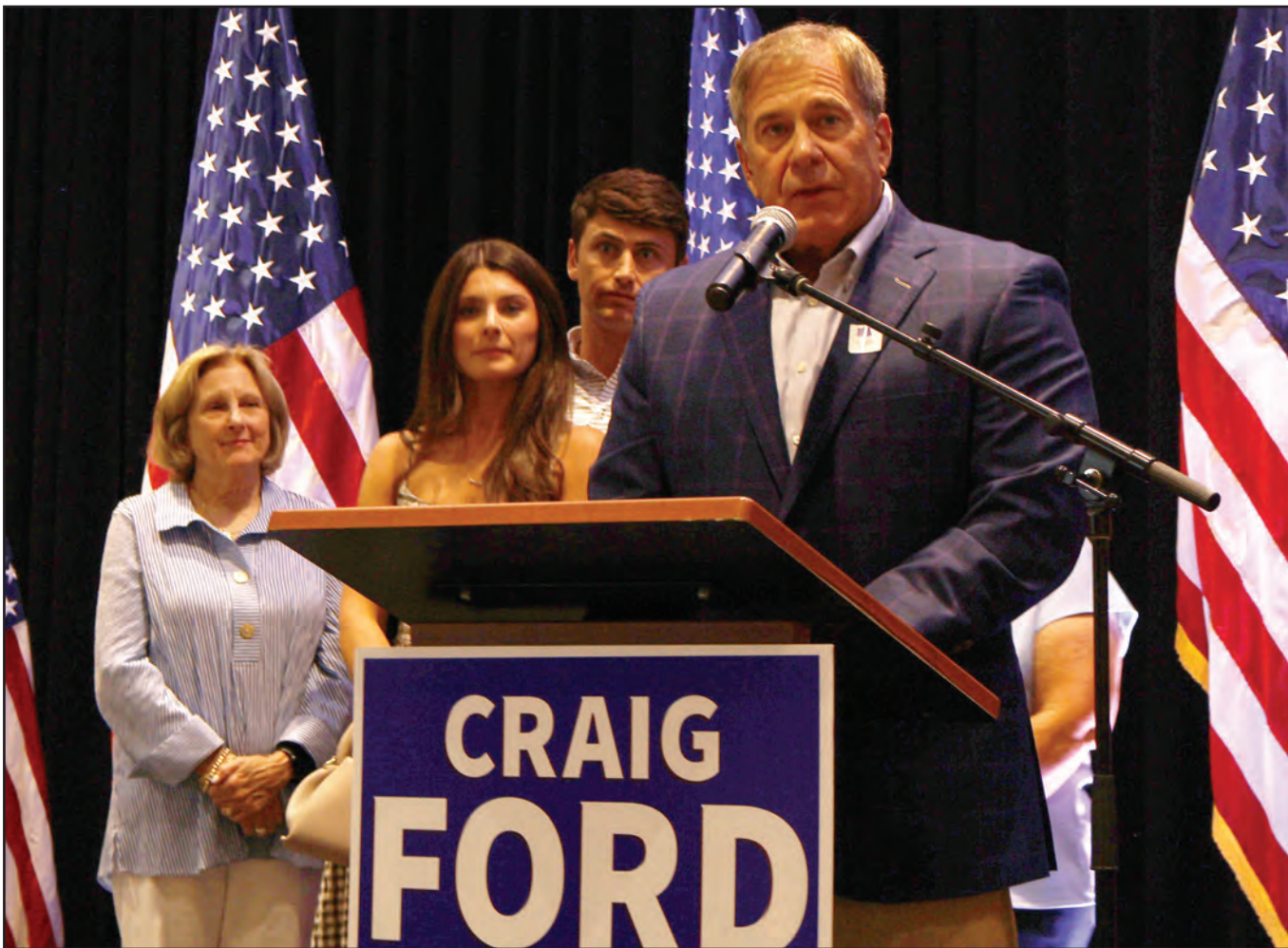




## Another four years of Ford



Surrounded by family, friends and an assortment of elected officials, Craig Ford took the stage to claim his victory of another four years as the Mayor of Gadsden City. “I want to thank all the candidates, I mean this sincerely,” Ford said. “If you’ve never been there and done this, there’s a lot of pressure and a lot of pressure on your family.” Over the past four years

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The results from Tuesday’s election are in. See who was elected and who wasn’t.

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## Celebration of life: Remembering Councilman Jason Wilson

By Caylie Moore  
Reporter

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, Gadsden’s District 5 councilman Jason Wilson passed away at the age of 46 after suffering a heart attack earlier in the month.

Wilson, founder of Back Forty Beer Company, was a passionate person in his personal life, whose loss is sorely felt by each and every community that Wilson touched — and even the ones he had yet to get to.

Fellow council members Steve Smith, of District 2, and Larry J. Avery, Jr. of District 3, extended their condolences to Wilson’s family and reflected on Jason’s character in public social media posts.

“I’m still in denial and disbelief,” Smith wrote in a Facebook post. “This is a very sad day for the city of Gadsden and the current administration. Jason has been everything for all of us. We leaned on him for almost every situation. He is certainly going to be missed; City Hall will never be the same again. Rest in peace to my friend, brother, colleague and mentor.”

In a separate post, Councilman Avery also discussed how much Wilson had done for Gadsden and how palpable his love for the city was.

“Jason brought a professionalism that was uniquely his own,” Avery stated, noting that his presence — including his passion for Gadsden’s youth and his ability to connect with people — could never be replaced but would also never be forgotten.

“Jason understood that public service was about people,” Avery said. “His connection to the community, his personality, his passion, and the relationships he built left an imprint that will remain far beyond his years of service.”

Avery concluded the post with one final and impactful message to the late council-



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## Honoring Imagination Library, Dolly Parton’s final — and most important — gift to Etowah County’s children, with United Way

By Caylie Moore  
Reporter

Beloved country music icon Dolly Parton died on Tuesday, Aug. 25 after fighting a brief battle with cancer. The singer, songwriter and actress was 80.

Parton’s passing was announced by her nephew, Bryan Seaver, in a video from the musician’s family to her fans all over the world.

“Sadness lies with us, but not with Dolly,” Seaver reassured fans mourning the star’s death. “Dolly has lived in the light and is in the arms of Jesus, surely met by [her husband] Carl, her parents and countless others who have watched her and longed for her to meet them in the heavens.”

While Parton may have passed on, however, her impact will continue to live on for decades to come — because while she was a singer, songwriter, actress, she was a philanthropist — a giver — first and foremost.

“I’m kind of addicted to the feeling of giving, knowing that I’m doing something good for someone else,” Parton said in a 2021 interview with People magazine.

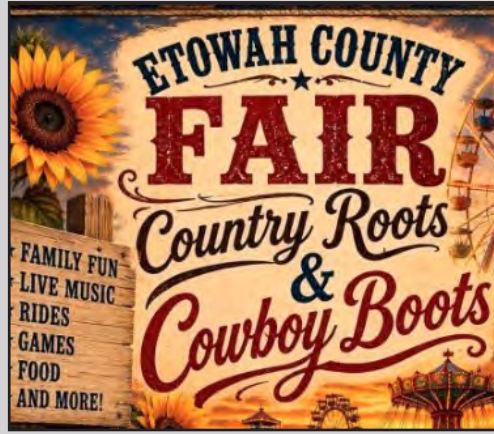
Give Parton did, as she donated to and even created countless organizations using her estimated net worth of \$450 to 650 million — all to help those in need.

In 2016, Parton, for instance, raised \$12.5 million for victims of a wildfire in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In 2021, she raised another \$700,000 for people affected by Hurricane Helene across Appalachia and donated \$1 million for the same cause, with the Dollywood Foundation matching the contribution. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she gave yet another \$1 million to fund the early stages of the vaccine.

Although Parton’s talent as an entertainer has



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Etowah County Fair and other events for the weekend and beyond.

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Westbrook and Southside claim their first win of the season.

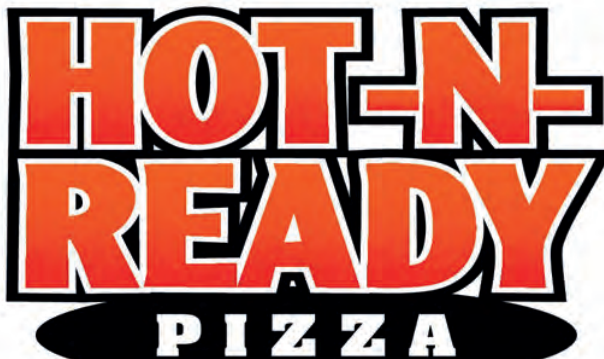
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# NEWS

## DGI earns three Main Street Alabama awards

Downtown Gadsden, Inc. received three Awards of Excellence during the Main Street Alabama Conference in Enterprise, recognizing several projects and partnerships that have contributed to the revitalization of downtown.

Downtown Gadsden was recognized with the Enduring Alliance Award for Exchange Bank of Alabama's partnership with the organization, the Public/Private Partnership Award for the revitalization

of The Green Room at the historic Pitman Theatre and the Historical Rehabilitation Award for the Hardin Building Restoration Project.

The awards recognize communities and projects that reflect the goals of Main Street Alabama, which focuses on revitalizing downtown districts while preserving their history and character.

In addition to the three awards, Ray Wetzel, director of the Gadsden Museum of

Art, was selected as Downtown Gadsden's Main Street Hero. The recognition honors an individual, business or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to its local Main Street program.

Wetzel said his involvement comes down to a willingness to help wherever he is needed.

"Nothing great happens on its own. It takes hard work and real commitment to this city," Wetzel said. "That means show-

ing up, wherever and whenever it's needed, to get things done."

Main Street Alabama recognized 36 designated communities and 34 network communities during the conference. The organization promotes public-private partnerships and community involvement as a way to encourage investment, tourism and economic growth while maintaining the history and character of Alabama's downtown districts.



left its own irreplaceable and unmistakable mark on the world, it is not an unmatched one, because through her more material, monetary contributions, she has changed thousands of lives for the better and formed an equally long-lasting, inter-generational legacy.

As Seaver emphasized in the video announcing Parton's death, Parton paved the way for people from all walks of life, giving them hope that "anything was possible."

"She never saw a door she couldn't open," Seaver said, "and the doors she opened made and changed history."

She opened one such door when she founded the Imagination Library in 1995 through the Dollywood Foundation. The Imagination Library, a program that provides one free, age-appropriate book every month to children from birth to age 5 through the mail, was started in an effort to increase childhood literacy — something that she saw her own family members struggle with growing up in rural Appalachia.

"[My philanthropic commitment] actually started because my father could not read and write, and I saw how crippling that could be," Parton said during an acceptance speech in 2022, when she was awarded the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy. "My dad was a very smart man. And I often wondered what he could have done had he been able to read and write. So that is the inspiration."

This philanthropy, of course, did not and does not extend to only Tennesseans — but it reaches far closer to

home than a typical Alabamian might expect.

United Way of Etowah County — a local branch part of a global network of community-based United Way organizations that raise funds and coordinate support for local health and human services — celebrated 20 years of being partners with the Imagination Library of Alabama on Aug. 9, just over two weeks before Parton's death.

One of the key visions for United Way of Etowah County is being able to see "successful children moving toward becoming productive citizens," as stated on their website.

As Raevan Bagley, Student Success Director of the organization, explained to Gadsden Messenger, by partnering with Parton's Imagination Library, United Way of Etowah County can take some steps toward that goal.

"In 2025, 13,076 books were mailed in Etowah County," Bagley stated. "From January of this year until present, there have been 8,945 books and counting mailed out in Etowah County."

With 1,084 children currently enrolled in and 7,314 children having graduated from the Imagination Library program through United Way in Etowah County alone, the impact Parton has had on childhood literacy has been — to say the least — exponential.

And even death does not seem to hinder her influence on childhood literacy.

As Bagley further noted, there had been a flood of people in Etowah County

enrolling their children in the Imagination Library since Parton's passing.

"There's been a massive influx for every county since then," she emphasized.

But Bagley had her own personal story behind her fondness for the program: "My daughter is 10, and that's how I started her library at home — through the Imagination Library!"

She was able to list off many things that she liked about the Imagination Library using her own experience and laughed as she explained that children in the program are partially happy about getting their own mail. She likes that, too, of course — but really, it is more about the books and the fact that they are expecting them.

"That's my favorite part; they're excited about the books!"

Bagley stated that if families want to enroll their children in the Imagination Library program, simply call United Way of Etowah County at (256) 547-2581 or email her at [successby6@uwoc.org](mailto:successby6@uwoc.org). The same process works to sponsor a child for \$31 a year or donate to the program: just call or email United Way of Etowah

County and ask for Raevan Bagley.

"Every year we host our annual fundraiser, Girlfriend Gala: A Girl's Night Out for Children's Literacy, which funds the Imagination Library in Etowah and Blount County," Bagley also added. "This is the only tablescapes event in the county, and it's getting bigger every year." Coincidentally, she stated, Girlfriend Gala was Dollywood-themed for one event just a few years ago.

Next year's Girlfriend Gala is scheduled for March 12, 2027. Bagley encouraged everyone to visit the United Way Success by 6 Facebook page to find out more about the event; if they wish to donate to, sponsor, or participate in Girlfriend Gala, they can reach out through the previously mentioned channels to do so.

Although Dolly Parton has now departed this world, she has left behind a gift worth resting on a bed of cotton over — the bolstering of childhood literacy, and thus the success of children who will be born years from now, children who will never meet her but will always hear of what she did for them.

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# NEWS

## Wilson

man.  
“Your chair may be empty, but your impact, your laughter, your service and your legacy will remain.”  
Gadsden’s mayor, Craig Ford, was devastated by the turn of events as well and released a public statement addressing Wilson’s passing.  
“Jason was a dedicated servant of the people whose big ideas created possibilities for the city he loved so much,” Ford said. “He brought out the best in everyone around him through his passion, love, and commitment to his community, family and work.”  
Mayor Ford continued on to state that Jason was one of his greatest friends, who possessed a passionate heart for public service that will continue to inspire him. He also added that it was a privilege to serve the city of Gadsden and work alongside Wilson.  
The team behind Back Forty Beer Company, the brewery that Wilson had conceptualized and founded in 2008 and 2009, also had a lot of positive

things to say about “the man whose vision started it all” and made their dreams possible.  
“If you knew Jason, you knew his legacy was about much more than beer,” a press release from the brewery read. “He believed in Gadsden. He invested in this city when others might have looked elsewhere. He helped breathe new life into a forgotten corner of downtown, created opportunities for others, gave back to his community and eventually answered another call to serve through public office. Most importantly, behind everything he accomplished was a man who loved his family, his friends and the place he called home.”  
Each public announcement about Wilson’s passing drew dozens of comments from community members praying for the late councilman and wishing the best for his family, sparking many sentimental posts where Gadsden’s residents reminisced on the things Wilson had done for them and the city throughout his time on Earth.

In an exclusive interview, Mayor Ford also recalled fond stories of Wilson to Messenger reporters, including one about Wilson’s love for hats.  
“One day, [Wilson] came in and told me that I would look better in hats. My saying is ‘always on gas and no brakes,’” the mayor said. “Well, somehow or another, he found me a hat that said ‘all gas and no brakes’ on it!”  
Mayor Ford was not the only person to remember Wilson’s love for hats so dearly, however.  
To honor the late councilman and avid hat wearer, city employees were asked to wear their favorite hat in recognition of Monday, Aug. 24, as Jason Wilson Hat Day — something they were more than happy to participate in. A social media post from the City of Gadsden on the event further promised that the city “will continue to honor the positive impact Jason had in and beyond Gadsden.”  
In order to best illustrate Wilson’s impact on Gads-

den and its people, Gadsden’s Messenger has put together a short statement on the councilman, which reads as follows:  
“Wilson was a ‘fifth-generation Alabamian and native of Gadsden’ whose passion for the city extended into every aspect of his life. As a councilman, he strived to make life better for all his constituents. As a businessman, he helped create jobs and revitalize an industry that had fallen to the wayside. And most importantly, as a friend, a husband, and a beloved hat wearer, he made people feel important — because he knew that life was only as good as the people you cared about.”  
Jason Wilson’s obituary can be found on Searcy Funeral Home’s website. His Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 210 at the Tracks in Gadsden. Following the ceremony, a traditional New Orleans Second Line will lead Jason’s family, friends and community through the hometown he loved to Back Forty Beer Company.

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## Gadsden, Rainbow City, Southside to receive combined \$160,000 in ADEM recycling grant

On Monday, Aug. 24, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) announced that it would be awarding nearly \$2.5 million in grants from the Alabama Recycling Fund (ARF) to 20 cities, counties, solid waste authorities and other groups across the state to boost recycling efforts.  
“ADEM is proud to announce the recipients of recycling grants for next year,” ADEM Director Edward Poolos said in a press release. “They range from small cities, such as Moundville, to one of the largest cities, Birmingham, as well large county-wide operations such as the Solid Waste Dis-

posal Authority of Baldwin County.  
In 2008, Alabama legislation passed the Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Management Act (SWRMMA), which imposed a fee of \$1 per ton, or \$0.25 per cubic yard, for all solid waste disposal from landfills statewide.  
“What they have in common is they are taking materials that would otherwise go in landfills, or littered along roads, city streets and even our waterways, and making those materials available for productive reuse,” Poolos said in the press release. “That is preserving our land and water and protecting our environment.”

The act also set a solid waste reduction goal of 25%.  
Of the \$2,497,602 awarded, Gadsden will receive, \$45,000, Southside will receive \$38,950 and Rainbow City will receive \$117,740.  
In the 18 year of the recycling grant program, ADEM has awarded 339 grants totaling more than \$39 million to bolster recycling efforts in Alabama.  
“These grants are absolutely essential, especially for smaller communities that don’t have large budgets,” Poolos said in the release. “It would be easy for them to skip recycling and just dispose of all the garbage they collect in

landfills, which wastes resources. This program incentivizes them to take that extra step toward the reuse.”  
The Alabama Recycling Coalition was one of the recipients of the 2027 recycling grants and will receive \$102,500 to assist its work in promoting recycling.  
“Working with and assisting the coalition, as well as working with individual cities, counties and waste management authorities, is how we build and sustain recycling programs throughout the state,” Poolos said.  
For more information see ALRecycles.org.

## Anonymous sponsor designs and donates a new sign for Glencoe Library

In mid-August, Glencoe Public Library shared some exciting news with its patrons: an anonymous sponsor had designed and donated a new sign for the building to the city, giving the library a fresh, modern, and—most importantly—recognizable look.  
The sign, which features the library’s name in elegant gold text, framed by equally lustrous corners and contrasted against a stark black background, was installed on the east side of the building by the city in an effort to make the library easy to identify from all directions. The public library’s employees were ecstatic about the change—and the help needed to make it happen: “Now, people coming from the post office side of Main Street will recognize us! Our library is so blessed to have such generous support from our patrons and from our city!”  
Established in April 2011, Glencoe Public Library has proven to be “a very positive asset” for the city, receiving many praises and well-wishes from its patrons since its opening, as noted in the library’s press release.  
The press release al-

so addressed the library workers’ gratitude towards numerous community members, stating, “We could never have opened without our wonderful volunteers who continue to offer their time and support to us. Thanks to our founder, a teenage girl, who got us started; the City of Glencoe for their continued support; a faithful Board of Directors; and our only employee, Dale Henry, who makes every visitor and every regular feel so special.”  
The press release also thanked another anonymous donor who made a monetary contribution of \$100 for a local cat, one that had been spending its days near the library and making a home in the hearts of its patrons, to be spayed.  
“She has now had all of her shots and been fixed so as not to add to the population of stray cats,” the press release reassured.  
Finally, the press release thanked both donors once again, illustrating just how thankful Glencoe Public Library’s staff is to the public and its generous patrons.



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# EDUCATION

## One year of leadership: President Alan Smith reflects on a transformative first year at Gadsden State

As Alan Smith comes to the end of his first year as president of Gadsden State Community College, he says his leadership has been defined by three priorities: people, partnerships and progress. Those priorities have shaped a year of expanding opportunities for students, strengthening relationships across northeast Alabama and advancing initiatives that reinforce Gadsden State’s identity as “A College for the Community.” At the center of it all has been a simple mission: “Help people.”

“Everything we do comes back to helping people,” Smith said in a press release. “Whether it’s helping a student earn a degree, preparing someone for a new career, supporting our local workforce or strengthening our communities, that’s why Gadsden State exists. If we’re focused on helping people, everything else falls into place.”

Throughout his first year, that philosophy has guided decisions both large and small, from expanding access to higher education and strengthening communication across the college to building new partnerships and investing in programs that create opportunities for students and the communities Gadsden State serves.

**People**

People have remained at the heart of Smith’s first year as president. One of the college’s most significant accomplishments was the launch of Cardinal Promise, an initiative designed to remove financial barriers for qualifying students by covering tuition and required fees after eligible financial aid is applied. The program reflects Gadsden State’s commitment to making higher education more accessible and ensuring more students have the opportunity to pursue a college education.

The college also placed an emphasis on strengthening communication with employees and the community. Projects such as the Monday Mission newsletter have created new ways to keep faculty and staff informed and connected, while additional outreach efforts, including a quarterly newsletter and a college podcast currently in development, aim to further engage students, alumni and

community members.

“Education changes lives, but it’s the people who make that transformation possible,” Smith said. “Our students inspire us every day, and our faculty and staff are committed to helping each student reach their full potential. That’s what makes Gadsden State such a special place.”

Throughout the year, Gadsden State celebrated the achievements of its students, faculty, and staff, recognizing academic excellence, workforce accomplishments, athletic success and employee contributions. Community College Month, for example, showcased the many ways the college changes lives across northeast Alabama.

“Growth and national recognition are outstanding accomplishments for Gadsden State,” said Trudy Guffey, Psychology and Sociology Instructor. “However, it is President Smith’s character that is of great value to our college and community. President Smith is approachable and visible in that he has met with all staff on all campuses and our local schools to listen and share his vision. He is driven and has an excitement for Gadsden State that encourages us to do the same. President Smith has respect for the community we serve and challenges us all here at Gadsden State Community College to embody our mission to go out and ‘help people.’”

**Partnerships**

Building meaningful partnerships has been another defining focus throughout Smith’s first year. The college strengthened relationships with local school systems by meeting with high school principals and guidance counselors across its service area to better connect students with educational opportunities. Gadsden State also expanded transfer opportunities through new agreements with Jacksonville State University and Talladega College, creating additional pathways for students to continue their education after graduation. The college is currently developing partnership agreements with Drake State Community and Technical College and Auburn University.

“Throughout his career,



President Smith has always been forward-thinking and on the cutting edge of workforce development,” said Douglas Brasier, Dean of Workforce at Drake State Community and Technical College. “When I moved into my role at Drake State, President Smith immediately reached out to explore ways our institutions could work together. That collaboration is already leading to new opportunities, including an entrepreneurship course that will give students practical experience in developing a business plan, establishing an LLC and using social media to grow a business. We’re also continuing to explore new partnerships that build on the shared HBCU heritage of Gadsden State and Drake State while creating more opportunities for students and communities across north Alabama.”

Beyond higher education, the college continued collaborating with business and industry leaders, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, and workforce partners to align academic programs with regional workforce needs. Partnerships with the City of Gadsden also continued to grow, including a collaborative effort to develop the new Athletic Complex and, most recently, a new tennis complex that will serve both Gadsden State student-athletes and the community, reflecting the college’s com-

mitment to shared investments that benefit the region. “President Alan Smith demonstrates a strong and genuine commitment to the students and families of Gadsden City Schools,” said Keith Blackwell, Superintendent for Gadsden City Schools. “His willingness to partner with our schools and invest in opportunities for our students reflects his belief in the importance of education and the future of our community. Through his leadership, President Smith has opened pathways for our current students to explore higher education, develop career opportunities, and envision a successful future right here in our community. We are grateful for his commitment to helping our students succeed.”

“No college succeeds on its own,” Smith said. “Our partnerships make us stronger and allow us to better serve our students and our communities. When education, business, industry and community leaders work together, everyone benefits.”

**Progress**

The college’s focus on people and partnerships has fueled meaningful progress across every area of the institution. During the past year, Gadsden State celebrated the opening of its new Surgical Technology facility at the Ayers Campus in Anniston in Calhoun County, providing students with a state-of-

the-art healthcare training environment while helping meet regional workforce needs. Renovations to Wallace Hall created updated learning and performance spaces, while the college expanded academic opportunities through continued growth in programs such as Esthetics and strengthened planning for future nursing and STEM initiatives.

Enrollment also reflected the college’s continued momentum. Cherokee Campus welcomed the largest nursing class in its history, Adult Education reached record enrollment with more than 2,300 students served, and Gadsden State celebrated one of its strongest fall enrollments in recent years with more than 5,500 students.

“President Smith is a champion of workforce development for our entire region,” said Coleman Lett, Calhoun County Schools Career and Technical Education Coordinator. “During his first year in this position, he wasted no time being boots on the ground and creating opportunities. We are thankful for the strategic partnership between Gadsden State and the Calhoun County Career Academy, which provides countless opportunities for our students.”

The college also concluded its yearlong Celebrate Gadsden State campaign commemorating its 100th anniversary and introduced

its institutional message, “A College for the Community,” reaffirming its commitment to serving students while supporting economic growth throughout northeast Alabama.

“Progress isn’t just measured by new buildings and capital projects,” Smith said. “It’s measured by the opportunities we create and the lives we impact. Every improvement we make is about ensuring Gadsden State continues to meet the needs of our communities today while preparing for tomorrow.”

**Looking Ahead**

As he begins his second year as president, Smith remains focused on building upon the momentum of the past year by expanding access, strengthening partnerships and creating new opportunities for students.

“The accomplishments of this past year belong to our students, faculty, staff, alumni and community partners,” Smith said. “I’m grateful for everything we’ve accomplished together, but we’re just getting started. There is tremendous opportunity ahead, and I believe the best days for Gadsden State are still to come.”

As Gadsden State enters its next chapter, Smith says the college will continue to be guided by the same three priorities that shaped his first year — people, partnerships, progress — and by the simple mission that ties them all together — helping people.

## Gadsden State holds pinning ceremony for registered nursing graduates

On Aug. 6, the Gadsden State Community College Health Sciences Division recognized students earning their associate degree in Registered Nursing at a pinning ceremony held at Wallace Hall on the Wallace Drive Campus.

Students receiving their pins included:

Gadsden – Montana Johnson  
Glencoe – Rosalind King and Steven Teague  
Rainbow City – Britnee Crozier and Taylor Hood  
Southside – Brittany Lettau and Ethan Pugh

Students presented with awards for achievement during the ceremony included Cheyenne Carroll, recipient of the highly coveted Florence Nightingale Award, which recognizes those who are the most committed to caring and compassionate nursing care.

The Excellence in Academic Achievement Award was presented to Emily Lujano, who had the highest grade point average in the class.

Students awarded the Academic Achievement Award for having at least a 3.0 GPA were Mallory Allen, Makinley Alexander, Jennifer Arroyo, Leigh Ann Carter, Wen-

di Ford, Allie Harden, Taylor Hood, Kalie Martin, Carlie Mayben, Tiffany Moore, Robin Patterson, Joshua Pugh, Marilyn Rivera De Leon, and Cindy Wallace.

One student was recognized for completing the Registered Nurse Apprenticeship Program, which provides nursing students with the ability to earn while participating in on-the-job learning as a student nurse apprentice at a registered apprenticeship employer. The graduating participant recognized was Montana Johnson.

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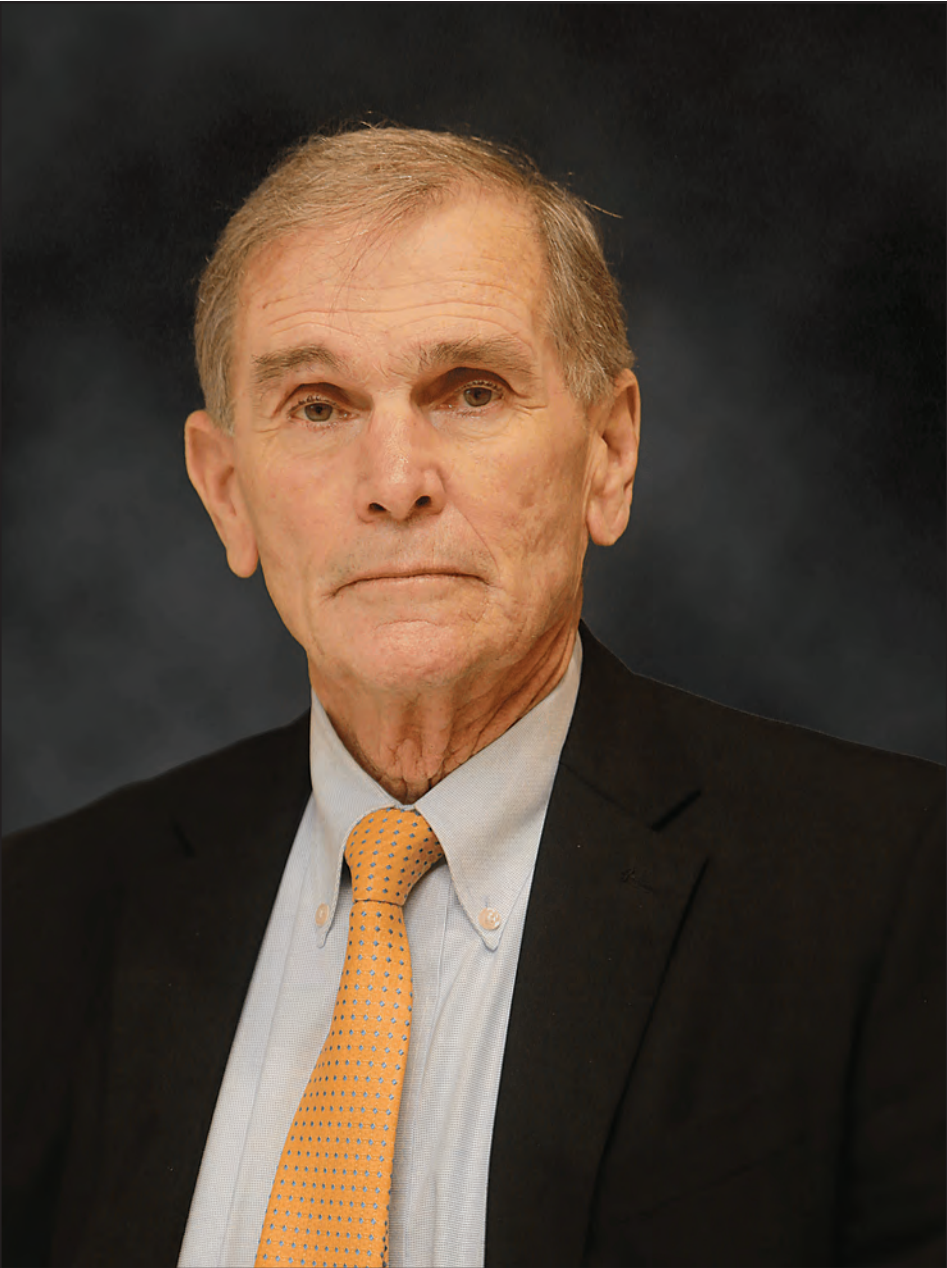
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# EDUCATION

## The two incumbents were reelected to the Gadsden City School Board on Tuesday

Adrienne Reed (below left) was reelected to represent District 1. She received 559 votes, or 68.67%, while Cynthia Toles received 255 votes, or 31.33%. Reed is a Gadsden native who graduated from Litchfield High School and Talladega College. She believes in the power of public education and that the community has a duty to prepare and inspire students to become their best selves, according to the school board website.

Mike Haney (below right) was reelected to represent District 4. He received 719 votes, or 65.48%, while Tiffany Ballou received 379 votes, or 34.52%. Haney is a lifelong Gadsden resident. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1965 and received his Juris Doctor degree in 1975. Haney, who has served on the school board since 1989, has a law practice in Gadsden, according to the school board website.



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# GOVERNMENT

## Gadsden City Council election results



District 1 is headed to a runoff between incumbent Tonya Lynn Latham and LaMont Kyle after neither candidate received a majority of the vote in Tuesday's election. According to unofficial results, Latham received 271 votes, or 33.46%, while Kyle received 259 votes, or 31.98%, a difference of just 12 votes. Brandon "Bowtie" Hall finished close behind Kyle with 254 votes, while Russell Johnson received 26 votes. A total of 810 votes were cast in the four-candidate race. Latham and Kyle will face each other in a nonpartisan runoff election on Sept. 22. The city's municipal election results are scheduled to be certified Sept. 1.



District 3 residents elected incumbent Larry J. Avery Jr. (left) over newcomer Denechia Getaw, with Avery receiving 375 votes, or 63.30%, and Getaw receiving 218 votes, or 36.7%, according to unofficial results from Tuesday's election.

District 5 elected newcomer Linda Aaron, (right) over the late incumbent Jason Wilson, whose wife Jessica Wilson would have served in his place if he were to win. Aaron receiving 385 votes, or 56.12%, and Wilson receiving 301 votes, or 43.88%, according to Tuesday's unofficial results.



District 6 elected newcomer Renay Stokes Reeves (right) over incumbent Dixie Minatra in a race that broke down to roughly a 60-40 split. Reeves received 246 votes, or 60.44%, while Minatra received 161 votes, or 39.56%, according to unofficial results from Tuesday's election.

District 7 elected incumbent Chris Robinson (left) over newcomer Sing Horn, with Robinson receiving 742 votes, or 74.05%, to Horn's 260 votes, or 25.95%. A total of 1,002 votes were cast in the race, the highest turnout of any Gadsden City Council district, according to the unofficial results Tuesday night.



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# LIFESTYLE

## Twenty-six stories and still more to tell

A year ago, when I wrote the first article for this column, I wasn't quite sure where the journey would take us. Twenty-five later, I've discovered there is never a shortage of stories to tell from your public library. With this, my 26th for *The Messenger*, we have officially reached our one-year anniversary.

Every other week for the past year, I have had the privilege of sharing a small piece of life from the Gadsden Public Library. Sometimes the stories have been about programs and special events. Other times, they have taken readers behind the scenes to explain how a library works, what happens to donated books, how a book makes its way onto a shelf, or why some of the things we do may be very different from what people imagine when they hear the word "library."

And that may be the biggest lesson from this first year.

A public library is about books, of course. Books remain at the very heart of who we are and what we do. But a modern public library is also about people.

It is about the child attending a library program and discovering something new for the very first time. It is about the teen-

ager who finds a place where he or she feels comfortable and welcome. It is about the adult learning a new skill, using a computer to complete an application, researching family history, or simply finding a quiet place to spend part of the day.

It is about families filling the building for special events, students coming through our doors after school, patrons asking questions at the front desk, and community members who may come to us not looking for a book at all, but looking for help.

Over the past year, this column has given me an opportunity to tell some of those stories.

We have talked about the programs that bring hundreds of people into the library, the partnerships that allow us to reach beyond our walls, the staff members who make everything happen, and even some of the less glamorous realities of library life — including what sometimes arrives in a box of donated books!

We have celebrated new opportunities, looked behind the scenes, and hopefully had a little fun along the way.

What I have enjoyed most, however, is having the opportunity to remind our community that this is your library.

The Gadsden Public Library belongs to the people we serve. Every program we plan, every service we offer, every book we purchase, and every new idea we consider begins with a simple question: How can we better serve our community?

That question has guided us for many years, and it will continue to guide us as the library changes and grows.

I am also very grateful to *The Messenger* for giving me this space every other week. In a world where so much information passes by us quickly, having the opportunity to stop for a few minutes and tell the story of a public library — and the people who make it special — is something I do not take for granted.

And I am especially grateful to those of you who read these articles.

Many of you have stopped me around town, mentioned something you read, asked a follow-up question, or simply told me that you enjoy learning a little more about what happens at the library. Those conversations mean more than you may realize.

So, after 25 stories and one full year, what comes next? Number 27, of course! Because if this past year has taught me



anything, it is that by the time another two weeks roll around, there will almost certainly be another library story waiting to be told.

And I look forward to sharing it with you.

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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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This morning, I heard a blurb on the radio about a researcher discovering two poems by Virginia Woolf. This researcher is not a Virginia Woolf specialist, but she happened upon the poems while escaping the Texas heat last August in the University of Texas archives. The poems are short and witty (the researcher describes them as "silly" in a fun way), and they were written for her niece and nephew.

It was interesting to imagine Fun Aunt Virginia as I listened, but otherwise, I was not as surprised as the headlines seemed to want listeners and readers to be. I really wanted to hear that an entire collection of her poetry had been found. Ah, well. I think most people who are familiar with Woolf's writing would not be shocked by the discovery of a couple of hastily scribbled poems enclosed in a letter. This is, af-

ter all, the woman who wrote that "poetry is delicious; the best prose is that which is most full of poetry."

What I did spend time considering, though, was why a writer who obviously respected, enjoyed poetry, and wrote poetry would only indulge in it as a sentimental, playful aside. For that matter, why have so many writers throughout literary history, especially women, felt the need to hide or downplay their poetry?

Virginia Woolf reflected that "Society in those days was a very competent, perfectly complacent, ruthless machine. A girl had no chance against its fangs. No other desires — say to paint, or to write — could be taken seriously." She focused on her prose, writing novels and essays and became a well-known writer — but not for poetry. It was an indulgence.

Anne Bradstreet, the first woman recognized as an American poet, was writing poetry in the 1600s. Her first volume was published in England by her brother-in-law, but she continued to downplay her writerly ambitions, even including a self-effacing poem that mocked her own work.

L.M. Montgomery wrote some work

under a pseudonym, as did the Bronte sisters — but these examples make it seem as if only writers from "back then" used pen names.

Today, many famous writers have also chosen authorial names to use when publishing work, and though it is easy to assume it is to hide an identity, I think it is often to create a different one. This allows both the writer and the reader to explore genres, topics, tones and even languages that they otherwise might not feel comfortable exploring.

Some writers who have achieved enormous success have even used pen names to prove to themselves that the success is not based solely on name. For example, Stephen King wrote several books under a pseudonym, as has J.K. Rowling, David Cornwell, Elena Farrante, Erika Mitchell, Patricia Highsmith and more. Some author's names are so recognizable that multiple writers continue writing under the name even after the original author has ceased publishing.

Hearing about Virginia Woolf's discovered poems made me think again about what it was like when she was a woman

writing. She famously said that she believed that "Anonymous has been a woman" for most of history. And, yes, I think women have had to balance more than their fair share of breaking into fields like publishing and poetry, but I also think there is more at play than simply obscuring facts that might make publishing more challenging.

I think having a pen name is much like stepping into another character, or playing dress-up. It allows freedom of movement between genres and topics, for men and women alike, and can be a way to present creative work with a clean slate, free of preconceived ideas or judgment from critics and fans alike.

I like to think about what names I would write under if I were to choose a pen name. There are so many options, each with its own hints at personality and character. As Whitman said, "I am large, I contain multitudes" — maybe I'll choose several options.

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## Self-worth: Where it actually comes from

We live in a world that gives us plenty of opportunities to measure ourselves.

We measure our success by our careers, our bank accounts, our homes and sometimes even the cars we drive. We compare our appearance to other people, count likes on social media and notice when someone else seems to be doing better than we are. It's easy to begin believing that our worth is determined by how successful, attractive, productive or well-liked we are.

The problem is that all of those things can change.

Jobs can be lost. Relationships can end. Children grow up and need us differently. Our bodies age. Financial circumstances change. Someone will always have more followers, a nicer house or a more impressive title.

If our sense of worth depends entirely on those things, our self-esteem is constantly at the mercy of circumstances.

So where does healthy self-worth actually come from?

It begins with recognizing the difference between what we do and who we are.

You can fail at something without being a failure. You can make a poor decision without being a bad person. Someone

can reject you without that rejection proving you are unlovable. Those distinctions sound simple, but they can be surprisingly difficult to make.

Many of our beliefs about ourselves begin early in life. Maybe you received attention when you achieved something, behaved well or took care of everyone else. Perhaps criticism was more common than encouragement. Over time, you may have learned that being useful, successful or pleasing to others was how you earned acceptance.

Those messages can follow us into adulthood.

We may become people pleasers. We may have difficulty saying no because disappointing someone feels unbearable. We may overwork, constantly seek reassurance or become extremely critical of ourselves when we make mistakes.

Building healthier self-worth often means challenging those old beliefs.

One place to start is by paying attention to how you speak to yourself. Many people have an internal voice that says things they would never say to someone they love. When you make a mistake, do you think, "I messed that up," or does it quickly be-

come, "I can't do anything right"?

There's a big difference.

Healthy self-worth doesn't mean believing you're wonderful at everything. It means being able to recognize both strengths and weaknesses without turning either into a judgment about your value as a person.

It also means living according to your values. Keeping your word, treating people well, setting appropriate boundaries, taking responsibility when you're wrong and making choices you respect can create a much stronger foundation for self-worth than approval from other people ever will.

And perhaps most importantly, self-worth isn't something you have to continually earn.

You don't become more valuable when someone chooses you, promotes you or praises you. You don't become less valuable because someone leaves, criticizes you or fails to recognize what you bring to the table.

Confidence may rise and fall. Success will come and go. Other people's opinions will change.

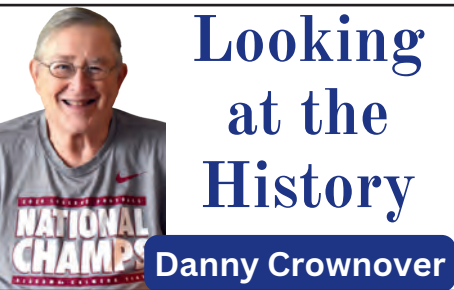
Healthy self-worth is quieter and steadier.



It is the understanding that you can still be a worthwhile person on the days when you aren't accomplishing much, when you make a mistake and even when someone else doesn't see your value.

Your worth was never supposed to depend on your performance in the first place.

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Back in June 1918, when World War I was beginning to take a heavy toll of American lives, there was an interesting resurgence of religious activity here in Gadsden as well as elsewhere in the nation.

Troubled souls resorted to prayer in the belief that it would aid in bringing about peace and would protect and preserve lives of young boys on the firing line.

It was recalled that cottage prayer meetings were organized in about 20 districts that were scattered all over the city in order to reach every community.

Some of the leading church women were placed in charge as district captains. Some of those captains were Mrs. Janie Jones, Mrs. J.H. Holcomb, Mrs. Wm. Acker, Mrs. J.B. Caldwell, Mrs. Sallie Hughes, Mrs.

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During that month there was much discussion of the report of the draft board that 240 boys had failed to report or to make any sort of response to the call for military service.

State, county and federal officers were looking for them and they and their parents and guardians, were warned that they would be hunted down and punished unless they came in promptly and had a legal excuse for not reporting.

One member of the local board told the local newspaper that he favored asking the army to send a company here to round up the "slackers," but nothing of that kind was done, fortunately.

It was tried in another county without any good coming of it. Not all of the boys who failed to respond to the draft call were slackers. Some of them could not read and write and in some cases their parents were equally illiterate.

Most of them did not understand a foreign war and some were just cowards. One boy dug a hole in the ground under a brush heap on his father's farm, moved a bed into it and hid out for weeks.

When caught he showed fight and his father was arrested for harboring him.

A German in the western end of the county was arrested by federal men for canvassing his neighborhood in an effort to induce the people not to buy war bonds. He declared the Germans were in the right and that the United States had entered upon a war of aggression for spoils. He said that he was merely repeating what some congressmen and senators were saying.

Another German said that Germany would conquer the United States, but that they would be good to the people of this country.

Some arrests were made and, in a few

instances, the arrested parties were entirely innocent and were the victims of a gross injustice.

The barbers of Gadsden raised the price of shaves from 15 cents to 20 cents and soda fountains raised prices on ordinary drinks from five to ten cents, with proportionate raises on creams and sherberts.

At the same time the government issued its famous "fight to work" order, with the result that many in the so-called soft jobs hustled around for essential work.

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# SPORTS

## Westbrook sets strong tone in jamboree win over Hokes Bluff

By Alex Chaney  
Sports Correspondent

On Thursday, Aug. 20, Hokes Bluff and Westbrook participated in a football jamboree, where their varsity teams played in the first half and JV teams played in the second half.

By the end of the first quarter, the score was still 0-0, but Westbrook was shaping up to be a threat to be reckoned with.

By halftime, Westbrook held a 21-0 lead. Westbrook effectively dominated the offensive and defensive lines, and as a result, Hokes Bluff never got deep into Westbrook territory.

During the JV portion in the second half of the game, the teams started a running clock, and both teams played everyone. Both squads scored one touchdown each, with Westbrook scoring in the third quarter and Hokes Bluff scoring in the fourth.

By the end of the jamboree, Westbrook held a 28-7 win over Hokes Bluff.

Jamboree scores can be a mixed bag; coaches are trying different things and not necessarily pulling out all the stops to win. In this game, however, it was clear that Westbrook dominated up front, especially in the varsity portion, potentially setting the tone for the rest of the season.



Alex Chaney

Westbrook vs. Hokes Bluff on Aug. 20 at a football jamboree, in which they defeated Hokes Bluff with an ending score of 28-7.

## Southside offense, defense shine in 30-7 win over Chelsea

By Alex Chaney  
Sports Correspondent



Alex Chaney

Southside rolls past Chelsea on Friday (above). Southside’s band performing at half time (right).

On Friday, Aug. 21, Southside played against Chelsea at Southside High, with Southside ultimately defeating Chelsea 30-7.

In the first quarter, Southside scored at the 9:25 mark with a long touchdown pass to Southside’s #0, Deegan Garrett. Then, with 4:46 left on the clock, Southside scored again with a touchdown run by Southside’s #21, Miles Rickles.

In the second quarter, Chelsea answered with a short touchdown run with 7:00 remaining.

Then, with 5:08 on the clock, Southside scored again with yet another touchdown pass to Deegan Garrett.

After a quick drive with mere seconds on the clock, Southside scored again.

In the second half of the game, Southside scored on a safety, securing their win over Chelsea.



### Last Week’s Scores

#### High School Sports

##### Football

- August 20  
Westbrook Christian defeated Hokes Bluff 28-7 (Jamboree game)
- August 21  
Coosa Christian lost to Pierce County 0-55  
Gadsden City lost to Oxford 28-56  
Gaston defeated Spring Garden 36-12  
Glencoe defeated Hayden 35-8  
Sardis lost to Haralson County (GA) 14-41  
Southside defeated Chelsea 30-7  
West End lost to Cedar Bluff 15-20

### This Week in Sports

#### High School Sports

##### Football

- August 27  
Southside at Hokes Bluff at 7 p.m
- August 28  
Coosa Christian at Alexandria High School at 7 p.m.  
Gadsden City at Fort Payne at 7 p.m.  
Gaston vs Cedar Bluff at 7 p.m.  
Sardis at Guntersville at 7 p.m.  
Westbrook Christian at Ashville at 7 p.m.

##### Girls Flag Football

- September 1  
Gadsden City vs Albertville 5 p.m.
- September 3  
Gadsden City vs Pell City at 5 p.m.

Southside C team defeated Springville’s Freshman and Sophomore team 20 to 0 on Saturday at the pee wee football game in Springville.



# SPORTS



## Cardinals set sights high for 2026 volleyball season

The Gadsden State volleyball team is entering the 2026 season with a strong group of returning players, new talent and high expectations for conference play.

Head Coach Connie Clark, now in her second year leading the Cardinals, will return five sophomores and welcome two sophomore transfers to a roster that will look to compete for an Alaama Community College Conference championship.

“We are very excited to start the 2026 volleyball season,” Clark said.

“We are entering our second year of coaching the Cardinals, and we are optimistic about the upcoming season. We are expecting a lot of leadership, energy and enthusiasm

from our seven sophomores.”

On the pins, Eryn Spradley and Lily Henry are expected to provide consistent production and leadership for the Cardinals. Returning sophomore Cassidy Hartsfield anchors the middle and will be joined by freshmen Ava Vaughn of Springville and Kylie Jeffers of Alexandria, adding depth and size at the net.

The back row features returning sophomore Aiby Wyatt. Freshmen Lilly Breeding of East Limestone, Emily King of Southside and Chloe Henderson of Jacksonville are also expected to see playing time and contribute defensively.

On the right side, sophomores Cam Stone and

Kaden Pritchett return after logging significant playing time last season. Freshman Vada Willmore of Sardis adds versatility and is expected to contribute from both pin positions.

Setting duties will be shared by newcomers Elaisa Vazquez of Pike Road and Alanah Fitch of Ohatchee. The pair will be tasked with directing an offense that combines returning experience with a new group of contributors.

Gadsden State opened its home schedule Saturday, Aug. 22, with a tri-match against Reid State Community College and Cleveland State Community College.



Congratulations to Glencoe’s libero, a specialized back-row player who focuses entirely on defense and ball control, Gracyn Bunt reached 1,000 career digs over the weekend. Photo submitted.

## This Week in Sports

### High School Sports

#### Volleyball

- August 29**
- Southside vs Pleasant Valley
  - Westbrook Christian at Ashville
- August 31**
- Southside at Crossville
  - Glencoe at White Plains
  - Etowah vs Douglas and JB Pennington at 4 p.m.
  - West End vs Southeastern/Oneonta at 4:30 p.m.
- September 1**
- Southside vs Douglas and Hokes Bluff at 4 p.m.
  - Etowah at Glencoe
  - Westbrook Chrisitan at Donoho 1 at 5 p.m.
- September 3**
- Southside vs Guntersville and St. Clair County at 4 p.m.
  - Etowah vs Hokes Bluff at 4:230 p.m.
  - Glencoe at Cherokee County and Sand Rock
  - West End at Boaz at 4:30 p.m.
  - Westbrook Chrisitan at Faith Chrisitan at 4:30 p.m.

#### Cross Country

- August 29**
- Pleasant Valley Raider Run – Glencoe

## College Sports

#### Volleyball

- August 28**
- Gadsden State vs Coastal South at 3 p.m.
- August 31**
- Gadsden State at Central Community at 3 p.m.
- September 2**
- Gadsden State vs Wallace State at 5 p.m.
- September 3**
- Gadsden State at Cleveland State/Georgia Highlands at 3 p.m.



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# SPORTS



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Ashville hosted a volleyball tournament on Saturday, inviting seven teams to participate. Ashville won the tournament only dropping one set . Hokes Bluff won three matchs and lost two. The lady eagles defeated Winterboro (pictured above right), Coosa and Victory Christian, but were defeated by Glencoe and Ashville. Glencoe won four matches and lost one. The lady yellow jacksts defeated Victory Christian, Coosa (pictured above left) , Appalachian, Winterboro and Hokes Bluff, only losing to Ashville.



Alex Chaney

Etowah High School hosted a tri-match on Monday with Hokes Bluff and Coosa. Hokes Bluff finished 2-0, Coosa finished 1-1 and Etowah finished 0-2.



Photo submitted

Etowah Middle School's eight grade girls volleyball team defeated Coosa on Monday with a score of 25-7 and 25-9. McKenna Pate served 11 in a row, Bryleigh Burton served 10 in a row and Emily Mendoza served five.



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Gadsden State was defeated by Snead State on Wednesday after playing five matches.

# SPORTS



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# LEGALS

## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having being made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated June 9, 2021 executed by Joshua Laughlin, an unmarried person, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as a nominee for Village Capital & Investment LLC, said Mortgage being recorded July 15, 2021, in Inst. # 3524242, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama; having later been assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC by instrument recorded in Inst. # 3584076, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Planet Home Lending, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Etowah County, Alabama on 10/14/2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Situated in the City of Gadsden, County of Etowah, State of Alabama:

Lot number sixteen (16); and a lot or parcel of land described as beginning at a point where the northeast line of lot number 17 intersects the southeast line thereof; thence in a northwesterly direction and along the northeast line of said lot a distance of 30 feet to a point; thence in a southwesterly direction and parallel with the northwest line of said lot number 17 a distance of 120 feet to a point; thence in a southeasterly direction and parallel with the southwest line of said lot a distance of 5 feet to a point; thence in a southwesterly direction and parallel with the southeast line of said lot a distance of 20 feet to a point in the southwest line of said lot number 17; thence in a southeasterly direction and along the southwest line of lot number 17 a distance of 25 feet to the point of intersection of the southwest line of said lot number 17 with the southeast line thereof; thence in a northeasterly direction and along the southeast line of said lot a distance of 140 feet to the point of beginning, and embracing a portion of lot number 17, all in block number 44 in first addition Bellevue Highlands, as surveyed and platted by Totten and Woodruff, civil engineers, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in plat book "B" beginning at page 286, in the office of the judge of probate, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX ID NO: 1009323000027.000 (PARCEL ID NO.) 19506 (PPIN)

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 209 Harts Ave., Gadsden, AL 35904. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE

AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Federal law requires that certain residential real estate transactions purchased with all cash or without institutional lender financing, where at least one buyer/transferee is a legal entity, LLC, Corporation, Partnership, trust, trustee or other non-natural person, be reported to the United States Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCen).

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fees and other purposes set out in said mortgage. The successful bidder may be required to provide identifying information/documentation successful bidders must tender funds and a fully completed FinCen form before noon of the next business day after the sale or the property will be reverted to the next highest bid.

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Attorney for Mortgagee  
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39-FC-26-01309

August 14, 21, and 28, 2026

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Vashiti M. Lopez, single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, First Bank, and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 17th day of June, 2024, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3576181; said Mortgage having been transferred and assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, First Bank, and Lender's successors and assigns) to Alabama Housing Finance Authority by virtue of that certain Assignment of Mortgage dated June 29, 2026, and recorded in said Probate Office in Miscellaneous Book 2026, at Page 3611573. The undersigned Alabama Housing Finance Authority as Assignee of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse in the City of Gadsden, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 17, 2026, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said property being situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot No. Twenty-Three (23) in Block No. Nineteen (19) in Gadsden Land and Improvement Company's Kyle Addition, according to the map of plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book "A, Page 23, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama; subject to any easements or restrictions or record.

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Our File No.: 37591-3749  
ATTORNEYS FOR ASSIGNEE

## ALABAMA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY ASSIGNEE

August 14, 21, and 28, 2026

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

### STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Steven Joseph Lobello, Melinda Lobello, Connie Marie White to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns dated March 9, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on as Instrument No. 3554467 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC by assignment to be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on September 23, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOTS 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK 2 OF CEDAR HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "G", PAGE 3, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 884 Riverside Dr, Gadsden, AL 35901.

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

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

in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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

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

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

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC as holder of said mortgage  
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## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

### STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Patricia J Granger, Henry S Granger to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Homequest Capital Funding, LLC its successors and assigns dated September 30, 2005; said mortgage being recorded on October 6, 2005 as Instrument No. M-2005-4286 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to BRA-

VO Residential Funding Trust 2020-RPL2 by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3522459 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, BRAVO Residential Funding Trust 2020-RPL2, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on September 30, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9) and Ten (10), in Block One (1), in Wiggmar Hills, as shown by plat recorded in Plat Book "F", Page 141, in the Office of the Judge of Probate and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 2706 Lookout Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35904.

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

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

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

BRAVO RESIDENTIAL FUNDING TRUST 2020-RPL2  
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## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jonathan T. Chavis, an unmarried man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Royal United Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns, on April 2, 2025, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Book 2025 Page 3590378; the undersigned AmeriHome Mortgage Company LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on September 30, 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: All that part of the Northwest Fourth of the Northwest Fourth of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 5 East in Etowah County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Fourth of the Northwest Fourth of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 5 East in Etowah County, Alabama; Thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West 105.0 feet to the True Point to Beginning for the property herein described; thence from the True Point of Beginning, continue on a bearing of South 90 degrees 00 minutes West 230.0 Feet to a 5/8 inch rebar found; thence North 06 degrees 14 minutes 21 seconds East 460.08 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar found on the Southern right of way of Shady Grove Road; thence along the Southern right of way of said Shady Grove Road, South 51 degrees 29 minutes 57 seconds East 230.0 feet to a point; thence leaving the Southern right of way of said Shady Grove Road, South 00 degrees 00 minutes East 314.18 feet (378.0 feet – Deed Record) to the True Point of Beginning for the property herein described; said lands lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.. Property

street address for informational purposes: 3180 Shady Grove Rd , Boaz, AL 35956. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. AmeriHome Mortgage Company LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 26-04242-SC-AL

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## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Christa Lewis and husband, Jeremiah Lewis, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns, on March 20, 2025, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Book 2025 Page 3589466; the undersigned AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on September 30, 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 Eighteen (18) of the Western Hills Subdivision to Southside, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book I, Page 54, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 2755

Cedar Circle , Southside, AL 35907. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 26-13505-SC-AL

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gary Hall to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. "MERS" as mortgagee, as nominee for Lender, Central Mortgage Funding, LLC, and Lender's successors and assigns dated February 7, 2024 and Recorded in Instrument #3569619 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama, which said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Village Capital & Investment, LLC by instrument recorded in Misc BK 2026, Page 3613125 in said Probate Court Records; notice is hereby given that the undersigned as mortgagee will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on the September 16, 2026, at the front door entrance of the Courthouse of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forest Ave, Gadsden, AL 35902, the following described real property in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage: Lot 12, Woodland Hills, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book "H", Page 121, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, lying and being in Southside, Alabama.

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SO 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 property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the judge of the probate where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the mortgage.

Village Capital & Investment, LLC  
Mortgagee  
William McFadden  
McFadden, Rouse & Bender, LLC  
718 Downtowner Blvd.  
Mobile, AL 36609

August 21, 28, and September 4, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Nyquitta Knight, unmarried, 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 February 26, 2026, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Bk: 2026 Pg: 3605491; the undersigned AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on October 14, 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: 917 Litchfield Ave , Gadsden, AL 35903. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 26-13505-SC-AL

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confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 26-13598-SC-AL

August 21, 28, and September 4, 2026

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 sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany

& Bosco, P.A shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from August 20, 2026 until October 29, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 26-09197-PM-AL

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August 28, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jason McIntyre and Jennifer McIntyre, husband and wife, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Family Savings Credit Union, on June 14, 2017, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3452124; the undersigned Carrington Mortgage 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 January 15, 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: Commence at a 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 8 East; thence South 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 734.24 feet along the East line of said forty to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA497-LS) being the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 325.00 feet along said forty line a 3/8-inch rebar on the Northerly right of way of U.S. Highway Number 278 (80-foot right of way); thence leaving said forty line North 69 degrees 43 minutes 21 seconds West 283.00 feet along said right of way to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA-497-LS); thence leaving said right of way North 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds East 325.00 feet to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA-497-LS); thence South 69 degrees 43 minutes 21 seconds East 283.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 9234 US Highway 278 E , Hokes Bluff, AL 35903. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

PUBLICATION DATES: December 5, 2025, December 12, 2025, December 19, 2025, January 30, 2026, March 27, 2026, May 8, 2026, June 26, 2026, August 28, 2026. NEWSPAPER: The Messenger.

The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from March 19, 2026 until April 30, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from April 30, 2026 until June 18, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from June 18, 2026 until August 20, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from August 20, 2026 until October 29, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-06399-CE-AL

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August 28, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by John Brackett Moore, a married man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Zillow Home Loans, LLC, on January 12, 2024, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3568818; the undersigned PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on September 10, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the center of the Public Road leading to Formans Lake and on the North line of Fractional Section Four (4) Town-

ship Twelve (12) Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian. Said beginning point is 176 feet measured along said North line Westerly from the North East corner of the Northeast Quarter of the above described Fractional Section, and thence run along the said North line run in a Southerly direction a distance of Three Hundred Ninety Two feet more or less to a point in the center of the Public Road leading from the Old Walnut Grove road to Formans Lake and from the center or from this point run in an Easterly Direction and meandering said road to the beginning point which is the center of the said road and on the said North line of the Fractional Section 4, and embracing a portion of the North East Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Fractional Section 4, Township (12) South of Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County, Alabama and being and lying west of Big Wills Creek containing two and 55/100 acres more or less, save and except however, that certain one half acres heretofore conveyed by W. B. Horton and wife, Ola Horton to Jackie Mims and wife, Lola Mims, by deed dated 27th February, 1951, and recorded in books 460, Page 279, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, said land being conveyed subject to the rights of the public to us the South 15 feet for road purposes, minerals in the above described property is reserved. Together with all improvements located thereon.. Property street address for informational purposes: 3125 Miller Hollow Road , Attalla, AL 35954. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from September 10, 2025 until November 19, 2025, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from November 19, 2025 until January 21, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah

County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from January 21, 2026 until April 1, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from April 1, 2026 until June 10, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from June 10, 2026 until August 19, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from August 19, 2026 until October 28, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-06342-PM-AL

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August 28, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Dylan Jack Hallmark was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/24/2026 over the Estate of Jacky Royce Hallmark, 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

August 14, 21, and 28, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Monica Rae Moulds Steward and Christopher Moulds was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/13/2026 to the Estate of Ellen Faye Hoskins Beasley, 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

August 14, 21, and 28, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Emily Hawk Mills was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/29/2026 to the Estate of Laretha Boggs, 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

August 14, 21, and 28, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Justin Hayes was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/04/2026 to the Estate of George L. Woods, 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

August 14, 21, and 28, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Howard Todd Jordan was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/05/2026 to the Estate of Jimmie Lou Jordan, 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

August 14, 21, and 28, 2026

FILE CLAIMS



Makiya Deshay Jones was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/10/2026 over the Estate of Tia Evette Rogers, 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

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Stacy Ashley Phillips was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/28/2026 to the Estate of Sandra Jean Territo, 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

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Rachelle Milner was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/24/2026 to the Estate of Iman Majid, 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

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Patrick David Garrett and Kristy Renae Garrett was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 7/13/2026 to the Estate of Delores Gail Garrett, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Amanda Thacker was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/21/2026 to the Estate of Walter Alexander Roe, 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

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Scott F. Stewart was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/24/2026 over the Estate of Lory Dell Dodd, 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

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Freddy Johnson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 6/26/2026 over the Estate of Aaron Cody Johnson, 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

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

James Jolly was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/20/2026 to the Estate of Shirley JoAnn duPont, 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

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Frankie Lynn Haynie was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 8/10/2026 to

the Estate of Franklin Delano Haynie, 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

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Sara Elisabeth Harrison was/were granted Ancillary Letters Testamentary on 7/10/2026 to the Estate of Rosie Caldwell, 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

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: WILLIAM J. RUCKLE, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-482

TO: Rayburn Clay 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 22 day of SEPTEMBER 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 6TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

August 14, 21, and 28, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: CHARLES BAILY, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-481

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 22ND 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 6TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

Scott W. Hassall  
Judge of Probate

August 14, 21, and 28, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF OSCAR M. HARP, DECEASED.  
Case No.: S-12354

TO: APRIL BENEFIELD, BILLIE HARP, STEPHANIE BENEFIELD, JOSHUA HARP, whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court a Petition for Final Settlement in the Estate of Oscar M. Harp, deceased.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 13th day of October, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the said Petition for Final Settlement in the Estate of Oscar M. Harp, deceased, should not be granted.  
DONE THIS THE 20th DAY OF August 2026.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

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

Notice to: Tara Spears, whose whereabouts are unknown

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Betty M. Payne and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Betty M. Payne was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 7TH day of AUGUST 2026.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 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

August 14, 21, and 28, 2026

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

Notice to: Don Kinard, whose whereabouts are unknown

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of Don W. Kinard, and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of Don W. Kinard, was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 18th day of AUGUST 2026.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 28th day of SEPTEMBER, 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

August 21, 28, and September 4, 2026

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Elite Real Estate Management 2, LLC, Plaintiff  
v.  
Justin Jacobs, Defendant CV - 2026 - 900173

Defendant Justin Jacobs and any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, possessory, or other interest in the lands described below must answer Plaintiff's Complaint filed in the above referenced court and case number within thirty (30) days of the completion of the newspaper publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the above-styled case. The subject property is described as follows: Lots 3 and 4, as shown on the map of the Rearrangement of Block "B", Southmont Addition, Attalla, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book "H", Page 83, in the Etowah County Probate Office. The address of the subject property is 506 Green Street SE, Attalla, AL 35954.

Done the 3rd day of August, 2026.

/s/Jason Knowles  
Jason Knowles  
Attorney for Plaintiff Knowles & Sullivan, LLC  
413 Broad Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
jason@kkslawgroup.com

August 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2026

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CV-2025-900531  
John d. Bailey, plaintiff, Vs.  
Lissa Maddox, Mac Smith, Tami Rains, Chris Smith, Gary Smith, and Michael Smith, including any heirs or devisees of the same and those whose addresses are unknown and any and all unknown

parties, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any person claiming any future, contingent, reversionary, remainder, or other interest therein, who may claim any interest in the above described property, 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 plaintiff's 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: A parcel of land described as Follows:

Parcel one:  
For a point of beginning: commence at the southwest corner of lot number one (1), Carlisle acres subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in plat book k, page 49, probate office, Etowah county, Alabama; thence run north 85 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds west a distance of 39.59 feet (plat), 39.81 feet (field) to a point, thence run south 05 degrees 12 minutes 06 seconds east a distance of 81.91 feet to the point of beginning; thence run south 75 degrees 31 minutes 54 seconds west a distance of 129.20 feet to a point; thence run north 20 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds west a distance of 103.96 feet to a point; thence run south 77 degrees 30 minutes 54 seconds west a distance of 183.34 feet to a point; thence run south07 degrees 54 minutes 54 seconds west a distance of 133.75 feet to a point; thence run north 88 degrees 48 minutes 56 seconds east a distance of 368.59 feet to a point; thence run north 05 degrees11 minutes 34 seconds west a distance of 100.00 feet to the point of beginning, said tract embracing a portion of the northeast quarter (ne 1/4) of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4), section 3, township 11 south, range 5 east of the Huntsville meridian, Etowah county, Alabama, containing 1.00 acre, more or less.

Parcel two:  
Five (5) acres in a square in the NW corner of the ne ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 3, township 11 south, range 5 east, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon. Less and except those portions conveyed to Michael Kevin nix by deed recorded in d-1998-0225; save and except those portions conveyed to the exchange bank of Alabama by deed recorded in d-2001-2176; and save and except those portions conveyed to Lissa Maddox by deeds recorded in d-2001-4039 and d-2001-4040, said descriptions embracing a portion of the ne ¼ of the SW ¼ in section 3, township 11 south, range 5 east.

Done the 5th day of August, 2026

/S/Sonny J. Steen  
Circuit judge

Joshua b. Sullivan  
Knowles & Sullivan, LLC  
413 broad street  
Gadsden, al 35901  
Phone: 256-547-7200

August 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2026

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CV-2026-900334.00

ERIC McGEE, PLAINTIFF  
v.  
KAREN SOFIA HEFNER HORDESKI, RICKY VAN HEFNER, RICHARD, LEE HEFNER and SHERI LYNN HEFNER, WILLARD HEFNER, KAREN HEFNER, KEN JAMIESON, MARY JAMIESON, 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 Plaintiff's 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: A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A parcel of land in the west half of the south-west quarter of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Ten (10), Range Five (5) East, more particularly described as follows: for a point of beginning, where the branch from the old Rogers Spring on Cox Gap Road, crosses the north boundary, thence southwest down the branch 233 yards to our west boundary thence south along the Sawmill Hollow branch 130 yards, thence east 120 yards, thence north 175 yards to the point of beginning. Done the 5th day of August, 2026.

/s/SONNY J. STEEN  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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

August 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2026

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CV-2026-900377

CODY DANNA, PLAINTIFF,  
v.

DAN E. HUMPHREY, et al, DEFENDANTS.

The Defendant, Dan E. Humphrey including any heirs or devices of the same, 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 Plaintiff's Complaint filed in the above referenced court and case number within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the above-styled case.

The subject property is described as follows:

Lot Number 11 in Block Number 1 in East River-view Hills, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "H", pages 30 and 31, Probate Office. Etowah County, Alabama.

Done the 17th day of August, 2026.

/s/GEORGE C. DAY, JR  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Joshua B. Sullivan  
Knowles & Sullivan, LLC

413 Broad Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
Phone: 256-547-7200

August 21, 28, September 4 and 11, 2026

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

NOLAN HOLLAND and KEELIE HOLLAND, PLAINTIFFS  
v.  
CV - 2026 - 900442  
MICHELE STORY SMITH, ET AL., DEFENDANTS

Defendant Michele Story Smith and any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, possessory, or other interest in the lands described below must answer Plaintiff's Complaint filed in the above referenced court and case number within thirty (30) days of the completion of the newspaper publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the above-styled case. The subject property is described as follows: Commence at an existing 3/8" rebar marking the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW

1/4, Section 4, Township 12 South, Range & East; thence N 3 degrees 00 minutes 38 seconds East 30.06 feet to a 1/2 capped rebar (LS#21183) on the Northern R/W of Beaird Road 60' R/W; thence along said R/W N 89 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds East 2,317.57 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (LS#21183) also being the point of beginning; thence leaving said R/W N 00 degrees 09 minutes 13 seconds West 660.00 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (LS#21183); thence N 89 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds East 200.00 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (LS#21183); thence S 00 degrees 09 minutes 13 seconds East 660.00 feet to a 1/2 capped rebar (LS# 21183) on Northern R/W of said road; thence along said R/W S 89 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds West 200.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.03 acres, more or less.

Said tract also contains a 50 feet access easement 30' each side of the following described lines. Commence at an existing 3/8" rebar marking the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 3, Township 12 South, Range & East; thence North 3 degrees 00 minutes 38 seconds East 30.06 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (LS# 21183); thence N 89 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds East 2,348.43 feet to a calculated point being the point of beginning; thence along the centerline of said easement N 12 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds East 302.39 feet to a calculated point; thence N 05 degrees 21 minutes 21 seconds East 167.57 feet to a calculated point; thence N 18 degrees 13 minutes 54 seconds East 109.15 feet to a calculated point; thence N 53 degrees 25 minutes 29 seconds East 61.12 to the end of said easement.

The address of the Property is 0 Beaird Road, Hokes Bluff, AL 35903. The PIN for the Property is 82729. Done the 21st day of August, 2026.

/s/Jason Knowles  
Jason Knowles, Attorney for Plaintiffs Knowles & Sullivan, LLC  
413 Broad Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
jason@kkslawgroup.com

August 28, September 4, 11, and 18, 2026

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR**

Notice to: Jessica Sandlin whose address is unknown

You will take notice that a Petition to Change Name of Minor regarding a female child born to Jessica Sandlin Ball on September 22, 2010, was filed on the 29th day of July, 2026. The Petition is set to be heard on 6th day of October, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. Please be advised that you are required to answer this petition within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice. Your answer to this petition is to be filed with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell  
Judge of Probate

August 14, 21, 28, and September 4, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Water Works Board of Attalla will hold a public hearing on September 1, 2026, from 5:00 PM until 6:00 pm at the Attalla Water Board Office, 509 4th Street NW, Attalla, AL 35954 to discuss the submission of an application for the 2026 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan program through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and the Environmental Information Document (EID) associated with the proposed project. The hearing will address the proposed construction of a new clearwell at the Water Treatment Plant located at 1780

Highway 77, Attalla, AL 35954.

A copy of the EID will be available for review at the Public Hearing. Any person with a disability or communication impairment should contact the Water Works Board of Attalla at (256) 538-3322 if special accommodation is needed. The Board will attempt to satisfy all reasonable requests.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Attalla Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Attalla City Hall located at 612 4th Street NW, Attalla, AL 35954. The following items will be considered:

A variance requested and filed by Rhonda Masters to use the property at 410 4th Avenue NW, Attalla, AL 35954 as a residential rental. The lot is zoned B-2 (Central Business). The property was previously used as a residential dwelling.

A variance requested and filed by Ngoc Tran to increase the size that a sign can be on the property at 959 Gilbert Ferry Road, Attalla, AL 35954. The property is zoned H-C (Highway Commercial).

A variance requested and filed by Jimmie & Virginia Miller for a setback variance to add on to the house at 503 9th Avenue SW, Attalla, AL 35954. The property is zoned R-3 (Multi-Family Residential).

Mandy Cash  
City Clerk

August 21 and 28, 2026

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

Owner: The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden  
Locality: Gadsden, Alabama  
Engineer: Three Notch Group, Inc.

The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Interstate 759 Utility Relocation  
ALDOT Project No. RACR-028-759-002-PE

A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the offices of The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden located at 515 Albert Rains Boulevard, on September 2, 2026, at 1:00 PM local time. Bids will only be accepted from bidders who attend the meeting.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received in person from properly licensed contractors at the offices located at 515 Albert Rains Boulevard Gadsden, Alabama 35901 until September 9, 2026, at 1:00 PM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

The project consists of relocation of approximately 7,380 feet of water main, 7,200 feet of gravity sewer, 55 manholes, and associated appurtenances to account for the extension of Interstate 759.

The Owner requires the Project to be Substantially Completed within 365 calendar days after the date when the Contract Time commences to run, and completed and ready for final payment within 395 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. (Louie Arvelo - louie.arvelo@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.

Bidding documents are on file for examination by prospective bidders at 515 Albert Rains Boulevard Gadsden, Alabama 35901 during normal business hours.

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: The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden  
By: Chad Hare  
Title: General Manager

August 21, 28, and September 4, 2026

**PUBLIC AWARENESS MEETING**

The Fords Valley and Highway 278 Water Cooperative will be providing the results of the Source Water Assessment and Susceptibility Analysis for the Fords Valley Production Well project on September 8th, 2026, at 5:30 pm, at the office of the Fords Valley and Highway 278 Water Cooperative located at 9529 U.S. Highway 278 East, Piedmont, Alabama 36272. A copy of the assessment documents will be available at the office of the Water Cooperative for review by the public.

Any person with a disability or communication impairment in need of special accommodations should contact the Water Cooperative at (256) 492-5886. The Water Cooperative will attempt to satisfy all reasonable requests.

August 28, 2026

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

PROJECT: Etowah Schools New Intercom Systems

CONTRACTOR: Staley Technologies

WORK: Equipment – IP Intercom System

LOCATION: Etowah County Schools, Etowah County, Alabama

OWNER: Etowah County School Board of Education

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Staley

Technologies, 6101 S. Shackelford Road, Little Rock, AR 72204, has completed work consisting of the installation of an IP Intercom System for the Etowah Schools New Intercom Systems project at Etowah County Schools, Etowah County, Alabama. Any person, firm, or corporation having any claim for labor, materials, equipment, services, or other project-related work furnished in connection with this project is hereby notified to promptly submit such claim to:

Staley Technologies  
1-800-280-9675  
6101 S. Shackelford Road  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
This notice is published pursuant to applicable Alabama law.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED VACATION OF NANCY AVENUE**

A petition has been received by the City of Gadsden for the vacation of Nancy Avenue, described as follows:  
Tract #1: Begin at an existing 1" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot #8, in Block "16", of Clayton Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book "D", Pages 70 & 71, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and point being at the intersection with the Northerly R/W of Nancy Avenue (50' R/W) and the Easterly R/W of Perry Street (50' R/W), and run S02°01'41"E, along said Perry Street Easterly R/W, 25.06 feet to a point; thence run S87°56'22"E, leaving said R/W, 300.09 feet to a point at the intersection with the Westerly R/W of Wilson Drive (50' R/W); thence run N02°01'41"W, along said Westerly R/W, 25.06 feet to an existing ¾" pipe; thence run N87°56'22"W, leaving said Westerly R/W, 300.09 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a portion of the annulled Nancy Avenue, lying between Block "16" on the North, and Block "17" on the South, Clayton Subdivision, Etowah County, Alabama and contains 0.17 acre (more or less).

Tract #2: Commence at an existing 1" pipe at the southwest corner of Lot #8, in Block "16", of Clayton Subdivision, as recorded in PI at Book "D", Pages 70 & 71, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, said point being at the intersection with the Northerly R/W of Nancy Avenue (50' R/W) and the Easterly R/W of Perry Street (50' R/W), and run S02°01'41"E, along said Perry Street Easterly R/W, 25.06 feet to the point of beginning of the property described herein; thence run S87°56'22"E, leaving said R/W, 300.09 feet to a point at the intersection with the Westerly R/W of Wilson Drive (50' R/W); thence run S02°01'41"W, along said Easterly R/W, 25.06 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a portion of the annulled Nancy Avenue, lying between Block "16" on the North, and Block "17" on the South, Clayton Subdivision, Etowah County, Alabama, and contains .017 acre (more or less).

A resolution granting assent to this vacation will be considered by the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 90 Broad Street. Objections to the passage of the resolution will be heard at that time. A map of the proposed vacation will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Engineering Department, third floor, Room 302, City Hall.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Attalla Housing Authority (AHA) is currently developing a 5-year Plan, Annual Plan and

Capital Fund Program for 2027. The 5-year plan describes the mission of this agency, the agency's longrange goals and objectives for achieving its mission over the next five years. The Annual Plan provides details about the agency's immediate operations, modernization program, program participants, programs and services. The Capital Fund Program outlines the properties physical needs for the upcoming year. The 5-year, Annual Plan and Capital Fund Program supporting documents are available for inspection by the public at 904 9th St S.W., Attalla, Al 35954, which is the main office of the AHA. The documents may be reviewed Monday-Thursday between the hours of 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, which is the normal business hours of the AHA. The AHA is soliciting comments on these plans and all comments must be submitted in writing, and comments will be accepted until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, October 27, 2025. Also, there will be a Public Hearing held to review and discuss all mentioned plans at 10:00 am, Thursday, October 29, 2025, at the AHA's main office located at 904 9th St. S.W., Attalla, Al 35954. All comments and suggestions concerning the AHA's 5-year, Annual Plan and Capital Fund Program will be considered for inclusion into the plans of the AHA.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED VACATION OF MARGIE STREET**

A petition has been received by the City of Gadsden for the vacation of Margie Street, described as follows:  
A parcel of land that is described as beginning at northeast corner of Lot I of the James Neal Subdivision recorded in Plat Book "I", Page I60 as filed in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama; thence in a westerly direction 118.32' to the northwest corner of Lot I of said subdivision; thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary lines of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of said subdivision the distance of 919.65' to the southwest corner of Lot 7 of said subdivision; thence west 50.1' to the southeast corner of Lot 8 of said subdivision; thence in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary lines of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of said subdivision the distance of 918.17'; thence in an easterly direction approximately 50' to the northwest corner of Lot 1, being the point of beginning. Said property describing the area described as Margie Street as depicted on the James Neal Subdivision plat as recorded in Plat Book "I", Page 160 as filed in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama.

A resolution granting assent to this vacation will be considered by the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 90 Broad Street. Objections to the passage of the resolution will be heard at that time. A map of the proposed vacation will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Engineering Department, third floor, Room 302, City Hall.

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**CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM PUBLIC NEWS RELEASE FOR NON-PRICING PROGRAMS**

The Mustard Seeds Academy in Rainbow City, Alabama announces the sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program Public News Release for Non-Pricing Programs.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national

origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program Information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202)720-260 (Voice) and TTY) or contact USFA through the Federal Relay Service at (800)877-8339

1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410: or
  2. Fax: (202)690-7442; or
  3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov
- This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The enclosed "non discrimination" language herein was added pursuant to the May 5, 2022, USDA memorandum. However, although included as currently required for audit compliance by the USDA, the State of Alabama objects to its inclusion, applicability, and the application of this language due to currently pending legal challenges in the matter of The State of Tennessee, et al. v. USDA, Case No. 3-22-cv-00257, and may be subject to change or removal.

Name of Center(s) or Facility  
Mustard Seeds Academy  
4130 Rainbow Drive  
Rainbow City, Al 35906  
256-413-3302

August 28 and September 4, 2026

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed construction proposals will be received by the City Clerk, City of Gadsden, Alabama, at the City Hall, 90 Broad Street, Room 411, Gadsden, Alabama until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 29, 2026, for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and service required to complete EAST GADSDEN COMMUNITY POOL PROJECT, Bid Request No. 3616, located in the City of Gadsden, Alabama.

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

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the above time and place. Specifications, and Contract Documents are open to the public for inspection at the City Hall. Electronic (pdf) Specifications, and Contract Documents may be obtained by emailing Chambless King Architects c/o Chris McNiel (cmcniel@chamblessking.com). All bidders must be registered with Chambless King Architects in order to submit a bid. Bids received from unregistered bidders will be rejected.

A Cashier's Check (drawn on an Alabama bank) or Bid Bond for 5% of the amount bid (maximum of \$10,000) and made payable to the City of Gadsden, Alabama must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. It is not required that a contractor be licensed in order to submit a bid; however, prior to award of a contract, proper proof of all applicable licensures must be provided by the contractor, proof of insurance coverages of the types and amounts as set forth in the project specifications will be required of the contractor, and any and all subcontractors, prior to beginning work. The contractor will be required to perform work amounting to at least 30% of the total contract cost with its own organization.

August 28, 2026

**JOB COMPLETION**

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, Bob Smith Construction, Inc. hereby give written notice of the completion of a contract with the City of Gadsden, Alabama, for 2024 City of Gadsden Annual Drainage & Concrete Work, project no. 3524, and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. This notice is to appear for four consecutive weeks beginning August 28, 2026 and ending September 18, 2026. All persons hav-

Funded Project. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act and other acts amendatory, supplementary, or relative thereto. The project is subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations. MBE/DBE participation is encouraged; however, no specific MBE/DBE goals have been established for this project.

Minimum wage rates (Davis Bacon Act) for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications.

In accordance with TLE 49, Code of Federal Regulations, all bidders are hereby notified that it will be affirmatively ensured that in the 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 successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for the satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bonds in the amount required by Section 39-1-1(a), Code of Alabama 1975, and evidence of insurance as required by the bid documents within ten (10) days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract.

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

The right to reject any or all bids and to disregard any minor irregularities is reserved by the owner.

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

This is a tax-exempt contract.

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

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

THE CITY GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
CRAIG FORD, Mayor  
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

August 28, 2026

ing any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Heath Williamson, Architect for City of Gadsden, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902-0267 during this period.

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**NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that A & S Electrical Contractors, Inc., Contractor, has completed the contract for Construction of Football Stadium Lighting Renovations for Southside and Hokes Bluff High School, at Etowah Couty, Alabama for Etowah County Board of Education, Owner, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify B. Craig Lipscomb Architect 422 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. A & S Electrical Contractors, Inc. 906 Nuckolls Street Gadsden, AL 35903

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the contents of the following storage buildings will be Sold by Off Campus Storage on Friday August 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903.

Zana Spears  
Unit 149 and 150

Christopher Hodge  
Unit 121

German Malone  
Unit 125

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

August 21 and 28, 2026

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following storage units will be auctioned on September 9, 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.

Angela Vaughn – 739 & 733

Marcia Hardney – 24C & 170

Catie Hall - 92

Jacqueline Looney - 326

Deborah Walker - 408

Marlana Pruitt - 427

Erica Steve - 443

Tracy Shaw - 536

Mary Butler - 581

Barbara Fuller - 604

Chris Smith - 715

Lauri Price – 28 & 1B

Martha Powell – 64-4

Latona Garrett – 15-10

Suzanna Rager – 48-16

Sammy Satcher – M3

Fatima Bibb - 512

Rodney Eley - 54

Tami Powell - 144

Kodjovi Missika - 391

Shane Smith - 419

Tabatha Mobuary – 421

Josh Abercrombie - 459

Jennifer Drummond - 538

Charles Stanley - 595

Belinda Seahorn – 6-8

Steve Powell - 788

Lisa Rydel – 5A-8,9

John Parris – 13-28

Regina Holliday – 34-18

Terri Elliott – 79-10

Southtowne Mini Warehouses  
199 Woodland Drive  
Rainbow City, AL. 35906

August 28 and September 4, 2026

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following storage units will be auctioned off on Sept 9, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the premises of Dixie Mini Storage Auction, located at 429 4TH ST SW, Attalla, AL 35954

Bradyn Smith #31

Alexis Chestnut #37

Linda Woodall #50

Austin L. Campbell #73

Dayrel Horsley #102

Latasha Word #176, #376, #387

April Love #228

Paula Honeycutt #242

Debra Ewing #247

Regena Harris #295

Kayla Julme #403

Justin Word #404

Joshua M Bogle #427

David M Mathis #471

Dixie Mini Storage  
429 4th Street S.W.  
Attalla, AL 35954

August 28 and Sept 4, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

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

2014 FORD EDGE  
VIN: 2FMDK-3JC5EBB23560

2014 CHRYSLER 200  
VIN: 1C3CCBA-B8EN141378

2011 TOYOTA CAMRY  
VIN: 4T1BF3EK-7BU733589

The public auction will be held at Kelton Wrecker LLC located at 1625 Forrest Ave Gadsden AL 35901 at 8:00 AM on 09/26/2026. The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low and may postpone the public auction until another time and place. In addition, the seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

August 21 and 28, 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 October 6, 2026.

2020 Mitsubishi Outlander  
VIN: JA4J4UA85NZ040995

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

August 28 and September 4, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that Noah's Garage will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle

2005 Mazda Tribute  
VIN: 4F2CZ061X-5KM43321

2011 Ford Escape VIN: 1fmu0d78bk35223

2014 Scion FR-S VIN: JF1ZNAA19E9705815

The public auction will be held at Noah's Garage, 2871 Shady Lane South at 10:00am 10/2/26

There is a reserve that must be met. 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.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

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## ETOWAH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL FEE SCHEDULE

The Etowah County Health Department has been operating with a fee schedule adopted from November 16, 2007. Almost two decades later, the county has experienced a noticeable rise in the cost of various goods and services. Etowah County is no exception. With that in mind, the ECHD is revising the fee schedule that more accurately reflects the increased cost of operations.

The adjusted fees for ECHD will align more closely with current fees of those within the district. The updated fees are also within the recommended range of fees according to the Alabama Department of Public Health's Schedule of Proposed Environmental Fees for County Health Departments with Local Fee Bills. The fee schedule will result in an increase in most fees, but several will remain unchanged, and some fees will be reduced. The Division reviewed each fee to create a fee schedule that is equitable to the business and individuals, and better addresses the time invested by the department for each service.

The fees associated with the two largest programs within the Environmental Division; the food and onsite programs were the most modified. With the new schedule, the fee structure for food establishment permits will be based on the Priority Category instead of annual gross revenue. This will result in a potential increase in fees for many food establishments permits.

Following a detailed analysis and careful consideration, we have created an updated fee schedule that is representative of the current costs associated with our industry while also being fair and reasonable to the public we serve. The date for implementation of these proposed fees is September 1, 2026.

| Etowah County Environmental Fee Schedule |                                                                                            |             |             |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| SERVICE CODE                             | DESCRIPTION                                                                                | OLD FEE     | NEW FEE     |
| <b>Onsite/Septic</b>                     |                                                                                            |             |             |
| 602                                      | Conventional Application Sewage Permit                                                     | \$100       | \$200       |
| 604                                      | Engineered Application Sewage Permit                                                       | \$200       | \$200       |
| 605                                      | EXPEDITED Application Sewage Permit (Additional Fee)                                       | New Fee     | \$150       |
| 606                                      | Commercial Conventional Application Sewage Permit                                          | \$200       | \$300       |
| 610                                      | Commercial Engineer Application Sewage Permit                                              | \$300       | \$300       |
| 615                                      | EXPEDITED Commercial Application Sewage Permit (Additional Fee)                            | New Fee     | \$150       |
| 636                                      | Sewage Tank Pumper Truck Permit Appt. <b>Per Vehicle</b>                                   | \$50        | \$100       |
| 638                                      | Application for Septic Tank Manufacturer per Model/Series                                  | \$250       | \$250       |
| 641                                      | Application for Solid Waste Transfer Station or Solid Waste Processing Facility            | \$250       | \$300       |
| 643                                      | Solid Waste Exemption Permit: Individual Household (Fee established by Code §22-27-3(g))   | \$10        | \$10        |
| 644                                      | Solid Waste Exemption Permit Appt. <b>Per Vehicle</b>                                      | \$100       | \$100       |
| 645                                      | Application for Land Application/Septage Permit                                            | \$250       | \$300       |
| 620                                      | Large Flow System/Development (Part 1)                                                     | \$250       | \$300       |
| 622                                      | Large Flow System/Development (Part 3) <b>(+\$30 per lot)</b>                              | \$300+      | \$300+      |
| 681                                      | Late Penalty Fee Charge (postmarked past due date)                                         | \$35-\$70   | \$75        |
| <b>Health Permits</b>                    |                                                                                            |             |             |
|                                          | <b>Food</b>                                                                                |             |             |
| 631                                      | Temporary Food Service Permit Application-Per Event -14 days or less                       | \$75        | \$100       |
| 648                                      | Food Processors Priority Category 1 based on rules/risk                                    | \$200       | \$300       |
| 649                                      | Food Processors Priority Category 2 based on rules/risk                                    | \$300       | \$400       |
| 666                                      | Food Service Establishment - Cat. 1                                                        | New Fee     | \$100       |
| 668                                      | Food Service Establishment - Cat. 2                                                        | \$75        | \$150       |
| 670                                      | Food Service Establishment - Cat. 3                                                        | \$200-\$500 | \$500       |
| 672                                      | Food Service Establishment - Cat. 4                                                        | \$200-\$500 | \$600       |
| 677                                      | Mobile Food Units                                                                          | \$100       | \$200       |
|                                          | <b>Body Art</b>                                                                            |             |             |
| 625                                      | Temporary License Tattoo Facility (Fee set by Code of Alabama §22-17A-3)                   | \$50        | \$50        |
| 653                                      | Body Art Facility Initial \$200/New Facility \$250 (Fees set by Code of Alabama §22-17A-3) | \$200-\$250 | \$200-\$250 |
| 655                                      | Body Art Operators                                                                         | \$100       | \$100       |
|                                          | <b>Lodging</b>                                                                             |             |             |
| 659                                      | Hotel/Motel 01-25 rooms                                                                    | \$200       | \$300       |
| 660                                      | Hotel/Motel 26 or more rooms                                                               | \$300       | \$400       |
| 664                                      | Resident and Day Camps                                                                     | \$50-\$100  | \$150       |
|                                          | <b>Other</b>                                                                               |             |             |
| 633                                      | All Plan Review Requests                                                                   | \$100       | \$200       |
| 681                                      | Late Penalty Fee Charge <b>(postmarked past due date)</b>                                  | \$35-\$75   | \$75        |
| 685                                      | Inspection Request (Not Governed by Regulations)                                           | \$100       | \$100       |
| 699A                                     | Environmental Fine-Grease trap lid law (Fees set by Code of Alabama §22-20-5.2)            | \$100       | \$100       |
|                                          | <b>Other</b>                                                                               |             |             |
| 618                                      | Private Water Consult -Homeowner Takes Sample                                              | \$15        | \$15        |
| 619                                      | Water Sample -Env. Takes Sample                                                            | \$30        | \$50        |
| 626                                      | Cemetery Review                                                                            | \$100       | \$150       |
| 635                                      | Records Search                                                                             | \$5         | \$25        |
| 657                                      | Copies-copy fee (per page-electronic or paper)                                             | \$1         | \$2         |



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