



Gadsden Fire Departments honors three fallen firefighters 50 years later



By Caylie Moore
Features Editor

On Monday, Aug. 31, the Gadsden Fire Department gathered at Central Station to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1976 explosion that claimed the lives of three firefighters — Fire Chief James Ralph Speer, Fire Medic Michael Patrick and Fire Medic Michael Thornton — and injured many others.

In a social media post announcing the ceremony, the department wrote, “Fifty years later, their sacrifice has not been forgotten. We remember. We honor. We will never forget.”

Mayor Craig Ford and Fire Chief Vance Brown both

echoed this sentiment during their own speeches at the memorial.

Ford opened the ceremony by thanking those present — including the families of the fallen firefighters — for coming to the event and explaining why the department was still honoring them so many years later.

“I know it’s been 50 years, but one thing Chief Brown and I wanted to do is make sure we don’t forget. We will never forget.”

“When we build a new fire station along the river, we’ll move these monuments, and there’s going to be a place special for these three monuments there,” Ford said, further emphasizing his promise

to “never forget.”

Ford was also sure to express his gratitude toward the present-day firefighting brigade for their work, too.

“It’s my job as mayor to make sure these [firefighters] get home safely every night and every morning to their families and their community. They do a great job, and they’re here today to honor you [the crowd]. I want to say thank you for that.”

After Ford’s opening, a lieutenant gave an invocation praying for the fallen firefighters and their families, and the American flag was raised in a somber procession.

Chief Brown then took to the podium to honor the fallen in his own words, beginning

with an explanation of what being a firefighter entailed.

“The fire service is more than a profession,” Brown stated. “It is a commitment, a promise to protect our values, serve our community and go forward when others must stop. Our fallen firefighters lived that promise.”

“Every firefighter understands that when the alarm sounds, we do not know exactly what is waiting for us. We only know that someone needs our help, and so we respond,” he continued. “That readiness to answer the call is what makes the fire service a brotherhood unlike any other.”

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Gadsden City Council appoints Jessica Wilson to District 5 seat, certifies local election

By Caylie Moore
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On Tuesday, Sept. 1, the Gadsden City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting to nominate and appoint Jessica Wilson to her late husband Jason Wilson’s District 5 seat for the remainder of his unexpired term, which ends in early November.

After Jason Wilson passed away on Aug. 19, the council adopted a resolution to declare his seat vacant the following week and begin the process of finding a new representative for District 5. As such, during the council’s work session, President Kent

Back introduced an ordinance to temporarily appoint Jessica Wilson to the District 5 seat until the new administration takes office on Nov. 2.

Councilman Larry Avery Jr., at his and his colleagues’ recommendation, asked to suspend the rules and put the ordinance up for immediate consideration in the regular meeting in an effort to expedite the reappointment process. If the ordinance were to go to a second reading, the district would face another week without having representation on the city council.

“Jason Wilson leaves behind a tremendous legacy of public service, a city that

has been loved deeply and a void that will be difficult to fill,” Avery began, adding that his passion for the city of Gadsden will not be forgotten — but instead put at the forefront of their nomination for the seat.

“As we consider the important responsibility of filling the vacancy created by this passing, I believe we should consider someone who understood not only the work that Jason was committed to but also the heart and vision behind his work.”

As such, Avery announced that the council had chosen Jessica Wilson to take on the role, and the city, which had

also previously stated that Jessica Wilson would fill Jason Wilson’s seat had he won his re-election posthumously, welcomed her proudly.

Jessica Wilson then took her oath of office at the meeting and was promptly inducted into the council, receiving hugs and well-wishes from her new colleagues as she stepped up to the council seats.

Placing one of Jason Wilson’s old hats on the table in front of District 5’s seat, she took her chair and began her first meeting as the new representative of the district.

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Etowah EMA host alert radio programing event for weather preparedness month

When severe weather strikes, knowing a storm is coming can make all the difference.

The Etowah County Emergency Management Agency is hoping to help residents be better prepared before the next warning comes through with an emergency preparedness event Sept. 9 at Walmart.

The event, scheduled from 2 to 7 p.m., will bring together EMA representatives, the National Weather Service and WBRC 6 News for an afternoon focused on weather awareness and emergency preparedness. WBRC personalities are also expected to make appearances.

For Patrick Huselton, EMA public information officer, the event is about

more than emergency alert radios. It is also an opportunity to reconnect with residents and remind them that the county has an emergency management agency they can turn to.

“We want people to know that we’re here,” Huselton said. “We have a lot of people who got the news that the Gadsden-Etowah EMA was dropped last year, and they don’t know that they still have an EMA.”

The agency has been working to increase its presence in the community since the new Etowah County EMA was established. Huselton said he has been attending community events, sharing weather information through social media and working with local schools on

emergency preparedness.

One of those efforts is the agency’s tornado drill observation program, where EMA personnel visit schools and watch students and staff conduct their tornado drills.

“It’s not a pass or fail,” Huselton said. “It’s not a right or wrong... All we are doing is watching and if we can help you, we want to help you.”

That same emphasis on preparation extends to residents.

The EMA encourages people to have several ways to receive emergency warnings and never wait for the sirens to seek shelter. Emergency alert radios can

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“Today we remember those that gave everything in service of others. We remember the courage; we also remember the people behind the badge,” Brown said, explaining that these men were not only firefighters — but also husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, friends and coworkers.

“They were people who laughed around the kitchen table, drank beside us, rode the apparatus with us, and sat shoulder to shoulder with us on difficult days. Their absence leaves an empty seat at the table in the space of our hearts that can never truly be filled—” Brown paused. “But their service did not end with their final call. It continues every time a firefighter puts on the uniform or remembers the example they left behind. It continues every time we train a little harder, take care of each other a little better and answer another person’s call for help.”

“What [these firefighters] stood for continues,” Brown stated. “Their courage remains. Their sacrifice remains. Their names remain. And their legacy remains with every firefighter who follows in their footsteps.”

Brown also went on to thank the families of the fallen for their service as well, explaining that he knew it was not easy missing holidays with their loved ones or losing sleep over what might happen to their relatives in the line of duty.

“Our fallen brothers and sisters, your duty is complete, your sacrifice is remembered and your legacy lives on,” he finished.

After the speeches, a bell — the same one that signals the start and end of the work day for firefighters — was rung for Speer, Patrick and Thornton respectively, and with a salute from each and every living firefighter present, the ceremony was concluded.



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provide another source of information when severe weather threatens, and the county’s mass notification system can automatically send warnings to residents who have signed up.

Residents who already own an emergency alert radio can bring it to the Walmart event, where EMA personnel will check the radio and help program it. Radios can be programmed for multiple counties, which can be useful for people who live or travel near county lines.

Walmart will have radios available for purchase. Residents can also purchase one elsewhere and bring it to the event for help with programming.

September also marks National Preparedness Month, making the event a timely reminder for residents to take stock of their own emergency plans.

EMA recommends that families keep an emergency supply kit with enough supplies to last at least three days. Water, nonper-

ishable food, flashlights, batteries and rain gear are among the suggested items.

Officials also encourage families to decide ahead of time where they will meet if an emergency separates them and phone service or roads are unavailable.

The agency’s message is simple: Don’t wait until the warning is sounding to decide what to do.

“We can’t have people waiting for sirens,” Huselton. “Sirens will fail, they’re mechanical.”

Preparing ahead of time, whether that means programming an emergency alert radio, putting together a supply kit or making a family meeting plan, can give residents one less thing to worry about when an emergency happens.

To sign up for the county’s free emergency alert system, visit etowah-countyema.org/emergency-alerts/ and receive notifications sent via text and email.

Gadsden Bridge Club Aug. winners

Gadsden Duplicate Bridge Club meets Monday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. on the second floor at 623 Broad St. Gadsden. Contact Deborah Lankford 256 458-2925 for info.

Winners for August are:

- August 3**
1. Dianne Davis & Cheryle Maudsley
2. Miki Cook & Debbie Lankford
3. Charles Killian & Sharon Winters
4. Charlie Hart & Bob Sisson
August 7
1. David Blalock & Linda Hacker
2. Mary Ann Baird & Millie Cartrett
3. Davis & Lankford
August 10
1. Raun Kilgo & Winters
2. Hart & Sisson
3. Cook & Lankford
August 14
1. Baird & Cartrett
2. Jack Hadder & Winters
3. (Tie) Bill Blount & Kilgo / Carol & Ralph LeMay

- August 17**
1. Killian & Winters
2. Davis & David Reeves
3. Blount & David Kellogg
August 21
1. Killian & Winters
2. (Tie) Baird & Cartrett / Hacker & Nancy Sims
August 24
1. Killian & Winters
2. Davis & Maudsley
3. Baird & Cartrett
4. Dwight Bush & Sims
August 28
1. Baird & Cartrett
2. Bush & Hacker
3. Jeremy Benson & Winters
August 31
1. Davis & Maudsley
2. Cook & Lankford
3. Killian & Winters

Alabama PSC lowers rate of return for energy company

By Ralph Chapoco
Alabama Reflector

The state commission regulating investor-owned utilities Tuesday reduced the rate of return that a St.Louis-based energy company can earn.

The Alabama Public Service Commission voted to authorize Spire Alabama to receive a return on equity of 9.4% for the next two years, based largely on the recommendation of the Alabama Attorney General’s Office. That is a difference of 1.1% from the 10.5% return on equity that company officials sought, and lower than what it currently collects.

But commissioners also authorized the company, which serves roughly 500,000 customers in Alabama, to increase its monthly charge on customers by a total of \$5 per month in phases. The company may increase the fixed monthly charge by \$2.50 starting Oct. 1, 2026, and by another \$2.50 on the same date next year.

The ruling leaves customers’ utility bills steady for now by lowering the usage rate in exchange for higher monthly recurring cost.

“These recommendations lower the return on equity for both Spire companies from their current levels,” said Cynthia Almond, president of the Public Service Commission. “There is also an adjustment to the monthly customer charge.”

The PSC also reduced the ROE for Spire Gulf, the sister company that provides heating and cooling services to the Gulf Coast, to 9.6% from the 10.75% return on equity that the company requested. That is also

lower than the nearly 10% it currently receives.

Representatives from the company said Tuesday they were disappointed with the PSC’s ruling.

“We know it is going to directly impact our ability to invest in growth and economic development in the state of Alabama,” said Reynolds Anderson, vice president of external affairs for Spire Energy, to reporters following the meeting. “We remain committed to providing safe, viable natural gas service for our customers.”

The hearing was part of a rate case that the PSC announced in June after the natural gas energy company could not reach an agreement with the Alabama Attorney General’s Office on an appropriate Rate Stabilization Equalization figure. It is the first rate case that the regulatory agency convened since the 1980s, and came as the Alabama Legislature expanded the size of the commission and altered its structure amid mounting complaints over electricity prices in Alabama.

According to the Energy Information Commission, Alabama residents in June paid about 16.4 cents per kilowatt-hour, higher than the 14.89 cents per kilowatt-hour in the region.

Almond said that the monthly charge imposed on Spire is revenue neutral and does not increase the total amount of money that the utility collects.

“It shifts a portion of the recovery of fixed customer costs away from the volume metric, or usage-based, portion of the bill into the monthly customer charge,” Almond said.

Commissioners based

their vote on evidence presented at a hearing presided over by Luke Bentley IV, executive director of the PSC, who served as the administrative law judge during the hearing in August.

Bentley, reading from a prepared statement that was included as part of the agenda, said that “the Attorney General’s ROE recommendation is the most reasonable and more accurately reflects Spire Alabama’s cost of equity.”

Anderson said they based their request on rates that other companies received.

“As we look at economic development, first to grow and recruit business, that will probably be one area that we are going to be challenged with going forward,” Anderson said.

Sheree Martin, deputy director and general counsel of Energy Alabama, a non-profit that advocates for renewable energy in the state, said in a statement that they were pleased with the decision from the PSC.

“Energy Alabama thanks the Commission for opening this first-of-its-kind rate investigation and for its decision to bring Spire’s return on equity down to a more reasonable level,” the statement said.

Energy Alabama sought

a deeper rate reduction, suggesting that the Spire Alabama and Spire Gulf companies receive an ROE of about 8.3%.

The rate hearing is part of a process known as Rate Stabilization Equalization to decide the return rate that the company should earn. In the past, companies have typically submitted their request to earn a specific return that the PSC approves.

The PSC convened a rate case months after lawmakers passed HB 475, sponsored by Rep. Mack Butler, R-Rainbow City, who eventually voted against his own legislation because of the changes the Alabama Senate made to the bill.

The bill ultimately signed by Gov. Kay Ivey expanded the PSC from three members to seven and gave Ivey four immediate appointments. Appointees would be gradually replaced by staggered popular elections.

But the law also makes it harder for the PSC to convene a rate case. It establishes a Secretary of Energy, a cabinet-level post, with the authority to set the agenda for PSC meetings and to convene a rate case. It would take a supermajority of commissioners, five of the seven, to convene a rate case on their own or change the agenda.



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Community united for survivors benefit dinner to support 24-hour sexual assault advocacy services

Tri-County Crisis Services will host its Community United for Survivors Benefit Dinner and “Support Speaks” Silent Auction on Thursday, Sept. 24, at Hubbard’s Off Main in Oxford.

Proceeds will help sustain and strengthen free, confidential, 24-hour sexual-assault advocacy and support for survivors in Calhoun, Cleburne and Talladega counties.

“Survivors should not have to navigate the hours and days following an assault alone,” said Tina Deshotels, executive director of Tri-County Crisis Services. “Whether someone is at the hospital, considering available options or seeking support weeks or months later, a trained

advocate is available to listen, provide accurate information and help that person determine what comes next.”

Tri-County Crisis Services continues to provide essential advocacy, crisis intervention, and survivor-centered support to individuals impacted by sexual assault throughout Calhoun, Cleburne, and Talladega Counties.

Serving survivors and their families with compassion, dignity, and confidentiality, Tri-County Crisis Services offers a comprehensive range of services designed to support individuals during and after a crisis. Services include confidential crisis support, hospital advocacy, coordinated referrals, safety

planning, survivor-directed decision support, resource information, and comfort bundles tailored to survivors’ immediate needs.

The organization works closely with local hospitals, law enforcement agencies, and District Attorney’s Offices to improve early advocate notification, coordination of services, and warm handoffs that help survivors access support as quickly as possible. In addition, Tri-County Crisis Services provides community education, professional training, outreach initiatives, and awareness efforts aimed at strengthening community response to sexual violence.

Tri-County Crisis Services

maintains a 24-hour crisis line that is available seven days a week. Individuals seeking support or information may call 888-996-1262 at any time to speak with a trained advocate.

Community United for Survivors Dinner

Event Details:

- Date: September 24, 2026
- Location: Hubbard’s Off Main, Oxford, AL
- Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.
- Tickets: \$40 per person

The evening will bring together community leaders, supporters, and advocates committed to ensuring survivors throughout the tri-county area have access to the resources

and support they need. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit Tri-County Crisis Services’ advocacy, outreach, training, and survivor support programs.

Community members interested in attending or learning more about sponsorship opportunities are encouraged to contact Tri-County Crisis Services.

24/7 Crisis Line: 888-996-1262

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Email: tccs.cares.4u@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.tri-countycrisservices.org/>

STEM council launches new data dashboard

The Alabama STEM Council of the Alabama Department of Workforce has launched a new and improved Alabama Math and Science Proficiency Data Dashboard, providing parents, educators and workforce partners with a clearer view of how Alabama students are performing in key STEM subject areas.

The dashboard presents the most recent Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) results for core math and science practices that are essential to Alabama’s STEM workforce, according to a press release from the council.

Using proficiency benchmarks established by the Alabama State Department of Education, the STEM Council’s dashboard visualizes the percentage of students meeting or exceeding minimum proficiency lev-

els and provides demographic details for each school system, the statement said.

In the latest results, math proficiency increased by 2.2 percentage points, while science proficiency remained consistent.

Bringing these results together in an accessible format helps families and partners better understand student performance, recognize progress and identify areas that may require continued attention.

The STEM Council is also considering opportunities to provide additional context through future enhancements to the dashboard. Potential additions discussed include youth unemployment, labor force participation rates, National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, absenteeism data, and results organized by

workforce region.

These enhancements could further connect student proficiency data with broader education and workforce trends while supporting related initiatives within the Alabama Department of Workforce.

The resource also supports the STEM Council’s mission to strengthen STEM education, expand career awareness, and support workforce development statewide.

The Alabama Math and Science Proficiency Data Dashboard is available at stemcouncil.alabama.gov and additional information about the dashboard and its importance is available at stemcouncil.alabama.gov/proficiency-data-dashboard.

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GOVERNMENT

Federal government seeks summary judgment against Alabama Department of Corrections

By Ralph Chapoco
Alabama Reflector

Federal prosecutors Wednesday filed a heavily redacted motion for summary judgment ahead of a scheduled November trial over whether violence in Alabama’s prisons violate inmates’ Eighth Amendment protections against cruel and unusual punishment.

The 260-page motion from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District, which includes evidence and testimony from the incarcerated and current and former Alabama Department of Corrections officials, asks U.S. District Judge Harold D. Mooty, III to rule in the government’s favor on charges ADOC failed to protect people in prison from physical violence, sexual violence and the use of excessive force by correctional staff, as well as failing to provide safe conditions for people while incarcerated.

“Alabama’s prisons are pervasively violent. Homicides, stabbings, beatings, and sexual assaults occur routinely,” the motion said. “Officers use excessive force. Alabama does not maintain the physical condition of the prisons, putting prisoners’ health and safety at risk. Alabama’s own conduct has created these conditions, and Alabama has failed to respond reasonably.”

A message was sent to the Alabama Department of Corrections on Thursday seeking comment. Carla Crowder, the executive director of Alabama Appleseed, a nonprofit focused on criminal justice reform, said in a statement that the motion “spells out a level of systemic incompetence and mismanagement that has not previously been spelled out so clearly.”

“What’s new is the thorough and unmitigated complacency and disregard for human life on the part of highly paid and experienced ADOC officials to address a crisis they’ve known about for nearly a decade,” the statement said.

Cindy Hamilton, whose son is currently incarcerated, expressed concerns with the



Barbed wire seen behind a fence at an Alabama prison. The federal government filed a motion on Wednesday seeking summary judgment in its lawsuit against the state of Alabama alleging that the violence in men’s prisons violates inmates’ Eighth Amendment protections against cruel and unusual punishment. (Brian Lyman/Alabama Reflector)

amount of redactions in the motion.

“The public should know everything,” she said in an interview Thursday. “The really sad thing is nothing has changed. Nothing. The same thing is still happening every single day in every single one of these facilities.”

The November trial would come nearly six years after the U.S. Department of Justice sued the state in December 2020 over conditions in men’s prisons in the state. The charges followed the release of reports in 2019 and 2020 detailing the use of excessive force by corrections officers against inmates and physical and sexual assault of incarcerated men in the state’s prisons.

A similar DOJ investigation of sexual abuse and harassment inmates in the Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women in Wetumpka led in 2015 led to a nearly-decade long consent decree between the state and the DOC. The decree led

to improvements in safety and staffing at the facility.

However, Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall in 2020 rejected a consent decree over the violence in men’s prisons, leading to the lawsuit.

“There’s no safety, man”

The motion filed Wednesday alleges that there is a “substantial risk of violence and sexual violence” in Alabama’s correctional facilities and that the state’s conduct and failure to act “puts prisoners at risk.”

The motion also alleges that the leadership within the ADOC “does not supervise what occurs in the prisons” and that the agency fails to “effectively investigate or exercise oversight regarding uses of force.”

More than half of the 260-page motion consists of testimony from incarcerated people and current and former leadership; documents highlighting violence and extortion within state prisons and

statistics on overcrowding and staff shortages. One page recorded almost 10 “died by homicide” episodes that happened in 2019 alone.

“A prisoner testified, ‘There’s no safety man. You don’t feel safe. Anything liable to happen,’” the motion states.

Testimony from ADOC staff indicated the violence is underreported.

“ADOC staff testified: ‘Some days they just — and then if you’ve got a facility with 12 – 2,000 inmates and 15 officers, you’ve got one officer trying to cover three dorms, well, it’s very, very possible that nobody sees that. They get into fights every day. It’s a lot of them that we don’t see,’” the motion states.

The motion also provided messages sent by people incarcerated within ADOC who extorted the families or other people who are incarcerated with threats against their loved ones.

“I need at least 100 of my money tonight or I’m going to start stabbing your son point blank period ... So I need to be hearing SOMETHING ABOUT MY MONEY!!!!” one message said.

The motion also said incarcerated individuals use sexual favors for protection, illicit drugs and to repay debts.

“There is also unreported sexual violence in ADOC, hidden behind sheets draped from top bunks to conceal what is happening on lower bunks, all occurring in the absence of staff,” the motion states.

The motion also accuses ADOC staff and leadership of being responsible for the violence and the influx of contraband into prison facilities, including illicit drugs.

The motion states that staff “repeatedly introduced contraband to prisoners in ADOC” and that “Alabama leadership does not supervise what occurs in the prisons.”

For example, the motion

said former ADOC Commissioner John Hamm told people who took his statement that wardens must ensure the presence of adequate security staff, and that important posts are staffed appropriately because the agency uses overtime.

It also quotes Hamm saying he did not monitor information about sexual assaults or receive reports on overdose deaths in prison, though he asked about overdose deaths “periodically.”

The motion also quotes current ADOC Commissioner Greg Lovelace, who was the chief deputy commissioner at the time, as saying in a statement to the government that he spent most of his time on the construction of a new 4,000-bed men’s prison in Elmore County, “and has not seen any reports regarding the extent of violence, contraband, or sexual assaults in the system.”

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During the meeting, the council also discussed the \$74.8 million budget for the fiscal year of 2027 in its first reading and certified election results from Aug. 25’s election to determine who would be placed in District 1’s runoff.

The \$74.8 million budget will include a \$12.7 million budget for Special Revenue Funds, \$12.3 million for Debt Service Funds and \$18.9 million for Enterprise and Internal Service Funds. The proposed budget will also leave \$10.8 million for the Capital Projects Fund and \$10.3 million for the Capital Projects II Fund. President Back announced that copies of the proposed budget could be picked up from the finance and city clerk offices and opened the floor for residents to speak in favor or opposition of the budget. When no one stepped forward, the council declared that it would vote on the budget next week and moved on to the next order of business.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith then reported that the Etowah County Board of Registrars had finally determined which



provisional ballots were eligible to be counted and began certifying the election by opening and processing the remaining votes.

Reading the individual votes on each ballot aloud to the room, Smith counted only two additional votes for District 1 candidate Brandon “Bowtie” Hall’s bid for council member, bringing his total to 256 to LaMont Kyle’s 259 and Tonya Lynn Latham’s 271. As such, newcomer Kyle will head to a runoff election on Sept. 22.

With that being the only undetermined race, every other office was certified as follows: Craig Ford, Mayor;

Larry Avery Jr., District 3; Linda Riggins Aaron, District 5; Renay Stokes Reeves, District 6; Chris Robinson, District 7; Adrienne Reed, School Board District 1; and Mikey Haney, School Board District 4.

After the certification, President Back congratulated the winners and praised the

courage of every candidate, adding that it was not easy running for public office. He then relayed something that late councilman Jason Wilson had previously said to emphasize his point: “As my friend and colleague Jason Wilson used to say, ‘You’re putting your name out there, raising your hand and saying,

‘Do you like me?’”

There were no formal department reports, but the library department encouraged people to keep up with Gadsden Public Library’s Facebook page to see when the building would reopen following a plumbing issue that resulted in water damage.

President Back also announced that the garbage pickup routes would change in observance of the Labor Day holiday: Monday pickups would be moved to Tuesday, Tuesday pickups would be moved to Wednesday and Thursday and Friday pickups would remain the same.

In other business, the council also approved the minutes of the previous meeting, ratified the payment of accounts for the week of Aug. 21 through Aug. 27 and entertained the motion to approve the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license to Laxmi Asa, Inc.

Councilman Chris Robinson was absent at Tuesday’s council meeting. Mayor Craig Ford was also not present.

The next city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 10 a.m.



GOVERNMENT

Doug Jones calls for ethics reform, attacks Tuberville over AI, data center investments

By Anna Barrett
Alabama Reflector

Democratic gubernatorial nominee Doug Jones on Wednesday called for a reform of Alabama's ethics laws and accused his Republican opponent of unethical financial practices with data center companies.

Referencing U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville's publicly available financial disclosure statements from the first five years of his term, Jones alleged that Tuberville supports the development of hyperscale data centers because of his personal investment in the industry.

"It appears that Tommy Tuberville is such an AI proponent because he has kept right on investing his money," Jones said. "While he asked Alabamians to trust his judgment about data centers, look at the stocks he holds: Google, Microsoft, Oracle, Apple, Qualcomm, Accenture, the big AI names. It's okay to hold those stocks, but to not tell folks and not understand why he is talking about big tech the way he does is wrong."

Jordan Doufexis, chair of the Tuberville campaign, said in a statement Wednesday afternoon that the senator has a broker that manages his investments and day-to-day financial decisions.

"Coach is not making those day-to-day trading decisions," he said. "DC Doug is grasping for attention, but the real issue for Alabamians is this: who has a plan to protect Alabama families?"

Brokers can make portfolio adjustments based on the investor's requests while maintaining a diverse portfolio. A follow-up question was sent to the campaign Wednesday if Tuberville would be open to adjusting his portfolio.

Data centers have



Democratic gubernatorial nominee Doug Jones speaking at a press conference in Birmingham, Alabama, on Sept. 2, 2026. Jones accused his Republican opponent of unethical financial practices with data center companies during the Wednesday morning press conference. (Anna Barrett/Alabama Reflector)

emerged as a top election issue in Alabama, crossing ideological lines. Residents and experts are concerned about transparency with public officials, and public health and environmental impacts the 24/7 facilities could have. Jones has called for a one-year moratorium.

"It may be less than a year, if we put those guardrails in place beforehand, lift it," he said. "Just pause it right now to get those guardrails in place."

Tuberville previously said that Alabamians' concerns were "bull crap" and the state is "going to do data centers." In an op-ed published in Alabama Political Reporter on Tuesday, he shifted slightly by promising that data center developers and operators would pay for all infrastructure upgrades needed to operate.

He also promised to give communities more power and put the facilities in the state's highest property tax bracket. Alabama's Con-

sitution significantly limits the powers of county governments, and giving them powers to reject or regulate data centers could require a constitutional amendment. The governor has no direct role in that process.

Jones said Wednesday that Tuberville's "so-called plan" does not change anything because the senator's plan is about "money, money, money."

"This is about quality of life," Jones said. "This is about ensuring and putting legislation and guardrails in place to make sure that the power company is not going to charge you for it. It means making sure that the water is not going to be polluted."

Tuberville has also said that data center and artificial intelligence concerns have been influenced by China. According to Tuberville's financial disclosure for his first five years on Capitol Hill, he made 14 trades in China-based AI and data center developer

Alibaba Cloud. The company owns 31 data centers across the world — two in the United States and 13 in China's mainland — according to its website.

Jones compiled Tuberville's financial disclosures into one document on his website. The Reflector independently verified each.

Tuberville does not currently hold any stocks in the company, but Jones said Tuberville failed to disclose about 130 trades in 2021.

"As a senator, he has personally invested in one of China's leading AI and data center companies at a time when AI and the data center boom was taking off," Jones said. "This is a man telling Alabamians that concerns about data centers is Chinese propaganda."

Alabama ethics reform Jones also added changing the state's ethics law to his lengthy policy platform. Current law requires candidates and elected officials to file statements of

economic interest, which includes combined household income and stocks and businesses where the person filing owns 5% or more.

Jones said he wants to strengthen the Alabama ethics law to require all state officeholders to fully disclose their financials and ban stock trading.

"This is not opposition research. These are not rumors. It's just pure paperwork," Jones said. "That's important because, as governor, he will not be required to sign any similar financial documents."

Tuberville filed a statement of economic interest with the state in 2025. The public view of the report does not reveal as much information as the public view of his financial disclosure for Congress for the same year.

Although Tuberville does not own 5% of any business, a Reflector analysis found he bought and sold stocks from 34 companies during 2025, according to the congressional report. He also earned between \$188,000 and

\$471,000 from stocks in a mutual fund during 2025. The report lists income in ranges like \$15,001 to \$50,000 and \$2,501 to \$5,000, so the true income is unknown.

"If he wants to be the governor of Alabama, he cannot be a shareholder in the industry he is asking Alabama to bet its future on," Jones said.

Tuberville opposed a ban on congressional stock trading, calling the initiative "ridiculous" in 2022. Doufexis did not address Jones' call for ethics reform in his statement.

Jones wants the Legislature to pass these changes before a new governor is sworn in on Jan. 18, during its organizational session. The session, which begins on Jan. 12, is usually reserved for committee assignments and leadership elections, though then-Gov. Bob Riley called a special session in Dec. 2010, a month after sweeping Republican victories in the state Legislature that year, to pass a package of ethics bills.



Tommy Tuberville outlines new data center approach as opposition to facilities mounts

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

Republican gubernatorial nominee Tommy Tuberville Tuesday laid out a new stance on data centers in Alabama after weeks of championing them and denouncing their critics.

In an opinion column published in Alabama Political Reporter, Tuberville said as governor he would work to give communities the power to reject data centers and put them in the state's highest property tax bracket, though he was not clear on details.

"Here's my message to data centers: If you want to use our resources, you pay full taxes, cover the total cost of your energy, and replace what you take," the article said. "We'll welcome you with open arms, but keep your hands out of our pockets."

The announcement came as data center development around the state draws opposition over concerns about energy use and potential impacts on the environment and the communities where they reside, and differs slightly from previous statements Tuberville has made about data centers. In July, AL.com reported that Tuberville said people who are opposed to data centers and artificial intelligence are being influenced by China and called concerns about



U.S. Sen. and Republican gubernatorial nominee Tommy Tuberville speaking at the Alabama Republican Party's Summer Dinner on July 31, 2026, at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery, Alabama. Tuberville Tuesday published an opinion column in Alabama Political Reporter detailing his plans for addressing data centers in the state after weeks of touting them and denouncing their critics. (Anna Barrett/Alabama Reflector)

the environmental effects of data centers "bullcrap."

Tuberville's column did not directly address environmental concerns. He wrote that he wants to give local communities the option to determine if they want a data center.

"A project that works in one community may be wrong for another," Tuberville wrote. "Local residents understand their roads, water, schools and neighborhoods better than bureaucrats or corporate executives. Private property rights matter, but so do the rights of neighboring property owners."

Tuberville said in the column he would make data centers pay for the total cost of substations, transmission lines and water systems needed to run the facilities; "replace the power and water capacity they take" and impose higher taxes on data centers.

Tuberville also said he would want to put them in the highest property tax bracket in the state. Under a constitutional amendment passed in 1978, the highest taxed properties are utility properties providing utility services, taxed at 30% of fair market value.

Owner-occupied homes and agricultural properties are taxed at 10% of fair market value.

Tuberville's campaign team did not respond to questions Tuesday about how he would implement his ideas. Alabama's constitution severely limits county governments' powers, and giving them more could require a constitutional amendment, a potentially years-long process in which the governor has no direct role. The Association of County Commissions of Alabama has called for giving county governments more comprehensive use of

land control.

During a policy speech in July, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Doug Jones called for a one-year data center moratorium to have "guardrails and policies in place to protect our people and our communities." Messages seeking comment were left with the Jones campaign on Tuesday.

Ryan Anderson, a staff attorney with Southern Environmental Law Center, said in an interview Tuesday the recommendations in Tuberville's column were a step in the right direction.

"We've seen a huge data center boom in the state of Alabama over the past year, and you know we really need our elected officials to start stepping up to the plate and doing something to protect communities," Anderson said.

In Lowndes County, an 800-acre data center known as Project Red Clay, has received backlash from residents for lack of transparency from county officials.

Ann Burgwin Faulkner, a resident of Lowndes County who has opposed putting the center in the county, said in an interview Tuesday afternoon Tuberville's current stance is "wonderful."

"I don't think that anyone is opposed to data centers," Faulkner said. "The opposition is to the wrong developments coming to

the wrong place with no transparency."

Anderson said the one thing Tuberville's recommendations lacked were clear guidelines on transparency.

"Another key piece that's missing from this is required government transparency, whether that's banning the use of NDAs (non-disclosure agreements), reforming the Open Records Act, something needs to be done to make sure that these decisions are made in a transparent manner," she said.

Earlier this year, Bessemer City officials including Mayor Kenneth Gulley, signed a NDA for Project Marvel, an 18-building data center project.

Anderson said the difference between Jones' moratorium and Tuberville's proposal is that a moratorium could give communities more time to plan than Tuberville's plan.

"I think about it like a temporary pause, less than you know a blanket prohibition on these things," Anderson said. "And a big issue here is what are we going to do for the communities that are facing data center developments with none of these protections right now, like the people in Lowndes County. We don't have time to spare before good policies, protective policies, get implemented here in Alabama."



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EDUCATION

Jacksonville State University's new Aviation program received its Air Agency Certificate during a ceremony at Merrill Hall Thursday from Federal Aviation Administration representatives.

"This is another important step in turning the vision we had for Aviation at Jax State into a reality for our students," said Jax State President Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr. "A tremendous amount of work has gone into building this program the right way, and receiving this certificate from the FAA is an important part of that process."

Combined with the University's partnership with Sanders Flight Training Center for FAA Part 141 flight instruction, the approval establishes the academic and flight training framework

"This program is for you all, and we're going to do our best to make a great product and give you an opportunity to be successful in any of our three concentrations that we're going to be offering to students here at Jax State," said Dr. Maureen Newton, Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. "I'm really excited for the students more than anybody else."

"Today is a monumental day in aviation for the state of Alabama," Walker said. "Sanders Flight Training Center is proud to be partnered with Jacksonville State University to offer another pathway for students to become

"So much hard work went into creating this pathway," Walker said. "I want to thank the staff at JSU, Ed Blount, our team at Sanders Flight Training Center and the Federal Aviation Administration for ensuring the success of this program. Our first Jax State student has already taken to the skies - so in a literal sense - this partnership is off the ground."

Killingsworth credited the University and industry partners who helped navigate the extensive approval process required to launch the program, including Sanders Flight Training Center and Ed Blount, a retired FAA official who assisted Jax State through the Part 141 application process.

Students interested in Jax State's Commercial Aviation program can begin the process by applying for admission to Jacksonville State University.

Prospective students can learn more about the program, admission requirements and flight training opportunities or request additional information by visiting the Jax State Aviation webpage.

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The set includes three examples, known as A, B and C, with different formats, but all contain the elements of changes approved by APLS in 2024 and 2025 that directed local libraries to restrict content or risk losing state aid.

In 2024, board members ratified updates that required libraries to create policies restricting minors' access to materials that are considered obscene, sexually explicit "or otherwise inappropriate."

In 2025, members of the APLS Board updated the administrative code for a second time to prohibit library materials that dealt with gender ideology, but without defining the term.

"In the past we would have policy requirements that were much more broad and open, and allowed for individual library boards to tailor those policies to the specific needs of their communities," said Mary Campbell, president of the Alabama Library Association. "These do not allow you to do that."

The changes came after right-wing activists targeted libraries in Alabama and around the nation, claiming

youth sections of libraries contained explicit or sexually suggestive materials. Some of the books targeted used inclusive pronouns, and critics said the books were being targeted for having LGBTQ+ themes or characters.

Read Freely Alabama, a group that organized to oppose the changes, criticized Wahl and board member Amy Minton in a statement, saying the policies “make clear that this was never about protecting children from explicit content.”

"Libraries are being compelled to treat books about transgender people and gender identity as inherently 'sexually explicit,' a vague term that seems to change to reflect whatever John Wahl and Amy Minton want it to regardless of actual sexual content," the statement said.

Thus far, the Fairhope Public Library has been the lone library to forfeit state aid for refusing to move specific materials that the APLS board objected to.

Example policies have the same statement that bans discrimination, but with an added caveat to accommodate the administrative code changes.

"Exercising discretion in the location of sexually explicit material or other material deemed by the public library board to be inappro-

appropriate for children or youth does not constitute a denial of service on the basis of age," the policies state. "Taking age into account when recommending, displaying or otherwise actively promoting library materials does not constitute a denial of service on the basis of age."

The sample policies differ in their specificity. But all include sections that refer to specific elements within the administrative code and provide justification.

"Different libraries have

different structures with their bylaws for the codes, and we wanted them to have options that fit well with the structure of their local protocols," Wahl said.

The main changes that board members imposed on the administrative code dealt with library collections and reshelving materials, library cards, displays for content and membership with the American Library Association.

Example A appeared to be the least specific. The selection criteria section had bullet points for relevance, quality and demand, along with a statement that "These criteria safeguard minors from sexually explicit or other material deemed by the public library board to be inappropriate for children or youth."

The section to reshelve library materials outlined the same criteria that restricted minors from having access to specific library materials and had a statement regarding the gender ideology ban.

"Under this rule, any materials regarding transgender procedures, gender ideology, or the concept of more than two biological genders shall be considered inappropriate for children and youth," the example policy states.

Example C included more details. It had a section titled "Application and Purpose" that referred to "protecting minors from obscene, sexually explicit, or other material deemed by the public library board to be inappropriate for children or youth."

The section for selection materials had a numbered list of rules that largely aligned with the paragraphs in Example A but had other particulars.

"All materials intended for minors must be reviewed and approved by

designated library staff," the policy states.

The physical location section in Example C laid out criteria for filing complaints related to library materials.

"Citizens may, upon furnishing proof of residency, initiate a Request of Reconsideration of any library material by filling out the applicable form," the example policy states. "Requests for Reconsideration are reviewed according to established criteria and pro-



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cedures, guaranteeing transparency in the decision-making and ensuring that every citizen has a voice in the process.”

Campbell said that the sample policies could help smaller and more rural libraries without adequate staffing to develop policies aligning with the administrative code. But she said it will not solve other issues.

“One of the main issues is the subjectiveness of some of some of the requirements,



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like what is 'inappropriate for children,'" Campbell said.

The set of sample policies is one approach that APLS staff have tried to address issues that local libraries face to comply with the administrative code changes.

APLS Director Kelyn Ralya is still considering whether to fill a post that was created to coordinate with local libraries to comply with the administrative code changes. That decision remains pending.

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LIFESTYLE

What we carry forward

We lost many cultural, musical, and literary icons last month, in addition to local and community leaders.

On the world stage, Dolly Parton, Yayoi Kusama, Frank Beard, Tim Curry, Hayden Panettiere, Peter Cullen, Shelley Fabares, Michael Wright, Samuel Monroe Jr., and Wendell Berry each passed away in August. Actors, musicians, writers, and artists who shared their talents and lives with the rest of us, allowing us to create memories, form connections, and generally enjoy life more because of their work.

In Gadsden, these losses were sharpened when we also lost a local legend and champion for Gadsden with Jason Wilson’s passing. It is a collective loss and compounded grief when those who publicly share so deeply from their hearts and souls to make the world a better place leave us. Those close to us leave the deepest wound, and even those we never knew other than as celebrities can remind us of the weight of mortality.

As the news broke for each of these losses, I was touched by how many people openly shared their sadness, positive memories, and the various ways they were affected. The sense of community and shared experience has been strong on social media and the news. This reminded me who and what community is.

Jason Wilson told friends, family, and community members gathered at Back Forty a few years ago that “Y’all will never know how much this community means to me.” And, I hate to disagree with him, but I think he did an incredible job of showing us all what it meant.

He was always learning from the past, and looking ahead to the future, and never passed up an opportunity to encourage a young person just starting out on their own journey.

I will never forget my son calling me one afternoon in excitement because he’d reached out to Jason on a whim online, just to ask his advice. That message could easily have been one that was ignored, coming from a young stranger. But Jason did not ignore him. He responded, reached out, and it was a validating moment in a young man’s life.

I know that is only one of many stories because Jason Wilson did not just show his love and appreciation for Gadsden in an abstract way. He made sure to, as Dolly Parton put it, “Find out who you are and do it on purpose.”

He put his words into action every chance he had, working to make his community, our community, better than he found it. He put into practice Wendell Berry’s admonishment to “do unto those downstream as you

would have those upstream do unto you.”

This brings me to another loss last month: the death of poet and writer Wendell Berry. I knew him best as the poet, but Berry wrote essays and fiction, too. He did not shy away from sharing his views on the economy, ecology, politics or community. He viewed local, small communities and infrastructure just as, and often more, essential to the world as the global economy and infrastructure. He lived his life in Kentucky, near where he was born, farming and writing, and defined community not only as a group of people or a place, but as “the mental and spiritual condition of knowing that the place is shared, and that the people who share the place define and limit the possibilities of each other’s lives,” reminding us that “essential wisdom accumulates in the community much as fertility builds in the soil.”

This summer, last month especially, there has been loss in our community, and in the wider, national and world community. There always will be. But there will also always be the potential for coming together as a community, for treating one another well, for drawing from accumulated wisdom, and for looking to the future while drawing strength from the past.

It can be tempting when we have experienced loss, setbacks, and frustration to settle into complaining about what we dislike in



our community. But, as Dolly reminded us, “If you don’t like the road you’re walking, start paving another one.”

So, as we move into the autumn, may a new season remind us to take the opportunity to slow down, recognize and feel loss, celebrate the hope and wisdom gained from lessons learned and fights won, and put effort into doing one small thing each day to continue making our community the special place it is.

And, when we are feeling stuck, may we remember Wendell Berry’s words:

“It may be that when we no longer know what to do, we have come to our real work and when we no longer know which way to go, we have begun our real journey.

The mind that is not baffled is not employed. The impeded stream is the one that sings.”

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Small habits that improve mental health over time



When we think about improving our mental health, we sometimes imagine making major changes. We tell ourselves we need to exercise every day, completely change our diet, start meditating, get organized and somehow find eight uninterrupted hours of sleep every night.

Then life happens. The truth is, taking care of our mental health doesn’t always require a major life overhaul. Often, small things done consistently make a bigger difference than ambitious changes we can’t maintain.

One of the simplest habits is getting

outside. A few minutes of sunlight and fresh air can help break up the day, particularly for people who spend most of their time indoors. Take your coffee to the porch. Walk around the block. Sit outside during your lunch break. It doesn’t have to be complicated to be beneficial.

Move your body regularly. This doesn’t necessarily mean joining a gym or committing to an intense workout program. Take a walk, work in the yard, stretch while watching television or turn on some music and clean the house. Movement can reduce tension and provide an outlet for some of the stress we carry physically.

Protect your sleep. We often treat sleep as the first thing we can sacrifice when life gets busy. Yet everything feels harder when we’re exhausted. A consistent bedtime, less screen time before bed and a simple evening routine can help signal to our brains that it’s time to slow down.

Another important habit is paying attention to what you consume mentally. Just as our bodies are affected by what we

put into them, our minds are influenced by what we repeatedly expose ourselves to. Constant news, arguments on social media and endless scrolling can leave us feeling anxious or irritable without realizing why. Sometimes putting the phone down is an act of self-care.

Stay connected to people. Send the text. Call the friend. Have lunch with someone you enjoy. We tend to withdraw when we’re stressed, anxious or depressed, but isolation often makes those feelings worse. Meaningful connection doesn’t require a large social circle. A few healthy relationships can make an enormous difference.

It also helps to give yourself something to look forward to. It doesn’t have to be a vacation or an expensive event. Plan dinner with a friend, start a weekend project, watch a favorite show or spend Saturday morning doing something you enjoy. Anticipation itself can provide a small emotional lift during an otherwise difficult week.

Finally, practice noticing what is going

well. This isn’t about ignoring problems or pretending everything is wonderful. It’s simply about training ourselves to notice that difficult things and good things can exist at the same time.

Mental health is rarely built through one dramatic decision. More often, it’s influenced by hundreds of ordinary choices we make over time.

Take the walk. Go to bed a little earlier. Step outside. Call someone you love. Put your phone away for a while.

None of these things will solve every problem. But small, healthy choices have a way of adding up.

And sometimes, getting better doesn’t begin with changing your whole life. It begins with changing one small part of your day.

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Dr. Camp’s career as physician here

One of the most well-known and most capable physicians and surgeons this city ever had was Dr. Erasmus Taylor Camp, who died on his farm in Tidmore Bend a few years ago at the age of 90.

He came here in the 1890s to practice medicine and found immediate success, helping operate one of the first hospitals in Gadsden alongside Dr. A.W. Ralls. The hospital was known as Ralls Sanatorium for years, the first hospital in Etowah County, then it became the Forrest General Hospital and — later — the Baptist Memorial Hospital.

A student of medicine, Dr. Camp was rated as a great surgeon. His practice was large, and he was a popular doctor — all the way up until he retired and took up his residence on his farm near the city.

Erastus Taylor Camp was born August 19, 1850, near La Fayette, Alabama in Chambers County.

His father was Alfred B. Camp of Georgia, who moved to Alabama soon after his marriage to Mary C. (Heath) Camp. Dr. Camp’s father was a farmer and a preacher of the Methodist Church and, later, the Congregational Church.

Dr. Camp was educated in the public schools of Chambers County, and after graduation, he studied medicine under Dr. R.L. Robertson of Wedowee for one year. He then attended the Atlanta Medical College for one year, after which he entered the Mobile Medical College, from which he graduated in 1885.

After taking a postgraduate course in New York, he began practicing in Randolph County in partnership with Dr. P.G. Brandon.

Afterwards, he moved to Edwardsville for some time to practice with Dr. O.W. Shepherd. Once he finished practicing in Edwardsville, he practiced in Polk County, Georgia, for two years — and then he came to Gadsden.

Camp married Harriet J. Robertson of Wedowee, daughter of Amanda (Dobson) Robertson, in 1872. She died soon after moving to this city.

In 1895, he married Miss Sadie Jeanette Fitzgerald of North Carolina. She was a cousin to Bishop Fitzgerald of the Methodist Church. She died in 1902.

She had one brother in the Second North Carolina Regiment from 1863 to 1865. He

was captured and imprisoned for one year at Camp Douglas.

Another brother was a state senator for several terms. He moved from North Carolina to practice law at Morristown, Tennessee.

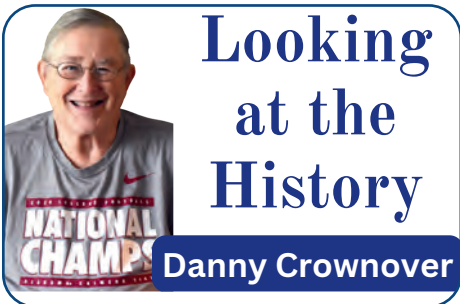
James S., another brother, was editor of the Tennessee Pilot.

Camp had eight children by his first wife. L.S. Kidd and Miss Alice Camp, who are residents of Gadsden, and Emmett T. Camp, an engineer in California, were the only surviving children.

He was known as a man of keen mind and a great student. He was one of the first physicians in the state to become interested in X-ray therapy, on which he was an accepted authority. Although his college training had been lacking in the use of the microscope, he developed its use by his own initiative and was one of the first physicians in the section to use it.

He served as president of the Etowah County Medical Association at various times and was also member of the County Board of Health.

He was associated with Dr. A.W. Ralls in 1908-1910 in the Camp & Ralls Hospital, a



time during which he earned a wide-spread reputation in surgery. He was often called upon to read medical papers before Alabaman, Georgian, and Tennessean medical groups and national organizations, and he wrote a number of articles for medical journals.

Since his retirement about 20 years ago, he has lived a quiet and almost completely secluded life at his home in Tidmore’s Bend.

He is survived by two daughters — Lou- is Kidd, Gadsden, Route 3, and Alice Camp of Louisville, Kentucky; three grandsons — Louis Kidd, William Kidd and Edwin Kidd; and one great-grandson — William Kidd, Jr.

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ROOTED IN THE WORD
Shawn Blackmon

Have you ever worked hard at something and, after a while, started wondering, “Is any of this even making a difference?”

You keep showing up. You keep praying. You keep giving. You keep serving. You keep trying. Yet nothing seems to be changing.

It is easy to stay motivated when you can see progress. When the scale is moving, the account is growing or the plan is coming together, you feel encouraged. But faith gets tested when you are putting in the work and cannot see the results.

That is when the questions start. Why keep praying when nothing seems to be changing? Why keep serving when nobody appreciates it? Why keep doing right when it looks like people doing wrong are getting ahead? Why keep believing when what you have been believing God for still has not happened?

Maybe you are not ready to quit on God. Maybe you are simply tired of wondering whether your faithfulness matters.

Paul answers that question in 1 Corinthians 15:58: “Your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” In other words: It’s not for nothing.

But there is something important behind that promise. First Corinthians 15 is Paul’s great declaration about the resurrection. Some in Corinth questioned whether the dead would really be raised. Paul makes

It’s not for nothing

it clear that if Christ was not raised, our preaching and our faith would be useless. But then comes the good news: Christ has indeed been raised. Jesus got up, and because He got up, death does not get the final word.

That changes how we understand verse 58. Paul says God has given us victory through Jesus Christ, therefore stand firm, be unmovable and continue giving yourself to the work of the Lord. Think about that. If we already have victory, why do we still have to work? Because victory is not permission to stop. Victory is the reason we can keep going.

We are not working for victory. We are working from victory. Jesus has already defeated sin. Jesus has already defeated death. Jesus has already walked out of the grave. Our faithfulness does not make Jesus victorious; our faithfulness is our response to the victory He has already secured. So Paul tells us to be steadfast. In other words, get settled.

There ought to come a point in your walk with God when certain things are no longer up for negotiation. I believe in Jesus, I’m settled. I am following Jesus, I’m settled. I am worshipping Jesus, I’m settled. I am going to finish what God assigned me, I’m settled. You cannot stay the course if you are constantly renegotiating your commitment every time life gets difficult.

Then Paul says to be unmovable. Life will push you. Disappointment will push you. Temptation will push you. People will push you. Fear and fatigue will push you. Being unmovable does not mean nothing ever hits you. It means everything that hits you does not move you.

And yes, sometimes faithfulness gets tiring. You can love God and be tired. You can love your family and be tired. You can love the ministry and be tired. You can love your assignment and still get tired carrying it. But please hear this: Do not confuse being tired with being finished.

Rest if you need to. Catch your breath. Get yourself together. But do not walk away from something God told you to do simply because you became tired doing it.

Then Paul gives us the promise: our labor in the Lord is not in vain. Those three words, in the Lord, matter. Scripture does not promise that everything we attempt will succeed simply because we worked hard. But when Jesus is the source, Jesus is the reason and Jesus is the goal, even when you cannot see the results, it’s not for nothing.

That prayer you have been praying for your children...It’s not for nothing. Trying to hold your family together...It’s not for nothing. Serving when nobody knows your name...It’s not for nothing. Doing right while watching somebody else get ahead doing wrong...It’s not for nothing. Sowing when you still cannot see a harvest...It’s not for nothing.

And here is why I believe it. Friday looked like everything Jesus had done over His life was for nothing. He healed people, and they crucified Him. He loved people, and they rejected Him. He taught people, and they abandoned Him. He gave His life, and they placed Him in a tomb.

If you stopped the story on Friday, it looked like it was over. But Sunday proved God wasn’t finished!

Maybe you are judging what God is doing before God is finished. So ask yourself one question this week: Where have I been tempted to stop because I couldn’t see the results? Maybe God has not shown you the outcome because the outcome belongs to Him.

Your assignment is faithfulness. Keep praying. Keep serving. Keep loving. Keep giving. Keep believing. Keep working.

Your prayer wasn’t wasted. Your sacrifice wasn’t wasted. Your service wasn’t wasted. Your faithfulness wasn’t wasted.

Keep going.

If it’s in the Lord, it’s never for nothing.

Let’s Pray

Father, when I cannot see the results, help me trust You with what I cannot see. Give me strength to remain steadfast and unmovable. When I am tired, remind me that tired does not mean finished. When I am discouraged, remind me that You are still working. Help me remain faithful to what You have called me to do, knowing that nothing done in You is ever wasted. Because Jesus lives, I know the victory has already been secured. 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.

Lessons from my begonia

I pruned my begonia this week.

It’s a bronze leaf white begonia that our daughter gave me for Mother’s Day four and a half years ago. She planted a tiny little plant in a terracotta pot on which she had painted a butterfly — one wing blue, the other purple — made from one of each of her babies’ feet. She embellished the painting with tiny antennae and little initials for each of the girls’ first names. My favorite tiny creature — created by three of my favorite girls. Needless to say, it is a treasure.

Though I have never had much of a green thumb, both of my grandmothers and my momma were master gardeners. I cannot tell you how many plants they rooted for me that became compost in my care.

I’ve rendered so many rosemary plantlets lifeless. And I don’t even want to talk about the number of African violets I have annihilated. But this little begonia continues to blossom. She loves me. She has found a way to thrive in my capricious care.

Not only has she flourished — she has reproduced! Momma taught me how to propagate stem cuttings by clipping them just below the node and placing them in a glass jar on my windowsill until a system of roots appears. I have lost count of how many offspring she has produced, but I am

really proud of myself for being someone who can finally keep a green thing thriving.

Whenever it’s time to prune my little survivor, I always have mixed feelings. She works so hard to stretch out her stems before producing her delicately beautiful white blooms. But they misshape the symmetry of her modest mound, so I have to prune them. I feel guilty for discarding her flowers and wasting the supple bronze leaves she has made. I am comforted, though, to know that some of her stems will sprout roots and keep bringing beauty into the world.

Tuesday, right after I put my fresh cuttings in my favorite tiny jam jar, and placed them on the windowsill, I sat down with my morning coffee to sing my devotion. A friend shared The Worship Initiative’s daily devotion called “Sing” about two months ago. It is a free subscription that texts a link to a daily devotion right to my phone every weekday morning at 7. Shane & Shane, a Texas-based contemporary worship music band, and various friends — from the music industry, pastors, speakers, influencers — join them around a table to pray, sing and share God’s word. It has become one of my favorite devotions.

Joni Eareckson Tada, a Christian speaker and author who became a quadriplegic due to a diving accident at age 17 almost 60 years ago, led an impassioned devotion from John 15:1-2. She spoke about the importance of abiding in Christ, especially during difficult times — which she equated to the painful pruning that must take place in our lives in order for us to bear fruit.

I found it so ironic — but just like Jesus — to be contemplating the loss of my begonia’s delicate blooms right as Joni brought us to this passage in John 15:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit (ESV).”

I had hesitated before making those cuts, feeling guilty for discarding what was soft and beautiful. Yet, Joni’s message was a quiet reminder that the master gardener never prunes out of carelessness. The trimming that feels like waste to us is often the precise work required to keep the plant vibrant, healthy and capable of bringing forth an abundance of new growth.

Joni shared candidly about the pain and difficulty of living with paralysis for nearly six decades. But through those deep cuts, she learned how to abide in Christ Jesus and rest in the process of being pruned by His Hand. As a result, He has multi-



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Sandra Bost

plied her effectiveness for The Kingdom and given her a platform for global impact.

Our Father doesn’t snip away at our lives to diminish us, but to cultivate a yield far greater than we could produce on our own. When life calls for a sharp cut — when plans shift, comforts are stripped away or seasons change — may we choose to trust His skillful Hands.

This week, see if there is an area in your life that you sense God pruning. Stop viewing the process as punishment or waste. Ask Him to help you surrender to the tender work of His shears, knowing that what is painful or feels like a loss today may simply be a new start. Your Master Gardener is giving you the opportunity to abide in Him, so that you can become a living sanctuary of His beauty and grace. One rooted branch at a time.

Thanks for my green thumb, Momma.

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SPORTS

Southside dominates Hokes Bluff 35-0

**By Alex Chaney
Sports Correspondent**

On Friday, Aug. 27, Southside and Hokes Bluff faced off in a hard-fought football game where Southside dominated and won 35-0.

At the beginning of the game, Hokes Bluff took the initial kickoff — but the offense stalled, and they were forced to punt. During the punt, Southside fumbled, giving Hokes Bluff the ball deep in Southside territory. The Southside defense held, and — rather than try a field goal attempt — Coach Robertson elected to go for it on 4th down. The pass attempt resulted in Southside intercepting the ball and returning the interception deep into Hokes Bluff territory. After that, Hokes Bluff never posed a serious scoring threat.

After the interception, Southside scored with 7:18 left in the first quarter off of a run by #21, Miles Rickles. They then proceeded to score a Point After Touchdown, giving Southside a 7-0 lead.

Southside scored again with 2:42 left in the 1st quarter, which put them at a 14-0 lead.

In the 2nd quarter, Southside scored yet again with 9:40 left on the clock, giving them a 21-0 lead that they would take into the locker room at halftime.

In the 3rd quarter, Southside tacked on another score with 9:15 left to pull away 28-0.

With 25 seconds left on the clock in the 3rd quarter, Southside scored the last touchdown of the game, ending the night with a score of 35-0.



Running back, #21, scored Southside's first touch down of the night. Photos by Alex Chaney

Hokes Bluff retires Jake Ball's #16 from its baseball program

In late August, Hokes Bluff Athletics added a new chapter to its history books and — on behalf of its baseball program — retired its #16 jersey in honor of former Eagle Jake Ball and his accomplishments.

The decision to retire the number comes after Ball broke many records throughout his high school career, and even afterwards during college, while also demonstrating the Hokes Bluff standards of “excellence, leadership and integrity.”

The Hokes Bluff athletic program stated that retiring the number from its baseball team — and effectively cementing its legacy “alongside the very best that have ever walked Hokes Bluff’s halls and stepped onto its fields” — is the “highest possible honor” that they can present to anyone.

Ball’s time wearing #16 for Hokes Bluff’s baseball team was accomplished. As a sophomore in the 2001 season, he earned 4A First-Team honors as a designated hitter while leading the Eagles to a

semifinal playoff berth.

The 2002 season saw Ball anchor the infield on the way to an appearance in the state finals. He hit a .490 and earned first-team honors at the county, area and state levels across all classifications. Ball was the Gadsden Times Offensive Player of the Year, and he even received an invitation to play in the prestigious North/South All-Star Game, during which he earned MVP honors after going 4-4 with a double and a home run.

Ball was able to top it all off in 2003 by leading Hokes Bluff to a 4A state title. He repeated his appearance on the First-Team All-County, All-Area and All-State teams. He was the Class 4A Player of the Year and finished runner-up for the ultimate crown of Mr. Baseball in the state of Alabama.

That season saw him hit .485 from the plate while also pitching his way to a perfect 10-0 record, featuring a microscopic 1.21 ERA. He was also named Etowah County’s Player of the Year, mak-

ing him one of very few athletes to earn that honor in three different sports in the same season.

After high school, Ball signed a Division-1 scholarship to play baseball for Jim Case at Jacksonville State University. In 3 of his 4 seasons as a Gamecock, JSU won their conference championship. They also earned two berths in the NCAA Tournament. Ball earned All-Conference honors in 2005, 2006 and 2007. When his JSU career ended, he was the school’s all-time leader in hits, games played and games started while also ranking in the top ten in RBIs, doubles, runs scored and walks.

Ball wore #16 with pride and brought immense honor to Hokes Bluff and his community because of it. As a permanent testament to his legacy and a reminder of the school’s values, his number was retired, and his jersey was subsequently framed and displayed at Hokes Bluff High School.



Photos submitted

Last Week's Scores

High School Sports

Football

August 27

Southside defeated Hokes Bluff 35-0

August 28

Coosa Christian lost Alexandria 7-51

Gadsden City defeated Fort Payne 21-17

Gaston defeated Cedar Bluff 49-21

Sardis lost to Guntersville 0-38

Westbrook Christian defeated Ashville 45-12

Etowah defeated St. Clair County 42-14

This Week in Sports

High School Sports

Football

September 4

Coosa at Whitesburg

Gadsden City vs Sparkman

Gaston vs West End

Glencoe vs Susan Moore

Southside vs Clay-Chalkville

Westbrook vs Mars Hill

Hokes Bluff at Etowah

Girls Flag Football

September 10

Gadsden City vs Huntsville

SPORTS



Gaston wins against Sardis in close game

By Caylie Moore
Features Editor

On Monday, Aug. 31, Sardis Middle Lions faced off against Gaston Bulldogs in a close game at Sardis High's football field. Gaston ultimately won with a score of 22-14 — but not without Sardis putting up a hard fight.

Gaston scored a touchdown in the 1st quarter very early on in the game, which put the Bulldogs in high spirits and seemed to set the tone for the night.

Before long, though, penalties began to rack up against Gaston, with several — including offsides calls, holding fouls, and false starts — occurring in just the first two quarters. Still, with Sardis unable to score any points throughout the first half, the scores were left lopsided — 6-0 — by the time halftime hit.

At the end of the 3rd quarter, Gaston made yet another touchdown, widening the gap between the teams with a score of 14-0 entering the 4th.

At the beginning of the 4th quarter, Gaston scored one last touchdown. After Sardis regained possession of the ball following this, things finally began to look up for the Lions, and then pulled back with two touchdowns of their own with around 6:25 and 3:50 left on the clock. The score now up to 22-14, Sardis was presented with one final opportunity to level the playing field and beat Gaston when the Lions' Xavier Grace put the stop on the Bulldogs at 2:07.

At around 1:50, Sardis managed to complete the pass, leaving the crowd on the edge of their seats — but Gaston proved to have the upper hand, and the Bulldogs were able to defend their territory over the next minute until the ball returned to their possession.

After the ball came back to Gaston, the coaches decided to let the clock run out, ending the game with a Bulldogs win of 22-14.



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Pleasant Valley Raider Run Invitational 2026

Photos by Alex Chaney



Southside High School turned in a strong showing at the Pleasant Valley Raider Run on Aug. 29, with the Lady Panthers taking first place and the Southside boys finishing second. The Hokes Bluff girls placed second, while the West End girls finished sixth.

Southside boys top five runners were:

- Carson Thacker — 19:00
- Levi Kay — 19:26
- Conner Christopher — 19:28
- Colt Mikle — 19:38
- Mark Valentine — 20:22

Southside girls top five runners were:

- Marlee Tucker — 23:06
- Linda Zheng — 23:54
- Kloe Bujan — 24:22
- Sara Davis — 24:57



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Gadsden State Cross Country ready to build on success in 2026 season

The Gadsden State Community College men’s and women’s cross country teams enter the 2026 season under third-year head coach Jackson Millander with a strong group of returning runners and talented newcomers ready to compete in the Alabama Community College Conference and on the national stage.

The Cardinals return a large group of sophomores who gained valuable collegiate experience during the 2025 season.

On the men’s side, Caleb Gay of Alexandria, Angel Martinez of Douglas, Ethan Patterson of Hokes Bluff, Kam Schacht of Buckhorn and William Spruill of Roanoke return for their sophomore seasons.

The women’s team brings back Abbie Dickeson of White Plains, Ashlie Easterwood of Ohatchee, Kylie Davis of Alexandria, Pricila Lopez of Boaz and Trinity Pope of Alexandria. The returning runners have already

contributed to strong conference and national performances for the Cardinals.

“The experience they gained last season can’t be taught, and I expect them to provide strong leadership while helping the freshmen adjust,” Millander said. “They’re hungry to keep building on what we’ve accomplished.”

Gadsden State also welcomes a freshman class that Millander expects to add depth and competitiveness to both teams.

The men’s newcomers include Christian Sotelo of White Plains, Eddie Lucas of Boaz, Bruce Stone III of Jacksonville, Elias Ramos of Gadsden City and Logan Wilson of Piedmont.

Joining the women’s team are Claire McFarland of Alexandria, Karlee Tarpley of West End and Cami Cook of Horseshoe Bend.

“This group trained this summer like they had something to prove,” Millander said. “I’m very excited to watch them compete this year.”

With experienced sophomores setting the tone and a promising freshman class joining the program, Millander said the Cardinals are positioned to continue building on the progress established over the past two seasons.

“We’re returning a talented group that knows our expectations, and we’ve added a very talented group of freshmen who fit our culture,” he said. “It’s a combination that has us excited for this season.”

The Cardinals will compete throughout the fall with their sights set on strong performances in ACCC/Region 22 competition and continued success at the national level.

Last Week’s Scores

High School Sports

Volleyball

Aug. 27

Glencoe defeated Cleburne County 25-13, 25-15, 25-15

Glencoe Stats: Mia Talbot had 16 kills and 13 digs, Katy Talbot had 15 kills, Gracyn Bunt had 6 digs, Kinlee Montgomery had 20 assists and Avery Barkley had 23 assists.

Sept. 1

Glencoe defeated Etowah 25-6, 25-12, 25-20

Glencoe Stats: Mia Talbot had 6 kills and 6 aces, Katy Talbot had 7 kills, Millie Chambliss had 5 kills, Kinlee Montgomery had 15 assists and 4 aces, Avery Barkley had 11 assists and 5 aces, and Gracyn Bunt had 8 digs

Glencoe defeated Sand Rock 25-18, 25-20

Glencoe Stats: Mia Talbot had 6 kills and 5 digs, Avery Barkley had 9 assists, Kinlee Montgomery had 9 assists, and Gracyn Bunt had 7 digs.

Cross Country

Aug. 29

Pleasant Valley Raider Run: Glencoe, Ashville, West End, Hokes Bluff and Southside. Southside girls place first, Hokes Bluff girls placed second, Southside boys placed second and West End girls placed sixth.

College Sports

Volleyball

Aug. 28

Gadsden State defeated Coastal South 25-15, 25-17, 25-9

August 31

Gadsden State defeated Central Community 25-12, 25-17, 25-13

Sept. 2

Gadsden State lost to Wallace State 25-23, 25-18, 21-25, 19-25, 12-15

This Week in Sports

High School Sports

Volleyball

Sept. 8

West End vs. Sardis at 4:30 p.m.

Westbrook at Hope Chrisitan Academy at 4:30 p.m.

Glencoe at Hokes Bluff at 4 p.m.

Etowah Middle at Cherokee County at 5:30 p.m.

Sept.10

Westbrook at Geraldine at 4 p.m.

Glencoe at Boaz at 4 p.m.

Sardis at Hokes Bluff

Etowah Middle at Hokes Bluff at 4 p.m.

Cross Country

Sept. 5

Yellow Jacket Invitational in Oxford

College Sports

Volleyball

Sept. 9

Gadsden State at Calhoun Community at 5:30 p.m.

Cross Country

Sept. 4

Gadsden State at Jax State at 9 a.m.

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Week one review of SEC football

Auburn Week 1 Preview
Year one of the Alex Golesh era begins Saturday afternoon as Auburn travels up I-85 to Mercedes-Benz Stadium to take on the Baylor Bears. Golesh, who was hired from South Florida after a successful stint in Tampa, inherits a talented defense in addition to a plethora of transfers he brought with him from USF on the offensive side of the ball. Quarterback Byrum Brown is the most important piece making the move from South Florida to Auburn, and he has the physical frame to be a dynamic playmaker in the SEC. DJ Durkin returns as defensive coordinator, and his unit will be led by linebacker Xavier Atkins. The last five years have been the worst stretch of Auburn football since the Doug Barfield era in the late 70s, but Golesh has a roster capable of pushing Auburn in the right direction in 2026.

Alabama Week 1 Preview
Kalen DeBoer enters his third season at the helm in Tuscaloosa, and his squad is arguably underrated as they start the year with a home game over East Carolina. The Crimson Tide have one of the best secondaries in all of college football, and DeBoer always has productive offenses. Leading the offense this year is sophomore phenom Keelon Russell, who is the most highly rated quarterback recruit in Alabama history. Alabama's passing attack should be elite, but questions still remain at running back and among the offensive line. If the Tide can produce a consistent running game, they have a chance to contend for another SEC title and playoff berth.

Week 1 Previews and Predictions Game of the Week
Clemson at LSU (-10). In typical Lane Kiffin fashion, the attention surrounding his program has been more about the coach and less about the actual team. Kiffin has

been a headline-stealer for nearly two decades, and his move from Ole Miss to LSU has been filled with drama, and Kiffin has continued making the news for his willingness to sign players who turned pro but were cut from rosters. On the field, Kiffin has an LSU team that is capable of contending in the SEC and for a playoff spot, and they can make a big opening statement against a Clemson team with a lot more questions than answers. Prediction: LSU 31, Clemson 13.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Missouri (-54.5). Eli Drinkwitz has built a consistent winner in Columbia, but the next hurdle for the program is beating the upper echelon teams in the league. Drinkwitz is 26-24 in SEC play since taking over the Tigers' program, and they have the same modus operandi each season: they beat the teams in the bottom half of the league and lose to the top half of the league. This version of the Tigers doesn't seem like it will be the one to break that mold. Prediction: Missouri 56, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 6.

UTEP at Oklahoma (-41.5). The Sooners had a disappointing result in the playoffs last year against Alabama, but it was an overall step in the right direction for Brent Venables and his program. Now, the expectation is an even better season for the Sooners with several key starters returning. Prediction: Oklahoma 48, UTEP 10.

East Carolina at Alabama (-27.5). Keelon Russell's debut as a starter comes at home as the Crimson Tide take on East Carolina. There are still questions about Alabama's personnel on both sides of the ball, but they have a little time to figure things out before the schedule toughens later this month. Prediction: Alabama 55, East Carolina 13.

Kent State at South Carolina (-35.5). Shane Beamer needs a bounce-back year for his own job

SEC Week 1 Rankings	
1.	Texas
2.	Georgia
3.	Ole Miss
4.	Alabama
5.	LSU
6.	Oklahoma
7.	Texas A&M
8.	Tennessee
9.	Auburn
10.	Florida
11.	South Carolina
12.	Missouri
13.	Mississippi State
14.	Kentucky
15.	Vanderbilt
16.	Arkansas

security, and he has a roster capable of making a bowl game and possibly pulling off a couple of big upsets along the way. Beamer will need at least six wins to feel confident about keeping his job. Prediction: South Carolina 48, Kent St 12.

Youngstown St at Kentucky (-23.5). Will Stein enters his first season as head coach of Kentucky, and while this is likely to be a transitional year for the Wildcats, he has already started putting together a capable roster on the offensive side of the ball. They might struggle on the defensive side of the ball at times this year, but expect the Kentucky offense to be very productive by the end of the year. Prediction: Kentucky 44, Youngstown St 20.

Tennessee St at Georgia (-46.5). Georgia is in the top 10 in everyone's preseason polls, but it still feels like they are being overlooked. Texas and LSU are getting most of the attention in the SEC, but the league still runs through Athens. Gunner Stockton returns at quarterback, and the Bulldog defense will be elite at all three levels. Kirby

Smart's team will still be a factor in January. Prediction: Georgia 42, Tennessee St 0.

Texas St at Texas (-29.5). Expectations have never been higher for Texas and Steve Sarkisian. The Longhorns have the best collection of skill players in the SEC and possibly the country, and anything short of a national title will be a disappointment for this team. At the very least, Texas should be a semifinal team that has a chance of playing for the national championship. Next week's matchup against Ohio State will be the major litmus test for both squads. Prediction: Texas 51, Texas St 17.

Furman at Tennessee (-46.5). True freshman Faizon Brandon was announced as the starter for Josh Heupel's offense, and while there might be some typical freshman mistakes, he is a breakout candidate this season. The Vols aren't expected to be a playoff team this year, but if Brandon is a star, they could challenge for a spot with their schedule. Prediction: Tennessee 52, Furman 10.

Baylor vs. Auburn (-7). Auburn played well in the season opener a season ago before quickling fizzling out, which led to Hugh Freeze's firing and Alex Golesh's hiring. The Tigers have a chance to start similarly this year, and it will be up to Golesh and his staff to maintain it throughout the year and more consistently. Expect a dynamic rushing performance from the Auburn offense and for the Tiger defensive line to control the line of scrimmage against the Bears. Prediction: Auburn 34, Baylor 17.

North Arkansas at Arkansas (-40.5). Ryan Silverfield inherits a total rebuild in Fayetteville. It's difficult to imagine the Hogs reaching a bowl game, but a competitive product week-to-week would be a positive result in year one. Prediction: Arkansas 34, North Arkansas 10.

Missouri St at Texas A&M

(-40.5). Last year's playoff flame out against Miami overshadowed a great season for the Aggies, and they expect to be right back in the playoff conversation with Marcel Reed under center. Prediction: Texas A&M 49, Missouri St 7.

Austin Peay at Vanderbilt (-29.5). Diego Pavia is no longer on campus, but Clark Lea has built a program capable of competing for a bowl bid each season. It will be more challenging this year with questions at quarterback, but fans can expect a disciplined, well-coached team each week. Prediction: Vanderbilt 31, Austin Peay 3.

UL Monroe at Mississippi St (-28.5). Perhaps the most underrated quarterback in the SEC resides in Starkville. Kamario Taylor was dynamic down the stretch last year, and if he continues to improve, Mississippi State can be a threat to pull off an upset or two. Prediction: Mississippi State 45, UL Monroe 20.

FAU at Florida (-26.5). Jon Sumrall begins his tenure with a pair of tune-up games before the Gators have a real test at Auburn week 3, and this is a team that has the potential for a massive turnaround from last year. The matchup in Auburn on Sept 19 will be massive for both new coaches. Prediction: Florida 44, FAU 13.

Louisville at Ole Miss (-7). Pete Golding led the Rebels to the semifinals after the abrupt departure of Lane Kiffin, and now his squad has a playoff-or-bust expectation entering Golding's first full season at the helm. Ole Miss has two Heisman candidates in quarterback Trinidad Chambliss and running back Kewan Lacy, and they will have one of the best offenses in college football. The opening matchup against Louisville will be a real test, and the Cardinals are more than capable of pulling off the upset. Prediction: Ole Miss 38, Louisville 31.

 SCHEDULE 2026 SEASON			
WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/SCORE
1	SEPT 5	VS. EAST CAROLINA	11:00 AM ABC
2	SEPT 12	AT KENTUCKY	2:30 PM
3	SEPT 19	VS. FLORIDA STATE	2:30 PM
4	SEPT 26	VS. SOUTH CAROLINA	TBA
5	OCT 3	AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	TBA
6	OCT 10	VS. GEORGIA	TBA
7	OCT 17	AT TENNESSEE	TBA
8	OCT 24	VS. TEXAS A&M	TBA
9	OCT 31	OFF	
10	NOV 7	AT LSU	TBA
11	NOV 14	AT VANDERBILT	TBA
12	NOV 21	VS. UT-CHATTANOOGA	1:00 PM
13	NOV 28	VS. AUBURN	3:30 PM

 SCHEDULE 2026 SEASON			
WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/SCORE
1	SEPT 5	VS BAYLOR AT MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM, ATLANTA GA	3:30 PM ABC
2	SEPT 12	VS SOUTHERN MISS	7:30 PM
3	SEPT 19	VS FLORIDA	7:00PM
4	SEPT 26	VS VANDERBILT	7:00 PM
5	OCT 3	AT TENNESSEE	8:20 PM
6	OCT 10	OFF	
7	OCT 17	AT GEORGIA	3:30 PM
8	OCT 24	VS LSU	1200 PM
9	OCT 31	AT OLE MISS	1200 PM
10	NOV 7	VS ARKANSAS	1200 PM
11	NOV 14	AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	1200 PM
12	NOV 21	VS SAMFORD	3:30 PM
13	NOV 28	AT ALABAMA	3:30 PM

Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 26-13598-SC-AL

August 21, 28, and September 4, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Anthony B Henson, Lea J Henson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns dated January 19, 2013; said mortgage being recorded on February 4, 2013 as Instrument No. 3380356 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3612179 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on October 14, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number Fifteen (15), Phase I, Coosa Veranda Subdivision, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Map "K", page 48, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 2391 Veranda Trce, Gadsden, AL 35903.

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

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

the undersigned. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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

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

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

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 26-08877AL www.foreclosurehotline.net

September 4, 11, and 18, 2026

POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by April J Pruitt, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Southern Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, on September 8, 2017, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on September 8, 2017, as Instrument No. 3456279, as Instrument No. 3456732. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on

August 20, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Commence at a point that is North 29 degrees 27 minutes 24 seconds West 60.27 feet from the Southeast corner (RRSF) of the NE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 13, said point being located on the approximate North right of way of John L. Gap Road and the approximate west right of way of Leeth Gap Cutoff Road; thence run North 84 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds West along and with said approximate North right of way of John L. Gap Road 337.61 feet to a point (IPR angle iron); thence North 01 degree 11 minutes 52 seconds West leaving said right of way 352.40 feet to a point (IPS) and the point of beginning; thence from said point of beginning run South 76 degrees 16 minutes 34 seconds East 353.33 feet to a point (IPS), said point being located on the approximate West right of way of Leeth Gap Cutoff Road; thence run North and along the West right-of-way line of Leeth Gap Cutoff Road a distance of 520.00 feet, more or less, to a point being the Southeast corner of the parcel conveyed to Julie Lankford by deed recorded in as Document #D-2003-486, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama; thence run North 82 degrees 38 minutes 19 seconds West and along the Southerly line of said Lankford tract 353.89 feet, more or less, to the Southwest corner thereof; thence run South in a direct line 455.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

More Commonly Known as: 1395 Leeth Gap Cutoff Road, Boaz, AL 35956

This Property will be sold on as "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. THIS FORECLOSURE SALE HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 5, 2026 AT THE TIME AND PLACE SET FORTH ABOVE. Freedom Mortgage Corporation ("Transferee")

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Peggy Redden, James Redden to PNC Bank, National Association dated August 8, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on August 23, 2023 as Instrument No. 3562479 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama..

The undersigned, PNC Bank, National Association, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on October 7, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT 42, BROCK HILLS SECOND ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "G", PAGE 399, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 4338 Tawannah Cir W, Hokes Bluff, AL 35903.

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

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

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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

and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 26-08739AL www.foreclosurehotline.net

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Lama Investments LLC to Commercial Lender LLC dated September 17, 2025; said mortgage being recorded on September 23, 2025 in Deed Book 2025, Page 3598292 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Commercial Lender LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3612751 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Commercial Lender LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on October 14, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 19 in Block One (1) in Agricola's Coosa Street Addition to Gadsden, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 341, in the Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 114 Victory St, Gadsden, AL 35901.

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

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

against the above-named or the undersigned. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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

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

COMMERCIAL LENDER LLC as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 505 20th Street N, Suite 1775 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 26-08863AL www.foreclosurehotline.net The Messenger 09/04/2026,09/11/2026 ,09/18/2026 26-08863AL

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FILE CLAIMS

Makiya Deshay Jones was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/10/2026 over the Estate of Tia Evette Rogers, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Stacy Ashley Phillips was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/28/2026 to the Estate of Sandra Jean Territo, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not

filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Rachelle Milner was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/24/2026 to the Estate of Iman Majid, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Amanda Thacker was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/21/2026 to the Estate of Walter Alexander Roe, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Scott F. Stewart was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/24/2026 over the Estate of Lory Dell Dodd, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Freddy Johnson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 6/26/2026 over the Estate of Aaron Cody Johnson, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

James Jolly was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 7/20/2026 to the Estate of Shirley JoAnn duPont, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Frankie Lynn Haynie was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 8/10/2026 to the Estate of Franklin Delano Haynie, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Sara Elisabeth Harrison was/were granted Ancillary Letters Testamentary on 7/10/2026 to the Estate of Rosie Caldwell, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell

Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Chris Smith was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 02/17/2026 over the Estate of Benny Denmon Hood, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF: ALICE FAYE EVANS, DECEASED.
Case No.: 2026-00541

You will take notice that a Petition for Disposition of Remains filed by London Pearce, for the disposition of the remains of Alice Faye Evans, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 2nd day of June, 2026, is set to be heard on the 8th day of September, 2026, alleging that there are no known next of kin to take custody of the remains of the Decedent.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this matter or desire to take custody of the remains of the Decedent of the proper disposition, you must file a written response within two (2) days of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Courthouse, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.

DONE THIS THE 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

September 4, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

August 28, September 4, and 11, 2026

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

Notice to: Don Kinard, whose whereabouts are unknown

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

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Petition for Letters of Conservatorship is set on the 28th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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September 4, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CV-2026-900377

CODY DANNA, PLAINTIFF, v.

DAN E. HUMPHREY, et al, DEFENDANTS.

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

The subject property is described as follows:

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

Done the 17th day of August, 2026.

/s/GEORGE C. DAY, JR
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Joshua B. Sullivan
Knowles & Sullivan, LLC

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

August 21, 28, September 4 and 11, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

NOLAN HOLLAND and KEELIE HOLLAND, PLAINTIFFS

v. CV - 2026 - 900442 MICHELE STORY SMITH, ET AL., DEFENDANTS

Defendant Michele Story Smith and any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, possessory, or other interest in the lands described below must answer Plaintiff's Complaint filed in the above referenced court and case number within thirty (30) days of the completion of the newspaper publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the above-styled case. The subject property is described as follows: Commence at an existing 3/8" rebar marking the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 4, Township 12 South, Range & East; thence N 3 degrees 00 minutes 38 seconds East 30.06 feet to a 1/2 capped rebar (LS#21183) on the Northern R/W of Beaird Road 60' R/W; thence along said R/W N 89 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds East 2,317.57 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (LS#21183) also being the point of beginning; thence leaving said R/W N 00 degrees 09 minutes 13 seconds West 660.00 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (LS#21183); thence N 89 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds East 200.00 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (LS#21183); thence S 00 degrees 09 minutes 13 seconds East 660.00 feet to a 1/2 capped rebar (LS# 21183) on Northern R/W of said road; thence along said R/W S 89 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds West 200.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.03 acres, more or less.

Said tract also contains a 50 feet access easement 30' each side of the following described lines. Commence at an existing 3/8" rebar marking the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 3, Township 12 South, Range & East; thence North 3 degrees 00 minutes 38 seconds East 30.06 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (LS# 21183); thence N 89 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds East 2,348.43 feet to a calculated point being

the point of beginning; thence along the centerline of said easement N 12 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds East 302.39 feet to a calculated point; thence N 05 degrees 21 minutes 21 seconds East 167.57 feet to a calculated point; thence N 18 degrees 13 minutes 54 seconds East 109.15 feet to a calculated point; thence N 53 degrees 25 minutes 29 seconds East 61.12 to the end of said easement.

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY STATE OF ALABAMA

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2026-900126

BECKY NORDGREN, REVENUE COMMISSIONER OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY V. TERESA A. SMITH, et al., AND A PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF IN REM ACTION PURSUANT TO ALABAMA CODE § 6-6-564 AND OTHER CONTROLLING LAW

To: Teresa A. Smith, Amanda Leigh Edmonson, Jessica Paige Martin, Amy Nicole Martin, Jeremy Smith, Lane Sorensen, and all individuals and entities that may claim an ownership interest in the real estate described below:

Take notice that an in rem action has been filed in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, in civil action no.: CV-2026-900126, styled as Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner of Etowah County, Alabama, in her official capacity v. Lane Sorensen; Teresa A. Smith; Amanda Leigh Edmonson; Jessica Paige Martin; Amy Nicole Martin; Jeremy Smith; a parcel of real estate in Etowah County, Alabama, described as: "3032 MCCLAIN CIRCLE, HOKES BLUFF, ALABAMA 35903, PIN: 22420, TAX PARCEL: 12-04-18-0-000-002.002, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT;" and fictitious defendants A-D, being those individuals and/or entities that claim and/or have any ownership or interest in the subject real estate, whose identities are currently unknown. Teresa A. Smith, Amanda Leigh Edmonson, Jessica Paige Martin, Amy Nicole Martin, Lane Sorensen, Jeremy Smith, and any entity or individual said claims any ownership or interest in said parcel of real estate must file an answer to said action on or before thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication of this notice, or judgment may be entered affecting your ownership and/or interest in said parcel of real estate. Your answer must be filed with the undersigned Circuit Court Clerk and copied to Bradley W. Cornett, attorney for Etowah County Revenue Commissioner, 140 South 9th Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Done this the 27th day of August 2026

Cassandra Johnson
Circuit Court Clerk of Etowah County, Alabama
801 Forrest Avenue, Suite 202
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

September 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2026

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

BECKY NORDGREN, ETOWAH COUNTY REVENUE COMMISS-

SIONER, Plaintiff, v.

31-CV-2026-900279

SKG QRP et al, Defendants.

TO: BECKY NORDGREN, ETOWAH COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER; ANTHONY E. GRIGSBY; CHRISTY M. GRIGSBY; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, OR ENTITIES WHO MAY CLAIM ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST, LIEN, OR RIGHT OF REDEMPTION IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW, WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED AFTER REASONABLE DILIGENCE.

You are hereby notified that on the 21st day of June 2026, SKG QRP LLC filed a Verified Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure of Alabama Ad Valorem Tax Liens, Quiet Title in Rem, and Ejectment in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Case No. 31 CV 2026 900279, concerning the following real property located in Etowah County, Alabama:

The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Thirty two (32), Township Ten (10), Range Four (4) East of Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama, less all that part lying North of the New Highway, containing herein conveyed 32 acres, more or less, lying and being situated in Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon. Subject to a right of way for ingress, egress and utilities over and across a strip of land being 20 feet evenly off the East side of the above described property.

Commonly known as 3744 Bluff Road, Boaz, Alabama 35956. Parcel ID: 05 09 32 0 000 003.000.

All persons claiming any title, interest, lien, encumbrance, or right of redemption in the above described property are required to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Complaint filed June 21st 2026 within thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this notice, or thereafter a default judgment may be entered against them, foreclosing all rights of redemption and quieting title to the property in SKG QRP LLC.

A person with a right to redeem the property may do so at any time prior to the entry of final judgment in this action by filing a timely answer or motion in the court. A judgment quieting title may cause a person with an interest in or claim on the property to lose that interest or claim. Any person claiming an interest in the property may appear in this action. Any person who is entitled to redeem may request that the property be sold at public auction.

Done this 31st day of August 2026. Clerk of the Circuit Court Etowah County, Alabama

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

September 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2026

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL WEAVER, DECEASED

CASE NO: 2024-190 Letters of Testamentary on the Estate of Carl Weaver, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, notice is

hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Furthermore, notice is hereby given pursuant to Ala. Code § 43-6-2, § 43-2-3, and other applicable laws, that all known heirs and next of kin have formally disclaimed, renounced, and rejected any and all interest in the following specific assets of the Estate: Any and all stock ownership or other interest in Techtrix, Inc., an Alabama corporation in which the deceased was a shareholder. Any and all interest in the real estate located at 525 Plainview Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 (Parcel #10-09-32-4-000-172.000 and 10-09-32-4-000-259.000).

Any unknown heirs, interested parties, or persons claiming any right, title, or interest in the above-described assets, or who may have an objection to the administration or disposition of said assets by the Personal Representative, must file their claims or objections with the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, within the time allowed by law, or be forever barred. Sharon Marbut

Personal Representative of the Estate of Carl Weaver, Deceased
Prepared by: Ralph K. Strawn, Jr.
Attorney for Petitioner Strawn & Robertson, LLC
2401 Rainbow Drive
Gadsden, Alabama 35901
(256) 485-4980

September 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR

Notice to: Jessica Sandlin whose address is unknown

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

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

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

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

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

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

The Project includes the following Work:

The project consists of relocation of approx-

imately 7,380 feet of water main, 7,200 feet of gravity sewer, 55 manholes, and associated appurtenances to account for the extension of Interstate 759.

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

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

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

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

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

The attention of non-resident bidders is called to the provisions of Alabama Law, Title 39, Chapter 3, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, whereby In the letting of public contracts in which any state, county, or municipal funds are utilized, except those contracts funded in whole or in part with funds received from a federal agency, preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a nonresident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Alabama public contracts only on the same basis as the nonresident bidder's state awards contracts to Alabama contractors bidding under similar circumstances; resident contractors in Alabama, are to be granted preference over nonresidents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the nonresident.

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

August 21, 28, and September 4, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. DEMO-BR-A181(941) ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on September 25, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for

constructing the Bridge Replacement (Grading, Drainage, Pavement, Bridge Removal, and Traffic Signals) on SR-77 (Northbound Roadway) over the Coosa River in Rainbow City. Length 1.353 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed By December 31, 2029. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$81.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations. Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract. The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$14,726,184 To \$17,998,669. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids. The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation. The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D Title 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D Title 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director

September 4, 11, and 18, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

PROJECT: Etowah Schools New Intercom Systems

CONTRACTOR: Staley Technologies

WORK: Equipment – IP Intercom System

LOCATION: Etowah County Schools, Etowah County, Alabama

OWNER: Etowah County School Board

of Education

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

August 21, 28, and September 4, 2026

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

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

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

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

1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue
SW Washington, D.C.

20250-9410: or 2. Fax: (202)690-7442; or 3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov
This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The enclosed "non discrimination" language herein was added pursuant to the May 5, 2022, USDA memorandum. However, although included as currently required for audit compliance by the USDA, the State of Alabama objects to its inclusion, applicability, and the application of this language due to currently pending legal challenges in the matter of The State of Tennessee, et al. v. USDA, Case No. 3-22-cv-00257, and may be subject to change or removal.

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

August 28 and September 4, 2026

PUBLIC RELEASE

Child and Adult Care Food Program

Public News Release for Non-Pricing Programs

Summit ETC announces the sponsorship of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity* and sexual orientation*), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

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1. Mail U.S. Dept of Agriculture, Office of Asst Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington DC, 20250-9410; or 2. Fax 202-690-7442; or Email program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Program locations: Summit ETC – Gadsden, 715 Raley St., Gadsden, AL 35902 and Summit ETC – Centre, 1975 East Bypass, Centre, AL 35960.

Persons interested in receiving more information should contact Katie Herzberg, 241 S. 3rd St, Ste A, Gadsden, AL 35901 at telephone number 256-439-1575.

September 4 and 11, 2026

JOB COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, Bob Smith Construction, Inc. hereby give written notice of the completion of a contract with the City of Gadsden, Alabama, for 2024 City of Gadsden Annual Drainage & Concrete Work, project no. 3524, and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. This notice is to appear for four consecutive weeks beginning August 28, 2026 and ending September 18, 2026. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Heath Williamson, Architect for City of Gadsden, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902-0267 during this period.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

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

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of completion of Resurfacing Paving at Carlisle Elementary School in Etowah County, Alabama. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on September 4, 2026 and ending on September 18, 2026. All claims should be filed at Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC, P.O. Box 1890, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902 during this period.

September 4, 11, and 18, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that GKL Companies, Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Renovation of Reroofing of Southside Elementary School located at 2551 AL-77, Southside, AL. 35907 for the State of Alabama and County of Etowah, Owners, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify B. Criag Lipscomb - Architect, LLC, 436 Chestnut Street, Gadsden AL 35906

GKL Companies, Inc. 2323 East Greenview Avenue Rainbow City, AL. 35906

September 4, 11, and 18, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units will be auctioned on September 9, 2026 beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the business premises of Southtowne Mini Warehouses, Southtowne is located at 199 Woodland Drive, off of Steele Station Road in Rainbow City, AL. 356906.

Angela Vaughn 739 & 733

Marcia Hardney 24C & 170

Catie Hall 92

Jacqueline Looney 326

Deborah Walker 408

Marlana Pruitt 427

Erica Steve 443

Tracy Shaw 536

Mary Butler 581

Barbara Fuller 604

Chris Smith 715

Lauri Price 28 & 1B

Martha Powell 64-4

Latona Garrett 15-10

Suzanna Rager 48-16

Sammy Satcher M3

Fatima Bibb 512

Rodney Eley 54

Tami Powell 144

Kodjovi Missika 391

Shane Smith 419

Tabatha Mobuary 421

Josh Abercrombie 459

Jennifer Drummond 538

Charles Stanley 595

Belinda Seahorn 6-8

Steve Powell 788

Lisa Rydel 5A-8,9

John Parris 13-28

Regina Holliday 34-18

Terri Elliott 79-10

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

August 28 and September 4, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Bradyn Smith #31

Alexis Chestnut #37

Linda Woodall #50 and #151

Austin L. Campbel #73

Dayrel Horsley #102

Latasha Word #176, #376, #387

April Love #228

Paula Honeycutt #242

Debra Ewing #247

Regena Harri #295

Kayla Julme #403

Justin Word #404

Joshua M Bogle #427

David M Mathis #471

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

August 28 and Sept 4, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following units will be auctioned or otherwise disposed of on September 14, 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.

Kristi Clark Unit 151-G

Evan Chevryon Unit 191-G

Ted Hurst Unit 46B and 47B

Patrick Jackson Unit 141-F and 151F

Black Krucs Unit 129-E

Jamie Pierce Unit 227-I

Madison Reaves Unit 45-B

Calvin Sumpter Unit 201-H

Wesley Wilerson Unit 179-G

Kyra Vaughan Unit 413-I

Logan Willimas Unit 218-H

Stock It N Lock It 3403 Rainbow Parkway Rainbow City, AL. 35906

September 4 and 11, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take

possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on October 6, 2026.

2020 Mitsubishi Outlander VIN: JA4J4UA85NZ040995

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

August 28 and September 4, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

2005 Mazda Tribute VIN: 4F2CZ061X-5KM43321

2011 Ford Escape VIN: 1fmu0d78kbb35223

2014 Scion FR-S VIN: JF1ZNAA19E9705815

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

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

August 28, 2026 and September 4, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on October 14, 2026.

2017 HONDA CR-V VIN: 7FARW1H-97HE043914

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

September 4 and 11, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to GADSDEN LAND BANK, P.O. BOX 267, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902-0267, 112 PARK STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 112 PARK STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Five (5) in Block Number Two (2) of the Eastland Park Addition to East Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, as same appears of record in Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama, Book 370, Page 356. TAX PARCEL ID: 15-06-14-1-000-222.000 PIN# 43570 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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

September 4, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to, MARY B. KENNEDY & TONY L. KENNEDY, 200 MARY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, OCCUPANT, 1405 STROUD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber

at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1405 STROUD AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Numbers Three (3) and Four (4), in Block "C", in Stroud's First Subdivision to East Gadsden, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 84 and 85, Probate Office, Etowah County, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel No: 15-01-11-3-000-495.000 PIN: 31348

You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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

September 4, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to LANESHA STOREY, DECARLO MIDDLETON, 480 WHITE OAK CIRCLE, LINCOLN, ALABAMA 35096, OCCUPANT, 903 N 9TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 903 N 9TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: The North 90 feet of Lot 7 and Lot 8, Block 32, Coosa Land Company, et al, rearrangement of Block Number 32 and 33 in Gadsden Land and Improvement Company's Thornton Addition, as recorded in Plat Book B, Page 334-335, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-266.000 PIN# 16890

You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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

September 4, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MARCUS LEONARD, SHAKIRA LEONARD, 439 FIELDON AVENUE, GLENCOE, ALABAMA 35905, OCCUPANT, 824 AVENUE C, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, NICOLE JACKSON CLARK, 6232 SPANISH TRIAL DR, APT B 142, THEODORE, ALABAMA 36582, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 824 AVENUE C in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number Twelve (12), and a lot or parcel of land described as beginning at the northwest corner of Lot Number 11, and from thence run in a southerly direction and along the west line of said lot a distance of 80.53 feet to a point; thence deflect an angle of 99° 20' to the left and run in an easterly direction a distance of 3.77 feet to a point; thence deflect an angle of 83° 20' to the left and run in a northerly direction a distance of 80 feet to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of Lot Number Eleven (11), all in Block Num-

ber Twenty-two (22) in the Gadsden Land and Improvement Company's Thornton Addition, as rearranged by the Coosa Land Company, et al, according to the map of said rearrangement recorded in Plat Book "B", pages 334 and 335, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, save and except all the minerals, mineral and mining rights, privileges and interests, in, under and upon the same.

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-079.000 PIN# 33231

You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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

September 4, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to GLADYS B. HARRIS, P.O. BOX 9722, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35220, OCCUPANT, 518 PLAINVIEW STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 518 PLAINVIEW STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number "L" in the Resubdivision of Lot Number Seventeen (17) S. W. Arnold Subdivision, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", page 125, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX PARCEL ID: 10-09-32-4-000-258.000 PIN# 19978 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated.

You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to LINDA USRY, 2903 MCGUIRE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 1513 ROOSEVELT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, possible right of redemption to DAVID HODGES, 1513 ROOSEVELT AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1513 ROOSEVELT AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Fourteen (14) in Block Twenty-nine (29) in the Gadsden Realty Company's South Gadsden Addition, according to the map thereof as recorded in office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Book of Town Plats "B" pages 314 and 315, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-08-3-000-253.000 PIN #: 39694

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JONATHON TYLER HOLT & KATIE MARIE VAUGHN HOLT, 2931 SHAHAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, OCCUPANT, 306 GRADY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 306 GRADY STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot 17 in Block 15 of the Walnut Park Addition to Gadsden (formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama, as the same appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, as same appears of record in Plat Book "B", Page 117, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX PARCEL ID: 16-01-01-3-000-226.000
PIN# 49957

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to HOUSTON HILL, 1122 TIDMORE BEND ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, OCCUPANT, 2902 PATTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, DAVID CLARENCE HAWKINS JF, 2809 TRUMAN STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 2902 PATTON STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One (1), in the Rearrange-ment of Lots Nos. 1, 2, 13 and 14 of Block Number 1, in Ellis Addition to the City of Gadsden, as the same appears of record in the Plat Book "F", Page 275, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-03-07-3-000-068.000
PIN# 39110

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to J. R. PROPERTIES, LLC, 1503 MONTE VISTA DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 509 WEBSTER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA

35904, SUBJECT TO A MORTGAGE IN FAVOR OF THE EXCHANGE BANK OF ALABAMA, 230 NORTH 3RD STREET, GADSDEN, AL 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 509 WEBSTER STREET (HOUSE) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Five (5) in Block Number Twenty-six (26) in Walnut Park, or West Point Addition, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book B, Page 117, Probate Office, Etowah County, and lying and being in Gadsden (formerly Alabama City), Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel No: 16-01-01-3-000-120.000
PIN: 49844

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to RAY AND PEGGY EDGEWORTH, 700 AGRICOLA DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 2603 FAIRVIEW AVENUE (Etowah County list property as 700 AGRICOLA AVENUE) in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Parcel One: For a point of beginning to described the land herein start at the Southeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 in Section 21, and from thence run S 88°00' W and along the south line of said forty a distance of 782 feet to a point; thence run N 9°30' E a distance of 128.11 feet to a point, which said point in the point of beginning to describe the lands here-in and from said point of beginning continue N 9°30' E a distance of 101.19 feet to a point; thence run S 88°00' W a distance of 185.34 feet to a point in the east line of the Fairview Road; thence run S 6°20' E and along the easterly line of said Fairview Road a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence run N 88°00' E a distance of 157.44 feet to the point of beginning, said description embracing a portion of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) in Section Twenty-one (21), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Six (6) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, save and except all the minerals, mineral and mining rights, privileges and rights of the Alabama Power Company as set out in instrument recorded in Book 7-A, Page 227, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Parcel Two: For a point of beginning to describe the property herein start at the southeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 in Section 21, and from thence run S 88°00' W, along the South line of said forty, a distance of 782.0 feet to a point; thence deflect an angel of 101°31' to the right, and run N 9°30' E, for a distance of 25.62 feet to a point in the North side of Agricola Drive and which point is the point of beginning to describe the property herein, and from thence continue N 9°30' E, a distance of 102.49 feet; thence

deflect an angle of 101°30' to the left and run S 88°00' W, parallel with the south line of said forty a distance of 157.44 feet to a point in the East side of the Fairview Public Road; thence deflect an angle of 90° to the left, and run S 2°00' E, along the East side of said Public Road, a distance of 100 feet to the North side of Agricola Drive; thence deflect an angle of 90° to the left, and run N 88°00' E, along the North side of said Agricola Drive, a distance of 137.08 feet to the point of beginning, and embracing a portion of the Southwest (SW 1/4) Quarter of the Northwest (NW 1/4) in Section Twenty-one (21), Township Eleven (11) South of Range Six (6) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, said and except all the minerals, mineral and mining rights, privileges and interests in, under and upon the same.

TAX PARCEL ID: 10-05-21-0-001-071.000
PIN# 1342

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated.

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Notice is hereby given to ZELAMINA JOHNSON and ANGENETTA RODGERS, 235 N. 6TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, heirs of LOUVADA OWENS, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 235 N. 6TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot 1 in Block No. 1 in Crocherson Central Addition to Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 51, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and to any and all other real estate located in Etowah County, Alabama, in which Annie L. Owens or Omer Odell Owens had an interest in the time of their deaths; ALSO Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 25 East, Lee County, Alabama, and to any and all other real estate located in Lee County, Alabama, in which Annie L. Owens or Omer Odell Owens had an interest at the time of their deaths

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-4-000-043.000
PIN# 34010

Should be assessed with a lien of \$6,399.40, for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ZELAMINA JOHNSON, 235 N. 6TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 812 N. 10TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, with possible rights of redemption to DARLENE YOUNG, 901 LITCHFIELD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUES-

DAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 812 N. 10TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Six (6) in Lot Number Five (5) in Coosa Land Company's North Tenth Street Addition, according to map thereof recorded in Plat Book B, page 33, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-341.000
PIN# 16972

Should be assessed with a lien of \$3,367.33, for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to BMW ENTERPRISES LLC, P.O. BOX 5409, GLENCOE, ALABAMA 35905, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 304 HERZBERG AVENUE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-10-1-000-131.000
PIN# 35720
LOT 3 BLK 3 W.T. COX EAST BROAD STREET 2ND ADD PLAT C-199 10-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to JEREMY D BOWMAN & MICHAELA B STUDDARD, 2502 DUBLIN STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2502 DUBLIN STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-230.000
PIN# 14269
LOTS 54-61 & UNITS 3-4 LT 53 & UNITS 3-4 LT 62 HOOKS LAKE ADD PLAT B-294 GADSDEN 25-11-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to STATE OF ALABAMA, P.O. BOX

327210, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36132, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1341 ALABAMA STREET (County records list property address as 1343 Alabama Street) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-1-000-221.000
PIN# 36546
LOT 28 BLOCK 2 TALLMAN ADD PLAT A-258 GADSDEN SEC 5 TWP 12S R 6E

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to TONYA F PORTER, 809 PULLTIGHT ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 422 N 9TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-249.0000
PIN# 33421
LT 16 BLK 1 ELLIOTT ADD #7 PLAT B-23 GADSDEN 4-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to REBECCA BUGGS, 917 BROOKSIDE DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2345, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 917 BROOKSIDE DRIVE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-4-000-031.000
PIN# 17042
LOT 5 BLK 8 MOUNTAIN BROOK REARR PLAT E-11 GADSDEN SEC 33

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to RANDY L & JODY L GLADDEN, 8795 SCENIC HIGHWAY, GADSDEN, ALABAMA

35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1413 FORREST AVENUE (County records has property listed as 116 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET.) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-217.000
PIN# 36822
LT 3 BLK 1 WA CROCHERON 2ND ADD PLAT A-101 5-12-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to PATSY D STETTINA, 1521 FORREST AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1521 FORREST AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-203.000
PIN# 36807
LT 16 BLK 1 W A CROCHERON 2ND ADD PLAT A-101 GADSDEN 5-12-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to BRADLEY K HESTER, 383 FERN CREEK DRIVE, SPRINGVILLE, ALABAMA 35146, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1423 FORREST AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-212.000
PIN# 36816
LT 7 BLK 1 W A CROCHERON 2ND ADD PLAT A-101 GADSDEN 5-12-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to RENALDO D SEARS, SR, 2405 CE-

DAR SPRINGS DRIVE, ELGIN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29045, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 804 HILLYER STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-041.000
PIN# 19735
LT 10 BLK 49 BELLEVUE HIGHLAND ADD #2 PLAT B-284&285 GADSDEN 32-11-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to LUIS LOPEZ, 128 GREENBRIAR ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1006 SEQUOYAH AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-361.000
PIN# 20111
LT 3 BLK 8 WARDS ADD PLAT B-53 GADSDEN 32-11-6

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Notice is hereby given to STATE OF ALABAMA, PO BOX 327210 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36132, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1102 SEQUOYAH AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-343.000
PIN# 20088
LT 2 BLK 9 WARDS ADD PLAT B-53 GADSDEN SEC 32 TWP 11S R 6E

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to LEONARDO D WILLIAMS, 520 SPRING



STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2136. believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 520 SPRING STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-343.001 PIN# 20089 LT 1 BLK 9 WARD'S ADD PLAT B-53 GADSDEN 32-11-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to CHANG ZENG, 1125 GARDNER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3038, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1127 GARDNER STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-1-000-083.000 PIN# 36344 LOT 23 & PT LOTS 12-13-24 25-26-27 BLK 1 R M FOWLER'S ADD BEG NE COR LOT 27 TH S 107.29 ALONG E LOT LINE TH W 86.1 TH S 14 TH W 36.5 TO W LINE LOT 13 TH N 88.9 TO NW COR LOT 23 TH E 125 TO POB PLAT C-165 GADSDEN 5-12-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to HASSELL M FREEMAN & WILLODENE 'TRUST' FREEMAN, 474 HAZEL BEND RD, ATTALLA, ALABAMA 35954-8912, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1001 FIRST AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-427.000 PIN# 33620 LTS 1-3 BLK 1 GADSDEN LAND & IMP CO PLAT A-23 4-12-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to RLF SOUTHERN PROPERTIES, LLC, 904 SAINT ELMO AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 904 SAINT ELMO AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-09-3-000-045.000 PIN# 35193 LT 6 BLK C FORREST HILL ADD TO GADSDEN PLAT A-39 9-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to CYNTHIA NORTON, 1401 FORREST AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3438, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1401 FORREST AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-218.000 PIN# 36820 LTS 1-2 BLK 1 W A CROCHERON 2ND ADD PLAT A-101 5-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given MIGUEL MARTINEZ HERNADEZ, 5624 KINGSPORT DRIVE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30342-1031, STATE OF ALABAMA, P.O. BOX 327210, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36132, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 409 NORTH THIRTY FOURTH STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-278.000 PIN# 49422 LOTS 4-5 BLK 2 KYLE CHEAP HOME ADD PLAT B-189 1-12-5

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to hereby given to WILLIAM SPURLOCK, 500 BRYAN STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 500 BRYAN STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-1-000-030.000 PIN# 50590 YEAR LTS 9-10 BLK 12 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 GADSDEN 1- 12-5

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to JACKIE L MCCORMICK & DEBORAH MCCORMICK, 215 KEYSBURG ROAD, GLENCOE, ALABAMA 35905, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 817 WINDSOR STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-4-000-068.000 PIN# 31542 LT 13-14 BLK G OAKVIEW ADD PLAT B-337 GADSDEN 11-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to ANA MARTIN DOMINGO, 511 BLYTHE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30, a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 511BLYTHE STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-2-000-302.000 PIN# 30901 LT 3 BLK 35 GARDEN CITY SUB #1 PLAT C-409 GADSDEN 11-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to LOPEZ DIEGO LOPEZ, 1402 S. FEDERAL HWY, APT. 45, LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA 33460-5703, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 805 WINDSOR STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-4-000-073.000 PIN# 31547 LTS 4 & 5 BLK G OAKVIEW ADD PLAT B-337 GADSDEN 11-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to KEVIN M CALHOUN SR, 402 CAROLYN LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 402 CAROLYN LANE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-142.00 OPIN# 14218 LT 26 BLK N OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 GADSDEN 25-11-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to GUADALUPE SANTIAGO RUIZ, 900 KING ST S, BOAZ, ALABAMA 35957, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1334 STILLMAN AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as :

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-332.000 PIN# 31413 T 12 BLK 12 GOOD-YEAR HIGHLANDS RE-AR BK 11 PLAT C-293 11-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to TOMMY W. CROFT & WF LISA E. CROFT, 971 BROWNING CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2709, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 971 BROWNING CIRCLE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-07-35-1-000-055.000 PIN# 14955 LT 15 BROWNING PLACE PLAT I-92 GADSDEN 35-11-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to STATE OF ALABAMA, PO BOX 327210 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 366132, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 407 AVALON LANE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-3-000-023.000 PIN# 14307 LT 4 BLK I OAKLEIGH EST 25-11-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to BUTLER PROPERTIES LLC, 207 ROSELAND CIRCLE, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 303 CAROLYN LANE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-164.000 PIN# 14199 LT 2 BLK G OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 25-11-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to GARY CHRISTOPHER BROWN, 509 SOUTH 16TH AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3424, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1408 MALONE STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-172.000 PIN# 36789 LT 6-7 BLK A OH ALFORD SUB 1 PLAT B-348 GADSDEN 5-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to PEDRO MATEO, 706 RALEY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 707 WINDSOR STREET (County records list property address as 706 Raley Street) in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-4-000-076.000 PIN# 31550 LTS 5-10 & 18 BLK F OAKVIEW ADD PLAT B-337 DESC AS BEG AE NE COR LT 10 BLK F TH S 85 TO POB TH W 132.21 TH S 103.12 TH E 56.53 TH S 95.8 THE ALNG ROW RALEY ST 25 TH N 137.8 TH E 50 TH N 62.7 TO POB 11-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to BILLY B. & JOYCE A. LACY, 312 HERZBERG CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-2317, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 312 HERZBERG AVENUE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-10-1-000-135.000 PIN# 35724 LT 7 BLK 3 W.T. COX'S EAST BROAD STREET 2ND ADDT PLAT C-199 10-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden

City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to JOANN KING NESBITT LIFE EST, P O BOX 4215, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at in 506 BRYAN STREET District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-367.000 PIN# 50588 LOT 12 BLK 12 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B 117 GADSDEN 1-12-5

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to DOMINGA MOSSO, 205 HOKE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 205 HOKE STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-110.000 PIN# 31094 LT 2 BLK 40 GARDEN CITY SUB #2 PLAT C-410 GADSDEN 11-12-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to CHERELLE MOSTELLA & SHERIDIA HEARD, 304 CAROLYN LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-1709, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 304 CAROLYN LANE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-178.000 PIN# 14213 LT 7 BLK D OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 25-11-6

is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether



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