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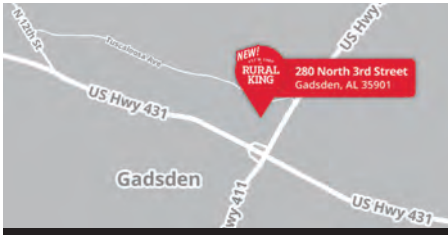
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Minth breaks ground on \$430 million project at former steel mill site

Minth Group Limited, along with the City of Gadsden, broke ground Monday at the former steel mill in Gadsden for what will be the global company's largest campus. The international automotive supplier is investing more than \$430 million at the 400-acre site that was the previous location for Republic Steel and Gulf States Steel. The new facility will create more than 1,300 jobs. "This groundbreaking is another exciting step into the future for both Gadsden and Minth," said Mayor Craig Ford. "We're continuing to raise the quality of life around the city with riverfront development and projects like the

Gadsden Athletic Center, and Minth is a cornerstone for jobs and industry. "We're thrilled to have them as part of our community," he said. "What started as a family business has now grown to be one of the top 100 auto suppliers in the world," said Esther Chin, CEO of Minth Group. "Today we celebrate a new milestone, breaking ground on what is the largest land footprint Minth has globally. Gadsden is now part of the Minth family and we couldn't be more excited to make this a flagship location for our growth in the United States." Greer Building Contractors

of Gadsden, one of the leading builders in the state, has been selected for the project and plans to begin work in the coming weeks. "Today's groundbreaking represents another significant milestone as Minth Group advances toward beginning production in 2027," said David Hooks, CEO of the Gadsden-Etowah Industrial Development Authority. "Since acquiring the site in March, the company has made remarkable progress in transforming the former steel mill into a state-of-the-art automotive manufacturing facility, demonstrating its strong commitment to both the project and our community."

Hooks also said the significance of this investment also extends well beyond the redevelopment of the property itself. "It will serve as a catalyst for economic growth throughout Gadsden, Etowah County, and the broader Northeast Alabama region," he said. "We are proud that Minth Group has selected Gadsden as the location to expand its North American operations, and we look forward to supporting the company's continued success while fostering the lasting economic opportunities this transformational investment will create for generations to come."

Bridge replacement closes portion of road in north Etowah County

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

Motorists traveling along State Route 205 in Etowah County should prepare for a year-long road closure as the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) begins work to replace a 102-year-old bridge over the Alabama & Tennessee River Railway. The closure began Monday, Aug. 3 and is expected to last until fall 2027 while crews complete the nearly \$4.9 million bridge replacement and roadway realignment project. The construction zone will extend from north of Old Guntersville Gadsden Road to just south of Waterline Road,

near Sardis City. During the project, Old Guntersville Gadsden Road and Waterline Road will also be closed where they intersect with SR-205. The project, awarded to Rogers Group, includes replacing the aging bridge, which was originally built in 1924. The existing structure measures 92 feet long and 19 feet wide. It will be replaced with a modern bridge measuring approximately 120 feet long and 40 feet wide, providing two 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders to improve safety and accommodate traffic more effectively. Bridge subcontractor Miller & Miller will construct the new bridge. In addition to the bridge replacement, crews will realign portions of SR-205

and Old Guntersville Gadsden Road to improve roadway geometry and traffic flow. ALDOT has established an official detour for the duration of the project. Commercial vehicles are required to follow the designated route using State Route 168 through Boaz to U.S. Highway 431 and back to SR-205. Detour signs will be posted to guide motorists through the area. The bridge replacement is part of ALDOT Project No. BR-0205(507), which carries a construction cost of \$4,881,200. Officials say the investment will provide a safer, wider crossing and improve travel along the corridor for decades to come.

Gaston High principal Brenden Perry focuses on relationships and culture

By Karla McArthur
Reporter

New Gaston High School principal Brenden Perry is entering the 2026-27 school year with a vision centered on relationships, school pride and student success. Perry, who has 11 years of experience in education, holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Jacksonville State University and is National Board Certified in Early/Middle Childhood Literacy. His career includes bookkeeping, classroom teaching and most recently serving as assistant principal at West End High School.

Although stepping into the principal's role comes with challenges, Perry said he is eager to lead Gaston High. "I have heard many describe that becoming a principal is like 'drinking from a firehose,'" Perry said. "There is so much to do, but I have never been more excited to start a school year and truly get to know our students on a personal level." Throughout the summer, Perry said he has focused on building relationships and establishing a strong school culture. Drawing inspiration from the Gaston High alma mater, the school has adopted the motto, "United in Truth," while promoting the "Bulldog Mentality." Gaston - Page A2

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NEWS

Nine Etowah County projects split \$75,331 in FY2026 grants

Nine Etowah County projects will share \$75,331.29 in FY2026 grants distributed through Coosa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, funding everything from fire department rescue gear to a new outdoor classroom, according to a press release from the council.

The grants were announced during a celebration at Hokes Bluff High School attended by legislators, community leaders and grant recipients.

Public safety

Gadsden Fire Department: \$9,000 for water rescue equipment to help personnel respond to water-related emergencies.

New Union Volunteer Fire Department: \$15,000 toward a LifePak 15 defibrillator and patient monitor for emergency medical calls.

Attalla Fire Rescue: \$6,361.78 for technical rescue equipment and stabilizing struts used to secure vehicles and structures during rescues.

Schools and education

Gadsden State Community College: \$7,469.51 to furnish the courtyard at its Advanced Manufacturing Center with benches, picnic tables and other features for students and visitors. The center has enrolled hundreds of students and drawn thousands of visitors since opening, according to the college's president.

Hokes Bluff High School: \$5,000 to upgrade the auditorium sound system, used for school programs, band events, athletics and the school's annual Veterans Day program.

Gaston High School: \$7,500 for a project on the scientific method and scientific laws, using hands-on learning resources.

Carlisle Elementary School: \$5,000 to build an outdoor classroom for instruction and hands-on activities.

Community and recreation

Windy Van Hooten Teaching Garden: \$15,000 for the countywide Get Out-



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side Initiative, supporting outdoor learning for residents and students.

City of Hokes Bluff: \$5,000 toward a girls softball training facility.

Sen. Andrew Jones, R-Centre, thanked recipients

for identifying needs in their communities and applying for funding, noting many more applicants than available dollars.

"There are probably a hundred more great ideas like this that we would love

to fund, but it is a matter of stretching dollars and cents," Jones said.

Rep. Mark Gidley, R-Gadsden, echoed the sentiment, crediting relationships among legislators, organizations and commu-

nity leaders for making the projects possible.

Coosa Valley RC&D serves an 11-county region, working with legislators, schools, municipalities and nonprofits to fund community projects.

Cyclosporiasis outbreak continues

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

Alabama health officials are reporting an increase in cases of cyclosporiasis, an intestinal illness caused by the parasite *Cyclospora cayetanensis*, as investigators continue to trace the source of infestations linked to restaurant outbreaks and contaminated produce.

According to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), the state had reported 85 cases of cyclosporiasis as of Aug. 3, an increase from the 28 cases reported just two weeks earlier on July 20. Of the 85 cases, 78 have been laboratory confirmed.

Health officials said eight cases involved international travel. Twenty-two illnesses have been linked to two Mexican-style restaurant chains in Alabama. An additional four cases are connected to the multistate Taco Bell outbreak, and four more have been linked to a Mexican-style restaurant chain in Florida.

Northern Alabama continues to account for the majority of illnesses with 61 reported cases. Other cases have been identified

in other regions of the state, but in smaller numbers.

Federal health officials, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, have linked a multistate outbreak to certain lots of shredded iceberg lettuce served at Taco Bell restaurants in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. While Alabama now has four cases associated with that outbreak, investigators are working to determine the source of additional illnesses.

Cyclospora infestations are most commonly reported in the United States between May and August and are typically associated with eating contaminated fresh produce, including basil, cilantro and leafy greens such as lettuce. There is also a risk of infestation associated with snow peas, berries and melons.

Cyclosporiasis is a gastrointestinal illness that commonly causes prolonged watery diarrhea, fatigue and loss of appetite. Other symptoms may include stomach cramps, bloating, nausea and weight loss. Symptoms typically develop about

one week after exposure but can begin anywhere from two days to more than two weeks after exposure. Without treatment, illness can last several days to a month or longer.

"If you cannot keep anything down, go to the hospital," said Dr. Nicolas Bordas, an infectious disease specialist in Gadsden. "The biggest concern is dehydration, especially in infants and elderly individuals. If you notice their eyes are sunken in or their skin stays raised after pinching, seek medical care as soon as possible."

In addition to young children and older people, Bordas said those most at risk of severe illness are people receiving chemotherapy or immunotherapy treatments, those with HIV and individuals with other immune-compromising illnesses.

The infestation can be treated with trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX), a combination antibiotic medication. The general course of the treatment includes one dose, twice a day, for seven days.

"If you are allergic to sulfa, or cannot take it for some reason or another, the

treatment is what is known as 'supportive care'," Bordas said. "That includes increased fluids and rest."

Bordas, an independent member of the medical staff at Gadsden Regional Medical Center, said the hospital has not yet treated anyone diagnosed with cyclosporiasis during this ongoing outbreak.

The ADPH advises anyone experiencing symptoms to contact a healthcare provider and request testing specifically for *Cyclospora*, as routine stool tests may not detect the parasite. Patients may also be asked to provide information about foods they consumed during the two weeks before becoming ill to assist in tracking the outbreak.

Health officials recommend washing hands thoroughly with soap and water, rinsing fresh fruits and vegetables under running water before eating or preparing them, and avoiding recalled lettuce products. Because washing alone may not eliminate *Cyclospora*, cooking produce to at least 158 degrees Fahrenheit is effective in killing the parasite.

First Friday returns

Downtown Gadsden hosts First Friday on August 7 from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Visitors can explore Broad Street and beyond for dining, shopping, classic cars, live music, and the arts.

Broad Street will be closed to automobile traffic at 3:00 pm to allow classic cars, live music and food vendors to set up. Cars should not park in the middle of the street until 3:30 when Broad Street is completely closed from 1st - 7th streets.

Entertainment will include Sherwood Seven at 2nd and Broad, Slow Burn at 3rd and Broad, Tad of Jazz at 4th and Broad, and Ramblin' Rickey Tate at 5th and Broad. Gadsden City High School will be set up at Patriots Park on 4th and Broad Streets handing out balloons, candy, and fans.

"We're expecting another great turnout for August First Friday and want to remind everyone to be weather-aware and stay hydrated as they enjoy downtown and support our local businesses," said Kay Moore, DGI director.

Don't forget to include a visit to the Gadsden Museum of Art and The Mary G Hardin Center for Cultural Arts to see the great exhibits on display.

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"Bulldogs don't chase adversity; they stand prepared to overcome it," Perry said, adding that he wants students to develop resilience both inside and outside the classroom.

Perry said he is excited about welcoming new staff members and working alongside Gaston Elementary Principal Hollie Sewell and Highland Elementary Principal Lori Moss to strengthen the school's feeder pattern.

"My favorite part of being a school leader is when students realize their potential," he said, noting the many opportunities available to graduates pursuing college, careers or military service.

Perry acknowledged that Gaston High faces unique funding challenges as the only Etowah County high school without municipal support but expressed gratitude for local leaders, businesses and churches that help meet students' needs.

He credited former principals Dr. Charlie Parker and Tanya Clark with shaping his leadership philosophy, emphasizing high expectations, intentionality, trust and persistence.

Perry also expressed gratitude to former Etowah County Schools superintendent Dr. Alan Cosby, incoming superintendent Julie Talton, and Tisha Howell for their leadership, guidance and support.

Among his professional accomplishments are earning National Board Certification, the 2025 Alabama ASCD Emerging Leader Award and the 2026 Etowah Chamber Excellence in K-12 Administration Award.

For aspiring administrators, Perry encouraged stepping outside familiar environments to grow as leaders.

"There is reward in stretching your limits and learning from places that you have never been before," he said. "You can make your school community stronger by making connections, building relationships and learning from those outside of your comfort zone."

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NEWS

Lotlinx appoints Gadsden native as president, CFO

Lotlinx, the inventory performance intelligence company for automotive retail, announced the appointment of George D. King, III as President & Chief Financial Officer. King joins the company's executive leadership team and will oversee finance, operations, human resources, legal, and corporate development while partnering closely with Chairman & CEO Len Short and the Board of Directors to guide corporate strategy, capital allocation, and long-term growth.

King was a 1994 honors graduate of Gadsden High School. He is the son of the late Lynn Hawkins King and the late George D. King Jr. of Gadsden.

King joins Lotlinx with more than 25 years of executive leadership experience spanning Fortune 500 companies and global investment banking. Throughout his career, he has led corporate strategy, mergers and acquisitions, capital allocation, and transformational initiatives for some of the world's largest industrial organizations.

Most recently, King served on the executive leadership teams of both Alcoa and Carrier Global, reporting directly to the CEO at each company. At Alcoa, he helped lead one of the industry's most significant corporate transformations, overseeing acquisitions, divestitures, portfolio optimization, and the company's eventual separation into Alcoa, Arconic, and Howmet Aerospace. At Carrier, he directed global corporate development efforts and helped prepare the company for its successful separation from United Technologies.

Earlier in his career, King held in-

vestment banking positions with Credit Suisse First Boston, Lazard, and Lehman Brothers. Across his career, he has served as principal or advisor on more than 40 completed transactions totaling more than \$150 billion in aggregate value across 14 countries. His extensive experience has also earned him recognition in Washington, D.C., as he was selected by the President of the United States as one of three finalists in 2025 for Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

"George is exactly the kind of leader we need as Lotlinx enters its next chapter," said Len Short, Chairman & CEO of Lotlinx. "His experience building world-class organizations, executing complex business transformations, and creating long-term shareholder value will help us strengthen the operational and financial foundation needed to support our continued growth. As agentic AI modernizes automotive retail from data analysis to autonomous action, George's leadership will be instrumental in helping Lotlinx scale responsibly while continuing to innovate."

"I've known George for more than 25 years and have watched him build an extraordinary career," said Doug Schrier, Managing Partner of Rembrandt Venture Partners and a member of the Lotlinx Board of Directors. "He combines exceptional financial acumen with the leadership qualities that build enduring companies. We're excited to welcome him to Lotlinx at such an important stage in the company's evolution."

"Lotlinx has built a truly differenti-



ated platform that is redefining how dealers manage inventory and drive profitability," said King. "The opportunity to help shape the next phase of the company's growth, particularly as agentic AI creates entirely new possibilities for automotive retail, is incredibly exciting. I look forward to working alongside Len and the leadership team to strengthen the organization and help position Lotlinx for long-term success."

As President & Chief Financial Officer, King will focus on strengthening the company's operational discipline, enhancing organizational alignment, supporting strategic investments, and building the financial and leadership infrastructure needed to accelerate Lotlinx's continued expansion. His appointment comes as the company broadens its AI capabilities beyond inventory optimization into a comprehensive agentic AI platform designed to help dealerships make faster, more intelligent business decisions.

Rick's celebrates 50 years



Rick's Discount Drugs celebrated 50 years of service to the Attalla community on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026. Mayor Larry Means, members of the city council, Chamber ambassadors, Chamber leadership and members of the community came together for a special ribbon cutting ceremony, hot dogs, merchandise giveaway and more.

Jax State's documentary on Randy Owen to air statewide

My Home's in Alabama: The Randy Owen Story follows the journey of the Jax State alumnus, trustee and country music legend

Alabama Public Television will air My Home's in Alabama: The Randy Owen Story on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m.

Produced by Jacksonville State University's Longleaf Studios, the documentary chronicles the life and career of Jax State alumnus and Board of Trustees member Randy Owen, from his childhood on Look-out Mountain and his years as a first-generation college student at Jacksonville State to his rise as the lead singer and songwriter of the legendary country music group Alabama, according to a press release from Jax State.

The statewide broadcast marks the documentary's television debut fol-

lowing its premiere during the grand opening celebration of the Randy Owen Center for the Performing Arts earlier this year.

Co-directed by Dr. Seth Johnson and Will Payne, and produced by Emily Duncan, the documentary was created with assistance from students in Jax State's Film, Theatre, Art and Communication programs, who served on the production crew as part of Longleaf Studios' experiential learning model.

The documentary traces Owen's journey from working on his family's farm in Fort Payne to becoming an international music artist, according to the release. It explores the influences that shaped his songwriting, including church music, gospel singings, family harmonies and his love of literature while studying English at Jacksonville State. Viewers also

follow the evolution of the band from its early days performing in Myrtle Beach as Young Country and Wild Country to its emergence as Alabama.

While celebrating Owen's career, the film also highlights his enduring connection to his home state and Jacksonville State University, where he currently serves on the University's Board of Trustees.

Students collaborate with faculty and industry professionals on productions that prepare them for careers in the creative arts and media, highlighting the hands-on learning opportunities available through Jax State's College of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences, the release said.

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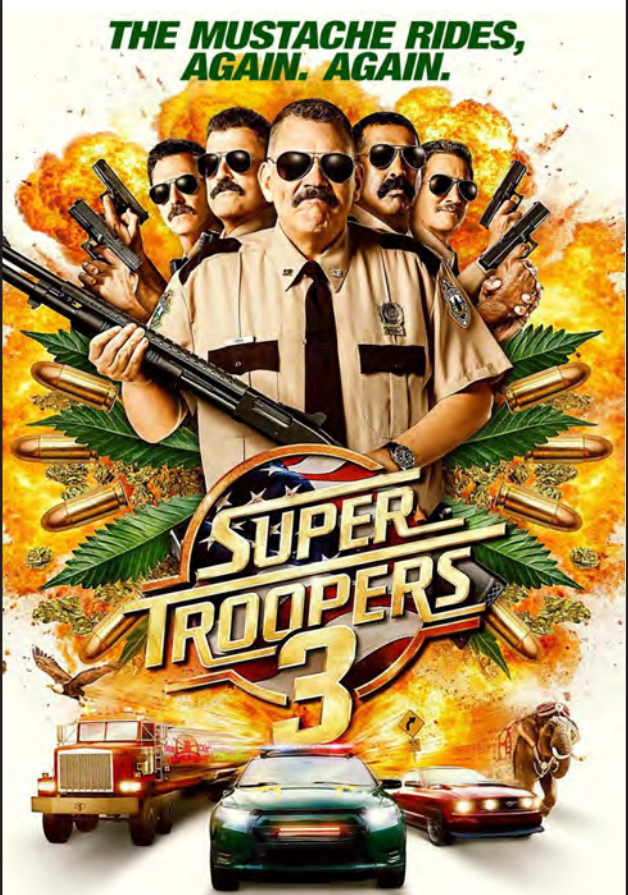
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EDUCATION

Jason Russell named Alabama’s 2026 Outstanding Biology Teacher

The National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) named Jason Russell, Southside High School teacher, the 2026 Outstanding Biology Teacher Award (OBTA) for Alabama.

Presented annually since 1961, the Outstanding Biology Teacher Award honors exceptional biology educators from each U.S. state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. territories and Canada who have made significant contributions to biology education and student learning, according to their website. Recipients are selected based on teaching excellence, experience, innovation, leadership, positive student-teacher relationships and service to their schools and communities.

Russell teaches AP Biology, Honors Biology and General Biology at Southside, where he is beginning his 11th year. He began his 25-year career working with youth on juvenile probation, providing individual, group and family counseling to help students get back on track academically and behaviorally.

“I wanted to be on the front side of a student’s behavioral life rather than the back side, where they experienced court related issues,” Russell said in an email to the Messenger. “I believe that kids are more than the mistakes that they have made. We all need second and third chances in life.”

That experience still shapes his classroom today, he said. Russell keeps a drawing given to him years ago by a student in the at-risk program who was later sent

to adult prison, a reminder he shares with current students.

“The decisions we make have lasting impacts,” Russell said. “We are all one decision away from changing our lives, or someone else’s life, forever.”

A lifelong learner, Russell actively pursues professional learning opportunities to strengthen both his content knowledge and instructional practices. He also serves as a teacher leader, mentoring student teachers

“It is very satisfying to see practicum students become successful in their own classrooms,” Russell said. “I try to demonstrate how to set purposeful goals for our class and how to strategize a plan for success. I encourage our future leaders to connect with excellent professional leaders to assist in developing their classroom skills. I tell student teachers that we should teach every student like they are our own kids.”

Russell encourages his students to develop their own leadership skills through the school’s Science Club, where student leaders organize events connecting classmates with STEM professionals from across the state, he said.

“We have had a number of students come back and share their success stories with current students,” Russel said. “It is awesome to have students plan meaningful events for the betterment of their peers.”

Connecting biology to the world around his students, Russell incorporates relevant, real-world examples that help stu-

dents understand the importance of science in their daily lives.

“Over the last 10 years, Biotechnology has exploded,” Russell said. “The classrooms and the labs are more computerized than ever. The biggest challenge over the last 10 years in science is that there is constant change in new discoveries covering the concepts of health care, agriculture and education.”

His commitment extends beyond the classroom through volunteer work collecting migratory game bird data, modeling scientific curiosity, civic engagement and lifelong learning.

Russell learned of his nomination for the award, which was submitted anonymously by a colleague in the teaching community, and involved his students directly in the application process, including proofreading and video submissions.

“Without them, I would not be in this position,” Russell said. “I believe that the OBTA award is a great indicator that our school, district and educational region has great things going on within our classrooms. It isn’t just my classroom. Our schools are full of excellent teachers.”

Russell credited community mentors and his Christian faith, developed through relationships formed early in his life, as central to his motivation to serve students.

Russell will be formally recognized during the National Association of Biology Teachers Professional Development Conference in Dallas, Texas, in Octo-



Submitted photo

ber. As part of the award, he and the school will receive honorary certificates, and Russell will receive a gift certificate from Carolina Biological Supply Company and a complimentary one-year NABT membership.

“The National Association of Biology Teachers is proud to recognize Jason Russell’s outstanding contributions to life science education,” said Jennifer Hutchi-

son, Alabama OBTA director in a press release. “Jason exemplifies the qualities of an exceptional educator through his dedication to students, commitment to professional growth and leadership within Alabama’s science education community. His impact extends well beyond his classroom, making him a truly deserving recipient of the 2026 Outstanding Biology Teacher Award.”

Gadsden State, Jax State sign transfer agreement for technical degree graduates

Gadsden State Community College and Jacksonville State University have signed a transfer pathway agreement designed to help graduates of workforce-focused associate degree programs continue their education and earn a bachelor's degree.

"At Gadsden State, we are committed to creating opportunities that help our students keep moving forward," Alan Smith, president of Gadsden State Community College, said in a press release. "Upon completing an Associate of Applied Science degree at Gadsden State, many students begin successful careers, while others choose to continue their education."

The agreement establishes a streamlined transfer pathway for students who complete one of 28 Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree programs at Gadsden State and wish to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies at Jax State, according to the release.

The partnership allows eligible students to transfer both their general education coursework and applicable technical specialty credits, creating an efficient path toward bachelor's degree completion.

"Jax State and Gadsden State share a commitment to creating opportunities for students, and this partnership expands those opportunities," Jax State President, Don Killingsworth Jr., said. "Together, we

have created what we believe is a first-of-its-kind pathway in Alabama, ensuring that every eligible Gadsden State graduate, regardless of their field of study, has a seamless pathway to continue their education and earn a bachelor's degree at Jax State. That's a win for students, our institutions and the workforce needs of our region."

The pathway includes programs spanning healthcare, engineering technologies, manufacturing, business, public service, information technology and other high-demand workforce fields.

Students completing degrees in areas such as emergency medical services, industrial automation, mechatronics, radiography, child development, computer science technology and precision machining will be among those eligible to continue their education through the agreement.

In addition to transferring technical specialty coursework within university guidelines, students will receive credit for applicable general education courses through Alabama Transfers, helping reduce duplication and accelerate progress toward a bachelor's degree. Each student's transcript will be evaluated individually to maximize transferable credit.

The agreement also commits both institutions to working collaboratively to educate students about the new pathway and

coordinate outreach opportunities for participating academic programs.

"This pathway agreement supports both by creating a clear route to a bachelor's degree, whether students transfer immediately or decide to return to college later in their careers," Smith said. "By recognizing

the value of their career technical education and awarding credit for their completed degree, this partnership streamlines the path to a bachelor's. Together, we are expanding opportunities for our students while strengthening the workforce and the communities we serve."



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GOVERNMENT

Jones outraises Tuberville in July, Tuberville still ahead

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

Democratic gubernatorial nominee Doug Jones outraised Republican nominee Sen. Tommy Tuberville in June and July, according to recent campaign filings, but Tuberville retains a considerable edge in overall cash.

According to campaign finance reports filed on Tuesday, Jones raised \$622,000 in July to Tuberville's \$290,000. Jones also outraised Tuberville in June with nearly \$486,000 to Tuberville's \$415,000.

However, Tuberville retains a major edge in cash on hand, thanks in part to a steady stream of donations of \$25,000 or more. As of July 31, Tuberville's campaign had \$9.2 million. Jones had \$1.7 million.

Tuberville's campaign manager, Jordan Doufexis, touted the senator's overall fundraising efforts in an email on Wednesday.

"Coach (Tuberville) has raised \$13.7 million. Unlike Doug Jones, Coach has also accepted ZERO PAC (political action committee) money," the statement said. "Coach has been busy representing Alabama in the United States Senate. We'll begin our general election fundraising push during this August recess."

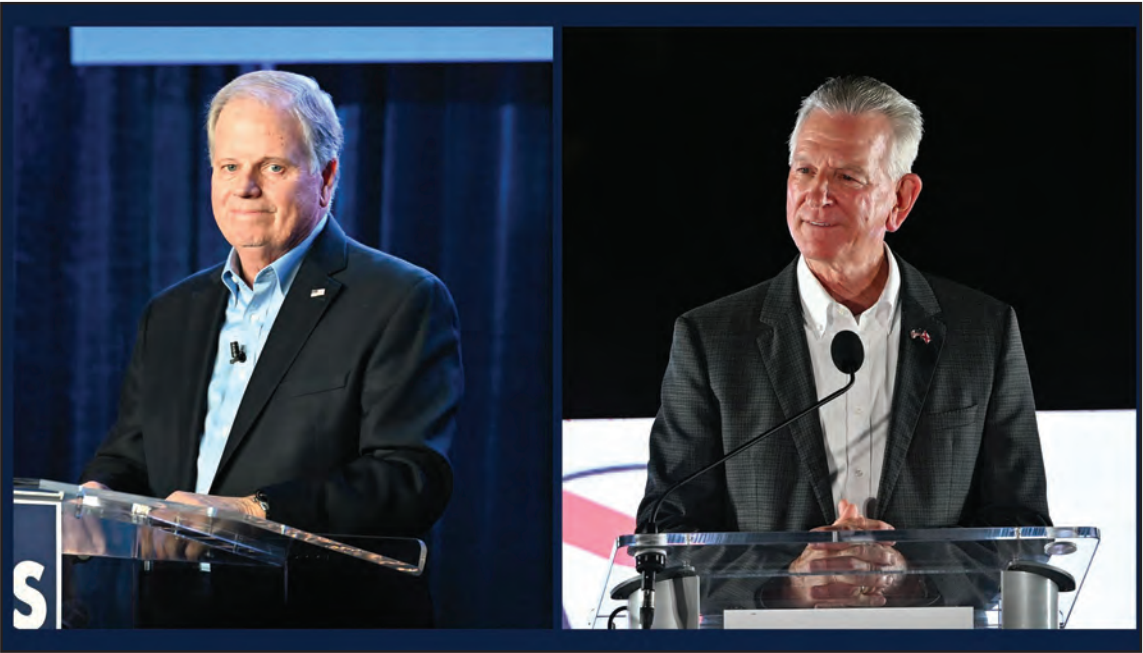
A message seeking comment was left with Jones Wednesday.

Both candidates have received money from political action committees (PACs). Tuberville has gotten \$10,000 from PACs to his campaign and Jones has received just over \$25,000 from the organizations.

Tuberville's PAC donations include \$2,500 from Diversified Gas & Oil Company PAC last September, \$2,500 from The Travelers Companies Inc. PAC in February and \$5,000 from the Home Depot Political Action Committee in May. He also received in-kind donations from PACs including \$3,600 from BANKPAC last August, \$7,200 from the Alabama Trucking Association's Truk PAC for a fundraising event last September and nearly \$3,000 from Alabama Farm PAC in February.

Mallory Jaspers, communications director for Tuberville, said in an email Wednesday afternoon the campaign "do not solicit or accept PAC contributions. If they are sent to us, we return them but are still required to report them."

Jones' PAC donations are all cash and include \$2,500 from Speak Up PAC in December; \$1,000 from Blue Hen Federal PAC in December; \$10 from Heart of Dixie Obligation PAC in January; \$5,000 from United Steel Workers District 9 in February; \$2,500 from GoDeKalb PAC in February; \$2,500 from



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Former U.S. Sen. Doug Jones (left), the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, and U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville (right), the Republican gubernatorial nominee, will face each other in November. According to recent campaign filings, Jones has outraised his Republican nominee opponent Sen. Tommy Tuberville since May, but Tuberville still holds a major edge in cash on hand

Groundwork Project PAC in April; \$2,500 from Speak Up PAC in June; \$5,000 from IBEW PAC in July; \$3,000 from the Marengo County Democratic Executive Committee in July and \$1,000 from Democratic Majority Action in July.

Last month, Jones spent \$400,000. Between December

and July, he spent nearly \$2 million. Tuberville spent \$314,000 last month and since last May has spent \$5 million through the end of July. Most campaigns begin major spending in the fall as the election approaches.

According to campaign filings, Tuberville has raised \$13.7 million since he announced his can-

didacy last May while Jones has raised \$3.6 million from December through the end of July.

During their campaign for the U.S. Senate in 2020, Jones, then the incumbent, outraised and outspent Tuberville sometimes by a factor of more than 3-to-1. Tuberville won the election with more than 60 percent of the vote.

Alabamians to vote on four statewide amendments in November

By Anna Barrett
Alabama Reflector

The Alabama Fair Ballot Commission on Tuesday approved language to describe four statewide constitutional amendments that will be on the statewide ballot in November.

The amendments, all approved by the Legislature this spring, range from methods to filling a vacancy in the lieutenant governor's office to requiring schools to regularly play the National Anthem.

The language that appears on Alabamians' ballots, chair of the commission Patrick Moody said in an interview after the meeting, will remain identical to the language in the bill passed by the Legislature.

"The goal of the commission was to try to write those on about an eighth-grade reading level, because that was the average reading level for the voters in the state," Moody said during the meeting. "It sounds easy sometimes, but it is hard to put something that's nonpartisan and concise."

The explanations of the amendments are available on the Alabama Secretary of State's website and will be available at polling locations on Election Day.

Statewide Amendment 1 provides for a method of filling a vacancy in the lieutenant governor's office, if the vacancy occurs more than 60 days before the next general election, which is usually every two years.

The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Sam Givhan, R-Huntsville, passed unanimously in both chambers.

It also allows the Legislature to set the pay of the lieutenant governor and legislative officers by joint resolution.

Givhan said in a phone interview Tuesday that he proposed the amendment when questions of Republican gubernatorial nominee Tommy Tuberville's residency arose. He said that should there be a vacancy – by death, resignation or otherwise – in the beginning of a four-year term, there was no way for the lieutenant governor's office to be filled until the next midterm election.

"The president pro tem of the Senate does not automatically become lieutenant governor. No one automatically becomes lieutenant governor," he said. "As far as the president of the Senate, under our rules and statutes, yes, the pro tem would serve lieutenant governor, but the pro tem's got a lot of other things to do."

After Gov. Robert Bentley resigned in 2017, then-Lt. Gov. Kay Ivey became the state's chief executive. The lieutenant governor's chair remained empty until 2019; then-Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh presided over the Alabama Senate in the interim.

The amendment would allow the lieutenant governor's office to be filled without spending any additional taxpayer money, Givhan said.

"This was kind of a Band-Aid approach, but I'll probably be coming back with another solution when there's more time to think about it," he said. "It's just an opportunity for the people to elect a lieutenant governor if there's a vacancy during the last two years of the quadrennium."

The commission unanimously adopted the language after some minor changes.

Statewide Amendment 2 creates a process for county school boards of education

to merge, and requires the State Board of Education to conduct an impact study before a merger. It also ensures a process for protest and requires a referendum election.

"We want people to know that there is a way for people to protest this action or at least have a voice in trying to stop the action, so it's not an automatic merger," Moody said.

According to the explainer, if at least 25% of registered voters in an affected county school system submit a written protest, a majority of voters would need to approve the merge at the next general election.

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Terri Collins, R-Decatur, passed 96-2 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.

A message seeking comment from Collins was left Tuesday afternoon.

The commission unanimously adopted the language after some minor changes.

Statewide Amendment 3 would require Alabama school boards of education to adopt a policy requiring public K-12 schools to say the Pledge of Allegiance daily, and allow school boards to adopt policies allowing student-initiated and student-led prayer.

Students who do not want to participate would be allowed to leave the classroom during the prayer and the pledge. According to the U.S. Department of Education, students may pray in school as long as it does not disrupt school activities.

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Reed Ingram, passed the House 94-4 and unanimously in the Senate.

A message seeking comment from Ingram was left Tuesday afternoon.

The commission unanimously adopted the language after no discussion or changes.

Statewide Constitutional Amendment 4 requires local school boards of education to adopt policies requiring public K-12 schools to broadcast the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner once per week.

Under the amendment, the national anthem can be performed by a school-approved band, choir, vocal group or vocalist, as long as they use the version archived by the Library of Congress.

The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Gerald Allen, R-Cottdale, passed the Senate 22-5 and the House 75-27.

A message seeking comment from Allen was left Tuesday afternoon.

The commission unanimously adopted the language after no discussion or changes.

Moody said that the commission's work is challenging because they have to explain the amendments clearly, in a nonpartisan manner and at an eighth-grade reading level.

"Trying to just make it simple, everyday language, sometimes that's hard if you're talking about things like bond issues or sometimes even constitutional amendments," Moody said. "That's a complicated term, but we just try to take it and work with our different commission members and everybody's different backgrounds, and try to think about our friends and family and what they'd want to know if they're voting yes or no on something."

Voters will see all four amendments on the Nov. 3 ballot. Each requires a simple majority of votes to pass.

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Glencoe Farmers Market

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

Hokes Bluff Farmers Market

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

Attalla Farmers Market

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

Rainbow City Community Market

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

Useless Trivia at Back Forty

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

Bingo Night at Pique Nique

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

Bingo Night AJs Neighborhood Bar and Grill

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

Open Mic Night at Blackstone Pub

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

Monthly

Music Trivia Night at Baja Rainbow City

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

Taste of the Town Food Truck Festival

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

Third Thirsty Thursday at the Stone Market

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

August
7

New Exhibits Opening at
GMA

- Where: Gadsden Museum of Art | 515 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

August
7-8

World's Longest Yard
Sale

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

August
8

New South Pro
Wrestling XI Anniversary

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

August
8

Sidewalk Sale

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

August
8

Golden Heart Jeep Rally

- Where: Rainbow City Sports Plex, 625 Kinzie Lane, Rainbow City, AL
- When: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

August
9

“I Do Too” Bridal Show

- Where: 201 George Wallace Drive Gadsden, AL.
- When: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

August
13

Diamond Art Club

- Where: Gadsden Public Library | 254 South College Street, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 4 p.m.

August
14

Coosa River Irish
Session

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

August
14

Aladdin Jr. Hosted by
Theatre of Gadsden

- Where: Gadsden State Community College, 1001 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

August
14

Smokin’ Band

- Where: Pitman Theater | 629 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

August
14

Golf for Kids’ Sake
Big Brothers Big Sisters

- Where: Silver Lakes Golf Course. 1 Sunbelt Parkway, Gadsden
- When: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

August
15

Down by the Sea
Pageant

- Where: 210 At the Tracks | 210 Locust St, Gadsden, AL.
- When: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

August
16

Dead Wrong Comedic
Stageplay

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing
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LIFESTYLE

One final editor’s note: The best is yet to come

By Kaitlin Hoskins
News Editor

Eleven years seems like a blink in time, while also feeling incredibly long. That’s what I was thinking this week as I prepared to make one last newspaper. You see, dear reader, Friday, August 7, is my last day at *The Messenger*.

I first started my career in community journalism at *The Messenger* in May of 2015 as an intern. I was newly 19 years old, full of ideas and had no clue what I was doing. It feels like it was a lifetime ago. Since then, I have completed three college degrees, moved to a few different places, worked at a handful of community-based newspapers, lost loved ones, gained friends, gotten married and watched an eclipse.

A lot can happen in 11 years. My career would be going into middle school about now, if it was a child. (Now that I have said that, maybe it is best to leave before going through the awkward middle school phase again.) I love the career I am leaving. I have loved meeting different leaders in the community and everyday people. I have loved learning about different businesses, non-profits and events. I have loved being part of wins and losses, big and small. I have loved witnessing communities come together to help one another after natural disasters and during COVID-19. I have never been a social

butterfly. I remember making every phone call in the parking lot of our Broad Street office for my entire first year on the job. I was afraid of my own voice back then, and even more afraid of someone else in the office hearing me stumble through rehearsed interview questions. Journalism gave me an opportunity to talk to so many people on a daily basis that the shyness was quickly replaced with quiet confidence.

I was not the writer I am today way back in May of 2015. Far from it. My first editor, Chris McCarthy, was quick to point out the flaws in my writing, but also quick to offer suggestions for fixing my mistakes. My other mentors were writers that did not know I existed. I would chew through newspaper articles from neighboring cities, as well as statewide writers, daily. I was looking for ways to improve my craft. This was before ChatGPT came along, ruined the em dash and allowed everyone to feel like a news reporter.

Nearly five years into my journalism career I met my next great mentors, Anthony Cook and Ben Cunningham of The Anniston Star. These two taught me more in a matter of months than I had learned in classes over the course of four years. I learned how to be a leader in the industry by watching them. I studied how they spoke to reporters and to sources. I learned new lingo and techniques. I learned what it meant to be a

journalist by watching so many talented journalists in that newsroom. I also learned the toll that being a daily reporter can take on you. Especially during the middle of a pandemic and presidential elections.

I returned to *The Messenger* in May of 2023. I told many people when I returned to the paper that it felt like coming back home. It was the same, yet, somehow, it wasn’t. We were in a different office building and I had a different title. But, the feelings were the same. When you report in the community you live in, you can become very emotionally attached to small things happening around you. Plus, you sometimes learn about big things happening before anyone else does. You also feel an even stronger need to get everything perfectly right 100 percent of the time. That’s the goal always, but being in the community makes the goal feel even more necessary.

My first years at *The Messenger* gave me the interest and the passion for community news. My time at The Anniston Star gave me the strength and the confidence to be a voice for those who are voiceless. The last few years at *The Messenger* have given me a renewed sense of responsibility to the people around me. I have sat through thousands of board meetings, council meetings and public hearings just so people in the community know what their leaders are doing. I have thor-

oughly enjoyed being the fly on the wall and the eyes and ears in a room. I never thought I would leave this career field — but I am.

In May, I graduated from Troy University with a Master of Public Administration degree. The goal is to get involved in non-profit, policy or advocacy work so I can still be part of the community. I have always had a servant’s mindset. I’ve been told numerous times that I am too sensitive and too empathetic for my own good. I feel a strong desire to help communities grow and improve. Though the roles will be different — it is what I’ve done for the past 11 years. I’m ready for a change.

I have gone through many emotions about this decision. Leaving the comfort of what I know is hard. Change is uncomfortable, but it should be. Discomfort is proof that you are doing something outside the normal structure of your life. The decision to change careers was something I agonized about for many months.

My amazing husband was by my side offering reassurance and cheering me on as I took the first steps toward a new career. He was there when I received my acceptance letter to a graduate program in December of 2024 and he was there a few weeks ago to watch me open my degree in the middle of our kitchen. He was the snack and water supplier during study sessions that lasted until the wee hours of the

morning. He was, and still is, one of my biggest supporters.

I’ve been working behind the scenes at *The Messenger* to pass my knowledge along and to train those who will replace me. I can say — with no hesitation at all — that the staff at *The Messenger* will not miss a beat once I am gone. Teri Chupp, our legal editor and overall office mother, has kept *The Messenger* going for years. She keeps us organized, on time, fed, loved, etc. She carried us through our sports coverage last year and never stops working. Lindsey Frazier, my direct replacement, has been a staple in our office for a few years now. She started as an intern, just like I did. She is a fantastic writer and has the ability to make everyone around her comfortable. She isn’t afraid to chase a good story and she can talk to anyone. Karla McArthur, the most recent edition to our staff, is a retired educator and a very talented writer. She tells it how it is and she knows just about everyone who walks into our office. I have loved every minute of working with these incredible women.

And you, dear reader, I have loved writing stories for you — even the ones no one reads. I have been just one single piece of a complex machine. I have loved it so much. Thank you for supporting *The Messenger*, and in turn, supporting the work that I did that meant so much to me.

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as the item is placed on a cart to be returned to its proper shelf, waiting for the next patron to discover it.

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Of course, not every library book has to make the trip home at all.

Many patrons are discovering CamelliaNet, our growing collection of electronic books and digital audiobooks that can be downloaded directly to a phone, tablet, or e-reader through a link on our website. When the lending period ends, there’s no book drop to visit and no due-date worries—the digital title simply returns itself automatically. It’s one more way today’s library combines traditional collections with modern technology. I’ll save the full story of CamelliaNet for another column.

It’s easy to think of a library as simply a building filled with books. In reality, every returned item passes through the hands of dedicated library profession-

als who work quietly behind the scenes to keep our collection organized, well maintained, and ready for the next reader.

The next time you slide a book or DVD movie into one of our book drops, remember that its journey isn’t over.

Behind every returned library item is a remarkable team of people working every day to make sure that story—or that favorite movie—finds its way into someone else’s hands.

After all, every great story deserves another reader, and every great movie deserves another audience.

Library Update: We are also pleased to share that the library’s elevator is once again in full operation after several weeks of repairs and safety system upgrades. We appreciate everyone’s patience during the outage and look forward to welcoming patrons back to all four floors of the Gadsden Public Library.

Gadsden Public Library: 254 South College Street, downtown Gadsden (next to the U.S. Post Office). Phone: 256-549-4699. Genealogy Branch: 2700 West Meighan Boulevard, Alabama City (next to the Ritz Theater at the corner of West Meighan and Wall Street). Phone: 256-549-4688

Craig Scott is the director for the GPL.

How your thoughts affect your feelings

Most people are aware of their feelings. They know when they feel anxious, sad, angry, discouraged or overwhelmed. What many people don’t realize is that feelings usually do not appear out of nowhere. Before a feeling develops, there is often a thought. These thoughts may happen so quickly that we barely notice them, yet they play a powerful role in shaping our emotional experience.

The way we think about a situation often influences how we feel about it. Two people can go through the exact same event and walk away with very different emotions. One person may feel defeated while another feels motivated. The difference is not always the situation itself. More often, the difference is how each person interprets what happened.

Our thoughts act like a filter through which we view the world. That filter can affect our emotions, behaviors and even our relationships. For example, imagine making a mistake at work. One person

might think, “I messed this up. I can never do anything right.” That thought is likely to create feelings of frustration, shame or self-doubt. Those feelings may then lead the person to withdraw, avoid challenges or become overly critical of themselves.

Another person in the same situation might think, “That did not go the way I wanted, but I can learn from it and adjust.” The situation is identical, but the emotional outcome is very different. This person is more likely to feel hopeful, determined and capable of moving forward. The thought creates a different emotional response.

Many of our thoughts are automatic. They happen so quickly that we accept them as facts without questioning them. We may assume our first interpretation is the truth when in reality it is only one possible explanation. Over time, these automatic thoughts can become habits. Some people develop a habit of expect-

ing the worst. Others become highly self-critical or assume negative outcomes before they happen. These thinking patterns can contribute to ongoing stress, anxiety and depression.

The goal is not to force yourself to think positively all the time. Constant positivity is unrealistic and can sometimes cause people to ignore real problems. Instead, the goal is to become more aware of your thoughts so you can evaluate them more carefully. When a difficult thought appears, it can be helpful to pause and ask a few questions. Is this thought accurate? Is it helpful? Is there another way to look at the situation? Could there be information I am missing?

By slowing down and examining our thoughts, we create space for a more balanced perspective. This does not mean every negative thought is wrong. It simply means we do not have to automatically believe everything our mind tells us.

Even small shifts in thinking can lead



to noticeable changes in how we feel. Greater awareness of our thoughts gives us more control over our emotional responses and helps us approach life’s challenges with greater confidence and resilience. In the end, one of the most important things to remember is this: you do not have to believe everything you think.

Carrie Halladay is a Licensed Professional Counselor and the owner of Halladay Counseling in Gadsden. She earned her Master of Science in Counseling from Jacksonville State University in 2002.

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SPORTS

Alabama High School Athletics Association’s central control board hosts annual meeting

Wednesday’s annual July Central Board of Control meeting was very productive for the Alabama High School Athletic Association’s member schools.

The AHSAA CBOC announced \$2.2 million will be distributed to AHSAA member schools through the Steve Savarese Grant Program. The total payout for the Savarese Grants Program has now exceeded \$30 million since its inception in 2009-2010.

The Central Board also voted for the 35th consecutive year to waive the membership dues for all schools. That is a combined savings of close to \$90,000 annually for the schools and over \$3 million total savings since 1991.

“The AHSAA is proud to be known as one of the few state high school athletic associations in the NFHS to waive membership dues currently,” said AHSAA Executive Director Heath Harmon. “The Central Board’s actions reflect the AHSAA’s continued commitment to serving and supporting our member

schools. Through the Steve Savarese Grant Program and the continued waiver of membership dues, we are proud to return meaningful resources directly to the schools, students, and communities we serve.”

The Central Board also reviewed and approved 2026-2027 publications, including the AHSAA Handbook and AHSAA Sports Book. The AHSAA’s Legislative Council also met Wednesday afternoon at the AHSAA’s Dan Washburn Auditorium and approved the AHSAA publications and heard a review of the Central Board’s action.

New Central Board member Bart Sessions of Alma Bryant High School in District I was officially sworn in to his position on the 15-member Central Board of Control.

The CBOC also passed the following sports committee proposals which will begin in 2026-2027 season:

- Baseball**
- Mandated that three area

games count toward team area standings

- Soccer**
- Changed the language on non-finable ejections to a disqualification, not an ejection

Track and Field

- For the Indoor Track and Field State Meet – move to a two-day event for classes 4A, 5A, 6A, Single A and Double AA, while Class 1A-3A will keep its meet a one-day event

- Will disallow marks in JV meets to qualify for the Indoor Track and Field State Meet

- The referee must be a stand-alone position at the section meet

Tennis

- Approved the use of predetermined brackets for postseason matches

Basketball

- Any member school that does not have a properly mounted shot clock cannot host a cannot host a varsity contest

In other Central Board Action:

- Heard a presentation from

I Dream Big and Ivy Classical charter schools concerning joining the Association as associate members

- Heard a presentation from President Matt Massey of Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering concerning eligibility requirements

- Heard presentations from Mary G. Montgomery High School and Pell City High School but no action was taken

- Heard an appeal from Vestavia Hills High School and affirmed the executive director’s earlier ruling

- Heard an appeal from Oak Mountain High School and affirmed the executive director’s earlier ruling

- Heard an appeal from Selma High School and affirmed the executive director’s earlier ruling

- Approved a report from CFO Reagan Lowe and approved the following:

- 2026 Basketball Financial Report
- 2026 Tennis Financial Report

- 2026 Track & Field Financial Report

- 2026 Heptathlon and Decathlon Financial Report

- 2026 Soccer Financial Report

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- 2026 Baseball Financial Report

- 2026 Golf Financial Report

- AHSAA Financial Statement, 2026-2027 AHSAA Budget, AHSADCA Budget and AHSAA Financial Statement

- Approved 2026-2027 ticket prices

- Approved AHSAA Flag Football Officials playoff fee

- Approved a request concerning a documentary to be filmed for an ESPN/SEC Network production set to be released in 2028

- Approved all AHSAA Insurance Coverages

- Approved the dates for Central Board Meetings in 2026-27: October 8, 2026; January 20, 2027; April 14, 2027; July 28, 2027.

Two local coaches take home honors

Seven individuals were recognized as “Making a Difference” recipients last month at the 2026 AHSAA Championship Coaches Awards banquet held at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center. Other honorees included every state championship coach in every sport as well as regional and sectional winners.

There were also individual NFHS Coaches Association State Coach of the Year winners as well in each sport.

Local NFHS Coaches Association State Coach of the Year winners:

Shawanna Roper of Etowah High School (Bowling)

Randy Vice of Southside High School (Boys Soccer)

The NFHS also awarded Sectional Coaches of the Year given to outstanding coaches in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee which make up Section 3. Shawanna Roper of Etowah took sectional honors in boys bowling.

Complete listings of schools and coaches in each sport can be found at www.ahsaa.com.

GSCC names Presley assistant coach

Gadsden State Community College has named Jason Presley as assistant coach for the women’s basketball program.

Presley brings nearly three decades of coaching experience to Gadsden State, including successful roles at Gaston, Geraldine, and Hokes Bluff. Throughout his coaching career, he has helped build competitive programs while emphasizing character, accountability, and team culture.

Presley’s coaching journey began in 1996 as the junior varsity boy’s basketball coach at Gaston High School. At age 26, he became the school’s varsity boys coach and compiled a 91-65 record over six seasons. During that time, his teams won two Etowah County championships, two area championships, a regional championship, and advanced to the Final Four.

Following his success at Gaston,

Presley coached one season at Geraldine High School, where his team finished 19-9. He later spent 10 years at Hokes Bluff Middle School before becoming the varsity boys coach at Hokes Bluff High School, compiling a 59-25 record in three seasons with an area championship and two Etowah County runner-up finishes.

For the past three years, Presley stepped away from coaching to watch his son, Jordan Presley, compete at the collegiate level.

Presley said his previous experiences rebuilding programs have prepared him well for his new role.

“I have been involved in rebuilding basketball programs and helping establish a basketball culture,” he said. “I hope to draw from those experiences as we continue building the Gadsden State women’s program.”

His coaching philosophy centers on

using basketball as a tool for personal growth. He expects players to maintain high standards both on and off the court.

Presley said he is excited about the potential of the current women’s basketball roster and the opportunity to contribute to the program’s continued growth.

When not coaching, Presley enjoys spending time with his wife and two children.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to become a part of the women’s basketball program and the Cardinal family as a whole,” Presley said. “With Coach Norris’s direction, we plan on building a program that the entire community will support and take pride in.”

For more information about Gadsden State’s women’s basketball, visit gocardinals.gadsdenstate.edu.

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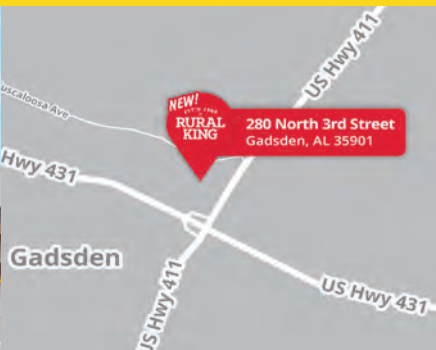
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Highway 127 Yard Sale

Gadsden kicks off the ‘The World’s Longest Yard Sale’



Lindsey Frazier/Messenger

Noccalula Falls Park serves as the starting line for the “World’s Longest Yard Sale,” and by Thursday morning, that was evident. Cars lined Tabor Road at the top of the mountain where vendors began setting up even before the beginning of the week. This 39 year tradition stretches 690 miles, across six states from Gadsden to Addison, Michigan, with more than 10,000 vendors, according to its website.



Longtime friends, Candace, Rita, Selena and Theresa, started their journey in Gadsden before picking up a U-Haul and heading North.



Dale Robinson, owner of Robinson’s Detail and Tint at the top of the mountain, said he doesn’t charge the vendors who set up on his property, and he “just lets them do their thing.”

The sale, which was established in 1987 by Fentress County, Tennessee, county executive Mike Walker to promote rural travel, originally ran from Covington, Kentucky to Chattanooga.

Alabama’s stretch of the sale starts in Gadsden on Tabor Road, travels north through Collinsville on Highway 176, through Fort Payne on county road 89 and through Mentone on Highway 117 before crossing over into Cloudland, Georgia.

Most of the vendors are set up along the route, however, on a map provided by 127 Yard Sale website, there are various cities, and major vendor stops that participate in the event that require a little detour.

The event is held on the second weekend of August starting on Thursday and ending on Sunday. For more information, visit 127yardsale.com.



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DEVOTIONALS



ROOTED IN THE WORD

Shawn Blackmon

Have you ever watched a group of four- or five-year-olds play soccer? It's entertaining to say the least. Twenty kids chase one ball. Nobody stays in position. The goalie leaves the goal. Defenders become forwards. Everyone runs wherever the ball rolls. Parents on the sidelines yell, "Get back on defense!" or "Spread out!" But the children don't understand positioning yet. They simply chase whatever has their attention.

The more I thought about it, the more I realized that's how many of us live our spiritual lives. We chase whatever rolls in front of us. One day it's money. The next day it's success. Then it's recognition. Comfort. Approval. Security. We spend so much time chasing things that we can unknowingly stop pursuing the One who matters most.

The Apostle Paul understood this struggle. Before he met Jesus, Paul had an impressive spiritual résumé. He had the right background, the right education, the right religious accomplishments, and the right reputation. If anyone could have earned God's approval through performance, it was Paul. Yet after

encountering Christ, he made a remarkable statement: "I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." (Philippians 3)

Paul discovered something life-changing. Knowing about God is not the same as knowing God. That realization changed the direction of his entire life. Later in Philippians 3, Paul writes these powerful words: "Not that I have already obtained all this... but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." (Philippians 3:12)

I love Paul's honesty. This is the man who planted churches, endured persecution, wrote much of the New Testament, and faithfully served Christ for years. Yet he still says, "I haven't arrived." What humility. Healthy Christians never stop growing because healthy Christians never stop pursuing Jesus.

Paul also says something else that challenges every believer: "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal..." (Philippians 3:13-14) Notice he doesn't say he forgot his past. He simply refused to let his past determine his future. His failures didn't define him. His successes didn't satisfy him. His eyes were fixed on Jesus. That's where many of us struggle. We're trying to pursue tomorrow while living in yesterday.

Some people can't move forward because they're still carrying yesterday's failures. Others can't move forward because they're still

Eyes on the prize

living off yesterday's victories. Either way, your focus has shifted. You cannot pursue God's future while constantly looking behind you. Then Paul makes one statement that simplifies the Christian life: "One thing I do..." What a powerful phrase.

Our lives have become so complicated. We're juggling careers, finances, schedules, hobbies, social media, sports, entertainment, and countless responsibilities. None of those things are necessarily wrong, but when too many things compete for first place in our hearts, Jesus is no longer our greatest pursuit. A divided heart cannot fully pursue a singular Savior.

Can I ask you a personal question? If someone looked at your calendar...Your bank account...Your conversations...Your worries...Your excitement...What would they conclude you're really chasing? Because whatever captures your attention will eventually shape your direction.

Paul closes by saying, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize..." What was the prize? It wasn't success. It wasn't ministry. It wasn't recognition. It wasn't even heaven. The prize was Jesus. Everything else is simply the blessing that comes from knowing Him. Maybe that's why some of us feel spiritually exhausted. Not because we've stopped believing...But because we've been chasing too many things.

This week, I want to challenge you to sim-

plify your pursuit. Before you check your email... Before you scroll social media...Before you chase another deadline...Ask yourself one simple question: "Is what I'm pursuing bringing me closer to Jesus, or distracting me from Him?" Because your life will always move in the direction of your greatest pursuit.

So, keep your eyes on the Prize. Keep pursuing Christ. And never settle for knowing about Him when you can truly know Him.

Let's Pray

Heavenly Father, forgive me for the times I've allowed other pursuits to become more important than pursuing You. Help me to lay aside every distraction that competes for my heart and keep my eyes fixed on Jesus. Give me the humility to keep growing, the courage to let go of yesterday, and the passion to pursue You above everything else. May my greatest desire each day be to know You more deeply and follow You more faithfully. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Walk in grace. Stand in truth. Live blessed.

Pastor Shawn Blackmon serves as the Lead Pastor of UNITY Church in Attalla, Alabama, where his preaching is real, relevant and rooted in the unchanging Word of God. Beyond the pulpit, he serves as CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama, leading life-changing mentoring initiatives that empower young people across five counties.

23 years and 1,500 miles

It has been almost 2 weeks since my feet were on mission soil in Costa Rica. I want to share more about the things I saw The Lord do there. But, that can wait. This week, I heard the testimony of a dear friend sharing about her first mission trip, and I want to encourage you with that instead.

When I met my friend in 2012, she was the registrar at the school my children attended. Over the course of time, I came to know the story about the tragic car accident that took the life of her precious, 17-year-old daughter in 2003. I learned it not because she talked about her loss or wore it like a badge, but because—through her deep, unimaginable grief—she and her family created a scholarship fund in honor of her beautiful girl.

Fast forward to the first week of June this summer. I saw my friend in town. She was glowing as she told me about the upcoming opportunity to travel on her first international mission trip. I could hardly reach her to hug her neck because she was flying so high with excitement. As we embraced, I whispered a quick prayer for the Lord to bless her and use her for His glory.

She got back from her trip a couple of weeks ago, just like me, and I was able to hear her testimony this week through a replay

on YouTube. Listening to her tell her story—choking back tears—I sensed the deep, steadfast love of God.

During Bible classes with the women, my friend and her mission team shared the story of Ruth. In her testimony, she mentioned that as a teenager, she saw the book of Ruth only as a "great love story." She went on to say that she grew in her understanding as a college student to see the connection of Boaz to Jesus as our kinsman redeemer. But it wasn't until after the loss of her daughter, when her bitter grief-mingled with anger—caused her to identify with Naomi, which led her to encounter God's Hessed Love as he called her out of her bitterness into the promised land.

Standing on foreign soil, my friend sensed the Father asking her to share about losing her daughter. She said that she told the women how she had spent "12 long years" angry at God for taking her daughter. She went on to compare her life to the bitterness of Naomi's life and how she, like Naomi, had to return to God in repentance and accept God's perfect plan for her and her precious daughter.

One of the women in the village resonated with her story. After the study, she was able to share through a translator that she, too, had experienced the loss of a child—23 years ear-

lier. Her son had died—at 17—from a motorcycle accident. She said that she was also angry with God for a moment, until she was able to trust His divine purpose in her tragedy.

Who but Jehovah God—in all of His sovereignty—could bring two mommas from two different countries, separated by over 1,500 miles, to the same spot 23 years after the greatest earthly loss of a parent, and use them to comfort each other?

When I messaged my friend to tell her I was rejoicing with her—at how God showed that He sees her, knows her, and that His Hessed has pursued her and her foreign sister all their days—she wrote back: "All praise goes to Jesus!"

What about you, Friend? When is the last time you have experienced God's Hessed love? Hessed is a Hebrew word that is found over 250 times in the Old Testament. It is a word that God used in Exodus 34:6 to describe Himself when He says, "The LORD, The LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love [hesed] and faithfulness..." (ESV). According to Biblehub.com, chesed is translated as "lovingkindness, mercy, steadfast love, loyalty, faithfulness."

God's Hessed is rarely loud, but it is always present—weaving through thousands of miles, quiet heartbreaks, and decades of waiting just to remind us that we are seen.



Memoir Musings

Sandra Bost

Where in your life today are you waiting for His divine comforting touch? I challenge you to open your eyes to the unexpected ways Jehovah God is already reaching into your story. Look for His loyal love in ordinary encounters, accept the comfort He extends through others, and step forward as a living vessel of that same steadfast love to someone who needs it today.

The same sovereign God who orchestrates divine appointments across 1,500 miles and 23 years is walking beside you at this very moment. His Hessed is not a distant promise; it is an active, loving reality. Rest in the truth that He knows you, He sees you, and He will never leave you to carry your grief alone.

He might just bring someone from 1,500 miles away to sit beside you in your pain to comfort you—or maybe He'll send you to carry that comfort to someone else. Will you go? Be encouraged, Friend. He is with you.

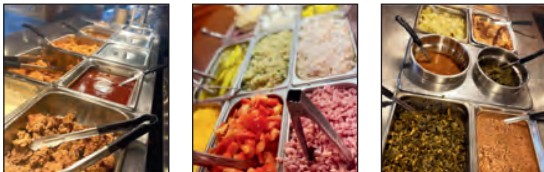
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Cerry Mike Greer was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/23/2026 to the Estate of Rayfyl IL Greer, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred. Scott W. Hassell

Judge of Probate July 31, August 7, and 14, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Stephanie Garrard and Jackie Garrard was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/07/2026 to the Estate of Deloris Faye Harrison, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred. Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate July 31, August 7, and 14, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

David Benton King, Esq. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/08/2026 to the Estate of Janice Collier, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred. Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate July 31, August 8, and 14, 2026

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Danny P. Brady was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/22/2026 to the Estate of Jeffery S. Hopper, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred. Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate July 31, August 7, and 14, 2026

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Patrick Keith Hill was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/22/2026 to the Estate of Mary Lou Hill, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred. Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate July 31, August 7, and 14, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Mary Loriene Rodgers Harden was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/09/2026 to the Estate of Rosa Retencie Rodgers Holland, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred. Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate July 31, August 7, and 14, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 31, August 7, and 14, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Terry Lee White was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/13/2026 to the Estate of Shirley White Rubin, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 31, August 7, and 14, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Debra Jan Greenhaw was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 06/25/2026 to the Estate of Van Norris Greenhaw, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred. Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate July 31, August 7, and 14, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Kimberly Bailey was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/26/2026 over the Estate of Philip Anthony Bailey, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate July 31, August 7, and 14, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Byron Rahmon Bonner was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 07/10/2026 to the Es-

tate of Inzer Bonner, 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 7, 14, and 21, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Vicki Lyle Potter was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 06/29/2026 over the Estate of Earlene Lyle, 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 7, 14, and 21, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Nanette Kennedy was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 06/24/2026 over the Estate of Neal Wayne Holderfield, 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 7, 14, and 21, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Laura Brothers was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 06/29/2026 to the Estate of Colleen Gwendolyn Jones Brothers, 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 7, 14, and 21, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Barbara Boyd was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 06/26/2026 over the Estate of Christopher Dale Boyd, 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 7, 14, and 21, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Holly Marie Brock Johns was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 06/25/2026 to the Estate of Jimmy A. Brock aka Jimmy Allen Brock Sr., deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

August 7, 14, and 21, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

James Leslie Baker was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) 06/25/2026 over the Estate of Bertie Baker, 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 7, 14, and 21, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Brandy Clemmons was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/06/2025 to the Estate of Larry Gene Whisenant, 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 7, 14, and 21, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA FAYE ALFORD, DECEASED

CASE NO: 2026-00284

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of LINDA FAYE ALFORD, Deceased, having been submitted to the Honorable Scott W. Hassell, Judge of Probate, by Petitioner, Thural Wayne Alford on the 6th day of March, 2026; Notice is hereby given that all persons contesting said Petition shall file a response thereto with the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902, within 30 days

of the date of this publication.

Done this the 9th day of April 2026

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

August 7, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: PHYLLIS JONES, INCAPACITATED Case #: 2025-409 TO: Any interested party Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 2ND day of SEPTEMBER, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 21ST DAY OF JULY 2026

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: LOWELL JONES, INCAPACITATED Case #: 2025-410 TO: Any interested party Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 2ND day of SEPTEMBER, 202 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 21ST DAY OF JULY 2026.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA BOHANNON, DECEASED. Case No.: 2023-00117 TO: CRYSTAL HASSE AND TIFFANY NUNN; whereabouts unknown YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court an instrument

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

Scott W. Hassell JUDGE OF PROBATE

July 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

July 24, 31, and August 7, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: JOHN WHITE, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED Case #: 2026-389 TO: Tacsha White 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 8th 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 22ND DAY OF JULY 2026

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

July 31, August 7, and 14, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: SHARON FAYE FULLER, INCAPACITATED Case #: 2024-371 TO: Any interested party Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 8TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at 2:00 P.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 29TH DAY OF JULY 2026

Scott Hassell Judge of Probate

July 31, August 7 and 14, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 2024-00507 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONNEISHA SHAMBREA WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

TO: C.W. and C.W., minor children of Donneisha Williams, whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court a Petition for Final Settlement in the Estate of Donneisha Shambrea Williams, deceased. You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 22nd day of September, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the said Petition to Sell Property in the Estate of Donneisha Shambrea Williams, deceased, should not be granted. Done this the 4th day of August 2026

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

August 7, 14, and 21, 2026

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

Notice to: Kevin Barth, whose whereabouts are unknown Brian Barth, whose whereabouts are unknown You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship for the person of William H. Barth, and a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship over the estate of William H. Barth, was filed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center on the 31st day JULY of 2026.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 8th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026, at 2:30 pm., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

August 7, 14, and 21, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY,

ALABAMA CV-2026-900368 DWAYNE ROWE, Plaintiff, vs. EMMA LOU DAVIS, AGUSTA HALE, CORA HARRELL, JOE HARRELL, et al. Defendan ts. The Defendants, whose whereabouts are unknown, and any other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the lands described below, must answer Plaintiffs Complaint filed in the above referenced court and case number within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the above-styled case. The subject property is described as follows: Parcel #1:15-06-13-2-000-017.000 One (1) acre in the Northwest corner of the following described land; Six (6) acres in the Northwest corner of the North-east-Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 of NW 1/4) Section (13) Township (12) Range (6) in East Gadsden Etowah County, Alabama, as shown of the Record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County Alabama. The above described acre being a square acre being the same property as described as Parcel #15-06-13-2-000-017.000. Parcel #2:15-06-13-2-000-018.000 A lot or parcel of land 55 feet wide by 138 feet long and described as beginning at a point in the North line of the NE1/4 of the NW 1/4 which point is 10 feet Easterly measured along said North line from the Northwest corner of said forty; thence in a Southerly direction and parallel to the West line of said forty a distance of 138 feet to a point; thence in an Easterly direction and parallel to the North line of said forty a distance of 55 feet to a point; thence in a Northerly direction and parallel to said West line a distance of 138 feet to a point in the North line of the forty; thence in a westerly direction along the North line of said forty a distance of 55 feet to the point of beginning, and lying and being in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) in Section Thirteen (13) Township Twelve (12) South of Range Six (6) East, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel #3:15-06-13-2-000-054.000 Lot number 2 Block 1 in the Hale Subdivision G-323 East Gadsden, Section 13 Township 12S R 6E, Lying and Situated and being in Etowah County, Alabama, as recorded in Book 1792 page 101. Done the 15th day of July, 2026. /s/SONNY J. STEEN CIRCUIT JUDGE Joshua B. Sullivan Knowles & Sullivan, LLC 413 Broad Street Gadsden, AL 35901 Phone: 256-547-7200

July 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 2026

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 Plaintiffs 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 plaintiffs complaint filed in the above referenced court and case number within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the above-styled case.

The subject property is described as follows: 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,

order to affect final decisions, comments must offer technically substantial information that is applicable to the draft permit.

A written request for a public hearing may also be filed within that 30-day period and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever it is found, on the basis of hearing requests, that there exists a significant degree of public interest in the permit application or draft permit. The Director may also hold a hearing if he determines that it would clarify one or more issues involved in the permit decision.

After consideration of all written comments, review of any public hearing record, and consideration of the requirements of the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations, the Department will make a final determination. The Department will develop a response to comments, which will become part of the public record. The Department will post responses to comments as well as the final permit determinations to the Department's website at <http://app.adem.alabama.gov/eFile/>. To find the response to comments and final permit determination, you may search by the permit number listed in this notice.

The Department maintains a list of interested individuals who are emailed legal notices regarding proposed permits. If you wish to receive such notices, please sign up at <http://adem.alabama.gov> by entering your email address on the left side of the page and clicking the submit button.

Notice is hereby given this 10th day of August, 2026, by authorization of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

Edward F. Poolos
Director

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

August 7, 2026

**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 Pl 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"E, along said Westerly R/W, 25.06 feet to a point; thence run N87°56'22"W, leaving said R/W, 300.09 feet to a point on said Perry Street Easterly R/W; thence run N02°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, Clay-

ton 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.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
August 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2026

**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 1 of the James Neal Subdivision recorded in Plat Book " I", Page 160 as filed in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama; thence in a westerly direction 118.32' to the northwest corner of Lot 1 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.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk
August 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Mia Chalkey - Unit 188-G

Brandon Giles
Unit 187-G

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

Paige Halasinski - Unit
142-F

Jacob Morgan
Unit 236-I

Andy Street - Unit 309-K

Justin Wade - Unit 213-H

July 31 and August 7,
2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Roosevelt Johnson
Unit 49, 62-764

Catie Hall - Unit 92

Tami Powell - Unit 144
Jacqueline Looney
Unit 326

Sonya Atchinson
Unit 361

Dezira Blount - Unit 411

Tabatha Mobuary - Unit
421

Ryne Smith - Unit 475

Fredrick Milliner -Unit 523

Jessica Spears - Unit 520

Jennifer Drummond - Unit
538

Rhonda Usry - Unit 544

Mary Butler - Unit 581

Dazaree Turner - Unit 6-5

Chris Smith - Unit 715

Jacob Cornelious - Unit
717

Ligaya Furguson - Unit
34-1A

Barbara Mashburn- Unit
13-12

Regina Holliday - Unit 34-
18

Katie Barcomb - Unit 52-
17

Lanalda Woods - Unit 83-
14

Southtowne Mini Ware-
houses
199 Woodland Drive
Rainbow City, AL. 35906

July 31 and August 7,
2026

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE
POSSESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on 09/14/2026 at 9:00 a.m.

2015 Jeep Grand Chero-
kee Overland
VIN: 1C4RJFCG-
4FC623368

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

August 7 and 14, 2026

**LEGAL ZONING
NOTICE**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, First Floor, 90 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 commencing at 10:00 a.m., a public hearing will be held to consider the adoption of an ordinance substantially as follows: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gadsden adopted by Ordinance No. O-36-25, as amended, is hereby further amended by Zoning classification district for the following described properties: "A request to rezone the following described properties from TR, Traditional Residential District to HC, Highway Commercial. (Property address being The Front Road Portion of

1651 Highway 411). 7.2 Acres
TRACT 1 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
A part of section 35, township 11 south, range 6 east, Etowah county, Alabama, being more particularly described as commencing at the southwest corner of the southwest 1/4, of the northeast 1/4, of said section 35, then N89°35'41"E a distance of 742.05 feet to a 5/8" rebar, then N00°41'43"W a distance of 521.73 feet to a 5/8" rebar with yellow cap stamped CDG, then N00°56'06"W a distance of 201.50 feet to an iron set (this iron and all other irons referred to as "set" are 1/2" rebar with a red plastic cap stamped Allen CA-1005-LS), the point of beginning. Then from the point of beginning N00°56'06"W a distance of 141.21 feet to an iron set on the south right-of-way of U.S. highway 411. Then along the south right-of-way of said U.S. Highway 411 N58°14'21"E a distance of 496.66 feet to a 6" x 6" concrete monument. Then continue along said south right-of-way along a curve to the right having a radius of 1814.86 feet, an arc length of 435.54 feet and a chord bearing and distance of N65°04'18"E 434.50 feet to a busted 6" x 6" concrete monument. Then continue along said south right-of-way along a curve to the right having a radius of 1814.86 feet, an arc length of 27.46 feet and a chord bearing and distance of N72°25'38"E 27.46 feet to an iron set on the south right-of-way of an alley. Then leaving the south right-of-way of said Highway 411 and along the south right-of-way of an alley N89°55'28"E a distance of 86.89 feet to an iron set at the northwest corner of lot 1 of Browning place subdivision as recorded in plat book 1, page 92, probate office Etowah County, Alabama. The along the west boundary of said Browning place subdivision S00°28'02"E a distance of 213.72 feet to a 1/2" steel rod. Then continue along said west boundary of Browning place subdivision S89°04'37"E a distance of 39.54 feet to an iron set. Then continue along said west boundary of Browning place subdivision S00°44'46"E a distance of 100.00 feet to a 3/8" bent rebar. Then continue along said west boundary of Browning place subdivision S00°55'51"E a distance of 35.70 feet to

an iron set. Then leaving said west boundary of Browning place subdivision S89°39'11"W a distance of 462.15 feet to an iron set. Then continue S89°39'11"W a distance of 50.00 feet to a point on the west right-of-way of a future proposed road. Then along said west right-of-way S00°20'49"W a distance of 250.00 feet to an iron set. Then leaving said west right-of-way N89°39'11"W a distance of 456.03 feet to the point of beginning and containing 6.23 acres more or less. According to a survey prepared by Allen Land Surveying dated 10-17-2025, project number 25-116.
TRACT 2 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
A part of section 35, township 11 south, range 6 east, Etowah County, Alabama, being more particularly described as commencing at the southwest corner of the southwest 1/4, of the northeast 1/4, of said section 35, then N89°35'41"E a distance of 742.05 feet to a 5/8" rebar. Then N00°41'43"W a distance of 521.73 feet to a 5/8" rebar with yellow cap stamped CDG. Then N00°56'06"W a distance of 342.72 feet to an iron set (this iron and all other irons referred to as "set" are 1/2" rebar with a red plastic cap stamped Allen CA-1005-LS) on the south right-of-way of U.S. Highway 411. Then leaving said south right-of-way N00°56'06"W a distance of 227.39 feet to an iron set on the north right-of-way of said U.S Highway 411, the point of beginning. Then from the point of beginning, leaving said north right-of-way N00°56'06"W a distance of 146.99 feet to an iron set. Then N00°56'06"W a distance of 56.76 feet to an iron set. Then N89°19'57"E a distance of 322.09 feet to an iron set on the north right-of-way of said U.S Highway 411. Then along said north right-of-way S30°12'25"E a distance of 8.50 feet to a 6" x 6" busted concrete monument. Then continue along said north right-of-way N58°13'07"W a distance of 379.99 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.79 acres more or less. According to a survey prepared by Allen Land Surveying dated 10-17-2025, project number 25-116.

Jenifer Smith, City Clerk

August 7 and 21, 2026.

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