



Kyle claims runoff victory over incumbent Latham

LaMont Kyle will represent Gadsden City Council District 1 after defeating incumbent Tonya Laytham in Tuesday's runoff election.

Less than 600 votes elected Kyle as the third newcomer to the city council in the upcoming year which starts in November. Although the results from Aug. 25 election saw a much slimmer margin, finishing in second place by 12 votes, Kyle received 66% of votes this time around.

Kyle, special education paraprofessional at Oscar Adams Elementary, emphasized the importance of community involvement during the debate in August, which was hosted by the Divine Nine.

"Serving your community requires commitment and dedication," Kyle said during the debate. "...We need to get our neighborhoods involved."

He proposed establishing neighborhood advisory groups as a way to increase community involvement.



LaMont Kyle at the debate in August before the initial election.

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Gadsden Hamfest draws amateur radio enthusiasts

By Caylie Moore
Features Editor

On Saturday, Gadsden Amateur Radio Club hosted its 17th annual Hamfest at The Venue at Coosa Landing from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The convention — which featured trade shows, flea markets, door prizes and licensing exams for current and future amateur radio operators — welcomed dozens of vendors and over 300 radio enthusiasts, making for a lively get-together of like-minded people from all walks of life.

Amateur radio, also known as ham radio, is a non-commercial communication service and technical hobby that allows amateur radio operators from across cities, countries and even oceans to connect with one

another using designated radio frequencies. That said, amateur radio operators — who are more commonly referred to as hams — are anything but.

Features Editor Caylie Moore spoke with a handful of the vendors and attendees to get an idea of what role ham radio played in their lives — and just how long they had been involved in the ham world.

Michael Reaves of J.O.T. Solutions, a company that specializes in engraving and 3D printing, was eager to explain his own involvement in the hobby. "Ham radio has always been an interesting subject to me, but I never knew about conventions like this one," he stated before detailing just how he came to be a featured vendor at Gadsden Hamfest.

"My coworker is a huge ham radio enthusiast, and he said he was going to a thing called Hamfest in Huntsville. I told him that sounded pretty cool, and he suggested that I go to [Gadsden Hamfest to] engrave stuff. He explained that ham radio operators love having their call sign engraved on everything," Reaves said. "Usually, I do things like door hangers for teachers, business cards for businesses, keychains, journals — a little bit of everything. So it just seemed like a natural fit."

As a final note, Reaves added that he was incredibly fascinated by the items at the other tables — radios, radio parts and radio books — and hoped that he got a chance to look around before the event ended. "Next

year, if things go well, I would like to come back again."

Chatt Radio, a ham radio shop based in Chattanooga, TN, came out to Gadsden Hamfest along with Horizon Antennas to support local hams — something that they had already been doing for three years, as Jim Gifford would explain to Moore.

"We wanted to come down here and support our friends," Gifford stated. "Really, we're just here to have a good time."

When asked about his own personal interest in ham radio, Gifford was happy to tell his story. "I started out at a young age in short-wave listening. Then, when I was in the military, I had a lot of free time at night,

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Local professional development conference held annually aims to empower women in the workforce, highlights their achievements

By Caylie Moore
Features Editor

On Sept. 17, the City of Gadsden and Regions Bank presented Advancing Women to the Top — an annual professional development conference hosted in partnership with the Etowah, Calhoun, Cherokee and Marshall County Chambers of Commerce — at The Venue at Coosa Landing. By its scheduled 9 a.m. start, the conference had already welcomed hundreds of attendees looking forward to a day full of interactive and dynamic speeches focused on career advancement;

networking with other women striving to get ahead in their fields; and wining and dining, courtesy of local restaurants and businesses.

The number of attendees only continued to grow as those arriving settled in at their assigned tables and served themselves breakfast, a range of catered foods that included breakfast sandwiches; chicken and waffles; and Three Crow Coffee. Early attendees also found some time to browse and shop at the booths in the Vendor Village, which was made up of many businesses owned

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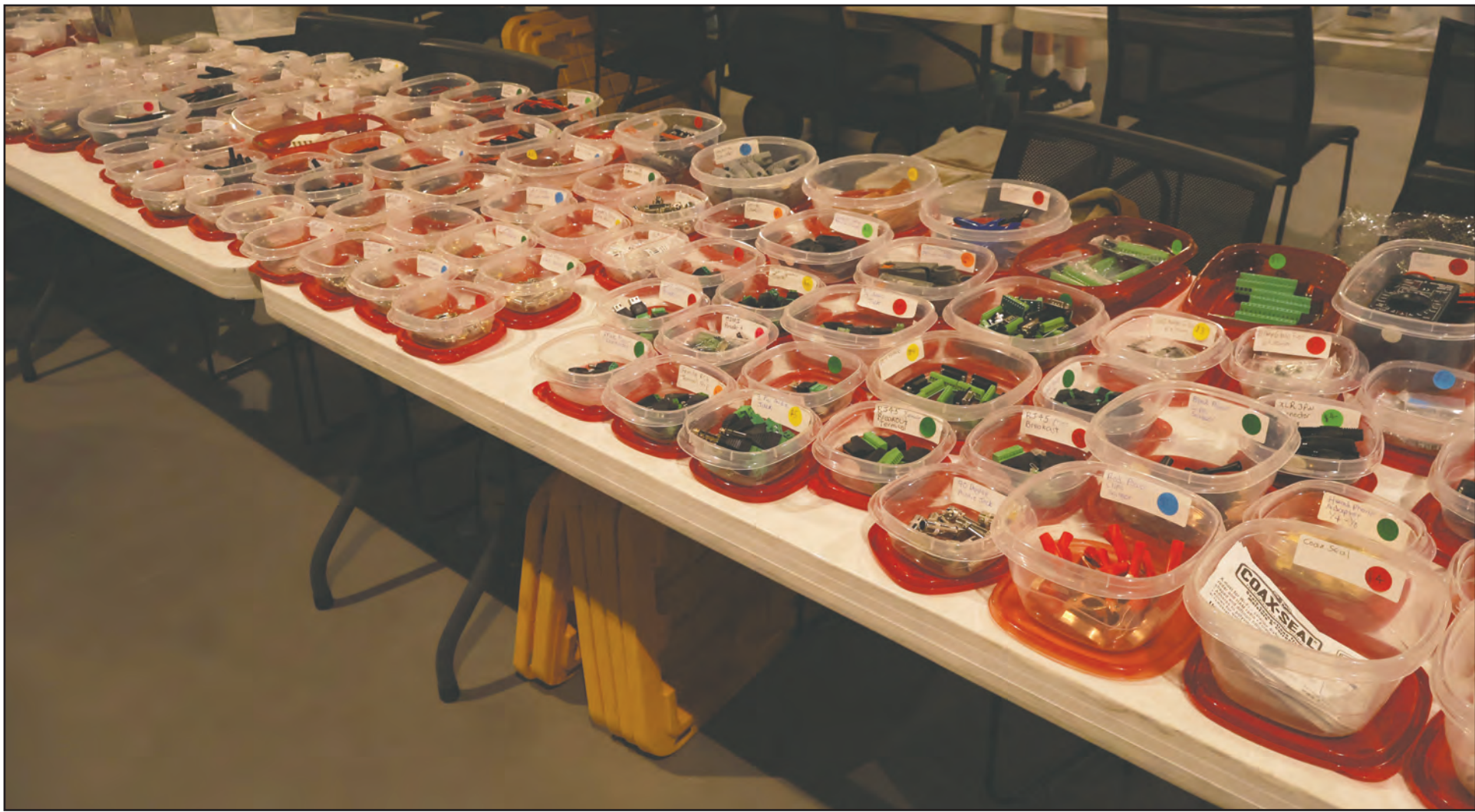
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so I would listen to shortwave radio — again — just to see where and what I could hear,” he explained. After getting out of the military, an older man — a good friend of Gifford’s who has since passed away and was known by the call sign KF4AWP — worked with Gifford to help him get his ham license.

As for how Chatt Radio came to be, the answer was simple after that. “I have a mechanical contracting business in Chattanooga — Southeast Company, Inc.,” he said. “About six years ago, I was looking for another little hobby-business, so I started out small [con-

cerning Chatt Radio]. But it just blew up.”

Gifford went on to explain some of the ins and outs of ham radio technology, including pricing, equipment, functions and so forth to Moore, who had a lot to learn about the hobby and could see that he was a man in his element.

“[Ham radio] is cheaper than the new iPhone, and there’s no monthly subscription!” Gifford concluded with a hearty laugh.

Jimmy Killian of Killian’s Electronics, a business in Fort Payne, also had a history with ham radio that started when

he was very young — at just 8 years old. “I knew what I wanted to do as a young kid. I got into electronics and started reading encyclopedias at about 8. It was just a God-given talent,” he said, before connecting his affinity for electronics and his current love for ham radio. “FM radio just fascinated me, and I got struck by lightning as a young kid — twice — playing with the radio!”

Still, Killian’s love for electronics and ham radio never waned. “I got really interested in amateur radio about 15 years ago and got my license. I was president of the DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club for 13 years, and I only just stepped down from that position this past year,” he stated. “After that, I started to help with testing and selling other people’s gear. All the gear I have here is from one individual — he had dementia and passed away, so his wife asked me if I would take on and sell his equipment for him. I chose to do that.”

As for what drew Killian into Gadsden Hamfest specifically, location and community were the most important factors. “It’s the fact that it’s local to our area. I’m from northeast Alabama, so this is local to me.”

On the Monday after the event had ended, Moore spoke with Dr. Delton Hartzog, President of Gadsden Amateur Radio Club, who had a lot to say about Hamfest and how he had gotten to where he was currently.

“Our Gadsden Hamfest has been in existence since 2009, which makes this our 17th year.” But Dr. Hartzog was proud of more than just how long the event had been running, and he gave a rundown of just how many people it had brought together and all of the positive things they had to say. The event only continued to improve each year, he noted.

“We estimated that 275 people attended last year in 2025, and our numbers were up to 319 [this year]. We had a very good attendance, and the comments were very positive from all of the attend-

ees — who came from Etowah County; Alabama; and all through the Southeast. They loved the venue.”

The appeal of ham radio for a lot of those enthusiasts was easy to see, Dr. Hartzog added.

“You can use ham radio to communicate from the top of a mountain, in your home, behind the wheel of your car — all without relying on the internet or cell or telephone networks. You can take radios wherever you go. In times of disaster, for instance, when regular communications channels fail, hams can swing into action and assist in emergency communications efforts by working with public service agencies.”

“A lot of people think that amateur radio is obsolete, but it’s anything but,” he explained. “There is so much new technology that has come to our hobby in the last few years, especially since the advent of computers. You can communicate using voice, code or computers, all via radio. You’re really not using the telephone lines at all!”

For Dr. Hartzog, though, the appeal of ham radio was more than just practicality. “I’ve had an amateur radio license since 1962. I’ve been in it since I was a teenager, and it never loses its appeal.”

Then, as one final note, he added, “There is a world of people sitting out there waiting to talk to you. You can meet anyone on ham radio. You can talk to people from all walks of life. It’s an all-inclusive hobby.”

Perhaps, Moore is left to wonder, that sense of “all-inclusiveness” is why so many radio enthusiasts from all over the Southeast and all walks of life turned up for Gadsden Hamfest.

To those interested in learning more about amateur radio, Dr. Hartzog encouraged them to visit k4jmc.com — the website for Gadsden Amateur Radio Club, which is local — and arrl.org — the website for the American Radio Relay League, which operates nationally.



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Angela McKenzie (pictured above), senior vice president at Regions Bank, spoke about taking control of your career.



Cierra Cottman (pictured above), founder and CEO of Enspire Executive Solutions, spoke about being the woman you choose to be.

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by and created for women, like Victory Cheer & Tumble and A Golden Lady Boutique.

Farah Hayes — former Dean of Academic Programs and Services at Gadsden State Community College and current Executive Director of Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama — officially opened the event at 9:25 a.m. with a short welcoming speech, in which she thanked the Etowah Chamber of Commerce for allowing her to host again this year and Heather Brothers New for creating the Advancing Women to the Top conference 11 years ago.

“Look how big [this conference] is!” Hayes said once she spotted Brothers New among the attendees, gesturing around the packed venue with a smile. “We’re so excited that you’re here. We’re thankful for your vision, and hopefully this is what you wanted it to be.”

The conference — “designed with the woman in mind,” as stated on the Etowah Chamber of Commerce website — also featured speeches from community leader Angela McKenzie; keynote speaker Cierra Cottman; true crime experts Scott Wright, Katy Givens and Kelly Turner; and author and comedian Ellen Skermetti.

After Hayes’ opening, McKenzie — a 32-year Regions veteran who has held leadership roles inside and outside the bank, including board positions at Alabama State University and Birmingham Civil Rights Institute — took the stage and kicked off the series of talks for the day.

McKenzie’s portion of the conference focused on

recognizing that everyone is responsible for their own career — a statement which included every woman in the room. “I want to key in on intentionality: don’t leave [what happens in your career] to chance,” she cautioned at the beginning of her speech. “Be certain that you are owning your career with a level of intentionality.”

“We have to recognize that it is important for us to build our own board of directors. Those people show up differently for us,” McKenzie stated, before going on to explain who that board should consist of and what role they play in someone’s career.

“The mentor is the person who talks to you: you get frustrated, you go to them for advice, they give you guidance...The sponsor is who talks about you: they talk about you in a positive way. [However, the most important is] the advocate. [They’re] the person who stands up for you and speaks for you at those times when decisions are being made and opportunities are being discussed — they’re going to put your name forward as someone who is able to fulfill that role.”

McKenzie delved into how the roles of the mentor, sponsor and advocate worked by listing out examples from her own life, and she added that oftentimes the opportunities her “board of directors” would put in front of her were opportunities that she did not know existed. Building that circle — both for herself and for others — was the key to moving forward in her career.

In addition to centering “intentionality” in one’s career and building one’s “board of directors,” McKenzie offered a variety of

other career tips to the audience during her speech, including — but not limited to — knowing one’s own strengths and weaknesses; being confident enough to speak up for oneself; asking for what one wants instead of remaining silent; and remaining open to new or unexpected opportunities.

To conclude her speech, McKenzie once again emphasized making meaningful connections with other people — especially other women who may need that mentor, sponsor or advocate themselves.

“As [you] are striving to reach for the top, whose name are you saying in the room when they are not there? Someone said yours. We want to be sure we are putting ourselves in a position to be supportive of the next lady.”

Keynote speaker Cierra Cottman — a workforce strategist and speaker with over two decades of experience in workforce development and executive leadership — echoed many of the same sentiments as McKenzie. Her speech, however, was centered mostly around the topic of building one’s own confidence, stressing that it was just as important to support oneself as it was to support other women.

“Women learn very early how to recognize what it feels like to be in a room and still not be seen,” Cottman stated. “We make up nearly half of entry-level corporate America positions, but only 29% of women are in the C-suite. For women of color, that number is 7%.” She continued to read out statistics illustrating the disparity between men and women’s achievements in the workplace, adding that there were

a variety of reasons that women did not reach the same ceilings as men — and it had very little to do with capability.

“Being underestimated may have shaped us — but it does not have to define us,” Cottman emphasized, before sharing tips on how to build self-confidence with the acronym EXCEL (Empower, Excellence, Cultivate, Elevate, Lead).

She encouraged attendants to empower their own voices; embrace mistakes to reach excellence; cultivate relationships that feed the; elevate themselves by putting down others’ expectation of them; and lead before they are given the title and, more importantly, before they are given permission.

Additionally, four women — one each from Cherokee, Calhoun, Etowah and Marshall County — received Fierce Woman Awards, which recognize local female leaders, professionals, and community changemakers for their achievements. Rachel Taylor of Emblem Credit Union won the Fierce Woman Award for Etowah County and gave a short speech thanking those in attendance and expressing gratitude for being able to serve the community in her role.

The second half of the event took place after lunch was served, in which Scott Wright, Katy Givens, Kelly Turner, and Ellen Skermetti spoke about various subjects, such as the true crime case of Judith Ann Neelley. Buffalo Rock also hosted a “wine down” in which wine was served to the attendees. The conference concluded at 3:30 p.m. with a short closing speech.



True Crime on Easy Street a podcast trio who report on crimes in Alabama, spoke at the event.

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GOVERNMENT

Alabama Republicans fear GOP apathy could give Democrats boost

By Ralph Chapoco
Alabama Reflector

Several Alabama Republican Party candidates have expressed worries about signs of flagging GOP enthusiasm in the fall campaign and fear it could give Democrats a boost in November.

While turnout for the May primary elections was 23% statewide, the number of people taking Democratic ballots jumped from four years before, while turnout in Republican areas was flat. In the August 13 special congressional primaries in four districts, most of which featured Republican races, turnout was just 5%.

"Republicans control the state. Most of the people in this state are Republican, they vote Republican reliably," said State Auditor Andrew Sorrell, a Republican seeking re-election, in an interview Thursday. "If we ever perform poorly in an election, it is not because people woke up and decided they were Democrats today. Anytime we lose, it is when our people stay home and don't go vote."

Multiple messages were sent to Scott Stadthagen, chair of the Alabama Republican Party, seeking comment.

Alabama state government has been fully controlled by Republicans since 2012. Democrats have been a superminority in the Alabama Legislature since 2010 and have not won a governor's race since 1998.

But Republicans are facing significant headwinds entering the midterm election cycle,

due to concerns over inflation and President Donald Trump's unpopularity. GOP legislators earlier this year redrew the 2nd Congressional District, currently represented by U.S. Rep. Shomari Figures, D-Mobile, to favor a Republican.

But Sabato's Crystal Ball, which analyzes races, recently shifted the contest from "Likely Republican" to "Leans Republican," due in part to expectations of strong turnout by Black voters, who tend to vote Democratic. Black turnout is expected to climb across the South after Republican efforts this spring to draw Figures and other Black members of Congress out of their seats.

"Maybe if it is higher Black enthusiasm, maybe if turnout is lower in, let's say, the Wiregrass part of the state, you could see Rep. Figures getting a large turnout in Montgomery, whereas keeping the rural areas a little closer because they might have lower turnout, him holding his seat in that way," said J. Miles Coleman, associate editor at The Center for Politics.

Rep. Rhett Marques, R-Enterprise, the Republican nominee for the 2nd Congressional District, has been vocal about expressing his concerns about the low voter turnout during the primary election. During a campaign event, he said that "voting is going to matter, not only for this state but for the direction of our country."

Tabitha Isner, former vice chair of the Alabama Democratic Party, said she was encouraged by the vote totals

during the primary election season earlier this year.

"Big picture, I think we are seeing higher than normal levels of Democratic engagement and we are seeing lower than normal levels of Republican engagement," she said in an interview Monday.

Others said that voter turnout matters regardless of party.

"There is not an elected official or candidate in the United States of America who is not concerned about voter turnout," Rep. Chris Pringle, R-Mobile, said in an interview on Tuesday. "We are candidates, we need people to come out and vote."

Midterm lag
Midterm turnout tends to lag presidential turnout. In 2024, voter turnout in Alabama was almost 59%, which was a 30-year low in the state. In the midterms in 2022, it was only about 38%, according to the Election Lab at the University of Florida that tracks voter turnout numbers.

However, the particulars of the political environment for the current cycle add to the Republican Party's problems.

"With the emergence of Trump, Trump was able to win the popular vote in 2024, and he was able to do that because he realigned the Republican Party, bringing in these voters who had never participated before, bringing in a lot of rural Americans, a lot of, what we could call in political science, 'low propensity voters,'" said Spencer Goidel, assistant professor of political science at Auburn University.

Trump, who can rally his voters to the polls, is not on the ballot, and that could be problematic for Republican candidates. Trump implored supporters to vote in the coming election at a recent midterm convention in Texas.

"You know what happens if you don't vote? You go to hell," he said at the convention. "Go out and vote, go out and vote!"

Other Republicans expressed alarm over possible Republican apathy as Democrats appear engaged.

"The Democratic base is excited," said John Wahl, former chair of the Alabama Republican Party and the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor. "They are not happy with what is going on in Washington. They don't like Donald Trump, and they are engaged in this election process, they are going to turn out to vote. And I think Republicans have to give our base that same excitement in order to get out and vote."

In the May primary, the percentage of Democratic primary ballots chosen reached 43%, up from 22% four years ago. Democrats also saw significant jumps in primary votes cast in Madison, Mobile and Tuscaloosa counties, all critical for the party's success.

"If the same thing happens in the general election where Democrats are seeing the same level of increase, we ought to be winning some statewide seats," Isner said. "I think that is making a lot of Democrats feel really excited and hopeful and making a lot of Republicans very

nervous."

According to data on the Alabama Secretary of State's website, almost 170,000 people voted to nominate the party's nominee for Governor in 2022. Earlier this year, that same contest garnered more than 365,000 votes, an increase of about 117%.

"I think Democrats are really motivated by what we have seen in terms of attacks on the Voting Rights Act, attacks on basic liberties, the way in which standards and norms for governance have been broken," Isner said. "The people feel disrespected by those things."

Will it matter?

It is not clear whether voter turnout for the coming general election contest will remain as low as it was for the primaries. And even if it does, it is unclear how much that will benefit Democratic congressional candidates. Alabama Republicans have benefitted from straight ticket voting in the state: in 2024, about two-thirds of all ballots cast were straight-ticket, and of those, about two-thirds were cast for the Republican Party.

"It feels like a real long shot to me," said Mitchell Brown, a professor of political science at Auburn University. "If you look at the margins in the last midterm, they were pretty big. The closest race was 67% Republican and 29% Democrat. I would be really surprised if, all of a sudden, the Democratic turnout was so high and Republican turnout was so low that a Democrat could ever overcome these margins."

She also said that the margin for the governor's race favors Republicans.

"It will matter in some places, local level races, or where the numbers are really small because that is where funny things happen," Brown said.

Brown said low voter turnout will matter in places where the electorate features a mix of registered voters between Republican and Democrats, and the size of the eligible voting population is less.

Democrats are pushing in Madison County, where demographics have shifted in their favor in the last several years, though Republicans continue to dominate elected offices.

"There are swing legislative districts in Madison County, for instance, that I think could be in trouble," Sorrell said. "I also have some opinions on a couple of statewide races that look like they will be closer than they should be, but I don't want to give you names there."

Wahl said the 2nd Congressional District would probably be "the biggest battleground in the state of Alabama."

"This is a must-win district for the Republican Party," he said.

Sorrell said Republicans have got to keep our voters enthusiastic whether Trump is on the ballot or not."

"That is on us as candidates," he said. "If voter turnout is poor, that is on the candidates. It is nobody's job but the candidates to motivate people to go vote."

More Americans lose SNAP as Congress weighs food stamps' future

By Kevin Hardy
Alabama Reflector

Tens of thousands of Americans continue to lose access to food assistance each month, even as Congress debates slowing down major cuts to federal food stamps.

New data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows more than 330,000 Americans lost access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, between May and June, the latest numbers available.

More than 5 million people have lost food stamps since the enactment last July of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which cut taxes and federal safety net programs. The law changed SNAP eligibility rules, ended certain work requirement exemptions and shifted new costs to states that administer the federal

program.

An analysis by the anti-hunger nonprofit Food Research and Action Center shows SNAP participation has decreased since the new law in every state except Alaska. State leaders there cited unique geographic and economic conditions, including higher food prices and high seasonal unemployment specific to Alaska.

In Arizona, SNAP participation dropped by more than half since July 2025, with about 421,000 people receiving assistance this June, the center's data shows. Louisiana's enrollment dropped by more than 173,000 — a decrease of about 22%. Participation in Illinois dropped by more than 368,000 — a drop of about 20%.

Those numbers come as advocates pressure Congress to reverse the SNAP cuts they say will exacerbate

growing hunger across the country as grocery prices continue to soar.

While nonprofits and many local, state and federal political leaders have pushed for a complete rescission of those cuts, Republicans in control of Congress have so far only signed off on delaying some of their impact.

For months, the Senate has been debating details of the farm bill, a major piece of legislation that funds SNAP, farm subsidies and rural development programs. Earlier this month, the Republican-led Senate Agriculture Committee approved on party lines a farm bill proposal that would delay for one year impending SNAP cost shifts to states. Democrats had pushed for a two-year extension.

That legislation awaits debate by the full Senate before the current legislation's Sept.

30 expiration.

Last year's tax and spending law requires states to cover more of SNAP's administrative costs, and beginning in fall 2027, states for the first time will fund some benefits themselves. The new law will penalize states depending on their payment error rates — a technical calculation by the feds of SNAP overpayments and underpayments, not fraud. That change could cost states billions of dollars, raising fears about the future of the program.

If the version of the farm bill that advanced this month is passed, states would have until October 2028 to lower their error rates before they are required to shoulder part of the costs.

Aside from coming up with the funds, states will likely need to implement new IT and budgeting processes. Historically, SNAP

benefits were not a budget line item for states because federal funds flowed directly to recipients' benefit cards, Lauren Kallins, a senior legislative director for the National Conference of State Legislatures, told lawmakers in July.

"There are lots of questions about how and when the cost share will be paid," Kallins said. "Will this be in real time as benefits are issued? Will it be reconciled at a later date? We don't know."

Republicans, including Arkansas U.S. Sen. John Boozman who leads the agriculture committee, have argued that error rates are evidence that improvements are needed in state administration of the program.

Anti-hunger advocacy groups say the one-year delay is insufficient to protect states and people relying on SNAP.

"We urge Senators to speak out against this flawed Farm Bill and to stop it from advancing to the floor for a vote," Crystal FitzSimons, president of the Food Research and Action Center, said in a statement last week. "Congress must use any other legislative vehicle to reverse the SNAP cuts and address the cost shifts to states to provide meaningful assistance to both families and farmers."

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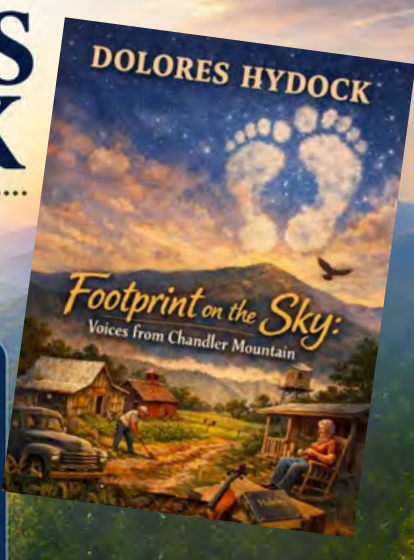
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By Ralph Chapoco
Alabama Reflector

With Alabamians paying some of the highest residential power prices in the South, the question of intervention is weighing on the Alabama attorney general’s race.

Under Alabama law, the attorney general can intervene in rate cases before the Alabama Public Service Commission on behalf of the public. However, with the PSC using a process that effectively guarantees a profit for utilities since 1982, the power was rarely used before this summer, when the AG’s office stepped into a case involving a natural gas company.

Alabama pays some of the highest rates for power in the region. According to the Energy Information Commission, residents paid 16.04 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity in June, higher than the 14.89 cents on average that cus-

tomers paid in the region.

Jeff McLaughlin, the Democratic nominee for Alabama attorney general, said in an interview Monday that he would take the obligation to represent power customers “very seriously.” He said he would work to ensure they pay fair prices for electricity and other services and reduce the impact of data centers as residents become increasingly concerned about their footprint within the community.

“The AG’s Office needs to be the champion of rate payers in our state where energy bills are at least as high or higher than in the rest of the country,” he said.

Messages were sent to the campaign of Katherine Robertson, the Republican nominee for Attorney General, on Tuesday and Wednesday seeking comment.

Robertson’s campaign website, which emphasizes support for

President Donald Trump and law enforcement, does not include a section on utilities. Robertson currently serves as chief counsel for Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall.

McLaughlin said he will use the office to be an advocate for rate payers as they pertain to the cost of electricity with the PSC to ensure they are paying the appropriate price.

“I think it has been some 40 years since there was a rate case pertaining to some of the rates of Alabama Power,” McLaughlin said. “That has been a long time. My view is the AG’s Office ought to be more proactive in representing the rate payers and whatever falls in line with that.”

McLaughlin also said he wants to slow the proliferation of data centers, which consume large amounts of energy and could put pressure on electric bills.

“To the extent that the

AG’s Office can put its weight behind a moratorium or the establishment of some kind of regulation, particularly procedural regulation, on how communities can protect themselves if a data center is not wanted, I would put the weight of the office behind slowing down these data centers and making sure of what we are getting ourselves into,” McLaughlin said.

Power issues have also surfaced in the governor’s race. The Republican nominee for Governor, Tommy Tuberville, said he wants to extend a existing rate freeze that Alabama Power voluntarily proposed past a 2029 expiration date.

The Democratic nominee for governor, Doug Jones, said he would push instead for the PSC to hold formal hearings on any rate increases proposed by Alabama Power, saying the existing, frozen rates are too high.

Jones has also called for a one-year moratorium on the construction of new data centers. Tuberville, who was initially dismissive of criticisms of data centers, opposes a moratorium but said he would work to ensure data centers pay for impacts on communities.

In the last few months, the AG’s office has used its oversight powers. Earlier this year, the AG’s Office challenged the rate of return that Spire Energy, based in St. Louis, requested with the PSC. The PSC Board ultimately sided with the AG’s recommendation that the company be allowed to earn a 9.4% return on equity instead of the 10.5% return that the company had requested.

The AG’s Office also submitted a comment to the PSC in August that said board members must vote on whether to approve contracts made between energy

companies and data centers instead of allowing staff to decide.

Daniel Tait, executive director of Energy Alabama, an organization that advocates for more renewable energy in the state, said that the AG’s Office plays an important role in advocating rate payers with the PSC on their behalf considering the profit motive of utility companies. The AG’s Office has the same authority as the public to weigh in on requests from utility companies about the rates they want to charge customers.

“The Attorney General’s Office gets access to a lot more information that is not made public,” Tait said.

He added that, “if anyone knows what should be happening beyond the power company, it would be the AG because the office gets unredacted filings and a lot more data than the rest of us do.”

Alabama State Employees’ Insurance Board approves first premium increase in 11 years

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

The State Employees Insurance Board Wednesday voted to increase premiums for state employees and dependents, citing rising healthcare costs and concerns over the stability of the program.

Premium rates will go up by \$15 effective Jan. 1, the first across the board increase in 11 years.

“I think it’s very important to note that the reason for the recommended premium increases today is not because it’s been 11 years, but rather because the financials of the plan demonstrate necessity,” said Stephanie Azar, the Chief Executive Officer of SEIB, during the meeting.

The board oversees insurance for approximately 102,000 state employees and family members. Without the increased premiums, SEIB was projected to end fiscal year 2028 with a \$81.4 million deficit.

The increase passed with board member Bob Childree being the sole no vote. During the meeting, Childree said he wanted to exempt retirees from the increase because they have not received cost-of-living adjustments.

“We are in a crisis. We are in a serious crisis, and I’m going to tell you that retirees are suffering more in this crisis than any other constituency group,” Childree said.

Currently, there are over 20,000 retirees who use state insurance. Azar said after the meeting that the board’s expenditures have “been exceeding revenue for several years,” which is why retirees had to be

included in the increase.

Earlier this month, the SEIB executive board recommended increasing the premiums by \$20 across the board. Board member Connie Grier wanted to drop the cost to help alleviate financial strain on employees.

“To some people, \$5 is \$5, and those that are paying both those rates, that’s \$10 less out of their household,” Grier said.

With the \$15 increase, the estimated financial impact will be around \$9 million instead of the \$12 million financial impact the original \$20 would have provided.

Along with the premium increase, SEIB also approved other changes to benefits, including:

- \$5 increase on single Standalone Coverage for Dental, Cancer and Vision (\$15 to \$20)
- \$6 increase on single Standalone Coverage for Dental, Cancer and Vision (\$24 to \$30)
- Tier 2 60- and 90-day prescription drug costs: from 30, 60 and 90-day prescriptions having 20% copay with minimum \$45, maximum \$85; to only 60 and 90-day prescriptions having 20% copay with minimum \$90, maximum \$170
- GLP-1 prescriptions: from having a 90-day supply to 30-day supply
- Medicare Part D prescription cost share increases
 - o Tier 1: 30-day copay \$3 to \$6; 90-day copay \$12
 - o Tier 2: 30-day copay \$23 to \$40; 90-day copay \$80
 - o Tier 3: 30-day copay \$53 to \$60; 90-day copay \$120
 - o Tier 4: 30-day copay



Stephanie Azar, CEO of the State Employees Insurance Board, speaks to SEIB members at its meeting on Sept. 23, 2026, in Montgomery, Alabama. The board Wednesday approved a \$15 across-the-board premium increase, the first in 11 years, as officials cited strains from rising healthcare costs. (Andrea Tinker/Alabama Reflector)

\$53 to \$60; limited to 30-day supply

SEIB plans to sk the Legislature for a \$75 per member per month increase for FY28, bringing the state rate to \$1,250 per member per month. That is an estimated \$480 million impact to the General Fund budget for SEIB’s roughly 32,000 active members.

Azar told the board there’s a

possibility that with a tight budget, SEIB could remain level funded for FY28.

“Me being somewhat familiar with the headwinds that that general fund is facing, I would say there could be a possibility we will be level funded in 2028. I can’t speak to that, but it is something we have to assume could be a real possibility,” she said.

Faye Nelson, chair of the board, said the board should consider putting “skin in the game” in order to get funding from the Legislature.

“You are going to be dealing with a very tight budget and new legislators, new governor, and we need to find a way to empower her to have some level of negotiating when she’s talking,” Nelson said.



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EDUCATION

As public splits over CHOOSE Act, so do Alabama political candidates

The program, which gives tax credits of up to \$7,000 per child for non-public school expenses, is set to go universal next year as several officials express budget worries.

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

Alabama’s school voucher program is set to go universal at the beginning of next year, but public perception of the effectiveness of the program is split and candidates sort down party lines about its future.

Under the CHOOSE Act, parents can claim up to \$7,000 in tax credits for education-based expenses including private school tuition, school supplies and tutoring.

Currently, the program eligibility is capped at 300% above the poverty level, or \$81,960. The program is set to be universal at the start of 2027, meaning anyone can apply regardless of income, leading some lawmakers to become concerned about the money that will be spent out of the Education Trust Fund budget in what could be an already tight fiscal year 2028.

The program has long split Democrats and Republicans, a split that has carried over into this year’s gubernatorial race. Republicans have touted the program as a way for students in struggling schools to have an option for a better education. Democrats said the program diverts funding from already-underfunded schools, and have cited the soaring costs of similar programs in other states, such as Arizona.

According to a survey conducted earlier this year by the Public Research Affairs Council of Alabama, 48% of Alabamians approve of the program while 50% disapprove. The survey also showed 42% of people think the state spends too much money on school vouchers, 24% think the state spends the right amount and 17% think the state spends too little.

Ryan Hankins, executive director of PARCA, said in an interview Monday the split was mostly along party lines, but there isn’t a

clear answer as to why support fell that way.

“A majority of Republicans supported it, a majority of Democrats opposed it, but that was not universal on either side,” Hankins said. “So I think we have some Democrats that support it, and we have some Republicans that oppose it. But we did not drill further down into you know the why as they what made respondents respond one way or another.”

A political divide

When asked for comment, Republican gubernatorial nominee Sen. Tommy Tuberville’s campaign referenced an interview he did with the Trussville Tribune on Wednesday. During the interview, the senator, who has supported public funding of non-public school options, said he wanted to expand the CHOOSE Act and criticized Democratic gubernatorial nominee Doug Jones’ opposition to it.

“The CHOOSE Act is pretty simple, and I can’t believe anybody would be against it,” he said during the interview. “And obviously, Doug has got a different idea of education. He loves government schools and so do the democrats, but times change.”

In an interview Friday, Jones called Tuberville’s defense of the CHOOSE Act “absurd.”

“I think what it says is that the marketing for it has done a pretty good job of trying to fashion this as a parent’s choice when it is really not a parent’s choice, it is a private school choice,” he said. “They’re the only ones who really get the chance to choose which students that they take, and so I think it’s been a pretty good political marketing ploy by those who want to see money going out of public schools.”

Tuberville did not say how he would expand the program. Sen. Arthur Orr,

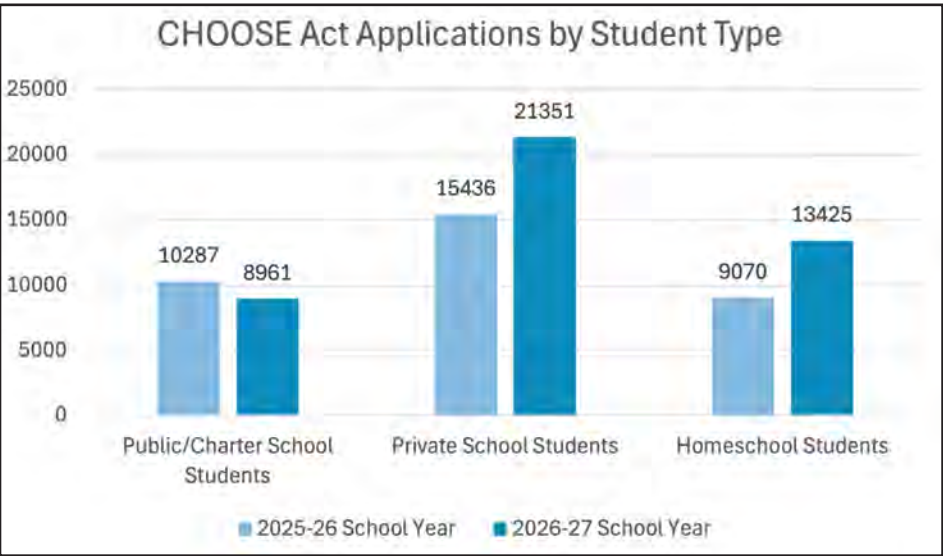


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R-Decatur, said in an interview Monday any expansion made to the CHOOSE Act would “need to be done slowly and incrementally as the revenues allow it.”

“We need to move as far as the appropriation and the dollar amount only at a level which we can maintain,” Orr said.

Who applies for the CHOOSE Act

CHOOSE Act applications for the 2026-27 school year reached record numbers. Gov. Kay Ivey’s office reported 29,341 applications representing 48,927 students. That’s up nearly 7,200 applicants from the 2025-26 school year.

Of the students who applied, over 70% are outside the state’s public education system. The governor’s office said 21,351 (43.6%) represented private school students; 13,425 (27.4%) represented homeschooled students and 8,961 (18.3%) represented public or charter school students.

The percentage of public school students applying for CHOOSE Act money fell from 10,287 (27.9%) who sought the aid in the 2025-26 school year. That same year, 15,436 (41.9%) were from private schools and 9,070 (24.6%) students came from homeschools.

Hankins said that one issue with the CHOOSE Act is that there is no way to measure how the students who take the tax credit are doing. Orr said adding that into the legislation could happen in the future. “When the bill was coming through the legislature, that topic was discussed and debated extensively,” Orr said. “We can always revisit it, but my opinion would be, let’s get the program going. We’re only what, (17) months in or so? Let it get going, and then we can always come revisit it.”

Rep. Danny Garrett, R-Trussville, who chairs the House Ways and Means Education Committee, said in an interview Friday he doesn’t mind private school students being the majority of applicants.

“This is giving parents all across the state the ability, if they’re in that income bracket, to make the best choice for their child,” Garrett said. “And maybe the best choice for their child is to go to a private Christian school, maybe to go to another kind of school, (like a) classical school. It may be for them to home-school.”

Jones wants to stop accepting applications and phase the program out, saying he’s “opposed to

using taxpayer dollars that are designated for public schools to be used for private schools.”

“I don’t want to take away the choice of folks who’ve already made a choice under this act,” he said. “I don’t think that would be fair to those kids who have maybe transferred schools, but I think there’s a way to phase it out.”

Looking to the budgets

Multiple attempts to reach Democratic lawmakers were unsuccessful. In March, Rep. Barbara Drummond, D-Mobile, also criticized the CHOOSE Act for taking money away from public schools.

“The CHOOSE Act, as well as other initiatives that take money away from public education, it’s not making that system better. It’s making it worse,” she said.

Orr said some of the public school students receiving the vouchers are using it to attend other public schools.

“Many times, ... it’s (students attending) another public school, but they have out-of-district fees, so they’re (students) taking CHOOSE Act funds as out-of-district fees for a child that doesn’t live in their district,” Orr said. “So to

me, it allows an alternative, particularly for those families that cannot afford a private education, but it gives them that hope of a better education.”

Last year, 23,429 students received CHOOSE Act money. Of that number, 6% of them (1,442) planned to use the funds to go to a public school. The overwhelming majority of those students (91%) were already enrolled in a public school.

Garrett cited ongoing growth in Education Trust Fund revenues as keeping budgets whole.

“We continue every year, even with the CHOOSE Act, to put millions, hundreds of millions of more dollars into public education every year. So we have not taken money away from public education. The budgets have grown, and we have continued to increase the contribution to public education,” Garrett said.

In fiscal year 2026 the Alabama State Department of Education received \$733 million in the Education Trust Fund to the CHOOSE Act’s \$101 million. In fiscal year 2027, ALSDE received \$772 million to the voucher program’s \$236 million.

Local boards of education, which directly fund schools, received \$5.5 billion in FY26 and \$5.9 billion for FY27.

Hankins said given the warnings around the FY28 budget “everyone is expecting the next budget debate to be a pretty hotly contested topic.”

“Recent indications say the tax revenues are up, contrary to expectations. So it’ll be interesting to see how that shakes out by the end of this fiscal year,” he said. “But all indications seem to suggest that while costs are going up for governments, revenues are not, and that will be a complicated debate in the Legislature.”

Gadsden State accepting applicants for echocardiography specialty certificate program

Gadsden State Community College is accepting applications for its Diagnostic Medical Sonography Echocardiography Certificate Program, a 21-credit-hour program designed for working sonographers who want to specialize in echocardiography.

The hybrid program is offered at the college’s Valley Street Campus and combines online coursework with an on-campus lab one night per week. Students receive hands-on training with specialized equipment while continuing to work in the field.

Echocardiography uses ultrasound technology to produce images of the heart and provide information used to evaluate cardiovascular conditions. Echocardiographers, also known as cardiac sonographers, may

work in hospitals and physician offices.

Kimberly Moss, RT(R), RVT, RDMS, RDCS, RCS, an echocardiography instructor at Gadsden State, said the program is designed to build on the skills sonographers already have.

“Echocardiography combines technology, critical thinking and patient care, and it can be a very rewarding next step for someone looking to advance their career,” Moss said.

A new class is admitted each spring. Selection is based on ranking, completion of admission requirements and availability of space at clinical facilities.

Applicants must meet at least one of three criteria: graduate from a CAAHEP-accredited Diagnostic

Medical Sonography program; be a vascular registered sonographer; or have more than five years of clinical scanning experience.

According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics information included in Gadsden State’s program materials, the broader diagnostic medical sonography and cardiovascular technology field had a median annual pay of \$80,850, or \$38.87 per hour, in 2023. Employment in the field is projected to grow 11% by 2033.

For working sonographers, the hybrid format allows students to continue working while completing the certificate and gaining specialized training in echocardiography.



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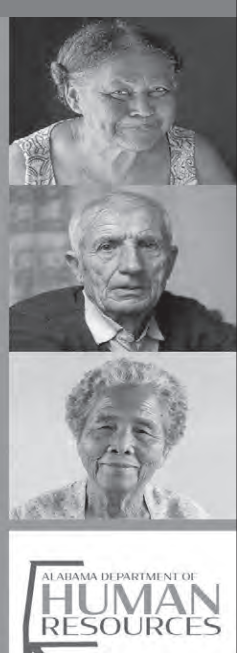
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Where: AJ's Neighborhood Bar and Grill - 1582 Highway 77, Southside

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Where: Baja California Grill - 110 Sutton Bridge Rd. Rainbow City

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Where: Southside City Hall - 2255 Alabama 77, Southside

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Where: The Stone Market - 120 Chestnut Street, Gadsden

When: Third Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 25

Sweeney Todd Hosted by Theatre of Gadsden

Where: Wallace Hall - 1001 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden

When: 7 p.m.

Renew Our Rivers

Where: Coosa Landing - 200 Lake Street, Gadsden

When: 1 to 7 p.m.

Nola's Girl Dinner

Where: Nola's Clover - 124 Court Street, Gadsden

When: 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 26

Hokes Bluff City Fest and Cruise-In Car Show

Where: 3301 Alford Bend Road, Hokes Bluff

When: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

62nd Annual Midsouth Marching Band Festival

Where: Titan Stadium - 1917 Black Creek Parkway, Gadsden

When: 11:30 a.m., to 5 p.m.

Gadsden Gun & Knife Show

Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Sept. 27

Footprint on the Sky Storyteller by Dolores Hydock

Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church - 1003 Albert Rains Blvd. Gadsden

When: 2:30 p.m.

Sweeney Todd Hosted by Theatre of Gadsden

Where: Wallace Hall - 1001 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden

When: 2 p.m.

Oct. 2

October First Friday in Downtown Gadsden

Where: Downtown Broad Street, Gadsden

When: 5 to 8 p.m.

Dry Creek Greenhouse Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch

Where: Dry Creek Greenhouse, 8536 centre Rd, Gadsden

When: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gadsden Museum of Art open late for First Fridays

Where: Gadsden Museum of Art - 515 Broad Street, Gadsden

When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Highway 411 Yard Sale

Where: Highway 411 - US-411, Rainbow City

When: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 3

Crown Inc Diecast Show

Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden,

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Coosa Valley Model Railroad Club Train Show

Where: Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts - 501 Broad St, Gadsden

When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Knitting for Beginners

Where: Walnut Gallery - 806 Walnut Street, Gadsden

When: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Soul Revival

Where: Highway 411 - US-411, Rainbow City

When: 5 to 9 p.m.

Oct. 7

Senior Health and Resource Fair

Where: Downtown Civic Center - 623 Broad Street, Gadsden

When: 9 am to 11 a.m.

Oct. 8

Cardinal Gala

Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden

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Shawn Blackmon

Most people watching a football game follow the ball. We watch the quarterback throw it, the receiver catch it and the running back fight for another yard. But there is another group on the field that rarely gets attention unless something goes wrong: the offensive line. Their job isn't glamorous. They may never touch the football or make the highlight reel. Sometimes their entire assignment is simply to get in position, plant their feet and refuse to let what is coming at them get through. Sometimes, that's exactly what faith looks like. We often measure progress by how far we've moved forward. We want the breakthrough, the promotion, the answered prayer, the open door and the visible victory. But what happens when you've prayed, cried, remained faithful and nothing seems to be moving? Sometimes God isn't asking you to move forward. Sometimes He's asking you to just hold the line. Paul writes in Ephesians 6:10, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might." Notice Paul doesn't simply say, "Be strong." He tells us where our strength comes from: the Lord. That's important because some of us are exhausted from trying to hold ev-

everything together ourselves. We're trying to hold our families together, hold our marriages together, hold our emotions together, hold our faith together and still smile like everything is fine. But you cannot hold the line in your own strength. God doesn't just tell you to stand; He supplies the strength you need to stand. Maybe you don't need God to immediately change the situation. Maybe today you simply need Him to give you enough strength not to let the situation change you. Paul then reminds us, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood." Pressure has a dangerous way of making us fight the wrong people. Your spouse isn't your enemy. Your children aren't your enemy. Your family isn't your enemy. Even the person who disappointed you isn't ultimately the enemy. If the enemy can convince us to fight each other, we'll create the very opening he's looking for. That's why Paul keeps returning to one instruction throughout this passage: Stand. Not run. Not retreat. Not surrender. Stand. What do you do when you've prayed and nothing has changed? Stand. What do you do when you've done right and still get hit? Stand. What do you do when you're tired, frustrated, disappointed and don't know what else to do? Stand. Sometimes victory doesn't look like gaining another 10 yards. Sometimes victory is refusing to give up the ground God has already given you. Standing still isn't the same thing as doing noth-

Hold the line

ing. Sometimes standing is the fight. And there is another reason you can't give up: There may be something behind you worth protecting. Your family is behind you. Your children are behind you. Your integrity is behind you. Your testimony is behind you. Your faith is behind you. And there is another generation coming behind you, watching how you handle the pressure. There comes a moment when somebody has to plant their feet and declare, "It may have gotten through before, but it stops right here." Somebody has to hold the line in the marriage. Somebody has to hold the line for the family. Somebody has to hold the line when compromise would be easier. Somebody has to say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." So, here's the question I want you to wrestle with this week: Where is the pressure in my life trying to make me give up ground God called me to stand on? Identify it. Maybe it's pressure to compromise your values. Maybe you're exhausted from praying for your family. Maybe you've been fighting to keep your faith while life keeps hitting you. Maybe you're tempted to walk away because standing has become painful. Don't surrender ground just because you're tired. You may not feel like you're winning because you haven't moved forward. But if the enemy pushed and you're still standing, that's a victory too. Paul says, "Having done all, to stand

firm." When you've prayed, stand. When you've cried, stand. When you've done everything you know to do, stand. Plant your feet. Trust God's strength. Know what you're fighting. Remember what's behind you. And when the pressure comes — and it will come — don't give up the ground God called you to occupy. Hold the line. Let's pray. Father, when pressure comes, give me the strength to stand. When I'm tired, hold me up. When I'm tempted to retreat, remind me of what You have called me to protect. Help me recognize the real enemy so I don't waste my strength fighting the wrong battles. Strengthen my faith, protect my family, guard my integrity, and help me stand on Your Word. And after I've done everything I know to do, give me the courage to keep standing. 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. His leadership bridges the gap between the Church and the community, inspiring collaboration, compassion and lasting transformation.

For such a time as this

I have always loved butterflies. Their vibrant colors and graceful, carefree flight are mesmerizing. Whenever I see one, it feels like a glad surprise. I got that from a devotion I have called "God Calling." Glad surprises are what the two listeners call the quiet reminders that God is near, orchestrating even the smallest details of our lives with purpose and care. (Especially if they're blue!) There's no denying the spiritual connection either. The whole concept of metamorphosis is a miracle. A quirky caterpillar enters a chrysalis, turns into "soup," and bursts forth as a beautiful butterfly. It defies logic. But what a powerful reminder that transformation often happens in hidden places. (A devotion for another day!) This week, I've been captivated by the great monarch migration. I came across it in a reading lesson with my students, and I haven't stopped thinking about it. Each year, between mid-August and early-November, monarch butterflies embark on one of the most extraordinary migrations in the world. These delicate orange-and-black creatures, weighing less than a paperclip, travel thousands of miles from Canada and the northern U.S. — including Alabama — to the forests of central Mexico. What amazes me most is that the but-

terflies who complete the journey aren't the same ones who began it. It takes multiple generations to complete the round trip. Some are born to travel, others to rest and reproduce, and a special generation — called the "Methuselah generation" — is born to make the longest leg of the journey south, overwinter, and begin the return. They are born for such a time as this. About this time last year, my daughter's church hosted a ladies' event centered around that very phrase: "for such a time as this." In the Bible, we meet a young Jewish woman named Esther who becomes queen in a foreign land. When her people are threatened with destruction, her uncle Mordecai challenges her with these words from Esther 4:14: "For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" The speaker began by recapping Esther's story, then focused on the odds of our own births. She said the odds of us being here right now are like 2 million people each rolling a trillion-sided die at the same time — and every single one of them landing on the exact same number. Wow. Those are some remarkable odds.

Her point was this: each of us is born with a purpose. But we often overlook our opportunities because we're waiting for a big, glamorous moment, instead of being faithful in the small, everyday ones. God could have brought "relief and deliverance" another way, but He gave Esther the opportunity to be part of His plan. Esther didn't have all the answers. She didn't know how things would turn out. But she chose to trust the One who did. She could have remained silent and safe, or she could step into the calling God had placed on her life, risking everything to save her people. Like the monarch butterfly, Esther's journey wasn't easy. It required courage, faith, and a willingness to believe her life had purpose beyond her own comfort. Most of all, it required obedience. We, too, are on a journey. Sometimes we feel like we're just fluttering through life, unsure of our direction or purpose. But just as God designed the monarch butterfly with an internal compass to guide it across continents, He has placed within each of us a divine purpose. You may not feel strong. You may not feel like a "queen" or a "hero." You might even identify more with the quirky caterpillar or bowl of soup, but perhaps — just perhaps — you were born for such a time as this.



Memoir Musings
Sandra Bost

Maybe you're the teacher who sees the student (or colleague) no one else notices. Maybe you're the friend who offers a word of hope at just the right moment. Maybe you're the parent, the mentor, the neighbor, the voice of encouragement someone desperately needs. So, when you hear the words from Esther 4:14 "Perhaps you were born for such a time as this" — it's not just poetic. It's deeply personal. You are not an accident. You are here, now, on purpose. Prayer: Father, thank You for the reminder that You have created each of us with purpose. Like the monarch butterfly, we may not always understand the journey, but we trust that You are guiding us. Give us the courage of Esther to obey Your call and step into the moments You've prepared for us. Help us to see that we were born for such a time as this. Amen.

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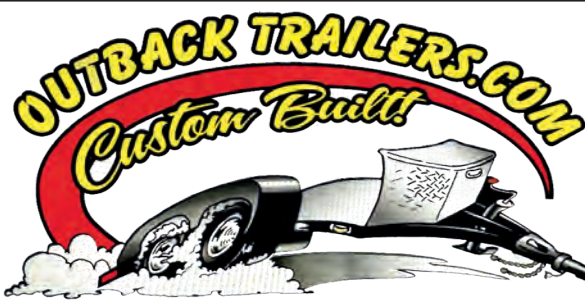
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LIFESTYLE



Welcome to the Library

Craig Scott

In my last column, I shared the story of the devastating flood that struck the Gadsden Public Library on Aug. 31. I described the shock of walking into our beautiful library that Monday morning and finding much of the first floor and the entire basement under water.

Today, I want to tell you another story. It's a story about people. About teamwork, generosity, professionalism and a community that didn't hesitate to come to our rescue.

When the waters rose at the Gadsden Public Library, Gadsden rose with us.

It all began with our Circulation Manager, Amy McCary, who was the first to arrive that Monday morning. Amy called me at home in tears to report that water was everywhere. I arrived approximately ten minutes later and immediately contacted Terry "TR" Rinault, the city's maintenance manager.

Without hesitation, TR dispatched two members of his crew, who quickly located and shut off the library's main water supply. He then contacted Dallas Plumbing, whose technicians arrived almost immediately. By 9 a.m., they had replaced the rusted water hammer arrestor that had caused the flood, and our water service was restored.

While all of this was happening, our library employees were arriving for what would become anything but an ordinary Monday morning. Jackie Ash, Carol Wright, Melissa Melisano, Jacob Blackwood, Gelaine Kelley, Tallulah Cash, Caitlin Wass and LaShunda Williams joined Amy and me as we began moving furniture, equipment and other materials away from the flooded areas.

Nobody complained. Nobody asked whose responsibility it was. Everyone simply rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Then the professionals arrived.

Zack Lancaster and Chris Kerzic, managers with ProClean Services of Rainbow City, quickly assessed the situation and called in what I can only describe as an army. Before long, their crews were everywhere, operating powerful water vacuums, moving equipment and beginning the enormous task of drying out our building.

And what a task it was! Humidity levels inside the library had climbed into the high 80s and even the 90s. Thanks to ProClean's industrial fans, de-

When the waters rose, Gadsden rose with us

humidifiers and around-the-clock drying efforts, those levels eventually dropped into the mid-30s to low-40s range. Their extraordinary work helped protect our building and, most importantly, our irreplaceable collection of books.

In fact, despite the severity of the flooding, not a single book in our primary collections was damaged. For a library director, that's about as close to a miracle as you can get!

Meanwhile, the City of Gadsden continued to stand beside us. Tena King and Stacey Spurling, representing Mayor Craig Ford and the city's risk management office, arrived quickly to help assess the damage and coordinate the City's response. Opie Teague, another member of the city's maintenance department, helped evaluate the electrical situation, particularly in our flooded basement.

I cannot adequately express my appreciation for TR, his maintenance crew and everyone who responded so quickly. Their knowledge, experience and willingness to help made an enormous difference during those first critical hours.

And I certainly cannot overlook our library patrons.

When we made the difficult decision to close the library immediately and remain closed for the following week, our patrons responded with remarkable patience and understanding. Rather than complaints, we received encouragement and expressions of concern. Your support reminded our staff that the library is truly part of the fabric of this community.

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, just over a week after the disaster, we reopened our doors.

Were we back to normal? Not even close!

Major sections of the building remained cordoned off. Damaged furniture, drywall and other materials still needed to be removed or replaced. Our circulation department was operating from a temporary front desk, and our employees were adjusting to a workplace that looked considerably different from the one they had known just days earlier.

But our doors were open, our patrons were returning and our library was once again serving Gadsden.

So where do we stand today?

Two adjusters from Travelers Insurance have now visited the library and completed their assessments of our property and contents losses. We are awaiting final approval of our insurance claims so that the rebuilding process can begin.

Realistically, we anticipate it may be another 60 days before everything is back to normal. Naturally, we're hoping for sooner!



Photo submitted by Debbie Walker|Gadsden Public Library

In the meantime, our temporary front desk is fully operational, and our main adult collections — including fiction, nonfiction, biographies and large-print materials — are available for checkout. Our wonderful Beautiful Rainbow Cafe is also operating its regular hours.

There is still plenty of work ahead, but we have come an extraordinary distance from that frightening Monday morning.

As I look back on everything that happened, one thing stands out above all else. Buildings can be repaired. Furniture can be replaced. Walls can be rebuilt. But the kindness, dedication and generosity shown by the people of Gadsden are priceless.

To our City employees, our library staff, Dallas Plumbing, ProClean Services, Mayor Ford and his administration, and every patron who offered an encouraging word: thank you.

You helped us turn a disaster into a re-

markable demonstration of community spirit.

And when the last piece of drywall has been replaced, the final piece of furniture has been moved back into place and our library looks like itself again, I suspect we will remember something far more important than the floodwaters.

We will remember the people who stood beside us.

When the waters rose, Gadsden rose with us. And for that, I will always be grateful.

Gadsden Public Library: 254 South College Street, downtown Gadsden (next to the U.S. Post Office). Phone: 256-549-4699.

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Craig Scott is the director for the GPL.

The whirlwind dash to the end of the year

This week marked the beginning of my very most favorite season of the year: Autumn. As F. Scott Fitzgerald said, "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." I usually feel as if I don't get the time — or take the time — to really enjoy it, though. So much is going on this time of year, from school activities with my children, to sporting events, and then the holidays are upon us and it's a whirlwind dash to the end of the year from there.

This week, I have decided to make an intentional list of autumnal challenges for myself. Nothing grand. No massive undertakings. But I'd love to include several simple fall activities or goals that I can weave into our busy schedule, creating space in this season for actually registering and enjoying this time. So, I spent a few minutes this week brainstorming ideas and came up with a few things I want to make sure I do, either on my own or with my family.

The top of the list is walking through the fallen leaves. I noticed how many there already are on my sidewalk yesterday when I returned from work, and I love the way "the trees overhead made a great sound of letting down their dry rain" (Ray Bradbury), and the crackling leaves underfoot. I usually only notice this in passing, though, and so this fall I plan to



Photo submitted by Tabitha Bozeman

actually take several walks with my family, appreciating the sounds and colors and smells and textures of this season. Rilke appreciated this sensory-rich season, too, writing, "At no other time (than autumn) does the earth let itself be inhaled in one smell, the ripe earth; in a smell that is in

no way inferior to the smell of the sea, bitter where it borders on taste, and more honey-sweet where you feel it touching the first sounds."

That brings me to my next set of activities, each focused on the plethora of sensory treats Autumn offers: painting the fall colors with my watercolors, having an apple-cider tea party outside under the trees with my girls, crafting new seasonal ornaments from oranges and cloves and cinnamon sticks to hang up in our home, and baking mini apple pies one afternoon.

While these activities will each be opportunities for family fun and memory-making, I also have a few items on my list that are just for me. It is still too hot out for many of my favorite fall things, but it is also the season for planning ahead to what comforting things might be appreciated once it is cold. So, I plan to crochet a fluffy lap blanket this fall, just to have when I curl up with a book on cooler weekend evenings. I know I am running low on some of my favorite hot teas and cocoa mixes, too — I will make sure to restock those so I'm ready for the first chilly evening. And nothing says cozy autumn homebody to me quite like lamplight and seasonal decorations, so I have also planned a few days to pull out fall decor, rearrange some small lamps,



Arranging the Pieces

Tabitha Bozeman

and pulled out the candles I put away when it warmed up several months (an eternity!) ago.

To round out my list of autumnal activities, I have begun researching books to add to my TBR list, as well, that will provide opportunity to slow down and luxuriate in this season, one chapter at a time. I'd like to discover some new reads, and I will probably re-read Jane Eyre, as the Brontë sisters always feel fall-ish. And I might flip back through some Austen favorites, too, as I sit on my porch and watch the trees turn. After all, Jane Austen described the fall as "that season of peculiar and inexhaustible influence on the mind of taste and tenderness — that season which has drawn from every poet worthy of being read some attempt at description, or some lines of feeling."

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SPORTS

Oneonta rolls past Hokes

By Alex Chaney
Sports Correspondent

On Sept. 18, Hokes Bluff and Oneonta High Schools faced off against one another in a tense football game. Ultimately, however, the night belonged to Oneonta, and Hokes Bluff took home a clear-cut loss. Oneonta’s passing attack gave the young Hokes Bluff defensive backs trouble throughout the entire game, and their defense kept Hokes Bluff bottled up for most of the night as well.

Oneonta took the opening kickoff and scored with 10:35 left in the first quarter, starting the game off strong with a 7-0 score.

Oneonta scored again with 7:12 left in the first quarter, adding to the team’s total for a 14-0 score.

Oneonta tacked on another touchdown just as the first quarter was about to expire, stretching its lead to 21-0 and setting

the tone for the rest of the game.

Early into the second quarter, Oneonta wasted no time scoring again, further gaining ground against Hokes Bluff 28-0.

With 6:11 left in the second quarter, Hokes Bluff finally established a good drive and added 7 points to the scoreboard with a run from quarterback Dean Morgan.

Less than two minutes later, however, Oneonta answered with another score, bringing its lead back to 28 points, or 35-7.

Just as Oneonta did at the end of the first quarter, they scored another touchdown with 0:26 left on the clock, but the point after touchdown failed. By halftime, the score was Oneonta 41 to Hokes Bluff’s 7.

Hokes Bluff took the kickoff at the opening of the second half and drove the ball deep into Oneonta territory. However, the Eagles’ fourth down attempt failed in the end, and the ball went over to Oneonta on downs.

After getting the ball again, Oneonta quickly scored their final touchdown of the night with 5:49 left in the third quarter. The point after touchdown was good, pushing their score up to 48-7.

Hokes Bluff’s bright spot of the night happened in the third quarter as its running back Brenton Hale took Oneonta’s kickoff and ran it back for a Hokes Bluff touchdown. Hokes Bluff’s point after touchdown was also good, and the score ran up to 48-14.

Ultimately, however, it proved to be an inadequate measure to turn the game around. Neither team scored afterwards, not even when both teams began playing their substitutes late in the third quarter. With Oneonta so far ahead of Hokes Bluff, the game ended in a black-and-white 48-14 victory for the Blount County team.



Photos by Alex Chaney



Gadsden City Titans take the win over Hazel Green 58-13



Last Week’s Scores

High School Sports

Football

Sept. 18
Coosa lost to Mars Hill 14-41
Gadsden City defeated Hazel Green 58-13
Gaston lost to Piedmont 6-54
Glencoe defeated Hanceville 50-0
Southside defeated Pinson Valley 41-19
Sardis defeated Fairview 41-2
Hokes Bluff lost to Oneonta 4-48
Westbrook defeated Decatur Heritage 48-0
West End defeated Saks 40-6
Etowah defeated Susan Moore 49-7

Sept. 19
Glencoe’s C team lost to Springville 6-33

This Week in Sports

High School Sports

Football

Sept. 25
Coosa vs. Russellville
Gadsden City at Fultondale
Glencoe at Ohatchee
Southside vs Etowah
Sardis at West End
Hokes Bluff at White Plains
Westbrook vs. Oneonta

Girls Flag Football

Sept. 24
Gadsden City at Grissom (Huntsville)

SPORTS



On Friday, the Glencoe Yellow Jackets defeated the Hanceville Bulldogs 50-0, improving to 3-1 on the season. The win came one week after Glencoe fell to Etowah 30-0 on Sept. 11. It was also the Yellow Jackets' seventh consecutive home win, dating back to last season, according to MaxPreps. Glencoe will hit the road Friday to face Ohatchee. The Indians enter the match up with a 3-2 record after defeating Vincent 45-40 on Friday.



On Friday, the Coosa Christian Conquerors fell to the Mars Hill Bible Panthers 41-14, bringing the Conquerors' record to 0-5 on the season. Mars Hill, now 3-2, pulled away for the victory after entering the game with a 2-2 record. Coosa Christian will remain at home Friday to face Russellville at 7 p.m.



SPORTS



On Saturday, the Glencoe Yellow Jackets’ C team lost to the Springville Tigers 6-33.



Last Week’s Scores

High School Sports

Volleyball

Sept. 18
Southside defeated Homewood 29-27, 21-25 and 15-12.

Sept. 19
Glencoe defeated St. Clair County 25-7 and 25-20.
Glencoe defeated Meek 25-18, 19-25 and 15-8.
Glencoe lost to West Point 21-25 and 20-25.
Glencoe lost to Madison County 22-25, 25-19 and 9-15.
Sardis lost to Madison County 15-25 and 23-25.
Coosa lost to Cherokee County 17-25 and 15-25.
Coosa lost to Sand Rock 11-25 and 17-25.

Sept. 21
Southside defeated Fort Payne 21-25, 25-20 and 25-18.

College Sports

Volleyball

Sept. 18
Gadsden State defeated Northeast Mississippi Community College 25-12, 21-25, 25-19 and 25-16

Gadsden State defeated Roane State Community College 25-14, 25-18 and 25-18

Sept. 19
Gadsden State defeated Pellissippi State Community College 18-25, 25-15, 25-17 and 25-22

Gadsden State defeated Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College 25-18, 19-25, 14-25, 25-16 and 18-16

Sept. 21
Gadsden State defeated Northwestern Shoals 25-23, 25-20 and 25-13

Sept. 23
Gadsden State lost Snead State 2 sets to 3

This Week in Sports

High School Sports

Volleyball

Sept. 26
Westbrook at Gadsden City
West End at Plainview
West End JV at Boaz
Etowah vs Oneonta

Sept. 28
Sardis vs Plainview and Ashville

Sept. 29
Westbrook vs Donoho and Geraldine
West End, Fyffe at Gaston
Glencoe at Etowah
Sardis at Guntersville
Hokes Bluff at Oneonta
Etowah Middle School at Glencoe

Oct. 1
Westbrook vs Hope Christian and Victory Christian
Glencoe at Oneonta
Sardis at Plainview
Hokes Bluff, Douglas at Southside
Etowah Middle School vs Gadsden Middle

Cross Country

Sept. 25
Glencoe at Mundford, AL Munford Invitational (Corn Classic)

College Sports

Volleyball

Sept. 28
Gadsden State vs Southern Union Community College

Sept. 29
Gadsden State at Lawson State Community College

Cross Country

Sept. 25
Gadsden State at Twilight at John Hunt

SPORTS

Week three review of SEC football

Georgia 45, Arkansas 17
No. 2 Georgia opened SEC play with a convincing 45-17 win over Arkansas on Saturday. The Bulldogs controlled the game on both sides of the ball, building a 21-3 halftime lead and holding Arkansas to just 17 rushing yards. Georgia improved to 3-0 and remained unbeaten heading into its Week 4 matchup with Oklahoma.

Vanderbilt 35, NC State 31
Vanderbilt remained unbeaten with a 35-31 comeback victory over NC State. The Commodores trailed entering the fourth quarter before scoring 21 points in the final period to take the win. Vanderbilt improved to 3-0, giving the program another notable early-season victory.

Alabama 50, Florida State 36
Alabama overcame a slow start to defeat Florida State 50-36 in Tuscaloosa. The Seminoles led 14-3 early, but Alabama scored 23 points in the second quarter and took control. Quarterback Keelon Russell threw for 320 yards and three touchdowns while Alabama improved to 3-0.

Kentucky 31, Texas A&M 21
Kentucky pulled off one of the weekend's biggest upsets, defeating No. 9 Texas A&M 31-21 in College Station. The Wildcats scored 21 points in the third quarter to take

Week 3 SEC Rankings

1. Texas (3-0, 0-0)
2. Georgia (3-0, 1-0)
3. Ole Miss (3-0, 1-0)
4. LSU (2-1, 0-1)
5. Alabama (3-0, 1-0)
6. Florida (3-0, 1,0)
7. Tennessee (3-0, 0-0)
8. Mississippi State (3-0, 0-1)
9. Kentucky (2-1, 1-1)
10. Missouri (3-0, 0-0)
11. Texas A&M (2-0, 0-1)
12. Oklahoma (2-1, 0-0)
13. South Carolina (2-0, 0-1)
14. Auburn (2-0, 0-1)
15. Vanderbilt (3-0, 0-0)
16. Arkansas (1-2, 0-1)

Ole Miss 32, LSU 24
Ole Miss defeated No. 7 LSU 32-24 in a highly anticipated matchup in Oxford. The Rebels built a 24-7 halftime lead before LSU rallied in the second half, but Ole Miss held on for the victory. Quarterback Trinidad Chambliss threw for 363 yards and two touchdowns and added a rushing touchdown. The win moved Ole Miss to 3-0.

Tennessee 42, Kennesaw State 9
Tennessee improved to 3-0 with a 42-9 victory over Kennesaw State. The Volunteers led 21-3 at halftime and added three more touchdowns after the break. Tennessee totaled 446 yards of offense, including 41 rushing attempts.

Texas 30, UTSA 6
No. 1 Texas remained unbeaten with a 30-6 win over UTSA. The Longhorns led 17-0 at halftime and held UTSA scoreless until the fourth quarter. Texas improved to 3-0 and remained atop the national rankings.

Oklahoma 14, New Mexico 6
Oklahoma survived a low-scoring game against New Mexico, winning 14-6. The Sooners led 14-0 before New Mexico scored in the fourth quarter, but Oklahoma's defense held on to preserve the victory. The Sooners moved to 3-0 heading into a Week 4 matchup with Georgia.

control after the teams were tied at halftime. It was Kentucky's first win over the Aggies since 1952.

Mississippi State 41, South Carolina 34
Mississippi State rallied from an early deficit to defeat South Carolina 41-34 and remain unbeaten.

The Gamecocks led 23-14 in the second quarter, but Mississippi State scored 17 points in the third to take control. Quarterback Kamario Taylor threw four touchdown passes as the Bulldogs improved to 3-0.

Florida 44, Auburn 39
Florida remained unbeaten with a 44-39 victory over Auburn at Jordan-Hare Stadium. The Gators built a 34-24 lead in the third quarter and held off a late Auburn rally. Florida running back Jadan Baugh rushed for 162 yards and three touchdowns as the Gators improved to 3-0.

Missouri 27, Troy 17
Missouri overcame an early 10-0 deficit to defeat Troy 27-17. The Tigers scored 24 points in the second quarter, including a punt return touchdown, to take control of the game. Missouri improved to 3-0 with the victory.

 SCHEDULE 2026 SEASON			
WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/SCORE
1	SEPT 5	VS. EAST CAROLINA	W. 48-10
2	SEPT 12	AT KENTUCKY	W 45-17
3	SEPT 19	VS. FLORIDA STATE	50-36
4	SEPT 26	VS. SOUTH CAROLINA	6:00 PM ESPN
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	W. 17-16
2	SEPT 12	VS. SOUTHERN MISS	W 43-8
3	SEPT 19	VS. FLORIDA	L 39-44
4	SEPT 26	VS. VANDERBILT	3:15 PM SEC
5	OCT 3	AT TENNESSEE	TBA
6	OCT 10	OFF	
7	OCT 17	AT GEORGIA	TBA
8	OCT 24	VS. LSU	TBA
9	OCT 31	AT OLE MISS	TBA
10	NOV 7	VS. ARKANSAS	TBA
11	NOV 14	AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	TBA
12	NOV 21	VS. SAMFORD	TBA
13	NOV 28	AT ALABAMA	TBA

LEGALS

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 David L. Tucker, a married man and Kimberly Tucker, and his Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 4, 2014; said mortgage being recorded on August 6, 2014 as Instrument No. 3405519 as having been modified by an agreement recorded as Instrument No. 3476570 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Quicken Loans, Inc. by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3471615 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc., 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 9, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number 25 in Spring Hill estates, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "I", page 121, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, lying and being in Rainbow City, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 132 Pineview St, Rainbow City, AL 35906.

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 F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. as holder of said mortgage
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September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Daniel Jeremy Loudermilk and Abigail Nicole Loudermilk, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, First Federal Bank, A FSB, and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 4th day of November, 2022, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3549133; said Mortgage having been transferred and assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, First Federal Bank, A FSB, and Lender's successors and assigns) to Alabama Housing Finance Authority by virtue of that certain Assignment of Mortgage dated July 29, 2026, and recorded in said Probate Office in Miscellaneous Book 2026, at Page 3613070. The undersigned Alabama Housing Finance Authority as Assignee of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse in the City

of Gadsden, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on October 1, 2026, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said property being situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot Number Twenty-Four (24) McClain Heights, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 393, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being North Gadsden, Alabama.

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Our File No.: 37591-3770
ATTORNEYS FOR ALABAMA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY ASSIGNEE

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Herman Hunter and wife, Myrtice A. Hunter, to United States of America acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, on May 2, 1991, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on May 6, 1991 at Book 1848, at Page 55. United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 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 October 12, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: A portion of Lot Sixteen (16), of Longview Acres First Addition, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "I", page 108, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot Sixteen (16); thence run Northwesterly along the Northeast line of Russell Road a distance of 150.0 feet to the Southwest line of said lot; thence deflect 90 degrees to the right and run in a Northeasterly direction and along the West line of said Lot a distance of 302.0 feet to a point; thence deflect 90 degrees to the right and run a distance of 150.0 feet to a point in the East line of said lot; thence run in a Southwesterly direction and along the East line of said lot a distance of 302.0 feet to the point of beginning. Said property subject to restrictions as set out in Misc. Record 102, page 89, and subject to the rights of Alabama Power Company, as recorded in Book 1251, page 989, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

More commonly known as: 349 Russell Rd, Gadsden, AL 35901

This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as 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.

Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.

United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture ("Transferee")

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on January 9, 2015 by Emory Burns and Habida Burns (spouse of Emory Burns) to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Instrument Number 3412589, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said Etowah County, in Gadsden, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on October 9, 2026:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of

Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼, Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 4 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama, and run North 04 degrees 30 minutes 03 seconds West, along the East line thereof 313.85 feet to a point; thence run North 87 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds West, leaving East said line, 609.14 feet to the point of beginning of the property described herein; thence continue North 87 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds West 626.73 feet to a point; thence run North 00 degrees 16 minutes 24 seconds East 347.80 feet to a point; thence run South 87 degrees 36 minutes 27 seconds East 626.73 feet to a point; thence run South 00 degrees 16 minutes 24 seconds East 347.80 feet to a point; thence run South 87 degrees 36 minutes 27 seconds East 627.73 feet to a point; thence run South 00 degrees 16 minutes 24 seconds West, 347.71 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a portion of the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest 1/4, Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 4 East, Etowah County, Alabama and contains 5 acres (more or less).

There is a 20.00 feet access easement to said property, the centerline being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 4 East of the Huntsville meridian and run North 01 degrees 30 minutes 03 seconds West, along the East line thereof, 313.85 feet to a point; thence run North 87 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds West, leaving said East line, 1235.87 feet to a point; thence run North 00 degrees 16 minutes 24 seconds East, 171.73 feet to the point of beginning said access centerline; thence run the following chord bearings and distances along the said centerline, South 84 degrees 06 minutes 09 minutes 15 seconds West, 51.27 feet; North 60 degrees 01 minute 36 seconds West 77.87 feet, North 41 degrees 39 minutes 57 seconds West, 74.50 feet; South 69 degrees 23 minutes 35 seconds West, 80.84 feet; North 78 degrees 04 minutes 58 seconds West, 262.77 feet and South 78 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds West 266.53 to a point in the centerline of Toney Drive (60 foot right of way) and the end of said easement.

Subject to and including all easements of record.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

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

Federal law requires

that certain residential real estate transactions purchased with all cash or without institutional lender financing, where at least one buyer/transferee is a legal entity, LLC, Corporation, Partnership, trust, trustee or other non-natural person, be reported to the United States Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fees and other purposes set out in said mortgage.

The successful bidder may be required to provide identifying information/documentation successful bidders must tender funds and a fully completed FinCEN form before noon of the next business day after the sale or the property will be reverted to the next highest bid.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Jacquelyn H. Wesson
Attorney for Mortgagee
1330 21st Way South,
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Birmingham, Alabama 35205

September 11, 18, 25, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by a certain Mortgage made by Robert M. McElroy, Jr. And Sidney Clark McElroy Husband and Wife, (the "Mortgagor"), in favor of Redstone Federal Credit Union dated March 13, 2012, and filed for record on March 20, 2012, in Instrument Number 3364174, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama (the "Mortgage"), the undersigned Redstone Federal Credit Union (the "Mortgagee"), as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County, Alabama, Courthouse in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on the 9th day of October, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 12, Block "B", in Cove Lake Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book "H", Page 61, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama, thence S 59°59'59" W 199.81 feet along the South line of said Lot 12 to a point in the Northeast line of Lot 5, thence N 64°00'15" W 119.82 feet along the northeast lines of lots 5 and 6 to a point in the South line of Lot 9, thence N 59°35'34" E 67.29 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 11, thence N 30°07'28" W 50.37 feet along the West line of Lot 11, thence N 59°59'59" E 199.90 feet to a point on the West line of Cove Circle, thence S 30°00'01" E 150.0 feet along the West line of Cove Circle to the point of beginning; embracing portions of Lots 11 and 12 and the reserved parcel immediately West of Lot 12; all in Block "B", Cove Lake Subdivision, Plat Book "H", Page 61, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the Mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, 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.

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This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

The Mortgagee 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; contact GRISHAM CUMMINS, LLC, at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

REDSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Mortgagee
GRISHAM CUMMINS, LLC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
Post Office Box 5585
Huntsville, AL 35814-5585
(256) 837-5100

September 18, 25, and October 2, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having being made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated June 14, 2022 executed by Laquanda Sade Jones and James Dean wife and husband, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as a nominee for Trustmark National Bank, said Mortgage being recorded June 17, 2022, in Inst. # 3542205, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama; having later been assigned to Trustmark Bank f/k/a Trustmark National Bank by instrument recorded in Inst. # 2026081536, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Trustmark Bank f/k/a Trustmark National Bank, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Etowah County, Alabama on 10/15/2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 72, 73, 74, and 75 in block "J" of Southmont, as recorded in Plat Book "E", Pages 230-233, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 604 Brown Ave SE, Atalla, AL 35954. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED

AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

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This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fees and other purposes set out in said mortgage.

Trustmark Bank f/k/a Trustmark National Bank
Paul K. Lavelle, Esq.
Attorney for Mortgagee
Spina, & Lavelle, P.C.
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Birmingham, Alabama 35243
(205) 298-1800
40-FC-26-01335

September 18, 25, and October 2, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Barabara M. Taylor, unmarried woman, to Regions Bank, on August 12, 2022, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on September 1, 2022, as Document Number 3546049, Regions Bank, 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 October 20, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

THE FOLLOWING LANDS AND PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, LYING IN GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, AL TO WIT: LOTS 1-2 BLK C GREEN PASTURES UNIT I C 161 GADSDEN 13-12-6.

More commonly known as: 1425 Meadowbrook Ave. Gadsden, AL 35903
This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as 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. 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. Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed. Regions Bank ("Transferee")

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September 18, 25, and October 2, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

STATE OF ALABAMA, ETOWAH COUNTY

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Joshua Huie, as Mortgagor, to Plimpton Construction & Development, Inc., as Mortgagee, dated the 29th day of September, 2020, and recorded in Instrument Number 3509910, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, With the default of the said mortgagor, having continued to this date, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder between the legal hours of sale, on the 9th day of October, 2026, at the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, Gadsden, Alabama, the following described real property situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, and the other purposes set out in said mortgage, and will be made subject to the rights of redemption as provided by law. "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." EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION PARCEL ONE: A part of Lot Number 29, in Block Number 37, of Bellevue Highlands Addition described as follows: Beginning at the NW corner of Lot Number 29 in Block Number 37 in Bellevue Highlands Addition to the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and from said point of beginning run in a southerly direction and along the east side of the alley a distance of 50 feet; thence at right angles to the left and in an easterly direction 80.8 feet to a point; thence at right angles to the left and in a straight line in a northerly direction across said lot to a point on the south side of Lot Number 30; thence in a westerly direction 80.8 feet to the point of beginning, the above described property being the west end of said Lot 29 in Block 37 of said Bellevue Highlands Addition, as the same appears of record in Book of Town Plats "B", page 288, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama, said property embracing a portion of Section 32, Township 11 South, Range 6 East, Etowah County, Alabama.

PARCEL TWO: A lot described as beginning where the northwest line of Lot Number 30 intersects the southwest line thereof and from thence run in a southeasterly direction and along said southeast line a distance of 54.5 feet to the southeast line of said lot; thence in a northeasterly direction and along the southeast line of said lot a distance of 80.8 feet; thence to the left at a right angle and run northwest a distance of 62.1 feet to the northwest line of said Lot Number 30; thence in a southwesterly direction and along said northwest line a distance of 81 feet to the point of beginning, and embracing a portion of Lot Number Thirty (30) in Block Number Thirty-seven (37) of First Addition Bellevue Highlands Company, as surveyed and platted by Totton & Woodruff, Civil Engineers, as shown by the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", pages 286 to 290, inclusive, Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

By: F. Michael Haney INZER, HANEY, MCWHORTER & HANEY, LLC
Post Office Drawer 287
Gadsden, Alabama 35902
(256) 546-1656

September 18, 25, and October 2, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Joshua Huie, as Mortgagor, to Gary W. Plimpton, as Mortgagee, dated the 28th day of June, 2021, and recorded in Instrument Number 3523543, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. With the default of the said mortgagor, having continued to this date, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder between the legal hours of sale, on the 9th day of October, 2026, at the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, Gadsden, Alabama, the following described real property situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOTS 29 AND 30 IN BLOCK 37 OF BELLEVUE HIGHLANDS 1ST ADDITION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 289, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA SAVE AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF THE LOTS DESCRIBED IN THE DEED RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 3509910, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, and the other purposes set out in said mortgage, and will be made subject to the rights of redemption as provided by law. "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."

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September 18, 25, and October 2, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Keshia Cruz, as Mortgagor, to Plimpton Construction & Development,

Inc., as Mortgagee, dated the 27th day of September, 2021, and recorded in Instrument Number 3528568, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. With the default of the said mortgagor, having continued to this date, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder between the legal hours of sale, on the 9th day of October, 2026, at the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, Gadsden, Alabama, the following described real property situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

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Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, and the other purposes set out in said mortgage, and will be made subject to the rights of redemption as provided by law. "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."

EXHIBIT "A" Parcel No. 1: 'A lot or parcel of land described as beginning in the present north line of Berea (formerly St. John) Street at a point which, is 125 feet westerly, measured along said present north line of Berea Street from the present vest line of College Street, and from thence run north, in a direct line a distance of 62.8 feet to a point in the south line of the lot formerly owned by Mary C. Wilson and now known as the Sims lot which said point is 125 feet westerly, measured along the south line of said Wilson or Sims lot, from the present vest line of College Street; thence westerly along the south line of said Wilson or Sims lot, a distance of 78.5 feet; thence southerly, in a direct line, a distance of 64 feet to a point in the present north line of Berea Street which is 75 feet westerly from the "point of beginning; thence easterly along the present north line of Berea Street a distance of 75 feet to the point of beginning, and being a portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 12 South of Range 6, East of Huntsville Meridian, Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama."

PARCEL NO. 2: For a beginning point to describe the lot herein start at the intersection of the present west line of College Street with the present north line of Berea Avenue and from thence run north 6 degrees 30' east and along the present vest line of College Street a distance of 60.67 feet; thence to the left at an angle of 91 degrees -54' and run North 85 degrees 24' west. a distance of 128.5 feet to a point, which is the point of beginning, and from said point of beginning continue north 85 degrees 25' west a distance of 75 feet; thence to the right so as to form an interior angle of 93 degrees and run north 1 degree 36' east a distance of 56.5 feet; thence to the right so as to form an interior angle of -94 degrees 36' and run north 87 degrees east a distance: of 75 feet; thence to the right © so as to form an interior angle of 85 degrees 25' and run south 1 degree 36' west a distance of 64.5 feet to the point of beginning and embracing portions of the southeast quarter in Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of Huntsville Meridian in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, PARCEL NO. 3: All those portions lying between the west lines of Parcels Nos. 1 and 2 hereinabove described and the dividing line established between Myrtill C. Christian and Bonnie E. Burna, et al, by instrument dated 25 April 1960 and

recorded in Book 766 page 229, PROBATE Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and being a portion of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter in Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 6 East of Huntsville Meridian, in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

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September 18, 25, and October 2, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made under the terms of that certain mortgage executed by Mario V. Jackson, a married man, on the 12th day of January, 1996 to The Exchange Bank of Alabama which said mortgage is recorded in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 3207, at Page 330, with Mortgage Extension Agreement dated December 30, 2016 as recorded at Instrument No. 3447467, and by reason of such default, having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, The Exchange Bank of Alabama will sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, before the main entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, at noon or otherwise during the legal hours of sale on October 16, 2026 the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at the NW corner of the NE1/4 of the NW1/4, in Section 14, township 11 South, Range 7 East; thence run East along the North line of said 1/4 209.21 feet to a point in the centerline of a county road (Pull-Tight Road); thence deflect 50°28'20" to the left and run in a Southeasterly direction along the center of said road 174.96 feet; thence deflect 8°40'30" to the right and continue Southeasterly along the center of said road 83.40 feet; thence deflect 15°25'20" to the right and continue along the center of said road 55.68 feet; thence deflect 15°08'10" to the right and continue along the center of said road 64.14 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning; thence from said point of beginning deflect 86°34'30" to the left and run in a Southeasterly direction a distance of 195.06 feet; thence deflect to the right and run in a Southerly direction 311.86 feet to a point; thence deflect to the right forming an interior angle of 93°06' and run in a Southwesterly direction 97.77 feet to a point in the centerline of a county road (Pull-Tight Road); thence deflect to the right forming an interior angle of 117°23'20" and run in a Northwesterly direction along the center of said road 125.14 feet; thence deflect 6°53'30" to the right and continue along the center of said road 80.35 feet; thence deflect 18°05'50" to the right and continue along the center of said road 70.70 feet; thence deflect 9°56'20" to the right and continue along the center of said road 65.56 feet to the point of beginning of the above described tract of land, and embracing a portion of the NE1/4 of the NW1/4, in Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 7 East, SAVE AND EXCEPT any right of way for the county road now located thereon. Containing 1.03 acres, more or less, excluding road.

Parcel 2: Lots Number Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), and Twenty (20), all in Block "B" in Stroud's First Subdivision to East Gadsden, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 84

and 85, Probate office, Etowah County, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon, and together with all furniture, fixtures, equipment, and any and all other personal property now located in and used in connection with the operation of what is known as the S & S Motel located on the property above-described.

Parcel 3:

A lot or parcel of land described as beginning at the intersection of the Southeast line of lot Number 11 with the Southwest line thereof, and from thence run in a Northwesterly direction and along the Southwesterly line of said lot, a distance of 5 feet; thence run in a Northeasterly direction and parallel with the Southwesterly line of said lot a distance of 140 feet to the Northeasterly line of said lot; thence run in a Southeasterly direction and along the Southwesterly line of said lot 12, a distance of 140 feet to the Southwesterly line of said lot; thence run in a Northwesterly direction and along the Southwesterly line of said lot 12, a distance of 25 feet to the point of beginning, said description embracing the Southeasterly 5 feet of Lot Number Eleven (11) and all of Lot Number Twelve (12), in Block "B", in Stroud's First Subdivision to East Gadsden, according to map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 84 and 85, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, and being the identical property sough to be conveyed by Ruby Mae Yarbrough, et al, to Lucille Siniard, by deed dated August 16, 1968, and recorded in Book "1063", Page 649, said Probate Office.

For informational purposes only the street addresses for the above referenced property is believed to be Pulltight Road (Parcel 1) and 1318 E. Broad Street, Gadsden, AL (Parcels 2 and 3) which is not a part of the legal description and in the event of any discrepancy the legal description described in this notice shall control. Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described.

Said sale will be subject to the right of way easements and restrictions of record in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, and will be subject to outstanding property taxes, and existing special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to subject property.

Said property will be sold on an "As Is, Where Is" basis without warranty or recourse, express or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment. Neither the mortgagee, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of the mortgagee make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition, including those suggested by Code of Ala. (1975) §35-4-271, are expressly disclaimed. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the 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,

able deposit of Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Reynolds, Reynolds & Little, LLC at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds or by wire transfer by 5:00 p.m. the next business day at the Law Office of Reynolds, Reynolds & Little, LLC at the address indicated below unless prior to said sale Reynolds, Reynolds & Little, LLC has agreed to a later date or closing location. The Mortgagee 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.

The failure of any high bidder to pay the purchase price and close this sale shall, at the option of Mortgagee, be cause for rejection of the bid, and if the bid is rejected, Mortgagee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is able, capable and willing to comply with the terms thereof. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

The Exchange Bank of Alabama Mortgagee
Ryan R. Hendley
REYNOLDS, REYNOLDS & LITTLE, LLC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
2115 11th Street
Post Office Box 2863
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35403-2863
Telephone: 205-391-0073
File No. 18.0071

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Joseph F. Kearly and wife, Rachel L. Kearly, to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, on March 21, 2019, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on March 21, 2019, as Document Number 3481278, United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 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 October 28, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number Four (4) and the south fifteen feet (15') of Lot Three (3) in Westminster Subdivision, according to the plat or map thereof as the same appears of record in Plat Book "I", page 43, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. More commonly known as: 1216 Grady, Rainbow City, AL 35906
This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as 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.

Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.

United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture ("Transferee")

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

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Auto Doctors of Attalla, LLC, an Alabama Limited Liability Company, to Emblem Credit Union on the 24th day of March, 2026, said mortgage being recorded in Book 2026, Page 3606408, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, along with that certain assignments of leases and rents executed by Auto Doctors of Attalla, LLC, an Alabama Limited Liability Company, to Emblem Credit Union on the 24th day of March, 2026, said assignment of leases and rents being recorded in Book 2026, Page 3606409, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and the undersigned, by reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable, and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given, that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Dana L. Rice, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the rear Courthouse door Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 21st day of October, 2026, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, in Block 2, of the Stowers Rearrangement of portions of the Attalla Iron and Steel Company's Addition, as recorded in Plat Book B, Pages 292-293, in Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama and Lots 11 and 12, in Block 10, of the Stowers Rearrangement of portions of the Attalla Iron and Steel Company's Addition, as recorded in Plat Book B Pages 292-293 in Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. 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.

Emblem Credit Union
Dana L. Rice, Its Attorney
Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, PC
P. O. Box 129
Gadsden, AL 35902

September 25, October 2, and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Karley Crawford Hogue and Michael Bernard Hogue, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Renasant Bank, its successors and assigns, on June 6, 2024, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on June 7, 2024, as Document Number 3575334. Renasant Bank, 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 December 2, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28; thence run North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the North line of said Quarter Section a distance of 330.00 feet to a point; thence South 01 degree 14 minutes 54 seconds East parallel to the East line of said Quarter Section a distance of 365.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 290.40 feet to a point; thence South 01 degree 14 minutes 54 seconds West a distance of 150.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. To describe the centerline of a 20 foot wide easement for ingress and egress to aforesaid parcel of land from Rose Road, commence at Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28; thence run North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 10.00 feet to the centerline of Easement; thence run North 01 degree 14 minutes 54 seconds West parallel to the East line of said Quarter Section a distance of 829.00 feet to a point; thence run North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 29.38 feet to the East line of aforesaid parcel. The aforesaid Parcel and Easement embraces portions of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, all in Section 28, Township 12 South, Range 5 East of Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama.

More commonly known as: 250 Rose Rd, Rainbow City, AL 35906 This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should

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Renasant Bank ("Transferee")

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3000 Riverchase Galleria, Suite 705
Birmingham, AL 35244
Phone: (801) 355-2886

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Penny Delila George was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/22/2026 to the Estate of Jewell Mae George, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Debbie L. Whisenant was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/20/2026 to the Estate of Charles T. Jackson, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Deana Louann Sholar was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 06/26/2026 to the Estate of Bobby Gene Bright, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Coy Robert Wells was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/22/2026 to the Estate of Gary R. Wells, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

David Loyal Hilley was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/22/2026 to the Estate of Bonnie McCandless Hilley, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Denise Burgess Bearden was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/22/2026 over the Estate of Timothy Joseph Burgess, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Dayleigh Dorsett Wisener was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/29/2026 over the Estate of Alice Louise Dobbins, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Timothy Hamrick was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/31/2026 over the Estate of Joan G. Hamrick, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Shirley Peace Watson and Philip Larry Watson was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 07/31/2026 to the Estate of William Larry Watson, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Teri Holt was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/26/2026 to the Estate of Martha Jean Lincoln, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Michelle Head was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/16/2026 over the Estate of Michael James Head, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Nathan Miller was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 07/29/2026 to the Estate of Lloyd J. Miller, 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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Dianne Gamble Morrison and Talitha M. Wiles was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 07/28/2026 to the Estate of Carolyn Joyce Gamble, 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

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Linda Diane Bearden was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/10/2026 to the Estate of Jack D. Bearden, a/k/a Jack Donald Bearden, 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

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Perry Anderson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/06/2026 over the Estate of Suzan Anderson, 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

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Judy Calvert and Diana Pate was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 08/20/2026 to the Estate of Ruth Coffey, 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

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Mark Anthony Bishop, Sr. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/10/2026 over the Estate of Daisy Washington Bishop, 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

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Crimson Sheree Bain was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/03/2026 over the Estate of Deborah Ann Burgess, 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

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Michael Shawn Naylor was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/01/2026 over the Estate of Lavonne Naylor, 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

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Jordan Alford was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/05/2026 over the Estate of Shirley Joan Hill, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Rodrick Clark Boler, II and Leslie Paige Boler Jones was/were appointed Co-Personal Representative(s) on 08/07/2026 to the Estate of Tyran Charlton Boler, 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

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

John A. Gray was/were appointe Personal Representative(s) on 07/16/2026 to the Estate of Billy Ross Gray, 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

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Mai Xuan Martinez was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/03/2026 to the Estate of Bruce Filmore Witherspoon, 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

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: JEFFERY PRICKETT, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2026-548

TO: Any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 21st day of OCTOBER 2026 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Scott Hassell
Judge of Probate

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY L. MARDIS, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2024-00704

TO: DORIANNA KASK and KATLYNN MARDIS; whereabouts unknown

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 10th day of November, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Mary L. Mardis, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent. DONE THIS THE 16th DAY OF September, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell

JUDGE OF PROBATE

September 18, 25, and October 2, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FORREST M. MARDIS, DECEASED

Case No.: 2024-00705

TO: DORIANNA KASK and KATLYNN MARDIS; whereabouts unknown

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 10th day of November, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Forrest M. Mardis, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent. DONE THIS THE 16th DAY OF September, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

September 18, 25, and October 2, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: DAVID MITCHELL, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2026-569

TO: David Keith Mitchell, Jr., Katherine Mitchell and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 27 day of OCTOBER, 2026 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose. DONE THIS THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Scott Hassell
Judge of Probate

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: SHARRON BONDS, INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2024-373

TO: Kristin Fox and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION TO REMOVE & REPLACE GUARDIAN AND/OR CONSERVATOR of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 27TH day of OCTOBER 2026 at 2:00 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Scott Hassell
Judge of Probate

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARTHA LANE WAGNON, DECEASED.

Case No.: S-9318

TO: PATRICIA ANN BOOKER, TERRY KENNETH LEAGUE, KYLE MATHEW LEAGUE, WILLIAM HOUSTON LOTHRIDGE, whereabouts unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court a Petition for Final Settlement in the Estate of Martha Lane Wagnon, deceased. You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 18th day of November, 2026 at 10:00 a.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 Martha Lane Wagnon, deceased, should not be granted.

DONE THIS THE 23rd DAY OF September 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL LOREN BROWN, DECEASED.

CASE NO: 2026-00523

TO: Noah Brown, Trinity Brown, Preston Brown, and Harrison Brown, whose whereabouts are unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Michael Loren Brown, deceased, and a petition in writing and under oath praying for the admission to probate and record in this Court of said instrument as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent. You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be and appear before this Court on the 28th day of October, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Michael Loren Brown, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent. This the 3rd day of September 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM AND TO QUIET TITLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY ALABAMA

CV-2026-900135

DONALD BERKEY and JUANITA BERKEY, PLAINTIFFS, v. WILLIAM TAYLOR, CITY OF GADSDEN, STATE OF ALABAMA, TYLER LEE HUGHES and those fictitious defendants whose identities and whereabouts are unknown, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the lands described herein DEFENDANTS.

The Defendant, William Taylor, whose whereabouts are unknown, and any other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the lands described below, must answer Plaintiffs' Complaint filed in the above referenced court and case number within thirty (30) days of the completion of the publication or thereafter a judgment of default may be rendered against you in the above-styled case. The subject property is described as follows: Lot 6, Block 2 of the Goodwater Heights Addition as recorded in Plat Book B, Page 279 as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama.

The address of the subject property is 2220 Clayton Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35904. The PIN for the subject property is 18928.

Done the 20th day of March, 2026. /s/ SONNIE J. STEEN CIRCUIT JUDGE

Joshua B. Sullivan Knowles & Sullivan, LLC 413 Broad Street Gadsden, Alabama 35901 Phone (256)547-7200 Fax (256)467-6322

September 18, 25, October 2 and 9, 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 that 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 COMMISSIONER, Plaintiff, v. 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 DE-

PARTMENT 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

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Plumbers Wholesale Supply Co., Inc., Plaintiff v. CHARLES WILLIAMS, Defendant, bearing case # DV2025-90000981, claiming the sum of \$8,439.26 plus cost of court.

Publication of this notice in a newspaper of general circulation in Etowah County, Alabama, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks shall constitute service upon the defendant. If defendant wishes to contest this action, he must file a written answer within thirty (30) days from the date of service with the District Clerk of Etowah County, Alabama, with a copy of said answer

being served upon DANA L. RICE, Attorney for Plaintiff, at P. O. Box 129, Gadsden, AL 35902, or thereafter a judgment by default may be entered against said defendant. Done this 2nd day of September 2026

Matthew P. Skelton District Judge

Dana L. Rice, TURNBACH, WARREN, RICE, FREDERICK & SMITH, P.C. P. O. Box 129 Gadsden, AL 35902 256-543-3664

September 25, October 2, 9, and 16, 2026

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL: ALEA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION REGION F TASK FORCE,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO: CV-26-900418-CDR

PLAINTIFF VS. 2020 Dodge Durango SRT VIN# 1C4SDJGJ6LC224054 DEFENDANTS

Interested Party: GEICO One Geico Plaza Washington, D.C. 20076 Attn: Claims/Salvage Department

TO ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY CLAIMING AN OWNER'S BONA FIDE INTEREST IN THE HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described vehicle. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 27th day of November 2026. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said property. DONE this the 21st day of September, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

September 25, October 2, 9, and 16, 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

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULATION

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913 1st Street, Attalla, AL 35954

920 Cleveland Avenue, Attalla, AL 35954

612 & 612 ½ Highland Avenue, Attalla, AL 35954

Mandy Cash City Clerk

September 11 and 18, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known that John Blackwell, Jhonathan De La Cruz, Richard Kuhn and Carlos & Vitoria Majano being the owners of property abutting Higgenbotham Road hereby request the Etowah County Commission to vacate said a portion of said road described as follows:

A prescriptive right-of-way lying in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 and the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, T-10-S, R-7-E and shown on the Etowah County tax map as being 30' in width and lying 15' left and right of a centerline being further described as follows.

Commence at a point being the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, T-10-S, R-7-E. From said Point of Commencement run south along the east line of said quarter section to a point of intersection with the southern right-of-way line of Antioch Road, said point also being the northeast corner of Parcel 02-01-11-0-000-011.009, PIN 72057 as described in Instrument No. 3436367 and record in the Judge of Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. From said point run westerly along the northern boundary of said parcel and said southern right-of-way line of Antioch Road to the point of intersection with the southeast right-of-way line of Higgenbotham Road as shown on the Etowah County tax map. Thence continue westerly along said southern right-of-way line of Antioch Road, departing from said parcel boundary to the point of intersection with the centerline of Higgenbotham Road and the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning run along the centerline of Higgenbotham Road S 61°4'24" W a distance of 213.366'; thence S 62°34'27" W a distance of 101.626'; thence S 60°9'43" W a distance of 85.610'; thence run along a curve to the left having a Radius = 3869.922', Curve Length = 213.086', Chord Length = 213.059', Delta = 03°09'17"; thence S 54°26'33" W a distance of 222.002'; thence S 52°58'53" W a distance of 162.707'; thence S 54°46'59" W a distance of 301.555'; thence run along a curve to the right having a Radius = 809.661', Curve Length = 123.473', Chord Length = 123.356', Delta = 8°44'15"; thence S 69°2'15" W a distance of 89.911' to the intersection with the eastern right-of-way of Higgenbotham Road and the end of said centerline. This matter will be considered at the 10-20-2026 Etowah County Commission meeting at 9:00 am at the Etowah County Commission Office, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

From said Point of Beginning run along the centerline of Higgenbotham Road S 61°4'24" W a distance of 213.366'; thence S 62°34'27" W a distance of 101.626'; thence S 60°9'43" W a distance of 85.610'; thence run along a curve to the left having a Radius = 3869.922', Curve Length = 213.086', Chord Length = 213.059', Delta = 03°09'17"; thence S 54°26'33" W a distance of 222.002'; thence S 52°58'53" W a distance of 162.707'; thence S 54°46'59" W a distance of 301.555'; thence run along a curve to the right having a Radius = 809.661', Curve Length = 123.473', Chord Length = 123.356', Delta = 8°44'15"; thence S 69°2'15" W a distance of 89.911' to the intersection with the eastern right-of-way of Higgenbotham Road and the end of said centerline. This matter will be considered at the 10-20-2026 Etowah County Commission meeting at 9:00 am at the Etowah County Commission Office, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

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PO Box 1518, Gadsden, AL. 35902, 256-390-5657.

Greer Building Contractors, LLC 110 Thomas Dr. Gadsden, AL 35904

September 11, 18, and 25, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, DV DPHQGHG notice is hereby given Bob Smith Construction, Inc., has completed the Contract for construction of: Connector Additions to Glencoe High School and West End High School, 25-112 for the Etowah County Board of Education, 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: McKee & Associates, Inc., Kathy Sheffield, 334-834-9933, 631 S. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Bob Smith Construction, Inc. 8076 US Highway 11, Springville, AL 35146

September 11, 18, 25, and October 2, 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 Re-roofing of Rainbow Middle School Cafeteria located at 454 Lumly Road Rainbow City, AL 35906 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. Craig Lipscomb - Architect, LLC, 436 Chestnut Street, Gadsden AL 35906 GKL Companies, Inc. 2323 East Greenville Avenue Rainbow City, AL 35906

September 25, October 2, and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Gadsden, Alabama, proposes to consider a resolution regarding issuance of the following alcoholic beverage license:

Applicant: BRINKER RESTAURANT CORPORATION Trade Name: Chilis Grill and Bar Location: 340 S Albert Rains Blvd Type: Restaurant Retail Liquor

A public hearing thereof will be held at a regular meeting of the Council at 12:00 p.m. on September 29, 2026 in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 90 Broad Street. All interested persons are invited to attend and express themselves on this subject.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk September 25, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. O-27-26

REZONING property being the front road portion of 1651 J.R. Countryman Highway

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gadsden adopted by Ordinance No. O-36-25, as amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning Classification district for the following described properties from TR, Traditional Residential District to HC, Highway Commercial District. (Property being the Front Road portion of 1651 Highway 411, 7.2 Acres).

TRACT 1 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A PART OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4,

OF SAID SECTION 35, THEN N89°35'41"E A DISTANCE OF 742.05 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR, THEN N00°41'43"W A DISTANCE OF 521.73 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR WITH YELLOW CAP STAMPED CDG, THEN N00°56'06"W A DISTANCE OF 201.50 FEET TO AN IRON SET (THIS IRON AND ALL OTHER IRONS REFERRED TO AS "SET") ARE 1/2" REBAR WITH A RED PLASTIC CAP STAMPED ALLEN CA-1005-LS), THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THEN FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING N00°56'06"W A DISTANCE OF 141.21 FEET TO AN IRON SET ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 411. THEN ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID U.S. HIGHWAY 411 N58°14'21"E A DISTANCE OF 496.66 FEET TO A 6" X 6" CONCRETE MONUMENT. THEN CONTINUE ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1814.86 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 435.54 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N65°04'18"E 434.50 FEET TO A BUSTED 6" X 6" CONCRETE MONUMENT. THEN CONTINUE ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1814.86 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 27.46 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N72°25'38"E 27.46 FEET TO AN IRON SET ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF AN ALLEY. THEN LEAVING THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID HIGHWAY 411 AND ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF AN ALLEY N89°55'28"E A DISTANCE OF 86.89 FEET TO AN IRON SET AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF BROWNING PLACE SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK I, PAGE 92, PROBATE OFFICE ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. THE ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID BROWNING PLACE SUBDIVISION S00°28'02"E A DISTANCE OF 213.72 FEET TO A 1/2" STEEL ROD. THEN CONTINUE ALONG SAID WEST BOUNDARY OF BROWNING PLACE SUBDIVISION S89°04'37"E A DISTANCE OF 39.54 FEET TO AN IRON SET. THEN CONTINUE ALONG SAID WEST BOUNDARY OF BROWNING PLACE SUBDIVISION S00°44'46"E A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO A 3/8" BENT REBAR. THEN CONTINUE ALONG SAID WEST BOUNDARY OF BROWNING PLACE SUBDIVISION S00°55'51"E A DISTANCE OF 35.70 FEET TO AN IRON SET. THEN LEAVING SAID WEST BOUNDARY OF BROWNING PLACE SUBDIVISION S89°39'11"W A DISTANCE OF 462.15 FEET TO AN IRON SET. THEN CONTINUE S89°39'11"W A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A FUTURE PROPOSED ROAD. THEN ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY S00°20'49"W A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET TO AN IRON SET. THEN LEAVING SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY N89°39'11"W A DISTANCE OF 456.03 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 6.23 ACRES MORE OR LESS. ACCORDING TO A SURVEY PREPARED BY ALLEN LAND SURVEYING DATED 10-17-2025, PROJECT NUMBER 25-116.

TRACT 2 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: A PART OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, OF SAID SECTION 35, THEN N89°35'41"E A DISTANCE OF 742.05 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR. THEN N00°41'43"W A DISTANCE OF 521.73 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR WITH YELLOW CAP STAMPED CDG.

THEN N00°56'06"W A DISTANCE OF 342.72 FEET TO AN IRON SET (THIS IRON AND ALL OTHER IRONS REFERRED TO AS "SET") ARE 1/2" REBAR WITH A RED PLASTIC CAP STAMPED ALLEN CA-1005-LS) ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 411. THEN LEAVING SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY N00°56'06"W A DISTANCE OF 227.39 FEET TO AN IRON SET ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID U.S. HIGHWAY 411, THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THEN FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY N00°56'06"W A DISTANCE OF 146.99 FEET TO AN IRON SET. THEN N00°56'06"W A DISTANCE OF 56.76 FEET TO AN IRON SET. THEN N89°19'57"E A DISTANCE OF 322.09 FEET TO AN IRON SET ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID U.S. HIGHWAY 411. THEN ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY S30°12'25"E A DISTANCE OF 8.50 FEET TO A 6" X 6" BUSTED CONCRETE MONUMENT. THEN CONTINUE ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY N58°13'07"W A DISTANCE OF 379.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.79 ACRES MORE OR LESS. ACCORDING TO A SURVEY PREPARED BY ALLEN LAND SURVEYING DATED 10-17-2025, PROJECT NUMBER 25-116.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. O-28-26

Amending Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that Ordinance No. O-26-26 (Fiscal Year 2027 Budget) is further amended by transferring \$75,000.00 from account 001-25-2510-410-416090-MISCELLANEOUS PAVING CREW to account 001-95-9510-410-416115-GADSDEN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-546-26

Authorizing Annulment of Margie Street

Whereas, Geoffrey Jones and Cynthia Hester Jones are the sole owners of property abutting the rights of way, more particularly described as follows:

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

Said proposed annulment being subject to any easement rights for the existing utilities along said street and any future utilities that will be constructed. Whereas, the above-

named owners desire to vacate and annul the rights of way more particularly described above, pursuant to the provisions of Section 23-4-20 Alabama Code (1975), as amended; and Whereas, the said owners have made their Declaration of Vacation and Annulment of right of way, duly executed and acknowledged, and has requested that the City Council of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, gives its assent to the proposed vacation as aforesaid; and Whereas, notice of hearing upon the proposed vacation has been duly given in accordance with the law, by publication thereof in The Messenger, a publication of general circulation in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama; and Whereas, such hearing has been duly afforded by the City Council of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, at which any persons desiring to address or speak to the proposed vacation have been given the opportunity to do so; and Whereas, the City Council has determined that the proposed vacation will not deprive other property owners of any right they may have to convenient and reasonable means of ingress and egress to and from their property; Whereas, upon due consideration, the City Council of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, has determined that it wishes to give its assent to the proposed vacation as aforesaid; Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, does hereby consent to the vacation of the street described above.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-547-26

Authorizing Annulment of Rights-Of-Way Portion of Nancy Ave

Whereas, Mark Allen Mangum and wife, Malinda Mangum, Catherine Michelle West, and husband, Michael West, are the sole owners of all property abutting the rights of way, more particularly described as follows:

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

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

N87°56'22"W, leaving said R/W, 300.09 feet to a point on said Perry Street Easterly R/W; thence run N02°01'41"W, along said Easterly R/W, 25.06 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a portion of the annulled Nancy Avenue, lying between Block "16" on the North, and Block "17" on the South, Clayton Subdivision, Etowah County, Alabama, and contains 0.17 acre (more or less).

Said proposed annulment being subject to any easement rights for the existing utilities along said street and any future utilities that will be constructed.

Whereas, the above-named owners desire to vacate and annul the rights of way more particularly described above, pursuant to the provisions of Section 23-4-20 Alabama Code (1975), as amended; and Whereas, the said owners have made their Declaration of Vacation and Annulment of right of way, duly executed and acknowledged, and has requested that the City Council of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, give its assent to the proposed vacation as aforesaid; and Whereas, notice of hearing upon the proposed vacation has been duly given in accordance with the law, by publication thereof in The Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama; and Whereas, such hearing has been duly afforded by the City Council of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, at which any persons desiring to address or speak to the proposed vacation have been given the opportunity to do so; and Whereas, the City Council has determined that the proposed vacation will not deprive other property owners of any right they may have to convenient and reasonable means of ingress and egress to and from their property; Whereas, upon due consideration, the City Council of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, has determined that it wishes to give its assent to the proposed vacation as aforesaid; Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, does hereby consent to the vacation of the street described above.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.
Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be SOLD by Off Campus Storage on September 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive , Gadsden, AL. 35903.

Victoria Trammell
Unit 61 and 135

Antwon Powell
Unit 70

Sheland Frazier
Unit 152

Shon Kidd
Unit 154

Zana Spears
Unit 149 and 150

September 18 and 25, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

2006 Scion XA Vin# JTK-KT624960165713 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am 10/24/2026

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

September 18 and 25, 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: 1fmu0d78bkb35223

2014 Scion FR-S VIN: JF1ZNAA19E9705815

The public auction will be held at Noah's Garage, 2871 Shady Lane South at 10:00am OCTOBER 23, 2026.

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.

September 25 and October 2, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

2000 Chevrolet Silverado VIN: 2GCEC-19T6Y1119851

The public auction will be held at Thacker Towing, 927 5th Ave NE, Attalla, AL 35954 on October 23, 2026. The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

September 18 and 25, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

2004 Honda CRF 230F Vin# 9C2ME09044R002416

The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am 10/29/2026

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

September 25 and October 2, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

2004 Chevrolet Suburban 1GN-FK16Z94J249968

2002 Chevrolet Monte Carlo 2G1W-W12EX29248216

The public auction will be held at Thacker Towing, 927 5th Ave NE, Attalla, AL 35954 on October 30, 2026. The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

September 25 and October 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-553-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at

1534 4TH AVENUE (HOUSE) in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 19 BLK 13 HILL & CANSLER ADD PLAT A-74 GADSDEN

Tax Parcel ID: 15-03-05-3-000-101.000 PIN #: 36969

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice

of a public hearing has been given to FREDY A. MARROQUIN LOPEZ and ETELVIA GABRIELA MIATES MARROQUIN, 401 SOUTH 15TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1534 4TH AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 407 S 15TH ST, GADSDEN, AL 35901-3409. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-554-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at

1407 ALABAMA AVENUE (ACCESSORY BUILDING) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

All of Lot Number Four (4), and that part of Lot Number Three (3), described as beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot Number 3, and run in a Northerly direction along the West line thereof to the Northwest corner of said Lot Number 3; thence Easterly and along the North line of said Lot Number 3, a distance of five feet; thence in a Southerly direction and in a direct line to the point of beginning; all in Block Number 10, in the Inter-urban Land Company's First Addition, according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", beginning on Page 206, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

TAX PARCEL ID: 15-03-05-2-000-041.000 PIN: 36629

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to ROBERT STEPHEN NORTH, 1407 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 1113 ROCKWAY DRIVE, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37411-1376, CHRISTYONNA LAKY-SHA COLLINS, 1407 ALABAMA AVE, GADSDEN, AL 35901, subject to that certain mortgage in favor of DORA DEAN CRESS, executed by TONY L. POE and wife BRENDA L. POE, 1407 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, CHRIS-TYONNA LAKY-SHA COLLINS, 1407 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-555-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located 1311 ALABAMA AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 4 BLK 11 INTER-URBAN LAND COMPANYS 1ST ADD PLAT B-206 GADSDEN 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-033.000 PIN# 36620

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given DONNA K ERWIN, 1311 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2956.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-556-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located 406 ROSLYN DRIVE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 18 BLK I OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 GADSDEN 25-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-3-000-015.000 PIN# 14299

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given VALLENCIA LIZA ST GEORGE, 406 ROSLYN DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-1752.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-557-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 540 TYLER STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

E1/2 LT 19 H HERZBERG PROP A-89 GADSDEN SEC 32 TWP 11S R 6E

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-222.000 PIN# 19937

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to MARIE LEACH, 540 TYLER STREET, GADSDEN, AL 35903

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-558-26

Ordering Abatement of



Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 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 and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to GADSDEN LAND BANK, P.O. BOX 267, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902-0267, 112 PARK STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-559-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 518 PLAINVIEW STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Lot Number "L" in the Re-subdivision 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 and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to GLADYS B. HARRIS, P.O. BOX 9722, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35220, OCCUPANT, 518 PLAINVIEW STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. GLADYS B. HARRIS, P.O. BOX 9772, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35220. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-560-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure 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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been 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. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-561-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 422 N 9th Street in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 16 BLK 1 ELLIOTT ADD #7 PLAT B-23 GADSDEN 4-12-6

Tax ID#:15-02-04-2-000-249.000
PIN# 33421

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to TONYA F PORTER, 809 PULLTIGHT ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-562-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1001 FIRST AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 1-3 BLK 1 GADSDEN LAND & IMP CO PLAT A-23 4-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-427.000
PIN# 33620

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given HASSELL M FREEMAN & WILLODENE 'TRUST' FREEMAN, 474 HAZEL BEND RD, ATTALA, ALABAMA 35954-8912. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with

the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-563-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 407 AVALON LANE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 4 BLK I OAKLEIGH EST 25-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-3-000-023.000
PIN# 14307

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given STATE OF ALABAMA, PO BOX 327210 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 366132. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-564-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 511 BLYTHE STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 3 BLK 35 GARDEN CITY SUB #1 PLAT C-409 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-2-000-302.000
PIN# 30901

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to ANA MARTIN DOMINGO, 1305 STILLMAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, AL 35903-2553. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-565-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 917 BROOKSIDE DRIVE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LOT 5 BLK 8 MOUNTAIN BROOK RE-ARR PLAT E-11 GADSDEN SEC 33

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-4-000-031.000
PIN# 17042

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to REBECCA BUGGS, 917 BROOKSIDE DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2345. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that

the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-566-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1506 CREST AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 14 BLK 1 HIGHLAND CREST ADD PLAT B-399 7-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-07-3-000-202.000
PIN# 39257

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given JERRY D BONNESS, 1506 CREST AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-567-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 2502 DUBLIN STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 31 HOOKS LAKE ADD PLAT B-294 GADSDEN 25-11-6
Tax ID#:10-07-25-2-000-230.000
PIN# 14269

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given JEREMY D BOWMAN & MICHAELA B STUDDARD, 2502 DUBLIN STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-568-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

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:

LT 3 BLK 1 W A CROCHERN 2ND ADD PLAT A-101 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-217.000
PIN# 36822

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has

been given RANDY L & JODY L GLADDEN, 8795 SCENIC HIGHWAY, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-569-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1423 FORREST AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 7 BLK 1 W A CROCHERON 2ND ADD PLAT A-101 GADSDEN 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-212.000
PIN# 36816

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given BRADLEY K HESTER, 383 FERN CREEK DRIVE, SPRINGVILLE, ALABAMA 35146. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-570-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 3605 GEORGIA AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 9-10 BLK 3 JAMES H PRUETT ADD PLAT D-135 1-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-291.000
PIN#: 50026

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given JUSTIN LBROWN & EVA L BROWN, 3605 GEORGIA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-571-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 312 HERZBERG AVENUE in District 4 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 7 BLK 3 W.T. COX'S EAST BROAD STREET

2ND ADDT PLAT C-199 10-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-10-1-000-135.000
PIN# 35724

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to BILLY B. & JOYCE A. LACY, 312 HERZBERG CIRCLE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-2317. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-572-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 10 LAUREL ROAD in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 130 PARCEL 3 CONE MILLS DWIGHT DIV PLAT F-555 GADSDEN 31-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-346.000
PIN# 18771

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to SANDRA BECK, 915 OLD PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-573-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1408 MALONE STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 6-7 BLK A O H ALFORD SUB 1 PLAT B-348 GADSDEN 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-172.000
PIN# 36789

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given GARY CHRISTOPHER BROWN, 509 SOUTH 16TH AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3424. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-574-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 904 SAINT ELMO AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 6 BLK C FORREST HILL ADD TO GADSDEN PLAT A-39 9-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-09-3-000-045.000
PIN# 35193

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given RLF SOUTHERN PROPERTIES, LLC, 904 SAINT ELMO AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

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**RESOLUTION
NO. R-575-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1006 SE-QUOYAH AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-576-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1006 SE-QUOYAH AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 3 BLK 8 WARDS ADD PLAT B-53 GADSDEN 32-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-361.000
PIN# 20111

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given LUIS LOPEZ, 128 GREENBRIAR ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-576-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1102 SE-QUOYAH AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 2 BLK 9 WARDS ADD PLAT B-53 GADSDEN SEC 32 TWP 11S R 6E

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-343.000
PIN# 20088

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given STATE OF ALABAMA, PO BOX 327210 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36132. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
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September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-577-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1334 STILLMAN AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 12 BLK 12 GOOD-YEAR HIGHLANDS REAR BK 11 PLAT C-293 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-332.000
PIN# 31413

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to GUADALUPE SANTIAGO ORTIZ, 900 KING ST S, BOAZ, ALABAMA 35957. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
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2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-578-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

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:

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

TH E ALNG ROW RALEY ST 25 TH N 137.8 TH E 50 TH N 62.7 TO POB 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-4-000-076.000
PIN# 31550

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to PEDRO MATEO, 706 RALEY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.

2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on September 15, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

September 25, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-579-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 805 WINDSOR STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 4 & 5 BLK G OAKVIEW ADD PLAT

B-337 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-4-000-073.000
PIN# 31547

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to LOPEZ DIEGO LOPEZ, 1402 S. FEDERAL HWY, APT. 45, LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA 33460-5703 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official

is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

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