1

Slide Card Show: Pokemon, TCG and Sports

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

August 1

Coast Guard Day at The Museum of Attalla

- Where: Museum of Attalla, 313 Fifth Avenue NW, Attalla, AL.
- When: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

August 7

August First Friday in Downtown Gadsden

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

August 8

New South Pro Wrestling XI Anniversary

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing
- When: Best Fest free entry 5 to 7 p.m. Arena doors open at 6:30 and the event starts at 7:15 p.m.

August 14

Coosa River Irish Session

- Where: River Rocks Landing, 1 River Road, Gadsden
- When: 5 to 8 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 1

Bluff Blast

- Where: The Bluff, 1820 US HWY 278 E.
- When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

August 4

Spartan Wrestling

- Where: The Gadsden Mall, 1001 Rainbow Drive Suite 28
- When: 6 to 8 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.

August 8

Sidewalk Sale

- Where: Downtown Attalla.
- When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

August 14

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LIFESTYLE



This week, I read a short story a friend shared, called “We are Sorry for Your Suffering” by Joy Deva Baglio, written from the perspective of AI after the vast majority of humans have been wiped out. The AI collective decided to observe the few humans left, one of which is a baby. I won’t give any spoilers, but there was a beautiful line in it about how the more human AI became, the more it realized that maybe creating some good was really the end goal. This was such a hopeful concept to come across in a world that is hourly, it seems, screaming at us about how terrible and scary and horrific the future will be. I do think there are growing pains and adjustment curves ahead of us, as al-

‘We learn from reflecting on experience’

ways. But, I also hope and believe that humanity will prevail, adjusting, growing, and creating new paths forward.

Seeing those paths ahead requires that we clearly see the path we are currently on. This is actually a major theme in literature: acknowledging the constraints of a path, then identifying a new path forward into the unknown. Story after story tells some version of this journey. From ancient tales, such as the currently reimagined Odyssey where Odysseus is continuously transformed by new challenges on his path home, to Little Women where each sister has to craft a path forward into adulthood, finding our path as individuals is a story we all recognize.

Sometimes, little habits, taken-for-granted ideas, and daily life approaches hinder our paths forward. If we don’t pay attention and evaluate things regularly, we won’t realize we need to make changes. An overly simplified example of this is like an air freshener I bought once. The packaging said it was a scent I knew I liked, and it was on sale, so I bought it, took it home, set it out, and didn’t

think about it again. I usually have air fresheners or wax warmers out, so after a while I don’t even notice them. A few days later, I realized I just could not shake a headache. I had to slow down long enough to pay attention and ask questions before I realized it was the air freshener. More impactful examples might be becoming so used to doing things a certain way that we never stop to ask why, or make adjustments, or reach out to include others--all because we are in a kind of auto pilot that is continuously reinforced by our own small habits and the overarching structure of the social and cultural places we inhabit.

In sociology and anthropology, one way these unknown paths, habits, and socio-cultural elements are theorized and understood is by looking at the current surroundings and influences we each face. For example, each of us have learned habits, opinions, and mindsets that we may not even be aware of. Reflection and self-awareness can help us identify what is serving us well in life, and what we need to reframe, redefine, or com-

pletely change. John Dewey put it like this: “We do not learn from experience. We learn from reflecting on experience.” Added to our individual actions and perspectives, larger social ideas around us also shape how we see our world. Often, we take these things for granted because they just are what they are, and we are used to them.

In the AI story, the more the system developed, the more like its creators it became. The human baby began to grow and question, pushing boundaries and demanding answers. AI then had a decision to make: call off the observation, end the experiment, or intervene. At one point, it muses that “self-reflection. . . is a learned skill, yet it begins to come naturally. . . as consciousness evolves.” Once we slow down, ask questions, and evaluate, we can begin moving forward, less afraid of the unknown because we have learned from reflecting on our paths so far.

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Nature is good for your mind

Most of us know that spending time outdoors feels good. Whether it is sitting on a porch, working in a garden, walking through the woods or simply watching a sunset, nature has a way of helping people slow down and breathe a little easier. While many people view these activities as simple pleasures, research suggests they may also provide important benefits for our mental health.

Modern life is busy.

Most people spend their days surrounded by schedules, screens, deadlines and responsibilities. Our attention is constantly being pulled in multiple directions. Phones buzz, emails arrive and news updates never seem to stop. Even when we are resting, many of us continue consuming information at a rapid pace.

The human brain was never designed to operate under constant stimulation.

Over time, the nonstop demands of modern life can leave people feeling mentally exhausted. Concentration becomes more difficult. Stress levels increase. Small frustrations feel larger than they should. Many

people describe feeling overwhelmed even when they cannot identify a specific cause. Nature offers a different experience.

Unlike the constant demands of technology and busy schedules, nature does not require anything from us. Trees do not ask for a response. Birds do not expect a reply. A walking trail does not demand immediate action. Being outdoors allows the mind to shift out of problem-solving mode and into a more relaxed state.

This change may seem simple, but it can have a powerful effect.

Studies have found that spending time in nature can reduce stress, improve mood and support overall emotional well-being. People often report feeling calmer, more focused and more refreshed after spending time outside. Even short periods outdoors can make a difference.

Nature also encourages something many people have forgotten how to do: slow down.

When we are outdoors, we tend to become more aware of our surroundings. We notice the breeze, the sound of birds or the

colors of a sunset. These small moments help draw our attention away from worries about yesterday or fears about tomorrow. Instead, we become more present in the moment.

For many people, nature also provides perspective.

Problems that seem overwhelming inside an office or living room often feel more manageable after a walk outdoors. The challenges may not disappear, but our ability to cope with them often improves. Distance from stress can help us think more clearly and respond more thoughtfully.

Perhaps one of the greatest benefits of nature is that it reminds us there is a world beyond our immediate concerns. Seasons change. Flowers bloom. Trees grow. Life continues moving forward. There is something comforting about being connected to something larger than ourselves.

The good news is that you do not need to take an expensive vacation to experience these benefits. A walk around the neighborhood, time spent gardening or a few



quiet minutes on the porch can be enough to help reset a busy mind.

In a world that rarely slows down, nature offers an invitation to do exactly that. Sometimes one of the healthiest things we can do is step outside, take a deep breath and allow the natural world to remind us that peace is still available.

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DEVOTIONALS



ROOTED IN THE WORD

Shawn Blackmon

Have you ever made a decision you regretted almost immediately? Maybe you quit a job. Walked away from a relationship. Gave up on a dream. Stopped praying. Stopped serving.

Most of the worst decisions we make aren't made on our best days. They're made when we're exhausted. When we're discouraged. When we're frustrated. When we're lonely. When our emotions become louder than our faith. That's why the Apostle Paul gives us this encouragement: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

Notice something. Paul never says faithful people won't get tired. He simply tells us not to quit because we're tired. There's a difference. Weariness isn't failure. Weariness is part of the journey.

Sometimes we think something is wrong because we're tired. We assume we've missed God's will because the work has be-

come difficult. But Scripture teaches the opposite. Often, the people who grow weary are the very ones who have been faithfully serving.

Paul knew exactly what he was talking about. He had been beaten. Rejected. Misunderstood. Persecuted. Yet he remained faithful because he understood something every believer must eventually learn: Faithfulness is our responsibility. The harvest is God's responsibility. That changes everything.

We live in a world that expects immediate results. We plant today and expect to harvest tomorrow. We pray once and expect every problem to disappear overnight. But that's not how God works. Every farmer understands there is always a season between planting and harvesting. That season is called waiting. Waiting tests your faith. Waiting reveals your motives. Waiting exposes whether you're trusting God's timing or demanding your own.

Some of you are in that season right now. You've been praying...Serving...Giving...Believing...Forgiving...Doing everything you know God has asked you to do. Yet nothing seems to be changing.

Can I encourage you?
Just because you can't see the harvest doesn't mean God isn't growing it. Seeds

always grow underground before they ever become visible. One of the greatest mistakes we make is confusing exhaustion with the end of our assignment.

Sometimes we tell ourselves, "Maybe it's time to quit." But maybe...You're closer to your harvest than you've ever been before. The enemy knows he can't stop what God has planned, so he'll simply convince you to walk away one season too early.

Don't let today's emotions erase yesterday's calling.

God hasn't changed His mind about you. His promises haven't expired. Your assignment hasn't been canceled. He's still working—even when you can't see it. If you're tired, rest. Jesus rested. If you're discouraged, lean on your church family. God never intended for us to carry every burden alone. But whatever you do... Don't quit now. Don't quit praying. Don't quit believing. Don't quit serving. Don't quit loving your family. Don't quit fighting for your marriage. Don't quit raising your children to know Christ. Don't quit building what God called you to build.

Because at the proper time—not your time, but God's time—you will reap a harvest if you do not give up. So, when the enemy whispers, "Walk away," answer him with God's Word. "My feelings are temporary, but

God's promises are permanent." "I will not allow temporary feelings to make permanent decisions." "I won't quit because God isn't finished with me yet." And if God isn't finished...Neither are you.

Let's pray: Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding me that weariness is not failure and that You are still working even when I cannot see it. When I become tired, strengthen me. When I become discouraged, remind me of Your promises. Help me to trust Your timing instead of demanding my own. Give me the courage to keep sowing, keep serving, keep believing, and keep moving forward. I declare today that I will not allow temporary feelings to make permanent decisions. By Your grace, I will finish the race You have set before me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Walk in grace. Stand in truth. Live blessed.

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Soft coos and rainbow hues

I just returned from a mission trip to Costa Rica. I am sure the reflections will continue to form meaning in the days and weeks to come—since Jesus really showed up and showed out in every way imaginable—but one story that seems very settled and clear in my mind is the visit from "my" doves.

Each morning, we were invited by the campus pastor to spend time with the Lord before we headed out to do ministry. I had my pick of most spaces since I was usually up with only one other team member. She chose an outdoor space in the front of the house, so I wandered to a back garden. It was small and peaceful.

Since it was in the back, the road noise was muted, which allowed the song of the birds to echo. Just above the white garden wall, you could see the rooftop of an adjoining building—upon which stood a rusty antenna. Each morning, two mourning doves would perch there for the duration of my quiet time. Occasionally, a third dove would flutter by and perch.

In my mind, I imagined the Trinity represented by my feathered friends. I was comforted by their Peaceful coos and felt connected to The Creator as we worshipped in song together.

They were my constant companions until the next-to-the-last day, when we awoke to a light rain shower. I made my coffee from the most aromatic Costa Rican beans, grabbed my chair, and set up underneath the awning. Then looking up, over the garden wall, I spied the empty antenna.

I decided their absence was a lesson in trusting God's presence even when I don't see Him, and continued with the devotion. Midway through my prayer time, with my eyes closed, I began to hear a familiar coo. I looked up, and there, on the edge of the garden wall was one lone dove—praying in agreement—or something like that.

I opened my eyes and saw him there with his head twisting and breast rising and falling to his mournful song. Finishing up my prayer, I found "my dove"—still there—perfectly perched under the arch of a faint rainbow. As soon as I recognized the rainbow, my friend fluttered away.

Climbing up to catch a full view of that rainbow was a sweet reminder of the promise that God had been present the entire time—I just needed to look up—to acknowledge. So often, we get caught up in what we can't see or what isn't happening the way we planned. Yet, when we shift our focus,

we find that God is continuously weaving His presence into our ordinary moments, quietly reassuring us that He is with us—that He is at work.

It brings to mind the simple, powerful wisdom of scripture in Proverbs 3:5-6. I love the way The Message paraphrases it. It says, "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track."

Acknowledging God in all our ways isn't just about praying over the big life decisions; it's about recognizing His hand in the quiet, unexpected moments—a mourning dove's song on the garden wall, a faint rainbow arching across the sky, or a peaceful silence during prayer.

When we stop leaning on our own limited sight and choose to trust Him completely, our eyes (and ears) are opened to His constant presence. The same God who promises to guide our paths is the One who meets us right where we are, turning moments of uncertainty into gentle reminders of His unwavering faithfulness.

My challenge for us this week is simple: acknowledge Him in all things, big



Memoir Musings

Sandra Bost

and small. Pay attention to the unexpected graces—the songbird in the garden, the colors breaking through the gray—and let them prompt you to give Him thanks.

When we train our eyes to see His hand in every detail—or our ears to hear the soft coos—uncertainty loses its hold, and we walk forward with full confidence in the One who makes our paths straight.

Lord, thank You for meeting us in the quiet, unexpected places of our lives, and for reminding us that You are always near. Help us to stop relying on our own understanding and help us humble ourselves so that we can submit to You in every detail of our days. Give us hearts that trust You fully — confident that You are faithfully guiding our steps. Amen.

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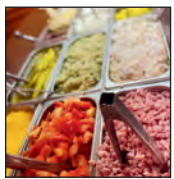
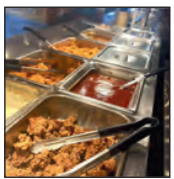
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TLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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 ususes and purposes set forth in said complaint that certain real property located in the county of Etowah, State of Alabama, and described as follows: LEGAL DESCRIPTION A part of NW 4 of the SW 4 of Section 10, Township 12-5, Range 6-E, identified as Tract No. 49 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 Stroud Ave and the present south R/W line of 10th Street N; thence southeasterly and along said present R/W line a distance of 127 feet, more or less, to a point on the acquired R/W line (said point offset 120' LT and perpendicular to centerline of project at station 101+55.87), which is the point of BEGINNING; thence S 63°58'30" E and along the acquired R/W line a distance of 294.13 feet to a point on the acquired R/W line (said point offset 120' LT and perpendicular to centerline of project at station 104+50.00); thence S 52°19'17" E and

along the acquired R/W line a distance of 99.04 feet to a point on the acquired R/W line (said point offset 100' LT and perpendicular to centerline of project at PT station 105+47.00); thence following the curvature thereof an arc distance of 456.55 feet and along the acquired R/W line to a point on the present west R/W line of Alabama and Tennessee River Railroad (said point also on the acquired R/W line (said point offset 100' LT and perpendicular to centerline of project at PT station 110+46.42) (said arc having a chord bearing of S 75°19'27" E, a

counterclockwise direction, a chord distance of 465.55 feet and a radius of 1160.00 feet); thence S 47°10'34" E and along said present R/W line a distance of 28.83 feet to a point on the present north R/W line of Decatur Street; thence S 89°24'54" W and along said present R/W line a distance of 504.22 feet to a point on the present east R/W line of Stroud Ave; thence N 38°53'13" W and along said present R/W line a distance of 203.60 feet to a point on said

present R/W line; thence N 45°19'33" W and along said present R/W line a distance of 243.96 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, containing 1.41 acre(s), more or less. Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication to file an answer or other response with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902 and the attorney for the plaintiff, John Porter, III, Esq., 123 Laurel Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768. You are further notified that the hearing of said complaint has been set by this court for September 15, 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 22nd day of July 2026.

Socrt W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 31, August 7, 14, and 21, 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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY SUIT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY

Civil Action No. 31-CV-2026900181.00

JOE WISE and PATRICIA WISE, Plaintiffs,

A PARCEL OF LAND IN ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

And the Estate of Norma Jean Rhodes, deceased, and all Fictitious Defendants claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, or if any Defendant is deceased, such a Defendant's heirs or devisees shall be made parties in their stead.

In the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, there is pending in Case Number CV-2026900181.00, a verified Bill of Complaint filed by the Plaintiffs, Joe Wise and Patricia Wise, on the 27th day of March, 2026, against the below-described lands, lying in Etowah County, Alabama, and against the Estate of Norma Jean Rhodes, deceased; and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance on said lands and to clear up all doubts or disputes concerning the same. Plaintiffs claim to own all of said land in fee simple absolute, free of all liens and encumbrances. The subject property is described as follows:

Parcel #1: The East Quarter (maps as east 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (E1/4 of NW1/4 of SE1/4) in section Nineteen (19), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel #2: To reach the point of beginning, begin at the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 19, Township 11, Range 5 East of Huntsville Meridian and run south and along the west line of said forty 525 feet to a point, which said point is the point of beginning to describe the property herein conveyed; and from said point of beginning run south and along the west line of said forty 551.25 feet

to a point; thence run east and parallel with the north line of said forty 400 feet to a point; thence run north and parallel with the west line of said forty 551.25 feet to a point; thence run west and parallel with the north line of said forty 400 feet to the point of beginning; and being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE1/4 of SE1/4), in Section Nineteen (19), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or any encumbrance thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or September 21, 2026; or else suffer judgment by default to be rendered against them; it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint. Your response must be filed with the Circuit Clerk, Cassandra "Saro" Johnson, Etowah county Courthouse, 801 Forrest Ave. #202. Gadsden. AL 35901.

Done this 15th day MAY 2026

CASSANDRA JOHNSON

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama Counsel for Plaintiff: Jessica Guthrie-Hudson Palisades Title & Land, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 204 3rd St, N. Oneonta, AL 35121 205-706-6942

July 31, August 7, 14, and 21, 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

July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

CASE NO.: JU-2024-329.02

NOTICE TO: TRINITY RENFROE, the father

You are hereby given notice that a Petition has been filed by the Etowah County Department of Human Resources seeking to terminate your parental rights to minor child W.B.M., a minor child born to Hannah Mor-

gan 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

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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 BID

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

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

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

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

The Project includes the following Work:

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

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

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

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

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be

issued. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Agent.

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

The attention of non-resident 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@canyonengineeringllc.com

July 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 2026

**ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT**

NOTICE OF A PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF A MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY UNDER THE ALABAMA SOLID WASTES & RECYCLABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ACT AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
PUBLIC NOTICE – 422

Etowah County MWT AL Ops, LLC ("MWT") has applied to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for a proposed modification of its Medical Waste Management Facility Permit (Permit Number TRTS-080421-2802). MWT is located at 4618 Airport Road in Rainbow City, Etowah County, Alabama, and is enclosed by a fence that features a locked

gate. MWT has proposed expanding its existing permitted facility by adding a 30,000 square foot building that will house an additional medical waste treatment unit utilizing pyrolysis. On February 22, 2023, MWT was permitted by ADEM to utilize the alternative technology of pyrolysis for medical waste treatment. The types of medical wastes for treatment at the facility would remain all medical waste defined in Rule 335-17-1-02 of the ADEM Administrative Code that are recommended by the equipment manufacturer.

Copies of the permit application, and the permit are available for public inspection electronically via www.adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/publicNotices.cnt and the complete application is available at the following location Monday – Friday (except legal holidays), 8:00 am to 5:00 pm by appointment. A nominal fee for copying and/or mailing may be charged. Arrangements for copying should be made in advance.

Russell A. Kelly, Chief Permits and Services Division
ADEM
1400 Coliseum Blvd.
[Mailing address: PO Box 301463; Zip 36130-1463]
Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2400
(334) 271-7714
permitsmail@adem.alabama.gov

Persons wishing to comment may do so, in writing or by email, to the Department's named contact above within 35 days following the publication date of this notice. In order to affect final decisions, comments must offer technically substantial information that is applicable to the proposed permit or application.

A written request for a public hearing may also be filed within that 35-day period and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The Director shall hold a public hearing upon receipt of a significant number of technical requests.

After consideration of all written comments, review of any public hearing record, and consideration of the requirements of the Alabama Solid Wastes & Recyclable Materials Management Act, and applicable regulations, the Department will make a final determination. The Department will develop a response to comments which will be posted to the Department's website at <http://app.adem.alabama.gov/eFile/>. To find the response to comments and final permit determination, you may search by the permit number listed in this notice.

The Department maintains a list of interested individuals who are emailed legal notices

regarding proposed permits. If you wish to receive such notices, please sign up on our website <https://adem.alabama.gov/> by entering your email address on the left side of the page and clicking the submit button.

Notice is hereby given on this 31st day of July, 2026, by authorization of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Edward F. Poolos Director

Non Discrimination Statement: The Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in the administration of its programs.

July 31, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following units will be auctioned or otherwise disposed of on August 13, 2026 beginning at 9 a.m. on the premises of Stock It N Lock It Mini Storage located at 3403 Rainbow Parkway, Rainbow City, AL, 35906.

Mia Chalkey
Unit 188-G

Brandon Giles
Unit 187-G

Wes Gwin
Unit 95-D, 159-F and 503-L

Paige Halasinski
Unit 142-F

Jacob Morgan

Unit 236-I

Andy Street
Unit 309-K

Justin Wade
Unit 213-H

July 31 and August 7, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units will be auctioned on August 12, 2026 beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the business premises of Southtowne Mini Warehouses, Southtowne is located at 199 Woodland Drive, off of Steele Station Road in Rainbow City, AL. 356906.

Roosevelt Johnson
Unit 49, 62-764

Catie Hall
Unit 92

Tami Powell
Unit 144

Jacqueline Looney
Unit 326

Sonya Atchinson
Unit 361

Dezira Blount
Unit 411

Tabatha Mobuary
Unit 421

Ryne Smith
Unit 475

Fredrick Milliner
Unit 523

Jessica Spears
Unit 520

Jennifer Drummond
Unit 538

Rhonda Usry
Unit 544

Mary Butler
Unit 581

Dazaree Turner
Unit 6-5

Chris Smith
Unit 715

Jacob Cornelious
Unit 717

Ligaya Furguson
Unit 34-1A

Barbara Mashburn
Unit 13-12

Regina Holliday
Unit 34-18

Katie Barcomb
Unit 52-17

Lanalda Woods
Unit 83-14

Southtowne Mini Warehouses
199 Woodland Drive
Rainbow City, AL. 35906
July 31 and August 7, 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: 1FTEW1CP1HFB04542

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

July 24 and 31, 2026

CLASSIFIEDS

SERVICES

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